

H&R Block to Present at Salomon Smith Barney Financial Services Conference

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 24 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- H&R Block Inc. (NYSE: HRB) announced today that Mark A. Ernst, chairman and chief executive officer, will discuss H&R Block's business strategy, including an overview and outlook for the upcoming tax-filing season, as well as short and long-term financial targets for the company, at the Salomon Smith Barney Financial Services Conference, 9 a.m. (EST) Jan. 28, at the Plaza Hotel in New York.

A listen-only audio webcast of the conference will be available on <http://www.hrblock.com/about/investor> . To participate, click on the "Salomon Smith Barney Presentation Webcast" icon and follow the instructions. Presentation materials will be available for viewing. Webcast participants are encouraged to log on 15 to 20 minutes in advance to ensure a good connection and software compatibility.

Replays of the audio webcast, including presentation, will be available until Feb. 28, 2003 on the company's Web site at <http://www.hrblock.com/about/investor> .

About H&R Block:

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