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## **HOME FASHION PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW BOARD, WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**NEW YORK (December 22, 2015)** – The Home Fashion Products Association (HFPA) today announces its 2016 board of directors, headed by new president, Jeff Kaufman.

In a unanimous vote, the board of directors elected Jeff Kaufman, president and chief operating officer of Avanti Linens, to serve as president for the next two years, relieving Norm Savaria, president and CEO of Westpoint Home, who was presented with an engraved plaque for his service at the association’s recent Annual Meeting. Also elected to the board were David Greenstein, CEO of Himatsingka America, and Nina Nadash, home and interiors marketing manager at Lenzing.

“It’s an honor to be recognized by my colleagues for this position,” Kaufman said of his election. “I look forward to embracing the role and leading the association forward.”

Joining Kaufman on the board is Executive Director Lauren Beneri, an association management account executive at Kellen. Kaufman will begin his term as HFPA president on January 1, 2016 and Beneri—who is also the director of programs and services for the Airline Passenger Experience Association (APEX)—began her role as executive director in October.

The 2016 board will consist of:

- Thomas P. O’Connor, HFPA treasurer and president of Springs Global U.S.
- Nancy Golden, HFPA membership chair and senior vice president of marketing at Welspun USA
- David Sweet, American Down and Feather Council chair and general manager at Eurasia Feather Inc.
- Clyde Collier, executive vice president of sales and marketing at Nextt
- Kevin Finlay, president of Ellison First Asia
- Scott Goldstein, president of S. Lichtenberg & Co.
- David Greenstein, CEO of Himatsingka America
- Harry Kartus, senior vice president and sales team leader at Westpoint Home
- Barry Leonard, president and CEO of Welspun USA

- Beth Mack, president of sales and merchandising at Hollander Sleep Products
- Tom Merriman, vice president of sales at Mohawk Home
- Nina Nadash, home and interiors marketing manager at Lenzing
- Richard Roman, president and CEO of Revman International Inc.
- Norm Savaria, president and CEO of Westpoint Home
- Scott Sorgeloos, vice president of sales at Home Source International Inc.

Jane Bognacki, president of Sunham Home Fashions, will not be returning to the board in 2016.

For more information on the association and events, visit [www.homefashionproducts.com](http://www.homefashionproducts.com).

### **About HFPA®**

The Home Fashion Products Association (HFPA®) serves to advance the growth of the global home fashion Industry by setting standards for excellence through technical product compliance, advocacy, and awareness efforts. Since 1968, HFPA has been a leading association providing members information, advice, and action on regulations governing U.S. trade policies, and on key state and federal legislative issues. HFPA establishes uniform market dates, and promotes best practice for high product standards in its industry. Members include companies that manufacture, market, or supply for window, bedding, bath, table linens, kitchen textiles, floor and wall coverings, allied products, accessories and services. The HFPA Foundation supports students of home fashion surface design and marketing, and has awarded multiple annual scholarships since 1996. For further information, please contact HFPA headquarters on (212) 297-2122.

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