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REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

THE CHILDREN'S PLACE RETAIL STORES, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

31-1241495
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit(1)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, par value \$0.10 par value	2,000,000 shares	\$32.335	\$64,670,000	\$5,949.64(2)

(1) This price is estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act of 1933 and is based on the average of the high and the low prices for such common stock on May 13, 2002 as reported on the Nasdaq National Market.

(2) Previously paid.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

Subject to Completion

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS DATED June 3, 2003

2,000,000 Shares

The Children's Place Retail Stores, Inc.

Common Stock

We are registering these shares of our common stock for resale by the selling stockholders identified in this prospectus.

The prices at which the selling stockholders may sell these shares will be determined by the prevailing market price for shares of our common stock or in privately negotiated transactions. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of these shares of common stock.

Our common stock is quoted on The Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "PLCE". On May 29, 2003, the last sale price of our common stock as reported on The Nasdaq National Market was \$14.96.

**Investing in our common stock involves certain risks.
See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 3 of this Prospectus.**

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this Prospectus is June __, 2003.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. The securityholders identified in this prospectus may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

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The stylized and non-stylized The Children's Place®, Place®, The Place®, P®, and certain other trademarks referred to in this prospectus are federally registered in the United States. These trademarks are the property of The Children's Place Retail Stores, Inc. or its subsidiaries. All other trademarks or trade names referred to in this prospectus are the property of their respective owners.

THE COMPANY

The Children's Place Retail Stores, Inc. is a specialty retailer of apparel and accessories for children from newborn to twelve years of age. We design, source and market our products under our proprietary "The Children's Place" brand name for sale exclusively in our stores and on our website. As of April 15, 2003, we operated 656 stores in the United States and Canada. Our merchandising objective is to offer a unique, coordinated and balanced lifestyle assortment of high-quality basic and fashion merchandise, at prices that represent substantial value to our customers.

We believe that our merchandise assortment appeals to customers from a broad range of socioeconomic and demographic profiles. Our designers interpret style and color fashion trends to develop a selection of fresh and youthful coordinated outfits that distinguishes "The Children's Place" brand. We believe that our up to date merchandise styling, our coordinated, high quality products and our consistent value pricing have created name recognition and customer loyalty for "The Children's Place" brand.

Fiscal 2002 was a disappointing year for The Children's Place, due to a number of factors. We believe we offered our customers a merchandise assortment that was too heavily weighted toward fashion and that contained an over assortment of styles. In addition, we lacked the necessary inventory depth in key items, and experienced late merchandise deliveries, all of which resulted in a significant amount of markdowns. These challenges were further compounded by the continued weakness of the economy, which created a highly promotional retail environment.

Net sales in fiscal 2002 were \$671.4 million, compared to net sales of \$657.0 million reported in fiscal 2001. During fiscal 2002, we experienced a comparable store sales decline of 16%, which primarily reflected the business challenges mentioned above, compared to an 8% decline in fiscal 2001. Net income in fiscal 2002 was \$8.9 million, or \$0.33 per share, compared to net income of \$46.6 million, or \$1.73 per share in fiscal 2001.

We are implementing several strategies to address the challenges we faced in fiscal 2002. We are reducing both the number of styles and the number of items offered within our stores, to present our customers with a clear and focused product assortment. We will also offer a greater percentage of basic items, in an effort to create a better balance between our fashion and basic merchandise. In addition, the quality of our garments has been and will continue to be enhanced, featuring increased fabric weight on a certain number of our styles and garment washing. While increasing our quality, we are reducing our prices to employ an everyday value pricing strategy. Together, these strategies are designed with the goal of creating a strong competitive position within the children's apparel retail market.

Over the last several years, we aggressively opened new stores to capitalize on our attractive store economics. During fiscal 2002 we opened 126 new stores, compared to the opening of 121 new stores in fiscal 2001. We closed three stores in fiscal 2002 and one store in fiscal 2001. Included in the 2002 store openings were 28 stores in Canada, our first entry into the international marketplace. While we continue to believe that we have the opportunity to increase our store base, in the near term we have decided to slow our growth until we improve our comparable store sales trends and see a sustainable turn in the business. As a result, our store growth plan in 2003 includes opening approximately 50 stores, 40 in the United States and 10 in Canada.

RISK FACTORS

Except for the historical information contained in this prospectus or incorporated by reference, this prospectus (and the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus) contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed here or incorporated by reference. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed in the following section, as well as those discussed elsewhere in this prospectus and in any documents incorporated by reference.

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the following factors before deciding to invest in shares of our common stock. If any of the following risks actually occurs, our business, financial condition and

operating results could suffer. In this case, the trading price of our common stock could decline and you could lose all or part of your investment.

A failure to successfully execute our strategy to aggressively open new stores to grow our business could strain our resources and have a material adverse effect on our business performance.

