

Ace Hardware names Alison Dowell President and General Manager of Emery Jensen Distribution

Ace Hardware Corporation is pleased to announce the promotion of Alison Dowell, current Vice President of Operations to the role of President and General Manager of Emery Jensen Distribution, a division of Ace Wholesale Holdings LLC.

Leading Emery Jensen Distribution, Dowell will be responsible for overseeing strategies and operational plans to grow the wholesale business. In addition to developing comprehensive marketing and commercial strategies, Dowell's role will focus on broadening distribution and furthering Emery Jensen Distribution's geographic expansion. Dowell will report to Ace Hardware's Chief Merchandising and Sales Officer, John Surane.

"Alison is an innovative leader with a wealth of experience and expansive background that encompasses both B2B and B2C operations, merchandising, global sourcing and wholesale distribution," said John Surane, Chief Merchandising and Sales Officer at Ace Hardware. "Alison's strategic insights, passion for supporting independent retailers, and commitment to delivering a competitive advantage for Emery Jensen customers will ensure continued growth of our wholesale business."

Dowell joined Emery Jensen Distribution in 2017 as Vice President of Operations. In that role, she was responsible for building the business operations and processes that support sales, customer experience, merchandising, supply chain and back office activities.

Prior to Emery Jensen, Dowell led merchandising for The Home Depot Pro distribution business where she built unified commerce solutions to provide Residential Contractors and MRO Facilities Managers an integrated experience across e-commerce platforms, mobile applications, field sales, branch locations and retail stores.

Dowell began her retail career on the receiving dock of a home improvement store. Since then, she has held several leadership roles in both stores and the store support centers of The Home Depot and Target Corporation.

About Ace Hardware

Ace Hardware is the largest retailer-owned hardware cooperative in the world with more than 5,300 locally owned and operated hardware stores in approximately 70 countries. Headquartered in Oak Brook, Ill., Ace and its subsidiaries operate an expansive network of distribution centers in the U.S. and have distribution capabilities in Ningbo, China; Colon, Panama; and Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Since 1924, Ace has become a part of local communities around the world and known as the place with the helpful hardware folks. For more information, visit acehardware.com or newsroom.acehardware.com.

About Emery Jensen Distribution

Emery Jensen Distribution is a national distributor servicing independent retailers in the Pro, Paint, Hardware, and e-Commerce channels. With 15 distribution centers and a headquarters in Oak Brook IL, Emery Jensen is best positioned to help independent retailers be more profitable, by offering skill and scale to the advantage of their customers.

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