

Exhibit 18 to Plaintiff's
Memorandum of Points and Authorities
in Support of Its Motion for Temporary
Restraining Order and Preliminary
Injunction
(PX00011)
Part 7 of 11

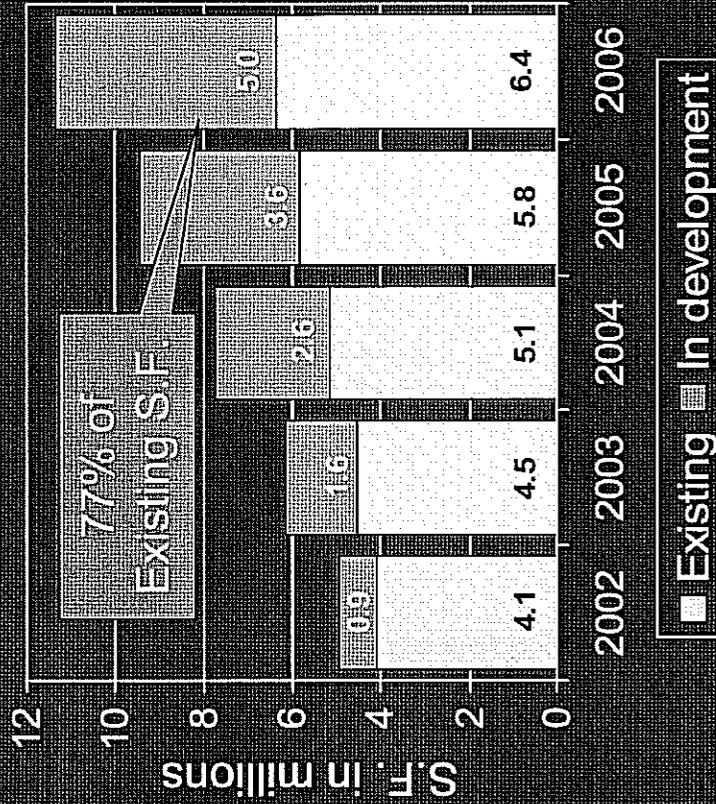
WE ARE

Accelerating Our

New Store Growth

- We have built a record pipeline
- We expect new store openings to accelerate in FY07 and be incrementally higher in FY08
- We have been building infrastructure at the regional & national levels
- We currently have 11 operating regions that are each responsible for designing, opening and staffing stores

Square Footage
Expected to Nearly Double
Over the Next Four Years





temporary side effects of

Accelerating Growth

- We expect 2007 capital expenditures in the range of \$525 million to \$575 million
- We expect total pre-opening and relocation costs for FY07 of \$68 million to \$74 million
- We expect pre-opening and relocation costs to significantly impact our fiscal year 2007 diluted earnings per share growth
- Our guidance excludes any impact from the pending merger with Wild Oats Markets

News We are Just *wild* About

Wild Oats Markets Merger

About Wild Oats:

- A leading natural and organic foods retailer in the U.S.
- Annual sales of approximately \$1.2 billion
- Operates 110 stores in 24 states and Canada under the following banners:
 - Wild Oats Marketplace (nationwide)
 - Henry's Farmers Markets (Southern California)
 - Sun Harvest (Texas)
 - Capers Community Market (B.C.)
- Shares similar mission, core values and quality standards