



Aaron Rents, Inc. Names Bert L. Hanson Vice President, Mid-American Operations, Aaron's Sales & Lease Ownership Division

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ATLANTA, Feb. 12 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Aaron Rents, Inc. (NYSE: RNT), the nation's leader in the rental, sales and lease ownership, and specialty retailing of residential and office furniture, consumer electronics and home appliances and accessories, today announced that Bert L. Hanson has been promoted to Vice President, Mid-American Operations, Aaron's Sales & Lease Ownership Division. In this newly created position Mr. Hanson will be responsible for overseeing the operations of over 75 stores in ten states in the Central United States.

"The rapid growth of stores within the Aaron's Sales & Lease Ownership Division has made it necessary for the addition of this new Vice President position, bringing to four our number of regional vice presidents across the country," said R. Charles Loudermilk, Sr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Aaron Rents, Inc. "Bert has proven to be an exceptional operations manager and this promotion with its increased responsibilities is in recognition of his contributions to the success of Aaron's Sales & Lease Ownership."

Mr. Hanson joined Aaron's Sales & Lease Ownership in 1996 as a Store Manager. He was promoted to District Manager in 1997 over the Fort Worth area and Regional Manager over the Division's South Central Region in 1998. He was Regional Manager of the year in 2000. Bert attended Texas Tech University and the Edwin L. Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University. He is married with four children and resides in the Dallas, Texas area.

Aaron Rents, Inc., based in Atlanta, currently has more than 715 Company- operated and franchised stores across the United States and Puerto Rico 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 10 facilities in four states. SOURCE Aaron Rents, Inc.

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