

## H&R Block Announces Investment Community Conference

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan 8, 2004 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- H&R Block Inc. (NYSE:HRB) will host its annual Investment Community Conference Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EST). The conference will feature presentations by Mark A. Ernst, chairman and chief executive officer, and other members of the senior management team, who will discuss H&R Block's business strategy and performance, including:

- A comprehensive look at H&R Block's growth strategy.
- The company's progress in capitalizing on the strength of the H&R Block brand and the offering of additional services to clients.
- An overview of marketing plans and outlook for the upcoming tax-filing season.
- A detailed discussion of the strategies for RSM McGladrey, the company's business services segment, H&R Block Financial Advisors, the company's investment services segment, and the Option One mortgage business.
- Short- and long-term financial targets for the company.

A listen-only audio webcast of the conference will be available on [www.hrblock.com](http://www.hrblock.com). To participate, click on the "H&R Block Investment Community Conference 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. Appropriate software will be available for download if needed.

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

U.S./Canada (888) 425-2715  
International (706) 679-8257

The conference call chairperson name is H&R Block Investment Community Meeting.

Replays of the audio webcast, including presentations, will be available until January 31, 2004, on the company's Web site at [www.hrblock.com](http://www.hrblock.com).

### About H&R Block

H&R Block Inc. ([www.hrblock.com](http://www.hrblock.com)) is a diversified company with subsidiaries that deliver tax, financial, mortgage and business products and services. It is the only major company with subsidiaries offering a full range of software, online and in-office tax solutions, combined with personalized financial advice about retirement savings, home ownership, and other opportunities to help clients build a better financial future. As the world's largest tax services company, H&R Block served nearly 21 million clients in the U.S. and 11 countries in 2003. H&R Block Financial Advisors Inc. offers investment services and securities products. With more than 1,000 financial advisors serving clients at more than 400 offices, H&R Block Financial Advisors Inc. is a member NYSE, SIPC, a registered broker-dealer and a registered 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 products. Option One Mortgage Corp. provides mortgage services and offers wholesale mortgage products 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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