



H&R Block Reports Growth in U.S. Tax Return Volume Through April 19; To Announce Fiscal 2018 Results on June 12, 2018

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 24, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- H&R Block, Inc. (NYSE:HRB) today released its preliminary U.S. tax results, which reflect overall tax return volume growth compared to the prior year. For fiscal year 2018 through April 19, 19.9 million returns were prepared by or through H&R Block in the U.S., a 2.6% increase over fiscal year 2017.

"Our goal this fiscal year was to continue improving our client trajectory, which we achieved, with growth in DIY and improved performance in Assisted," said Jeff Jones, H&R Block's president and chief executive officer. "Based on these results, we expect to deliver revenue growth and margins consistent with our previously provided outlook."

The improvement in Assisted resulted from the company's strong promotional offerings which included an enhanced Refund Advance no-interest loan, Free Federal 1040EZ offer, and Half Off promotion. Assisted returns declined 0.6% for fiscal 2018 which compares favorably to the 2.5% decline for fiscal year 2017. The company also reported an increase in net average charge, which was in line with expectations.

DIY online returns increased 10.4%, driving overall DIY growth of 7.9%. The increase was attributable to continued product improvements, enhanced partnerships, the H&R Block More Zero[®] promotion, and new self-employed offering. Additionally, net average charge increased due to favorable mix.

The aforementioned results are included in a table attached to this press release.

H&R Block to Announce Fiscal 2018 Results on June 12

In conjunction with the announcement of fiscal 2018 results, the company will host a conference call at 4:30 p.m. Eastern time on June 12, 2018 for analysts, institutional investors, and shareholders to discuss fiscal 2018 results, outlook and a general business update. To access the call, please dial the number below approximately 10 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time:

U.S./Canada (855) 702-5257 or International (213) 358-0868
Conference ID: 3975526

The call will also be webcast in a listen-only format for the media and public. The link to the webcast can be accessed directly at <http://investors.hrblock.com>. A replay of the call will be available beginning at 7:30 p.m. Eastern time on June 12, 2018, and continuing until July 12, 2018, by dialing (855) 859-2056 (U.S./Canada) or (404) 537-3406 (International). The conference ID is 3975526. The webcast will be available for replay June 13, 2018 at <http://investors.hrblock.com>.

About H&R Block

H&R Block, Inc. (NYSE:HRB) is a global consumer tax services provider. [Tax return preparation](#) services are provided by professional tax preparers in approximately 12,000 company-owned and franchise [retail tax offices](#) worldwide, and through H&R Block [tax software products](#) for the DIY consumer. H&R Block also offers adjacent Tax Plus products and services. In fiscal 2017, H&R Block had annual revenues of over \$3 billion with 23 million tax returns prepared worldwide. For more information, visit the [H&R Block Newsroom](#).

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U.S. TAX OPERATING DATA

	Fiscal Year-to-Date		
	April 19,		
	2018	2017	% Change
Tax Returns Prepared: (in 000s) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾			
Company-Owned Operations	8,024	8,102	(1.0)%
Franchise Operations	3,735	3,730	0.1%
Total H&R Block Assisted	11,759	11,832	(0.6)%

Desktop	2,022	1,992	1.5%
Online	5,482	4,964	10.4%
Total H&R Block DIY	7,504	6,956	7.9%
IRS Free File	610	584	4.4%
Total H&R Block U.S. Returns	19,873	19,372	2.6%
Net Average Charge: ⁽³⁾			
Company-Owned Operations	\$ 241.71	\$ 237.59	1.7%
Franchise Operations ⁽⁴⁾	211.44	206.97	2.2%
DIY Tax Software	32.17	31.30	2.8%

An assisted tax return is defined as a current or prior year individual tax return that has been accepted and paid for by the client. Also included are business returns, which account for less than 1% of assisted returns. A DIY return is defined as a return that has been electronically filed and accepted by the IRS. Also included are online returns paid and printed

(2) Amounts have been reclassified between company-owned and franchise for offices which were refranchised or repurchased by the company during the year.

(3) Net average charge is calculated as tax preparation fees divided by tax returns prepared. For DIY, net average charge excludes IRS Free File.

(4) Net average charge related to H&R Block Franchise Operations represents tax preparation fees collected by H&R Block franchisees divided by tax returns prepared in franchise offices. H&R Block will recognize a portion of franchise revenues as franchise royalties based on the terms of franchise agreements.

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