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Leadership News

Basketball Club International is pleased to welcome two new board members, both with outstanding character and accomplishments: **Mike Wilks** and **John Johnson**.

Mike Wilks, a.k.a. "Mr. Basketball" in the state of Wisconsin, attended Rice University in Texas on a basketball scholarship. Named the Western Athletic Conference Player of the Year by the College Insider, Mike graduated in 2001 with a B.A. in Economics. He began his pro basketball career as an undrafted free agent in the NBDL, and then was called up to the NBA during the 2002-2003 season. He originally signed with the Atlanta Hawks and, later, played with several NBA teams, including the San Antonio Spurs where he received his championship ring. Mike currently lives in Alabama with his wife Kimberly and his son Isaiah. He continually credits God for all that he has accomplished.

John Johnson is the Managing Partner of the V.E. Group in Colorado, which provides event management services to an elite list of U.S. clients. Originally from Chicago, John's passion for basketball led him to play four years in college, at Upper Iowa University and Trinity Christian College, where he helped his team collect championship titles. After college, John played pro basketball across North America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Mexico. When John retired from basketball, he settled in Denver and started - from the ground up - the Colorado Crossover, a minor league pro basketball team which competed in the IBL for two seasons. His motivation for starting the team was to share fellowship and opportunities with young men who seek to accomplish their dreams and experience the game of basketball at greater levels.