Our future operating results will depend largely upon our ability to manage a larger business profitably and open and operate new stores successfully. We anticipate opening approximately 50 stores during fiscal 2003, which will include approximately 10 stores in Canada. Our ability to open and operate new stores successfully depends on many factors, including, among others, the availability of suitable store locations, the ability to negotiate acceptable lease terms, the ability to timely complete necessary construction, the ability to successfully integrate new stores into our existing operations, the ability to hire and train store personnel and the ability to recognize and respond to regional and climate-related differences in our customer preferences.

We cannot assure you that we will achieve our planned expansion on a timely and profitable basis or that we will be able to achieve results similar to those achieved in existing locations in prior periods. In fiscal 2002, our store base grew by 24%. As evidenced by our store growth plans for fiscal 2003, we anticipate that we will not be able to maintain the annual growth rate experienced in fiscal 2002. Operating margins may also be adversely affected during periods in which we have incurred expenses in anticipation of new store openings. We may not be able to sustain the cash-on-cash return we experienced in fiscal 2002 of 35% for stores that were operating for their first full fiscal year. Furthermore, we need to continually evaluate the adequacy of our store management and our information and distribution systems to manage our planned expansion. Any failure to successfully and profitably execute our expansion plans could have a material adverse effect on our business.

We expect to spend approximately \$25 to \$30 million in fiscal 2003 on capital expenditures. We believe that cash on hand, cash generated from operations and funds available under our working capital facility will be sufficient to fund our capital and other cash flow requirements for at least the next 12 months. However, it is possible that we may be required to seek additional funds for our capital and other cash flow needs, and we cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain such funds.

The decline in general economic conditions has led to a decline in comparable store sales, and we will continue to be susceptible to such general economic conditions and trends.

Our business is sensitive to customers' spending patterns which, in turn, are subject to prevailing regional and national economic conditions such as consumer confidence, recession, interest rates and taxation. During fiscal 2002, we reported a comparable store sales decline of 16% due in part to the difficult economic climate. If this economic climate is sustained, we will continue to be at risk to comparable store sales declines. We are, and will continue to be, susceptible to changes in regional economic conditions, weather conditions, demographic and population characteristics, consumer preferences and other regional factors.

Potential disruptions in our receiving and distribution systems could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Our merchandise is shipped directly from manufacturers through freight consolidators to our distribution centers. Our operating results depend in large part on the orderly operation of our receiving and distribution process, which depends on manufacturers' adherence to shipping schedules and our effective management of our distribution facilities. Furthermore, it is possible that events beyond our control, such as a military action, strike or other disruption, could result in delays in delivery of merchandise to our stores. Any such event could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Our success depends on our ability to anticipate and rapidly respond to consumer fashion trends and preferences.

Our continued success will depend in part on our ability to anticipate and respond to fashion trends and consumer preferences. Our design, manufacturing and distribution process generally takes up to one year, during which time fashion trends and consumer preferences may change. Failure to anticipate, identify or respond to future fashion trends may adversely affect customer acceptance of our products or require substantial markdowns, which could have a material adverse effect on our business.

We are reliant on our information technology systems.

We rely on various information systems to manage our operations and regularly make investments to upgrade, enhance or replace such systems. Any delays or difficulties in transitioning to these or other new systems, or in integrating these systems with our current systems, or any other disruptions affecting our information systems, could have a material adverse effect on our business.

We rely on our good relationships with a small number of unaffiliated manufacturers and independent agents located primarily in Asia to implement our business strategy successfully.

We do not own or operate any manufacturing facilities and therefore are dependent upon independent third parties for the manufacture of all of our products. Our products are currently manufactured to our specifications, pursuant to purchase orders, by more than 200 independent manufacturers located primarily in Asia. We have no exclusive or long-term contracts with our manufacturers and compete with other companies for manufacturing facilities. In addition, we have no formal written agreement with the Hong Kong-based trading company through which we purchase approximately 40% of our products. We also purchase approximately 25% of our products from a single agent in Taiwan and approximately 10% of our products from a single agent in Turkey, which have exclusive arrangements with us. Although we believe that we have established close relationships with our

trading company, independent agents and principal manufacturers, the inability to maintain such relationships or to find additional sources to cover future growth could have a material adverse effect on our business.

We face risks related to the use of foreign manufacturers, including the adverse impact that could result from the unaffiliated manufacturers' failure to comply with acceptable international labor practices.

