

## **Wedbush Securities' Equity Research Expands with the Addition of Senior Analysts Names Gil Luria as Director of Research**

**Los Angeles, CA – October 31, 2016** – Wedbush Securities, one of the nation's leading financial services firms, is pleased to announce the addition of three Senior Research Analysts and the promotion of Gil Luria, Wedbush Senior Analyst to Director of Research at the Firm.

Over his 11 years at Wedbush, Gil Luria has emerged as one of the preeminent thought leaders in the global Financial Technology sector, and a respected leader among his colleagues. Mr. Luria's focus will be on maintaining the highest standards of research while growing and supporting the award winning research team. Mr. Luria will serve as a mentor to the many talented younger members of the department. He will report directly to Wedbush Equities Division Co-Heads Kirsten Fraunces and Ian Winer.

"Gil was an obvious choice to join our Equities leadership team, and we already feel his impact with his recent senior analyst additions. Gil's passion for in depth analysis and commitment to serving investors will serve as a model for our growing research team," said Gary Wedbush, Executive Vice President and Head of Capital Markets.

Wedbush is pleased to announce its further expansion of its equity research department with recent senior analyst additions: Moshe Katri, Managing Director, covering the IT Services and Business Services sectors, Jay McCanless, Senior Vice President covering the Home Building sector, and Christopher Svezia, Senior Vice President covering the Footwear and Apparel sector.

Moshe Katri joins the firm as a Managing Director, covering the IT Services sector. Moshe has been a senior analyst in the IT/Business Services sector since the late 1990's.

Jay McCanless joins the firm as Senior Vice President, covering Homebuilders. He has 12 years of experience covering homebuilders, REITs, building products, and home furnishings.

Christopher Svezia joins the firm as Managing Director, covering the Footwear and Apparel sector. Chris brings over 22 years of experience within the securities industry, covering Specialty Retail/Hardline and Consumer companies.

"I am excited to be taking on the Director of Research role at a time of great opportunity in the industry and at Wedbush. The additions of Moshe, Jay and Chris, reinforce the existing strength in our Technology and Consumer practices. We are dedicated to further supporting our clients with idea generation, information, analysis, context and access," states Gil Luria, Director of Research at Wedbush Securities.

Wedbush Securities' Equity Research offers in-depth and differentiated research coverage across the consumer, healthcare, technology, and financial institutions sectors. The team, comprised of 21 senior analysts, generates timely, insightful analyses. Wedbush's Equity Research consistently ranks among the industry's leading performance surveys, including Barron's and Zacks Investment Research's "Top Stock Picking Firm," Financial Times' "Top Analysts,"

Institutional Investor's "Rising Stars of Wall Street Research," Wall Street Journal's "Best of the Street," and StarMine's "Analyst Awards for Excellence."

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