

***Barrington Analyst Recipient of Forbes Magazine's
"Best Brokerage Analysts" Award***

Chicago, May 3, 2006: Alexander Paris, Jr., CFA, the Director of Research, was selected from more than 3,400 research analysts at approximately 200 firms to be among the 176 best stock-picking analysts featured in a special report on Forbes.com/StarMine "Best Brokerage Analyst" Survey.

The criteria for selection focused on the performance of analysts' recommendations and estimates for U.S. companies during calendar year 2005. Rankings by StarMine measure the performance of security analysts based on the returns of their recommendations ("buy," "sell" and "hold") and the accuracy of their earnings estimates. These analysts have thoroughly studied their coverage companies, know their managers, understand their strategies, products and services—and provide careful advice on investments even in the face of difficult market conditions.

Alexander Paris, Jr., ranked third in his coverage of the Diversified Consumer Services industry among the 93 analysts that were followed by StarMine. While this is the first time that he has been named to the Forbes list of Best Brokerage Analysts, Mr. Paris has received numerous other accolades for his investment performance. He is a four-time winner of *The Wall Street Journal's* "Best on the Street" analyst survey and was recently ranked the Number One stock picker in the Consumer Services industry. In 2002, *Smart Money Magazine* named him one of its "Hot Analysts." In May 2002, San Francisco-based StarMine Corp. ranked him fourth in a survey of over 3,500 analysts, regardless of industry covered, for his stock-picking performance.

Analysts were judged on consistent performance and credibility, qualities that are often lacking in the wide-range of free, unfiltered equity news and research information available to individual investors on the Internet. Analysts' skill in stock picking was measured by using recommendation-performance scores. The scores were calculated on the basis of the estimated total return, including price changes and dividends, of each eligible stock covered in an industry.

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