Our business is subject to the risks generally associated with purchasing from foreign countries. Some of these risks are foreign governmental regulations, political instability, currency and exchange risks, quotas on the amounts and types of merchandise which may be imported into the United States and Canada from other countries, pressures from non-governmental organizations, disruptions or delays in shipments and changes in economic conditions in countries in which our manufacturing sources are located. We cannot predict the effect that such factors will have on our business arrangements with foreign manufacturing sources. If any of these factors rendered the conduct of business in a particular country undesirable or impractical, or if our current foreign manufacturing sources ceased doing business with us for any reason, our business could be materially adversely affected. Our business is also subject to the risks associated with changes in U.S. and Canadian legislation and regulations relating to imported apparel products, including quotas, duties, taxes and other charges or restrictions on imported apparel. We cannot predict whether such changes or other charges or restrictions will be imposed upon the importation of our products in the future, or the effect any such event would have on our business.

We require our independent manufacturers to operate in compliance with applicable laws and regulations and our internal requirements. While our purchasing guidelines promote ethical business practices, we do not control these manufacturers or their labor practices. The violation of labor or other laws by one of the independent manufacturers we use or the divergence of an independent manufacturer's labor practices from those generally accepted as ethical in the United States and Canada could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Our quarterly results are subject to seasonal fluctuations, and our earnings are heavily dependent upon third and fourth quarter sales.

As is the case with many apparel retailers, we experience seasonal fluctuations in our net sales and net income. Our net sales and net income are generally weakest during the first two fiscal quarters, and are lower during the second fiscal quarter than during the first fiscal quarter. For example, in fiscal 2002, 26%, 19%, 26% and 29% of our net sales for stores open for the full fiscal year occurred in the first, second, third and fourth quarters, respectively. In fiscal 2002, we experienced a second quarter loss and expect to experience a second quarter loss in fiscal 2003. It is also possible that we could experience losses in other quarters. Our first quarter results are heavily dependent upon sales during the period leading up to the Easter holiday and weak sales during this period could have a material adverse effect on our business. In fiscal 2003, we anticipate that the late timing of the Easter holiday will shift our customers' purchasing patterns to later on in the first quarter as compared to the first quarter of fiscal 2002. Our third quarter results are heavily dependent upon back-to-school sales and our fourth quarter results are heavily dependent upon sales during the holiday season. Weak sales during either of these periods could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Our quarterly results of operations may also fluctuate significantly from quarter to quarter as a result of a variety of other factors, including overall economic conditions and recession, the timing of new store openings and related pre-opening and other start-up costs, net sales contributed by new stores, increases or decreases in comparable store sales, weather conditions, shifts in the timing of certain holidays, changes in our merchandise mix and pricing strategy. Any failure by us to meet our business plans for, in particular, the third and fourth quarter of any fiscal year would have a material adverse effect on our earnings, which in all likelihood would not be offset by satisfactory results achieved in other quarters of the same fiscal year. In addition, because our expense levels are based in part on expectations of future sales levels, a shortfall in expected sales could result in a disproportionate decrease in our net income.

Our comparable store sales results can fluctuate significantly from period to period, which could have a material adverse effect on our business and the market price of our Common Stock.

Numerous factors affect our comparable store sales results including, among others, merchandise assortment, retail prices, fashion trends, weather conditions, economic conditions and recession, the retail sales environment and our success in executing our business strategy. During fiscal 2002, we reported a comparable store sales decline of 16%, which we believe was primarily due to a merchandise mix too heavily weighted toward fashion and containing an over assortment of styles, a lack of inventory depth in key items, and late merchandise deliveries. These challenges were further compounded by the continued weakness of the economy. Our monthly comparable store sales results have fluctuated significantly in the past and we anticipate that our monthly comparable store sales will continue to fluctuate in the future. Moreover, comparable store sales for any particular period may decrease in the future. The investment community often follows comparable store sales results closely and significant fluctuations in such results may affect the price of our Common Stock. Any such variations in our comparable store sales results could have a material adverse effect on our business and on the market price of our Common Stock.

As we expand into new geographic markets, we may not successfully adapt to the diverse conditions of these new geographic markets.

Although we operate in 47 states and Canada, approximately 70% of our domestic stores are in the eastern half of the United States, with concentrations of stores in metropolitan areas. In addition, as we continue to open stores in the western half of the United States and Canada, we will increase our susceptibility to differences in demographic and population characteristics, regional economic conditions, consumer preferences and other geographical factors. As we open stores in more extremely hot and cold

climates, our merchandise assortments may need to more specifically address different climate and weather-related conditions. We cannot assure you that, as we expand, we will be able to achieve results comparable to those we have achieved in prior periods.

Our planned international expansion could pose additional new risks associated with operating in foreign markets.

During fiscal 2002, we opened our first stores in Canada. Although we believe that our Canadian operation will become profitable, we can make no assurance that this will be the case. We cannot assure you that we will be able to address in a timely fashion the additional risks of international expansion such as governmental requirements over merchandise importation, employment, taxation and multi-lingual requirements. As a result of international expansion, we are at increased risk to fluctuations in foreign currencies.

Foreign currency fluctuations could adversely effect our results in the future.

