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**Lapauw USA announces Marquette’s appointment as President**

Park City, Utah, USA (March 11, 2019) — Lapauw USA today announced that J.B. Marquette has been named Vice President of the company and that he will become President of Lapauw USA effective June 1. J.B. will succeed David Bernstein who resigns as President of the company effective May 31, so that he may pursue his desire to return to industry consulting and the formation of a new consulting firm.

“We are all thankful for David’s years of service and leadership, and are grateful for his many accomplishments,” said Steven Renders, CEO of Lapauw International, the parent company of Lapauw USA. “Although he will be missed, we understand and support David’s decision to step down and to start his new business, we wish him tremendous success, and look forward to working with him as a trusted consultant to the industry.”

In making the announcement, Bernstein said, “It has been an honor and a privilege to work closely with Steven to start, grow, and lead Lapauw USA. I appreciate the opportunity and the trust he and Philippe D’heygere (President of Lapauw International) placed in me, and I am proud to have worked with so many wonderful customers, and with our global colleagues, each of whom are committed to excellence in laundry solutions. I have tremendous respect and admiration for J.B., and I will be leaving with the knowledge that the company is being led by the right person, has a committed and determined team, and is well-positioned for enormous success in the market.”

J.B. Marquette joined Lapauw USA as Regional Sales Director, but he is known throughout the industry as an accomplished professional with more than twenty years of management, operations, customer service, and sales experience. His background as a laundry manager has already proven to be appreciated and respected by Lapauw’s customers and will offer a unique perspective and experience that few in such a position can match.

“I am honored to have been selected by Steven and Philippe to lead Lapauw USA. I appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the success of such a dynamic international organization and laundry industry pioneer,” remarked Marquette. “I also want to wish David much success as he launches his new endeavor. He has done a tremendous job leading Lapauw USA over the last 5 years, and I look forward to building on the foundation he has created.”

Mr. Renders commented that, “J.B. has built an impressive industry track record over the past 20+ years in management, operations, and in sales, and we are convinced that he has the skills, talents, and experience to lead Lapauw USA for many years to come. When J.B. came on board, we knew he would make great contributions to Lapauw’s reputation, market share, and long-term success. We are extremely fortunate to have had the perfect candidate in-house to ensure a smooth transition.”

**About Lapauw**

Founded in 1933 by the Lapauw family, Lapauw International ([lapauw-international.com](http://lapauw-international.com)) was sold to Philippe D'heygere in 2010. Under the leadership of D'heygere and CEO Steven Renders, the company has quickly transformed itself into a dynamic and leading market player by focusing on innovation, customer service, equipment durability, and a strong international management team. Lapauw's current product line includes full solutions for ironing, washing, garment finishing, and cleanrooms.

Throughout its global organization, Lapauw is dedicated to providing its customers with innovative and ecological laundry solutions, tailored for each market's unique needs, challenges, and requirements. With safety as a primary value, we focus on quality, productivity, longevity and low total cost of ownership. We foster education, integrity and mutual respect for our customer partners and our team members.

With more than 100 people at its Belgian headquarters and more partners at offices around the world, the company has a consolidated annual turnover of 20 million Euros and has delivered machines to satisfied customers in more than 50 countries.

Lapauw USA was founded in 2014 as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Belgian firm. The company provides sales, marketing, laundry planning, parts, and technical support to customers throughout North America.

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