

H&R Block Announces Schedule for Tax Season Updates

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KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 12, 2004--H&R Block Inc. (NYSE:HRB) plans to release preliminary business results for its U.S. tax operations segment five times in the course of tax season 2004, according to the following schedule:

- Feb. 24, including data for business activity through Feb. 15, to be announced after market closing along with third-quarter financial results.
- March 18 before market opening, including data for business activity through Feb. 29.
- April 1 before market opening, including data for business activity through March 15.
- April 16 before market opening, including data for business activity through March 31.
- April 30 before market opening, including data for business activity through April 15.

These preliminary reports will include the key data points that measure the on-going performance of the U.S. tax business segment. This data is expected to include the number of U.S. clients served, the total dollar volume from tax preparation and related fees and the average fee per client served. The company will also report on business results from company-owned operations in former major franchise territories.

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