We conduct our business in U.S. dollars. However, because we purchase substantially all of our products overseas, the cost of these products may be affected by changes in the values of the relevant currencies. To date, we have not considered it necessary to hedge against foreign currency fluctuations. Since our expansion into Canada, in fiscal 2002, the risk of foreign currency fluctuations has increased. Although foreign currency fluctuations have had no material adverse effect on our business in the past, we cannot predict whether such fluctuations will have such an effect in the future.

Our stores are heavily dependent on customer traffic generated by shopping malls, which could be adversely affected by continued threats of terrorism.

We are dependent upon the continued popularity of malls as shopping destinations and the ability of mall anchor tenants and other attractions to generate customer traffic in the malls where our stores are located. Any terrorist act that decreases the level of mall traffic or other shopping traffic would have a material adverse effect on our business. In addition, military actions could negatively impact mall traffic, which would have a material adverse effect on our business.

Our failure to retain our existing senior management team could adversely effect our business.

The leadership of Ezra Dabah, our Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, has been instrumental in our success. The loss of the services of Mr. Dabah could have a material adverse effect on our business. We have entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Dabah, but we cannot assure you that we will be able to retain his services. In addition, other members of management have substantial experience and expertise in our business and have made significant contributions to its growth and success. The loss of services of one or more of these individuals, or the inability to attract additional qualified managers or other personnel, could have a material adverse effect on our business. We are not protected by any key-man or similar life insurance for any of our executive officers.

Our results may be adversely impacted at any time by a significant number of larger competitors.

The children's apparel retail business is highly competitive. We compete in substantially all of our markets with GapKids, babyGap and Old Navy (each of which is a division of The Gap, Inc.); The Gymboree Corporation; Too, Inc.; J.C. Penney Company, Inc.; Sears, Roebuck and Co. and other department stores that sell children's apparel and accessories, as well as discount stores such as Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.; Target Corporation; Kohl's; Kmart Corporation and Kids "R" Us (a division of Toys "R" Us, Inc.). We also compete with a wide variety of specialty stores, other national and regional retail chains, catalog companies and internet retailers. One or more of our competitors are present in substantially all of the areas in which we have stores. Many of our competitors are larger than The Children's Place and have access to significantly greater financial, marketing and other resources than we have. We cannot assure you that we will be able to compete successfully against existing or future competition.

We are controlled by a small group of existing stockholders whose interests may differ from the interests of other stockholders.

As of April 15, 2003, Ezra Dabah and certain members of his family beneficially own 6,976,370 shares of our Common Stock, constituting approximately 26.1% of the outstanding Common Stock. Two funds managed by Saunders Karp & Megrue, L.L.C. ("SKM"), The SK Equity Fund, L.P. and SK Investment Fund, L.P. (collectively, the "SK Funds"), beneficially own 6,704,053 shares or approximately 25.2% of our outstanding Common Stock. Under a stockholders agreement, Mr. Dabah and certain members of his family, the SK Funds and certain other stockholders, who own in the aggregate a majority of our outstanding Common Stock, have agreed to vote for the election of two nominees of the SK Funds and three nominees of Ezra Dabah to our Board of Directors in any election of directors. As a result, the SK Funds and Ezra Dabah are, and will continue to be, able to control the election of our directors. In addition, if the SK Funds and Mr. Dabah were to vote together, they would be able to determine the outcome of any matter submitted to a vote of our stockholders for approval.

Quarterly fluctuations in our financial and other results could cause significant price and volume fluctuations with respect to our Common Stock.

Our Common Stock, which is quoted on the Nasdaq National Market, has experienced and is likely to experience in the future significant price and volume fluctuations, which could adversely affect the market price of the Common Stock without regard to our operating performance. In addition, we believe that factors such as quarterly fluctuations in our financial results, our comparable store sales results, announcements by other apparel retailers, the overall economy, the geopolitical environment and the condition of the financial markets could cause the price of our Common Stock to fluctuate substantially.

Anti-takeover provisions of applicable Delaware law and our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws may discourage, delay or prevent takeover attempts and could reduce the market value of our Common Stock.

Certain provisions of our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "Certificate of Incorporation") and Amended and Restated ByLaws (the "ByLaws") may have anti-takeover effects and may discourage, delay or prevent a takeover attempt that a stockholder might consider in its best interest. These provisions, among other things, (1) classify our Board of Directors into three classes, each of which will serve for different three year periods, (2) provide that only the Chairman of the Board of Directors may call special meetings of the stockholders, (3) provide that a director may be removed by stockholders only for cause by a vote of the holders of more than two-thirds of the shares entitled to vote, (4) provide that all vacancies on our Board of Directors, including any vacancies resulting from an increase in the number of directors, may be filled by a majority of the remaining directors, even if the number is less than a quorum, (5) establish certain advance notice procedures for nominations of candidates for election as directors and for stockholder proposals to be considered at stockholders' meetings, and (6) require a vote of the holders of more than two-thirds of the shares entitled to vote in order to amend the foregoing provisions and certain other provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation and ByLaws. In addition, the Board of Directors, without further action of the stockholders, is permitted to issue and fix the terms of preferred stock, which may have rights senior to those of the Common Stock. Moreover, we are subject to the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended (the "DGCL"), which would require a two-thirds vote of stockholders for any business combination (such as a merger or sales of all or substantially all of our assets) between The Children's Place and an "interested stockholder," unless such transaction is approved by a majority of the disinterested directors or meets certain other requirements. In certain circumstances, the existence of these provisions which inhibit or discourage takeover attempts, could reduce the market value of our Common Stock.

