

## H&R Block Announces Annual Investment Community Conference

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KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 6, 2005--H&R Block Inc. (NYSE:HRB) will host its annual Investment Community Conference Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST) in New York. The conference will provide a comprehensive look at H&R Block's growth strategy, short- and long-term financial targets, progress toward delivering tax services and extending financial advice to clients, and an overview of the company's marketing plans for the upcoming tax-filing season.

The conference will also include a detailed discussion of the strategies and outlook for RSM McGladrey and Option One Mortgage Corp.

A listen-only audio webcast of the conference will be available on [www.hrblock.com/about/investor](http://www.hrblock.com/about/investor). To participate, click on the "H&R Block Investment Community Conference Webcast" link and follow the instructions. Presentation materials will also be available for viewing. To access the call, please call the number approximately five to 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.

In addition to the webcast, a listen-only conference call bridge will also be available during the meeting by dialing:

U.S./Canada (888) 425-2715

International (706) 679-8257

The conference call identification number is 2947437 and the topic is "H&R Block Investment Community Conference."

A replay of the call will be available beginning at 7 p.m. EST Jan. 12 and continuing until 12 a.m. EST Feb. 12, by dialing (800) 642-1687 (U.S./Canada) or (706) 645-9291 (International). The replay access code is 2947437. A replay of the webcast will also be available on the company's Web site at [www.hrblock.com/about/investor](http://www.hrblock.com/about/investor) through Jan. 31, 2005.

### About H&R Block

H&R Block Inc. ([www.hrblock.com](http://www.hrblock.com)) is a diversified company with subsidiaries that deliver tax services and financial advice, investment and mortgage services, and business accounting and consulting services. H&R Block empowers clients to make tax and financial decisions by providing a unique combination of tax services, financial information and advice, and related products and services. The company's mission is to help clients achieve their tax and financial objectives by serving as their tax and financial partner.

As the world's largest tax services company, in 2004 H&R Block served more than 21 million clients in the U.S. and 12 countries. H&R Block Financial Advisors Inc. offers investment services and securities products. With approximately 1,000 financial advisors serving clients at approximately 360 branch offices, H&R Block Financial Advisors Inc. is a member NYSE, SIPC, a registered broker-dealer and investment advisor. H&R Block Inc. is not a registered broker-dealer and is not a registered investment advisor. H&R Block Mortgage Corp. offers a full range of retail mortgage services. Option One Mortgage Corp. provides mortgage services and offers wholesale mortgages through large financial institutions and a network of 24,000 independent mortgage brokers. RSM McGladrey Business Services Inc. and its subsidiaries serve mid-sized businesses and their owners with tax, accounting and business consulting services, as well as personal wealth management services.

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