



Aaron's, Inc. Promotes Dave Buck And Tristan Montanero To SVP Of Operations

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ATLANTA, Dec. 20, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Aaron's, Inc. (NYSE: AAN), a lease-to-own retailer specializing in the sales and lease ownership of residential furniture, consumer electronics, home appliances and accessories, announced today that David L. Buck and Tristan J. Montanero have each been promoted to Senior Vice President of Operations, effective January 1, 2013. Previously, Buck was Vice President, Southwestern Operations, and Montanero was Vice President, Central Operations.

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Buck's responsibility includes the Southwestern, Mid-American, Western, Midwestern, Great Lakes and Mississippi Valley Divisions. Montanero will oversee operations of the Southeastern, Northern, Central, Carolina and Northeastern Divisions.

Both Buck and Montanero are based at the Company's headquarters in Atlanta and will continue to report to Ken Butler, Chief Operating Officer. According to Butler, they will work closely together to carry forward new Company initiatives and implement best practices in the stores.

"Both of these gentlemen have a long, outstanding history with Aaron's and have been instrumental in the Company's growth over the last several decades," said Ronald W. Allen, Aaron's Chairman, President and CEO. "Dave and Tristan each began their Aaron's careers as Manager Trainees and now serve as exemplary operations leaders. Aaron's is proud to be a company that offers a multitude of growth opportunities for its associates, and Dave and Tristan are a fine example for our entire staff of 11,000 that hard work and perseverance can lead to success. On behalf of everyone at Aaron's, I congratulate them on this well-deserved promotion."

After a 10-year career with Remco, Inc., Buck began his career with Aaron's in 1989 as Manager Trainee and then Store Manager. Within a two-year period, he was promoted to Regional Manager and subsequently Regional Vice President and Operational Vice President. He has won numerous "Region of the Year" awards and recently secured his second consecutive "Best Overall Operations" award for 2012.

Montanero began his career with Aaron's immediately after graduating from the University of Florida in 1994. After serving as Manager Trainee, he was promoted to a General Manager the same year and became a District Manager in 1996. In the following years, he became Regional Manager and was promoted in 2002 to Vice President, Central Operations. Montanero's achievements include the "Store of the Year", "District of the Year", and "Region Manager of the Year" awards.

About Aaron's, Inc.

Aaron's, Inc. (NYSE: AAN), a leader in the sales and lease ownership and specialty retailing of residential furniture, consumer electronics, home appliances and accessories, has more than 2,040 Company-operated and franchised stores in 48 states and Canada. Founded in 1955 by entrepreneur and Chairman Emeritus R. Charles Loudermilk, Sr. and headquartered in Atlanta, Aaron's has been publicly traded since 1982. For more information, visit www.aarons.com.

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