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### **Jon Carder Retires As Melvin Mark Brokerage Company President**

PORTLAND, Ore.— Jon Carder, co-founder of Melvin Mark Brokerage Company, has announced his retirement as president of the 34-year-old commercial real estate services company. He plans to continue to participate in creative real estate investment projects and support angel investment activity in the region's entrepreneurial community.

"Jon's leadership and guidance will be greatly missed," said Jim Mark, CEO, Melvin Mark Companies. "He has had a hand in many of the noteworthy accomplishments and milestones in our company's development. Over the past 40 years, he's been involved in hundreds of projects, mentored brokers, forged partnerships, and solved challenging real estate negotiations. Most of all, his good nature and lighthearted sense of humor make him an excellent partner and friend."

Carder joined Melvin Mark Properties in 1976 after a successful start with US Bank's Real Estate Finance Division. In 1979 he was promoted to general manager. In 1981, he co-founded Melvin Mark Brokerage Company and has served as its president ever since. He is responsible for growing the success of the brokerage company and shifting its focus to include more tenant representation work. He also spearheaded the company's involvement in joint-venture projects to broaden its footprint regionally and diversify its real estate holdings.

Carder has been involved in regional economic development projects and in public-private collaborations to showcase Portland's assets to overseas investors. More recently, he's been working with Portland Seed Fund and other groups to nurture growth among emerging companies.

An advocate of The Natural Step framework, he served as the company's chief sustainability officer and was instrumental in formalizing the company's commitment to sustainable building management practices. Carder is a LEED Accredited Professional and was named a finalist in 2008 for a Better Bricks Award.

Active in the community, he serves on the Willamette University Board of Trustees and is a member of the Oregon Entrepreneurs Network. He is a past president of BOMA Portland and is a former board member of Portland Business Alliance.

A native of Chicago, Ill., he holds an undergraduate degree from Willamette University, a master's degree from the Fletcher School at Tufts University, and an MBA from Harvard University. He currently resides in Lake Oswego.

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