

HILLMAN ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE TEAM MEMBERS

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CINCINNATI FEBRUARY 10, 2017 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The Hillman Companies, Inc. (NYSE-AMEX: HLM.PR) and The Hillman Group, Inc. (collectively, the “Company” or “Hillman”) today announced two new members of its Executive Team as the company continues to grow under new president and CEO, Greg Gluchowski. Effective immediately, Kim Corbitt joins Hillman as Chief Human Resources Officer, while Zach Sherburne joins as Chief Information Officer.

These strategic hires come at a time when the Hillman Group is in the process of executing several large business transformation initiatives that are designed to significantly strengthen the company’s operational platform while supporting its current business and enabling planned future growth.

In her new role as Chief Human Resources Officer, Corbitt will have global leadership responsibility for all Human Resource functions for The Hillman Group. In this role she will lead talent development processes, compensation, benefits, employee relations, recruiting, and organizational culture development. Before coming to the Hillman Group, Corbitt served as Sr. Human Resource Leader at Procter & Gamble, an \$80 billion corporation located in Cincinnati, Ohio. Corbitt’s HR leadership with P&G included 5 global regions where she had similar responsibilities for a \$15 B divisional group that included Baby Care, Fem Care and Family Care products.

Chief Information Officer, Zach Sherburne, will have leadership responsibility for all information technology capabilities at Hillman. Sherburne has an extensive background in information systems management, having served most recently as Sr. VP & Chief Information Officer at Nextgen Healthcare. Prior to that, Zach served as the CIO for the Hardware and Home Improvement Division of Stanley Black & Decker and Spectrum Brands where he led information systems and e-Commerce initiatives in the hardware industry. Sherburne also has experience in information technology consulting with organizations such as Deloitte Consulting and Arthur Andersen.

Greg Gluchowski, President and CEO of Hillman, said “We are excited to welcome both Kim and Zach to our Executive team at Hillman. Kim brings with her an incredible skillset that will inspire our team, improve our processes and strengthen our exceptional organizational culture. Zach, who I had the privilege of working with previously, has an innovative mindset and exceptional industry knowledge. He will provide leadership of several key information technology initiatives that support our current IT platform expansion while providing thought leadership to our organization as we evolve our e-Commerce capabilities. These are two outstanding additions to our leadership team at Hillman.

About Hillman

Founded in 1964 and headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, Hillman is a leading North American provider of complete hardware solutions, delivered with industry best customer service to over 26,000 customers. Hillman designs innovative product and merchandising solutions for complex categories that deliver an outstanding customer experience to home improvement centers, mass merchants, national and regional hardware stores, pet supply stores, and OEM & Industrial customers. Leveraging a world-class distribution and sales network, Hillman delivers a “small business” experience with “big business” efficiency.

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