

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 1, 2003

Commission File Number	Registrant, State of Incorporation Address and Telephone Number	I.R.S. Employer Identification No.
333-42427 - - - - -	J. CREW GROUP, INC.  (Incorporated in New York) 770 Broadway New York, New York 10003 Telephone: (212) 209-2500	22-2894486 - - - - -
333-42423 - - - - -	J. CREW OPERATING CORP.  (Incorporated in Delaware) 770 Broadway New York, New York 10003 Telephone: (212) 209-2500	22-3540930 - - - - -

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

On October 1, 2003, J.Crew Group, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release today announcing the appointment of Roxane Al-Fayez as Executive Vice President of Catalog & e-Commerce of the Company, effective October 20, 2003. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release issued by J.Crew Group, Inc. on October 1, 2003.

SIGNATURES

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

J. CREW GROUP, INC.  
J. CREW OPERATING CORP.

By /s/ Scott Gilbertson

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Name: Scott Gilbertson  
Title: Chief Operating Officer

Date: October 1, 2003

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
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For: J.Crew Group, Inc.

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J.Crew names Roxane Al-Fayez Executive Vice President  
of CATALOG & e-Commerce  
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NEW YORK (October 1, 2003) - J.Crew Group, Inc. today announced that Roxane Al-Fayez has been appointed Executive Vice President of Catalog & e-Commerce, effective October 20, 2003. She will report to Millard Drexler, Chairman and CEO.

Ms. Al-Fayez joins J.Crew with extensive experience in leading both Catalog & e-Commerce businesses. Prior to joining J.Crew, Ms. Al-Fayez was Vice President of Operations for Gap Inc. Direct - a division of GAP Inc.

Prior to that, Ms. Al-Fayez spent nine years at Victoria's Secret Catalogue where she held several positions ending with Executive Vice President of Circulation and International in 1997.

J.Crew President Jeff Pfeifle stated, "I'm thrilled to have Roxane as part of our leadership team. Her level of expertise and high standards will be a great asset to our company."

J.Crew Group, Inc. is a leading retailer of men's and women's apparel, shoes and accessories. As of August 2, 2003, the Company operates 155 retail stores, the J. Crew catalog business, jcrew.com, and 42 factory outlet stores.

Certain statements herein are "forward-looking statements" made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements reflect the Company's current expectations or beliefs concerning future events and actual results of operations may differ materially from historical results or current expectations. Any such forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties, including the strength of the economy, changes in the overall level of consumer spending or preferences in apparel, the performance of the Company's products within the prevailing retail environment, trade restrictions, political or financial instability in countries where the Company's goods are manufactured, postal rate increases, paper and printing costs, availability of suitable store locations at appropriate terms and other factors which are set forth in the Company's Form 10-K and in all filings with the SEC made by the Company subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K. The Company does not undertake to publicly update or revise its forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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