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**Sargento Foods Announces New Roles for Erin Price and Karen Lepisto**

**PLYMOUTH, Wis. – Jan. 25, 2018 –** [Sargento Foods Inc.](#) announces that Erin Price has been promoted to Vice President – Strategic Planning and Karen Lepisto has been named Vice President – Human Resources and Community Relations.

Erin's promotion is a testament to her continued growth at Sargento, serving as a key leader in many different areas and further evolving strategic planning efforts to help improve efficiency through better plan integration. Erin will report to President and Chief Growth Officer Michael Pellegrino.

In her new role, Erin will focus on finding future growth areas for Sargento and helping divisions with special projects and process optimization. She earned her bachelor of business administration in marketing from University of Wisconsin-Madison and her master's degree in integrated marketing communications from Northwestern University.

Karen Lepisto's promotion comes after 22 years with the Sargento family. Before her new position, Karen served as Director – Human Resources and worked in a variety of production and HR roles. She earned a bachelor's degree in HR management and completed her master's degree in management and organizational behavior from Silver Lake College in 2016. In her new role, Karen will provide leadership to the teams that are responsible for employee relations, engagement and communications, as well as corporate giving.

"Please join me in congratulating Erin and Karen on their new roles in the Sargento family," said Louie Gentine, CEO of Sargento Foods. "We are excited for both of them to continue making a positive impact here at Sargento."

**About Sargento Foods Inc.:**

Sargento Foods Inc. has demonstrated its passion for cheese and cheese-based meal solutions for more than 60 years. Founded in 1953 in Plymouth, Wisconsin, Sargento Foods is a leading manufacturer, packager and marketer of shredded, sliced and snack natural cheeses, cheese appetizers, ingredients and sauces. Sargento Foods is owned and operated by the Gentine family, has net sales exceeding \$1.3 billion and more than 2,000 employees. For more information, please visit [www.sargento.com](http://www.sargento.com).

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