

Kirkland's Announces Passing of Robert Alderson

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NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 28, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Kirkland's, Inc. (NASDAQ: KIRK) announced that its board member and former long-time Chief Executive Officer, Robert E. Alderson, passed away last week.



Mr. Alderson had been a director of Kirkland's since 1986 and served as the Company's Chief Executive Officer two separate times between 2001 and 2015. He had also served in numerous roles for Kirkland's since joining the Company in 1986, including President, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Administrative Officer, Senior Vice President and Vice President. He was a driving force behind the Company's transformation from a regional retailer to a national chain and successfully led the Company through an initial public offering in 2002. Prior to joining Kirkland's, Mr. Alderson was a senior partner at the law firm of Menzies, Rainey, Kizer & Alderson.

"This is a sad day for those of us who worked closely with Robert as a leader and contributor to Kirkland's growth over the past three decades," said Mike Madden, Kirkland's President and Chief Executive Officer. "The thoughts and prayers of the Kirkland's family are with his wife, Jane, and their daughters and extended family."

Carl Kirkland, retired Co-Founder of Kirkland's, noted, "Robert was first and foremost a dear friend to me and a trusted business partner. I had the utmost respect for his strong business abilities, personal integrity and skills as a retailer. He had an outsized role in Kirkland's growth, and his counsel and friendship will be sorely missed by all of us."

About Kirkland's, Inc.

Kirkland's, Inc. was founded in 1966 and is a specialty retailer of home décor in the United States. Although originally focused in the Southeast, the Company has grown beyond that region and currently operates 404 stores in 36 states. The Company's stores present a broad selection of distinctive merchandise, including framed art, mirrors, candles, lamps, picture frames, accent rugs, garden accessories and artificial floral products. The Company's stores also offer an extensive assortment of gifts, as well as seasonal merchandise. More information can be found at www.kirklands.com.

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