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**ROTH CAPITAL PARTNERS ANALYSTS WIN TOP RANKINGS  
IN FORBES/STARMINE 2006 SURVEY**

***Newport Beach, CA, May 3, 2007***— Roth Capital Partners research analysts Richard Eckert, CFA and Russell Hoss, CFA received top honors in the just released and widely followed 6<sup>th</sup> Annual StarMine Analyst Awards published by Forbes.com.

Mr. Eckert earns ranking as #2 Stock Picker in the Consumer Finance Industry and #3 ranking in the Estimator in the Consumer Finance Industry. Mr. Hoss earns #2 ranking in the Estimator in the Internet and Catalog Retail Industry category.

In measuring stock picking ability, the analysts were ranked according to an item StarMine calls Industry Excess Return, which is designed to measure how well an analyst's recommendations in a particular industry perform in comparison to a benchmark for that industry. Mr. Eckert scored an "excess return" of 33.4%.

Each year, the Forbes/StarMine Survey recognizes analysts who have turned in exemplary performances either as stock pickers or as earnings estimators during the prior calendar year. For the United States, StarMine identifies the top ten stock pickers and earnings estimators overall, and the top three stock pickers from 56 industries and the top three earnings estimators from 61 industries.

For this 6<sup>th</sup> Annual survey, StarMine monitored 3,400 brokerage analysts and tracked 1.7 million earnings estimates and 39,000 stock recommendations collected by Thomson Financial.

Gordon McBean, Director of Research at ROTH, an independent investment bank focused on small cap equities stated, "We are extremely proud that ROTH analysts continue to achieve top rankings in the Forbes/Starmine Survey. It is a testament to ROTH's commitment to provide our clients with insightful and quality research."

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