



## **R.J. O'Brien Hires Larry Szczech to Run Online Retail Business and Expand Product Offerings**

**Chicago, April 22, 2008** - R.J. O'Brien & Associates, LLC (RJO), the largest independent futures brokerage in the US, today announced that Larry Szczech has been named Chief Executive Officer of the firm's retail division, RJO Futures, and Executive Vice President of Product Strategy for the firm as a whole. The appointment became effective April 7, 2008.

"We look forward to working with Larry to strategically expand our product platform to offer greater depth of product and service for all of our customers," said Gerry Corcoran, CEO of R.J. O'Brien. "RJO has always tried to work together with our clients to develop their businesses and we feel that a broader product offering presents great opportunities for growth."

"RJO is a highly regarded firm with a track record of growth and innovation. I am delighted about the opportunity to join them," said Mr. Szczech.

"We are thrilled to welcome Larry to our team," said Colleen Mitchell, President of RJO. "Larry's creativity, vision and extensive experience in product development will enhance all of RJO's operating divisions."

Prior to joining RJO, Mr. Szczech served as an advisor to private equity firms with a specialty in online financial services. He previously served as president of the Client Group at TD Ameritrade where he was responsible for growing the online business to over six million accounts. Prior to that, he was senior vice president of Product at Datek Online Holdings Corp. and managing director at the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. In over 20 years in financial services, he has developed client segmentation strategies, managed product marketing and business development groups, and created products and services for both the retail and institutional markets.

### **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 full clearing member of: the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Group (founding member of CME); 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](http://www.rjobrien.com).

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