New legislation and potential new accounting pronouncements may cause our administrative expenses to increase and affect our operating results.

In order to comply with the newly adopted Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as well as proposed changes in listing standards by Nasdaq, and proposed accounting changes by the Securities and Exchange Commission, we may be required to increase our internal controls, hire additional personnel and utilize additional outside legal, accounting and advisory services, all of which could cause our general and administrative expenses to increase. Proposed changes in the accounting rules, including legislative and other proposals to account for employee stock options as compensation expense among others, could increase the expenses we report under GAAP and affect our operating results.

Our strategic initiatives may not be successful.

Throughout fiscal 2003, the Company will be implementing several new strategic initiatives designed to address the challenges we faced in fiscal 2002. We are reducing the number of merchandise styles offered in our stores, increasing the percentage of basic merchandise, enhancing the quality of our garments and reducing our prices. We cannot assure that our customers will respond favorably to our new merchandise presentation, or recognize the increased quality and value pricing of our merchandise. Furthermore, we cannot assure that we will be able to generate a sufficient level of transaction volume to offset our price reductions. If these strategies prove unsuccessful, it could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial results.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of these shares by the selling stockholders. All proceeds from the sale of these shares will go to the selling stockholders who offer and sell those shares.

SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

The selling stockholders are party to a stockholders agreement with us in which we agreed to register shares of common stock they hold upon their request so long as such selling stockholders continue to collectively own at least a specified percentage of our common stock. The registration of these shares of common stock does not necessarily mean that the selling stockholders will sell all or any of the shares of common stock.

The following table sets forth certain information, as of April 15, 2003, with respect to each of the selling stockholders and their beneficial ownership of our common stock, both prior to and after the sale of the shares of common stock. The number and percentage of our shares of common stock beneficially owned by the selling stockholders after the offering assumes that each selling stockholder sold all of the shares offered by this prospectus. The information with respect to beneficial ownership has been furnished solely by the respective selling stockholders.

Name of Selling Stockholder	Shares Beneficially Owned Prior to Offering		Number of Shares Offered	Shares Beneficially Owned After Offering	
	Number	Percent		Number	Percent
Saunders Karp & Megrue, L.L.C. (1)	6,704,053	25.3%	2,000,000	4,704,053	17.8%

- (1) These shares include (a) 6,608,268 shares of common stock owned by The SK Equity Fund, L.P. and (b) 95,785 shares of common stock owned by the SK Investment Fund, L.P. SKM Partners, L.P. is the general partner of each of The SK Equity Fund, L.P. and the SK Investment Fund, L.P. Saunders Karp & Megrue Partners, L.L.C. serves as the general partner of SKM Partners, L.P. An affiliate of these funds provides us with financial advisory services. The address for each of these entities is 262 Harbor Drive, Stamford, CT 06902.

The number of shares beneficially owned by each selling stockholder is determined in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and are not necessarily indicative of beneficial ownership for any other purpose. Under these rules, beneficial ownership includes those shares of common stock with respect to which each selling stockholder has sole or shared voting power and any shares of common stock that such selling stockholder has the right to acquire within sixty (60) days after April 15, 2003 through the exercise of any option, warrant or other right. The percentage ownership of the outstanding common stock, however, is based on the assumption, expressly required by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, that only the person or entity whose ownership is being reported has converted options and warrants into shares of common stock.

Unless otherwise indicated, to our knowledge, each selling stockholder named in the table has sole voting and investment power with respect to their shares of common stock.

Two of our directors, John F. Megrue and David J. Oddi, are members of Saunders Karp & Megrue Partners, L.L.C., which is an affiliate of the selling stockholders.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We are registering 2,000,000 shares of our common stock on behalf of the selling stockholders. The selling stockholders may sell the shares of common stock from time to time and may also decide not to sell all the shares they are allowed to sell under this prospectus. The selling stockholders will act independently of us in making decisions with respect to the timing, manner and size of each sale.

