

Merchandise Mart Reorganizes Senior Management

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CHICAGO—Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc. (MMPI) has reorganized its senior management team following the departure of 26-year executive vice president John Brennen last week.

Katherine Flaherty, vice president of building products and special projects, who is responsible for the Architects & Designers Building in New York and launching LuxeHome, the kitchen and bath retail concept in Chicago, will now oversee residential home furnishings leasing at The Merchandise Mart in Chicago. Flaherty has more than 30 years of industry experience and has been a part of the MMPI leadership team for more than 20 years. Julia Chappell will continue to lead the Mart's residential home furnishings marketing efforts.

Byron Morton, a 10-year MMPI veteran, will continue as vice president of leasing, managing the Casual Market and NeoCon leasing efforts at the Mart. Madeleine Tullier, director of sales for the casual shows for the past seven years, will continue to head those sales efforts.

Susan McCullough, senior vice president who has been with MMPI for more than 25 years and oversees MMPI's trade show division, will now oversee the International Casual Furnishings and Accessories Market and Pre-Market. Tullier will also serve as a member of McCullough's tradeshow team.

“Our commitment to the home furnishings, casual furnishings, and LuxeHome industries, as well as the other industries that the Mart serves, remains strong under the experienced and talented leadership team consisting of Katherine Flaherty, Julia Chappell, Byron Morton, Madeleine Tullier, and Susan McCullough,” said Myron Maurer, chief operating officer of The Merchandise Mart. “Our goal is to create an organizational structure that optimizes synergies between industry groups, better serves our customers and clients, and aligns our efforts and individual strengths.”