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Smith Mountain Industries, owner of the WoodWick and [Virginia Candle Company](#) brands, appointed John

Fontana as CEO of Virginia Candle Company. Fontana was previously CEO of Hot Stuff Foods, a national quick-serve restaurant franchise with more than 1,400 locations. Before that he was managing director in the Washington office of Allied Capital, a principal of Tigris and COO of Electrolux.

[Blossom Bucket Inc.](#) announced several appointments within the company. Barbara Cregan has been appointed to the newly created position of product development coordinator. She will work closely with president Cindy Lowry. Todd Niemayer is the new vice president of sales and will be working both directly with clients and the nationwide sales force. Kathy Buice has been appointed to the position of national sales assistant. And Sarah Nixon is the marketing coordinator for the company.

[Merchandise Mart Properties Inc.](#) made two additions to the Chicago Gift Team: Sara Dahlstrom as managing director of sales for Market Suites for The Chicago Market and Robin Gadomski as sales associate for The Beckman's Handcrafted Show. Dahlstrom is responsible for the Chicago Market Temporaries. She returns to MMPI after seven years as sales director and brand manager of Lang Holdings Inc. Gadomski will be responsible for sales for the Beckman's Handcrafted Show. Gadomski joins MMPI from Helen Newman Showroom in the Apparel Mart, where she was regional midwest account representative.



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