



R.J. O'Brien Appoints Ryan Gillmore to Chief Information Officer

Chicago, January 30, 2008 - R.J. O'Brien & Associates, LLC (RJO), the largest independent futures brokerage in the US, is pleased to announce that Ryan Gillmore has been named Chief Information Officer, effective February 4th.

"We are extremely pleased to announce that Ryan has joined our team," said Gerry Corcoran, CEO of RJO. "Technology will continue to be of increasing importance in our industry and we are dedicated to providing best in class service to our clients in every facet of our business. Ryan brings a wealth of experience in the technology sector and, in particular, the futures and commodities trading industry. We look forward to his contributions to the firm."

At RJO, Mr. Gillmore will be responsible for developing the strategy to enhance and advance RJO's technology. Mr. Gillmore will also be responsible for overseeing all of the firm's technology functions including IT infrastructure, application development, and back office processing.

"RJO stands for integrity and I'm excited about the opportunity to join such a highly regarded firm. I'm looking forward to working with Gerry and Colleen and the team to provide top tier service to all of RJO's employees and clients," said Mr. Gillmore.

"We are committed to maintaining the highest level of customer service and we want to lead the field in information and technology advances," said Colleen Mitchell, President of R.J. O'Brien. "We are confident that Ryan will provide exceptional value to our clients and employees and we welcome him to the firm."

Prior to joining RJO, Mr. Gillmore spent five years at the Chicago Board of Trade and CME Group where he was an Associate Director for the Corporate Programs Office. While at CBOT/CME, he led the migration of CBOT's Hosted Exchanges to the Globex platform and co-led the technology team within the CBOT/CME merger integration planning process. Prior to joining CBOT in 2002, he was a Manager at KPMG Consulting/BearingPoint. Mr. Gillmore began his career at Arthur Anderson LLP. He holds a Masters of Science in Computer Science from the University of Chicago and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign.

About R.J. O'Brien

RJO is the largest independent futures brokerage in the United States. A privately owned futures commission merchant, RJO is also one of the oldest futures brokerage firms, dating back to 1914. RJO is a founding member of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) and is a full clearing member of: the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT); the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX); Intercontinental Exchange (ICE); Eurex AG;

EuronextLIFFE; and US Futures Exchange. RJO services a global network of more than 270 introducing brokers and some of the world's largest financial, industrial and agricultural institutions. RJO offers the latest in order entry technology coupled with 24-hour execution and clearing on every futures exchange worldwide. For further information, please visit www.rjobrien.com.

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