



## **Shoe Carnival Appoints Footwear Industry Veteran as Vice President Divisional Merchandise Manager**

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EVANSVILLE, Ind.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 14, 2016-- Shoe Carnival, Inc. (NASDAQ: SCVL), a leading retailer of moderately priced footwear and accessories announced the appointment of Clint Pierce as Vice President Divisional Merchandise Manager for Athletic footwear, reporting to Carl Scibetta, Executive Vice President, Chief Merchandising Officer. Mr. Pierce joined the Company on September 21, 2016, and will oversee the Company's athletic footwear category for the entire family.

"We are very excited to welcome Clint to our Shoe Carnival team. His extensive athletic footwear industry expertise will further strengthen our merchandise team and help us continue to provide families with a leading selection of branded athletic footwear at a compelling value," said Cliff Sifford, Shoe Carnival's President and CEO.

Mr. Pierce joins Shoe Carnival with over 25 years of experience in the footwear industry. Most recently, Mr. Pierce served as Senior Vice President General Merchandise Manager for Footwear and Apparel at Sports Authority. Over his fifteen year tenure at Sports Authority he held key leadership positions of increasing responsibility including Senior Vice President General Merchandise Manager for Hardlines and several Buying and Divisional Vice President positions.

Mr. Pierce stated, "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to join Shoe Carnival. I look forward to working with Carl and the merchandising team to leverage my athletic footwear experience as we execute on strategic growth initiatives to deliver the best assortment of branded footwear for the entire family."

### **About Shoe Carnival**

Shoe Carnival, Inc. is one of the nation's largest family footwear retailers, offering a broad assortment of moderately priced dress, casual and athletic footwear for men, women and children with emphasis on national and regional name brands. As of October 14, 2016, the Company operates 412 stores in 35 states and Puerto Rico, and offers online shopping at [www.shoecarnival.com](http://www.shoecarnival.com). Headquartered in Evansville, IN, Shoe Carnival trades on The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC under the symbol SCVL. Shoe Carnival's press releases and annual report are available on the Company's website at [www.shoecarnival.com](http://www.shoecarnival.com).

### **Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information**

This press release contains forward-looking statements, within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, that involve a number of risks and uncertainties. A number of factors could cause our actual results, performance, achievements or industry results to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to: general economic conditions in the areas of the continental United States in which our stores are located and the impact of the ongoing economic crisis in Puerto Rico on sales at, and cash flows of, our stores located in Puerto Rico; the effects and duration of economic downturns and unemployment rates; changes in the overall retail environment and more specifically in the apparel and footwear retail sectors; our ability to generate increased sales at our stores; the potential impact of national and international security concerns on the retail environment; changes in our relationships with key suppliers; the impact of competition and pricing; our ability to successfully manage and execute our marketing initiatives and maintain positive brand perception and recognition; changes in weather patterns, consumer buying trends and our ability to identify and respond to emerging fashion trends; the impact of disruptions in our distribution or information technology operations; the effectiveness of our inventory management; the impact of hurricanes or other natural disasters on our stores, as well as on consumer confidence and purchasing in general; risks associated with the seasonality of the retail industry; the impact of unauthorized disclosure or misuse of personal and confidential information about our customers, vendors and employees; our ability to manage our third-party vendor relationships; our ability to successfully execute our growth strategy, including the availability of desirable store locations at acceptable lease terms, our ability to open new stores in a timely and profitable manner, including our entry into major new markets, and the availability of sufficient funds to implement our growth plans; higher than anticipated costs or impairment charges associated with the closing of underperforming stores; our ability to successfully grow our e-commerce sales; the inability of manufacturers to deliver products in a timely manner; changes in the political and economic environments in China, Brazil, Europe and East Asia, where the primary manufacturers of footwear are located; the impact of regulatory changes in the United States and the countries where our manufacturers are located; the continued favorable trade relations between the United States and China and the other countries which are the major manufacturers of footwear; the resolution of litigation or regulatory proceedings in which we are or may become involved; our ability to meet our labor needs while controlling costs; and future stock repurchases under our stock repurchase program and future dividend payments; and other factors described in the Company's SEC filings, including the Company's latest Annual Report on Form 10-K.

In addition, these forward-looking statements necessarily depend upon assumptions, estimates and dates that may be incorrect or imprecise and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors. Accordingly, any forward-looking statements included in this press release do not purport to be predictions of future events or circumstances and may not be realized. Forward-looking statements can be identified by, among other things, the use of forward-looking terms such as "believes," "expects," "may," "will," "should," "seeks," "pro forma," "anticipates," "intends" or the negative of any of these terms, or comparable terminology, or by discussions of strategy or intentions. Given these uncertainties, we caution investors not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. We disclaim any obligation to update any of these factors or to publicly announce any revisions to the forward-looking statements contained in this press release to reflect future events or developments.

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