The selling stockholders may sell the shares of common stock on one or more exchanges or automated quotation systems, in one or more underwritten offerings, in the over-the-counter market, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise, at prices and at terms then prevailing or at prices related to the then current market prices or in negotiated transactions. The selling stockholders may effect such transactions by selling the shares of common stock to or through broker-dealers or to underwriters for resale to the public. The shares of common stock may be sold by one or more of, or a combination of, the following: (a) one or more underwritten offerings; (b) a block trade in which the broker-dealer so engaged will attempt to sell the shares of common stock as agent, but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction; (c) purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by such broker-dealer for its account pursuant to this prospectus; (d) an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of such exchange; (e) ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker solicits purchasers; and (f) privately negotiated transactions between a selling stockholder and a purchaser without a broker-dealer. In effecting sales, brokers or dealers engaged by the selling stockholder may arrange for other brokers or dealers to participate. The selling stockholders have advised us that they have not entered into any agreements, understandings or arrangements with any underwriters or broker-dealers regarding the sale of their shares of common stock. To the extent required, this prospectus may be amended or supplemented from time to time to describe a specific plan of distribution.

If the selling stockholders use underwriters for a sale of their shares of common stock covered by this prospectus, the underwriters will acquire such shares for their own account. The underwriters may resell the shares of common stock in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. The obligations of the underwriters to purchase the shares of common stock will be subject to the conditions set forth in the applicable underwriting agreement.

In connection with any underwritten offering of the shares of common stock covered by this prospectus, any underwriter may engage in activities that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of our common stock. These transactions may include over-allotment, short sales and purchases to cover positions created by short sales and stabilizing transactions. Short sales involve the sale by underwriters of a greater number of shares of our common stock than they are required to purchase in an offering. In order to cover a short position, the underwriters may bid for and purchase shares of common stock in the open market or may exercise their over-allotment option. Stabilizing transactions consist of bids or purchases made for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of our common stock while this offering is in progress. The underwriters may also impose a penalty bid. This means that the representatives of the underwriters can reclaim a selling concession from a dealer when the shares of common stock originally sold by such dealer in an offering are purchased in a stabilizing transaction or in a transaction to cover short positions.

As a result of these activities, the price of our common stock may be higher than the price that otherwise might exist in the open market. If the underwriters commence these activities, they may discontinue them at any time. The underwriters may carry out these transactions on the Nasdaq National Market, in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

In connection with any underwritten offering, some underwriters and any selling group members who are qualified market makers on the Nasdaq National Market may engage in passive market making transactions in our common stock on the Nasdaq National Market in accordance with Rule 103 of Regulation M. Rule 103 permits passive market making during the period when Regulation M would otherwise prohibit market making activity by the participants in an offering. Passive market making may occur during the business day before the pricing of this offering, before the commencement of offers or sales of the common stock. Passive market makers must comply with applicable volume and price limitations and must be identified as a passive market maker. In general, a passive market maker must display its bid at a price not in excess of the highest independent bid for the security. If all independent bids are lowered below the bid of the passive market maker, however, the bid must then be lowered when purchase limits are exceeded. Net purchases by a passive market maker on each day are limited to a specified percentage of the passive market maker's average daily trading volume in the common stock during a specified period and must be discontinued

when that limit is reached. The underwriters and other dealers are not required to engage in passive market making and may end passive market making activities at any time.

The selling stockholders may also sell the shares of common stock covered by this prospectus directly to one or more purchasers through broker-dealers. In this case, the shares of common stock may be sold by selling stockholders only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers if required under applicable state securities laws. The broker-dealers engaged may receive compensation in the form of commissions, discounts or concessions from the selling stockholders. The broker-dealers or agents may also receive compensation from the purchasers of shares for whom they act as agents or to whom they sell as principals, or both. The compensation as to a particular broker-dealer might be in excess of customary commissions and will be in amounts to be negotiated in connection with transactions involving shares of common stock. The broker-dealers may be deemed to be “underwriters” within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Securities Act of 1933 in connection with sales of shares of common stock. Accordingly, any such commission, discount or concession received by them and any profit on the resale of shares purchased by them may be deemed to be underwriting discounts or commissions under the Securities Act of 1933.

The selling stockholders may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers in connection with distributions of shares of common stock or otherwise. In these transactions, broker-dealers may engage in short sales of shares of common stock in the course of hedging the positions they assume with selling stockholders. The selling stockholders also may sell shares of common stock short and redeliver shares of common stock to close out such short positions. The selling stockholders may enter into option or other transactions with broker-dealers that require the delivery of shares of common stock to the broker-dealer. The broker-dealer may then resell or otherwise transfer such shares of common stock pursuant to this prospectus. The selling stockholders also may loan or pledge shares to a broker-dealer. The broker-dealer may sell the shares of common stock so loaned, or upon a default the broker-dealer may sell the shares of common stock so pledged, pursuant to this prospectus.

In accordance with the applicable rules and regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each selling stockholder will be subject to applicable provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the associated rules and regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including Regulation M, which provisions may limit the timing of purchases and sales of shares of our common stock by the selling stockholders. We will make copies of this prospectus available to the selling stockholders and have informed them of the need for delivery of this prospectus to purchasers at or prior to the time of any sale of the shares of common stock.

