

H&R Block CEO to Present at the FTN Midwest Securities 2005 Business Services and Technology Conference

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KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 11, 2005--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, as well as short- and long-term financial targets for the company, when he presents at the FTN Midwest Securities 2005 Business Services and Technology Conference, 9:55 a.m. (ET), Nov. 2, 2005, in New York City.

Participants can access the listen-only audio webcast of the conference at <http://www.hrblock.com/about/investor/>. To participate, click on the "FTN Midwest Securities 2005 Business Services and Technology Conference" link. Webcast participants are encouraged to log on 15 to 20 minutes in advance to ensure a good connection and software compatibility.

A replay of the audio webcast will be available through Dec. 2, 2005, at <http://www.hrblock.com/about/investor/>.

About H&R Block

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