

BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES INC  
Form DFAN14A  
March 20, 2008

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Bassett Furniture Industries, Incorporated  
(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

Costa Brava Partnership III L.P.  
Roark, Rearden & Hamot, LLC  
Roark, Rearden & Hamot Capital Management, LLC  
David S. Brody  
Neil Chelo  
Eugene I. Davis  
Seth W. Hamot  
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Andrew R. Siegel

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The Notice and Proxy Statement are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)

To view this material, you must have the 12-digit Control # (s) available.

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**Telephone:** 1-800-579-1639 **\*\*Email:** [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

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**BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES, INC.**

**This Notice is being provided by Costa Brava Partnership III L.P. and not the Board of Directors.**

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**Vote in PERSON**

Should you choose to vote these shares in person at the meeting you must request a legal proxy. To request a legal proxy please follow the instructions at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or request a paper copy of the materials.

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Please refer to the proposals and follow the instructions.

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Meeting Type: Annual  
Meeting Date: 4/15/08  
Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m. EDT  
For holders as of: 3/3/08

Meeting Location: Bassett Furniture Industries, Inc.  
3525 Fairystone Park Highway  
Bassett, Virginia 24055

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**Voting items**

**Costa Brava Partnership III L.P. recommends a vote FOR each of Proposals 1, 2 and 3.**

1. Election of Directors

**Costa Brava Nominees:**

- 01) David S. Brody
- 02) Neil Chelo
- 03) Eugene I. Davis
- 04) Seth W. Hamot
- 05) Kent F. Heyman
- 06) Peter Hirsch
- 07) Andrew R. Siegel

2. Reimbursement of expenses. To authorize the Company, if any of the Costa Brava Nominees are elected to the Board of Directors, to reimburse the costs and expenses of Costa Brava and the Costa Brava Nominees in undertaking this solicitation, including those incurred in connection with the nomination of the Costa Brava Nominees and the costs associated with the related litigation described in the Proxy Statement.

3. Ratification of Selection of Independent Public Accountants. To ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent public accountants for the fiscal year ending November 29, 2008.

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**Voting Instructions**

IN ORDER FOR YOUR SECURITIES TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR US TO HAVE YOUR SPECIFIC VOTING INSTRUCTIONS.

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