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Wedbush Securities' Corinna Freedman Ranks #1 in The Wall Street Journal's "Best on the Street" Survey

- Survey by WSJ and FactSet Research Systems Inc. only recognizes 132 of 2,358 eligible analysts for 2012 picks
- Wedbush equity research provides detailed investment analysis, recommendations and market trends on a spectrum
 of companies and industries

New York, NY and Los Angeles, CA – May 13, 2013 – Wedbush Securities, one of the nation's leading broker-dealers and award-winning equity research firms, congratulates Corinna Freedman, Vice President, Equity Research, as she secures the number one position in *The Wall Street Journal's* "Best on the Street" survey in the "Clothing & Accessories" category. The publication selected these "master stock pickers" calculating performance scores "based on estimated total return, including price changes and dividends, of each eligible stock an analyst covered in an industry, as well as the number of stocks the analyst covered within that industry. Analysts got credit for being right about buy and sell recommendations."

"Covering a variety of retailers including Fifth & Pacific Cos, Coach, Deckers, Michael Kors and Nike, allows Corinna to offer insightful analysis to investors throughout clothing and accessories," said Mark Benson, Director of Research, Wedbush Securities. "We're pleased to see Corinna recognized for her stock picking abilities and excellent performance over the past year."

"Trends are getting faster and faster, and the consumer is armed with a ridiculous amount of product and pricing information," Ms. Freedman told <u>The Wall Street Journal.</u> "I primarily look for stocks with catalysts and differentiated products that are resonating well with customers."

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