We will file a supplement to this prospectus, if required, pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act of 1933 upon being notified by a selling stockholder that any material arrangement has been entered into with an underwriter or broker-dealer for the sale of shares of common stock through an underwritten offering, block trade, special offering, exchange distribution or secondary distribution or a purchase by a broker or dealer. The prospectus supplement will disclose: (a) the name of each such selling stockholder and of the participating underwriters or broker-dealers; (b) the number of shares of common stock involved; (c) the price at which such shares of common stock were sold; (d) the commissions paid or discounts or concessions allowed to such underwriters or broker-dealers, where applicable; and (e) other facts material to the transaction.

We will bear all costs, expenses and fees in connection with the registration of the shares of common stock. The selling stockholders will bear all commissions and discounts, if any, attributable to the sales of the shares of common stock.

We have agreed to indemnify each selling stockholder and any underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933. The selling stockholders may agree to indemnify any underwriter or broker-dealer that participates in transactions involving sales of the shares of common stock against certain liabilities, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read, without charge, and copy the documents we file at the SEC's public reference rooms in Washington, D.C., New York, New York and Chicago, Illinois. You can request copies of these documents by writing to the SEC and paying a fee for the copying cost. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference rooms. Our SEC filings are also available to the public at no cost from the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The Securities and Exchange Commission allows us to “incorporate by reference” into this prospectus the information that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission in other documents. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring to those other documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus. The information that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission in the future will automatically update and supersede previously filed information.

We are incorporating by reference the documents listed below:

(1) our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 1, 2003; and

(2) the description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed under Section 12 of the Exchange Act, including any amendment or report updating such description.

All other documents that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the initial filing of this registration statement and prior to the termination of this offering shall also be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus and to be a part hereof from the respective dates of filing of such documents.

We will provide without charge to each person to whom a copy of this prospectus is delivered, upon written or oral request of any such person, a copy of any and all of these documents, other than exhibits to those documents that are not specifically incorporated by reference into the documents. You may request copies by contacting The Children's Place Retail Stores, Inc., 915 Secaucus Road, Secaucus, NJ 07094, Attention: Secretary.

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus or incorporated by reference. Neither we nor the selling stockholders have authorized anyone to provide you with different information. The selling stockholders are not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front page of this prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or any sale of the shares of common stock.

DISCLOSURE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, including the documents that we incorporate by reference, contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Any statements about our expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance are not historical facts and may be forward-looking. These statements are often, but not always, made through the use of words or phrases such as "anticipate," "estimate," "plans," "projects," "continuing," "ongoing," "expects," "management believes," "we believe," "we intend" and similar words or phrases. Accordingly, these statements involve estimates, assumptions and uncertainties.

Investors are cautioned that all forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties including, without limitation, those set forth under the caption "Risk Factors." Although the Company believes that the assumptions underlying the forward-looking statements contained herein are reasonable, any of the assumptions could prove to be inaccurate, and therefore, there can be no assurance that these forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate.

Because the risk factors described in this prospectus could cause actual results or outcomes to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements made by us, you should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. Further, any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which the statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict which factors will arise. In addition, we cannot assess the impact of each factor on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements.

LEGAL MATTERS

Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, New York, New York, will pass upon the validity of the issuance of the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of the Company as of February 1, 2003 and for the fiscal year then ended incorporated in this prospectus by reference from the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 1, 2003 have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent auditors, as stated in their report dated March 10, 2003, (except for Note 12 and Note 13 - as to which the date is April 25, 2003 and which report expresses an unqualified opinion and includes an explanatory paragraph relating to the application of procedures relating to certain disclosures of financial statement amounts related to the February 2, 2002 and February 3, 2001 consolidated financial statements that were audited by other auditors who have ceased operations and for which Deloitte & Touche LLP has expressed no opinion or other form of assurance other than with respect to such disclosures), which is incorporated herein by reference, and have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The financial statements of the Company as of February 2, 2002 and for the years ended February 2, 2002 and February 3, 2001 incorporated by reference from the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K in this registration statement have been audited by Arthur Andersen LLP, independent public accountants, who ceased operations. We have not been able to obtain, after reasonable efforts, a written consent from Arthur Andersen LLP on or about the date of the prospectus as required by the Securities and Exchange Commission to our naming Arthur Andersen LLP in this prospectus as having certified the consolidated financial statements as of February 2, 2002 and for the two fiscal years in the period then ended, as required by Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933. Accordingly, investors will not be able to recover from Arthur Andersen LLP under Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933 in the event any false and misleading statements and omissions are contained in the audited financial statements included in this prospectus.

PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.

