



John C. Portman, Jr. Elected to Aaron Rents, Inc. Board of Directors

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ATLANTA, Aug. 10 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Aaron Rents, Inc. (NYSE: RNT), the nation's leader in the sales and lease ownership, specialty retailing and rental of residential and office furniture, consumer electronics and home appliances and accessories, today announced that John C. Portman, Jr. has been elected to its Board of Directors.

Mr. Portman is founder and Chairman of Atlanta-based, John Portman & Associates, architects and engineers, Portman Holdings, LLC, a full service real estate development company, as well as AMC Inc., parent company of AMERICASMART-ATLANTA, the world's largest single trade mart/trade show facility. Mr. Portman is an internationally acclaimed architect and developer who pioneered the concept of architect as developer. He has developed premier projects on three continents over the past five decades and has been called America's most influential living architect.

"John Portman is a world figure in architecture and development and he brings invaluable business skills and experience to our Board of Directors," said R. Charles Loudermilk, Sr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Aaron Rents. "We look forward to his contributions to the future growth and success of Aaron Rents."

Mr. Portman made architectural history and gained international recognition with his first hotel, the Hyatt Regency Atlanta which features a 22-story atrium and is part of the Peachtree Center complex in downtown Atlanta. Among his other major projects are the Embarcadero Center in San Francisco, Marina Square in Singapore and Shanghai Centre in China, all incorporating art as an integral element. He not only supports the arts and collects art, but he is also a painter and sculptor. Three major books have been written about his work.

Aaron Rents, Inc. based in Atlanta, currently has more than 1,250 Company- operated and franchised stores in 47 states and Canada for the rental and sale of residential and office furniture, accessories, consumer electronics and household appliances. The Company also manufactures furniture, bedding and accessories at 12 facilities in five states.

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