



## Genesco Names Gallione President Of Journeys Retail Division

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### --Estepa Continues as Chief Executive Officer of The Journeys Group--

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 5, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Genesco Inc. (NYSE: GCO) announced today that Mario Gallione has been named president of the Company's Journeys retail division. Gallione, who has most recently served as chief merchandising officer of The Journeys Group, is a 38-year employee of Genesco and has been associated with Journeys since 1994. In his new role, he assumes responsibility for all aspects of the Journeys and Journeys Kidz retail operations, including stores in the U.S. and Canada as well as [journeys.com](http://journeys.com) and [journeys.ca](http://journeys.ca).

Gallione will report to James C. Estepa, who will continue to serve as chief executive officer of The Journeys Group. In that role, Estepa will oversee the Journeys, Schuh, and Little Burgundy retail concepts, focusing on the coordination of Genesco's teen and young adult retail footwear brands across all the markets where they operate. Estepa also remains a senior vice president of Genesco. Gallione's appointment is intended as the first step in a succession plan to prepare for Estepa's eventual retirement.

Estepa said, "I am excited about the future of the Journeys concept under Mario Gallione's day-to-day leadership. Mario's talent and experience as well as his passion for the Journeys business equip him well to guide the team's continuing efforts to build on Journeys' position as the leading omnichannel retailer of branded fashion footwear and accessories for teens and young adults."

Robert J. Dennis, Genesco's Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, added, "Mario Gallione is a seasoned leader, well respected within The Journeys Group, throughout Genesco, and across the footwear retail industry, and I look for Journeys to continue to do great things under his leadership. We are also fortunate to benefit from Jim Estepa's continuing involvement in all our teen and young adult footwear businesses in the role of chief executive officer of The Journeys Group. Jim was present at the founding of the Journeys retail chain and has been instrumental in establishing and solidifying its leading role in the U.S. footwear market as well as in the launch and growth of the Journeys Kidz concept and the successful acquisition and integration of the Schuh and Little Burgundy concepts in the U.K. and Canada. As he has successfully guided the Journeys team through a major fashion shift over the past year, I have gained a greater appreciation for his extraordinary gifts as a retailer and a business leader. Thanks to Jim's leadership, Mario takes the helm of a Journeys business well positioned for continuing success."

#### **About Genesco Inc.**

Genesco Inc., a Nashville-based specialty retailer, sells footwear, headwear, sports apparel and accessories in more than 2,740 retail stores and leased departments 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, Lids, Locker Room by Lids, Lids Clubhouse, Johnston & Murphy, and on internet websites [www.journeys.com](http://www.journeys.com), [www.journeyskidz.com](http://www.journeyskidz.com), [www.journeys.ca](http://www.journeys.ca), [www.shibyjourneys.com](http://www.shibyjourneys.com), [www.schuh.co.uk](http://www.schuh.co.uk), [www.littleburgundyshoes.com](http://www.littleburgundyshoes.com), [www.johnstonmurphy.com](http://www.johnstonmurphy.com), [www.lids.com](http://www.lids.com), [www.lids.ca](http://www.lids.ca), [www.lidslockerroom.com](http://www.lidslockerroom.com), [www.lidsclubhouse.com](http://www.lidsclubhouse.com), [www.neweracap.com](http://www.neweracap.com), [www.trask.com](http://www.trask.com), and [www.dockershoes.com](http://www.dockershoes.com). The Company's Lids Sports Group division operates the Lids headwear stores, the Locker Room by Lids and other team sports fan shops and single team clubhouse stores. In addition, Genesco sells wholesale footwear under its Johnston & Murphy brand, the Trask brand, the licensed Dockers brand, G.H. Bass & Co., and other brands. For more information on Genesco and its operating divisions, please visit [www.genesco.com](http://www.genesco.com).



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