The following table sets forth the various expenses in connection with the sale and distribution of the securities being registered, other than any underwriting discounts and commissions. All amounts shown are estimates, except the Securities and Exchange Commission Registration Fee. These expenses may increase substantially to the extent the shares are sold in an underwritten offering.

Securities and Exchange Commission Registration Fee	\$5,950
Accounting Fees and Expenses	\$10,000
Legal Fees and Expenses	\$30,000
Printing and Miscellaneous Expenses	\$19,050
Total	\$65,000

Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Our Certificate of Incorporation limits the liability of directors (in their capacity as directors but not in their capacity as officers) to The Children's Place or our stockholders to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL. Specifically, no director of The Children's Place will be personally liable for monetary damages for breach of the director's fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability: (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Company or our stockholders; (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (iii) under Section 174 of the DGCL, which relates to unlawful payments of dividends or unlawful stock repurchases or redemptions, or any successor provision thereto; or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. The inclusion of this provision in the Certificate of Incorporation may have the effect of reducing the likelihood of derivative litigation against directors, and may discourage or deter stockholders or management from bringing a lawsuit against directors for breach of their duty of care, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise have benefited the Company and our stockholders.

Under the Certificate of Incorporation, The Children's Place will indemnify those persons whom we shall have the power to indemnify to the fullest extent permitted by Section 145 of the DGCL, which may include liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933. Accordingly, in accordance with Section 145 of the DGCL, The Children's Place will indemnify any person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than a "derivative" action by or in the right of the Company) by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of The Children's Place, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe was unlawful. A similar standard of care is applicable in the case of derivative actions, except that indemnification only extends to expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of such an action and then, where the person is adjudged to be liable to the Company, only if and to the extent that the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware or the court in which such action was brought determines that such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to such indemnity and then only for such expenses as the court deems proper.

The Certificate of Incorporation provides that The Children's Place will advance expenses to the fullest extent permitted by Section 145 of the DGCL. Accordingly, the Company, in accordance therewith, will pay for the expenses incurred by an indemnified person in defending the proceedings specified in the preceding paragraph in advance of their final disposition, provided that, if the DGCL so requires, such person agrees to reimburse The Children's Place if it is ultimately determined that such person is not entitled to indemnification. In addition, pursuant to the DGCL we may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, employee or agent of the Company against any liability asserted against and incurred by such person in such capacity, or arising out of the person's status as such whether or not we would have the power or obligation to indemnify such person against such liability under the provisions of DGCL. We maintain insurance for the benefit of the Company's officers and directors insuring such persons against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the securities laws.

The Children's Place has entered into agreements to indemnify our directors which are intended to provide the maximum indemnification permitted by Delaware law. These agreements, among other things, indemnify each of our outside directors for certain expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and settlement amounts incurred by such director in any action or proceeding, including any action by or in the right of The Children's Place, on account of such director's service as a director of The Children's Place.

Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

(a) The following exhibits are filed herewith:

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Title
5	Opinion of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP.*
23.1	Consent of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP. (included in Exhibit 5)
23.2	Consent of Arthur Andersen LLP, Independent Auditors.*

* Previously Filed.

** Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 23.2 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 1, 2003.

Item 17. Undertakings.

(a) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the provisions described under "Item 15-- Indemnification of Directors and Officers" above, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities, other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding, is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement: (i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933; (ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement, or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof, which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement; and (iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(c) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement on Form S-3 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Secaucus, State of New Jersey, on the 30th day of May, 2003.

THE CHILDREN'S PLACE RETAIL STORES, INC.

By: /s/ Steven Balasiano
Steven Balasiano
Vice President and
General Counsel

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
* _____ Ezra Dabah	Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	May 30, 2003
* _____ Seth L. Udasin	Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	May 30, 2003

* _____	Director	May 30, 2003
Stanley Silverstein		
* _____	Director	May 30, 2003
John Megrue		
* _____	Director	May 30, 2003
David Oddi		
* _____	Director	May __, 2003
Sally Frame Kasaks		
* _____	Director	May __, 2003
Malcolm Elvey		

* By: /s/ Steven Balasiano
Attorney-in-Fact

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* Previously Filed.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' CONSENT

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement No. 333-88378 of The Children's Place Retail Stores, Inc. on Form S-3 of our report dated March 10, 2003, (except for Note 12 and Note 13 - as to which the date is April 25, 2003) appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of The Children's Place Retail Stores, Inc. for the year ended February 1, 2003 (which report expresses an unqualified opinion and includes an explanatory paragraph relating to the application of procedures relating to certain disclosures of financial statement amounts related to the February 2, 2002 and February 3, 2001 consolidated financial statements that were audited by other auditors who have ceased operations and for which we have expressed no opinion or other form of assurance other than with respect to such disclosures) and to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in the Prospectus, which is part of this Registration Statement.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Parsippany, New Jersey

May 29, 2003