



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Home Hardware Announces New Appointment and Changes to Leadership Team

St. Jacobs, ON, December 18 – Home Hardware is pleased to announce the appointment of Marianne Thompson to the company’s Leadership Team. Marianne has been appointed Vice-President, Merchandise LBM, effective January 7th, 2019. Home Hardware has strategically reorganized its merchandise department, creating two new dedicated merchandise teams responsible for all product sourcing. Current Vice-President, Joel Marks, will lead the Hardlines department as Vice-President, Merchandise Hardlines.

“Our number one priority is providing our Dealers with the best program for independents in the industry,” said Kevin Macnab, President and CEO, Home Hardware Stores Limited. “Home Hardware has significant opportunity for growth in both the LBM and hardlines categories. Dedicated merchandise leadership will drive our growth strategy. Marianne has held key executive roles in the home improvement industry and is a proven leader who engages her teams in the successful execution of growth strategies. Her leadership and strategic acumen are an excellent addition to our Leadership Team and significantly raises our expertise in the LBM category. Joel is a strategic, results-oriented retail executive who excels at planning and executing merchandise programs.”

“While I have long admired Home Hardware for its reputation, we also share the same values, customer focus and passion for innovation.” said Marianne Thompson. “I look forward to working closely with Kevin and Home Hardware’s Dealer-Owners to be Canada’s most trusted and preferred home improvement retail brand.”

About Marianne Thompson, Vice-President, Merchandise LBM

Marianne has over 30 years of exclusive experience in the North American building materials industry. Most recently, Marianne was the Senior Vice President of North American Sales at Jeld-Wen Windows and Doors. Marianne has also held executive positions with Alexandria Moulding, Supplier Pipeline and Colonial Elegance Inc. Marianne began her career in retail at Lansing Buildall.

About Joel Marks, Vice-President, Merchandise Hardlines

Joel has over 35 years of experience in home improvement retailing. Joel has been with Home Hardware since 1999, when the company purchased Beaver Lumber. Joel was first appointed to Vice-President of Home Hardware in 2015.

About Home Hardware Stores Limited

Home Hardware Stores Limited is Canada's largest Dealer-owned hardware, lumber, building materials, and furniture home improvement retailer with close to 1,100 stores under the Home Hardware, Home Building Centre, Home Hardware Building Centre and Home Furniture banners. Founded in 1964 in rural St. Jacobs, Ontario, Home Hardware remains 100% Canadian owned and operated. Through the Home Hardware network, Dealer-Owners have access to 55,000 quality, brand name and private label products, a state-of-the-art distribution system and extensive marketing and training programs. Offering a mix of tradition and innovation, Home Hardware Stores Limited has received designation as one of Canada's Best Brands and Best Managed Companies and is committed to helping Canadians with all of their project needs. More information about the company is available at homehardware.ca.

-30-

For further information, please contact:

Jessica Kuepfer
Home Hardware Stores Limited
519-664-4612
Jessica.Kuepfer@homehardware.ca

Rob Wallace
Home Hardware Stores Limited
519-664-4710
rob.wallace@homehardware.ca