



Jon Caplan, CEO Of Johnston & Murphy And Genesco Branded Group, To Retire

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NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 11, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Genesco Inc. (NYSE: GCO) announced that Jon Caplan recently announced his retirement as chief executive officer of Johnston & Murphy and Genesco's Branded Group, effective at the end of June 2019. Johnston & Murphy, the American heritage footwear, apparel and accessories brand, will be led by Danny Ewoldsen, who was named president of Johnston & Murphy in January 2018. Ewoldsen, a 16-year veteran of Johnston & Murphy, previously served as executive vice president, retail and ecommerce.



A veteran of the footwear industry, Caplan first joined Genesco, Johnston & Murphy's parent company, in 1982. He took on numerous roles within the corporation, ultimately serving as president of the Laredo/Code West Boot Company. Following a 10-year stint outside of the Company, the majority of the time with Stride Rite Corporation where he led the Stride Rite Children's Group and its Keds brand, Caplan rejoined Genesco in 2002 as president of Johnston & Murphy and chief executive officer of Genesco's Branded Group. During his 16-year tenure, Caplan was instrumental in the brand's transformation from a heritage dress shoe brand into a true lifestyle brand.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to be part of the remarkable growth and success of Johnston & Murphy. I have long admired the company's dedication to the highest standard of craftsmanship and have the utmost confidence in Danny and the rest of the leadership team's ability to carry Johnston & Murphy's legacy into the future," said Caplan.

"Jon's strategic vision, industry expertise and personal warmth made him an effective and unique leader. He led with humility and never missed the opportunity to teach or offer support at all levels of our organization. We thank him for all he has done for our team and for establishing J&M as a viable and growing business. We wish him the very best in the next chapter of his life," added Ewoldsen.

Bob Dennis, Genesco chairman, president and chief executive officer, said, "I share Jon's enthusiasm about the tremendous potential in the Johnston & Murphy business and his confidence in the ability of Danny and his team to continue the positive momentum Johnston & Murphy has enjoyed in recent years. We thank Jon for his 26 years with the Company and celebrate his lasting legacy at Johnston & Murphy and Genesco."

About Johnston & Murphy

A division of Nashville-based Genesco Inc., Johnston & Murphy is an iconic American brand with a rich heritage that inspires its design aesthetic. Johnston & Murphy offers modern interpretations of classic styles to men and women who appreciate beautiful and functional products made with premium materials, great craftsmanship and enduring quality. Founded in 1850 and headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, Johnston & Murphy products are available in more than 2,000 global retail and wholesale locations and at johnstonmurphy.com.

About Genesco Inc.

Genesco Inc., a Nashville-based specialty retailer, sells footwear and accessories in more than 1,500 retail stores throughout the U.S., Canada, the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland and Germany, principally under the names Journeys, Journeys Kidz, Shi by Journeys, Schuh, Schuh Kids, Little Burgundy, Johnston & Murphy, and on internet websites www.journeys.com, www.journeyskidz.com, www.journeys.ca, www.shibyjourneys.com, www.schuh.co.uk, www.littleburgundyshoes.com, www.johnstonmurphy.com, www.trask.com, and www.dockersshoes.com. In addition, Genesco sells wholesale footwear under its Johnston & Murphy brand, the Trask brand, the licensed Dockers brand, and other brands. For more information on Genesco and its operating divisions, please visit www.genesco.com.

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