

Introducing BESTDirect Securities: Multi-Asset Class Brokerage Expertise

CHICAGO, March 16, 2009 – PFGBEST has launched a wholly-owned subsidiary BESTDirect Securities, LLC, to offer products and services across the spectrum of listed equities, options, futures and forex markets.

Steven Zakrzewski heads BESTDirect Securities, LLC and has been instrumental in creating the new subsidiary for PFGBEST. He brings in-depth experience in compliance and operations and successful background in development of a securities capability to further the company's global distribution strategy.

“BESTDirect Securities identified the intense demand in the marketplace for a brokerage firm with the ability to facilitate trades for customers in a fast, reliable, efficient manner across the spectrum of investment choices,” Zakrzewski said. BESTDirect Securities, LLC will initially be drawing new clients who are self-directed traders – whether they are looking to invest in a publicly traded company, or the derivative options of these securities through the use of stock options. The company offers an online, electronic platform for seamless execution of orders.

PFGBEST President and Chief Operations Officer Russ Wasendorf, Jr. said Zakrzewski has proven his expertise in developing new processes, technologies and communication programs to integrate with the needs of various regulatory authorities. He has driven this initiative to furthering the firm's suite of products beyond futures, options, managed accounts and forex. “BESTDirect Securities answers the hyper demand for integrated online trading systems for the retail and professional trader. PFGBEST continues to work in innovating new technologies for servicing the broadest possible array of asset classes.”

Zakrzewski has held leadership positions since 1996 with a start as shareholder services representative for Sunstone Financial Group in Milwaukee. In 1997 he became operations manager, compliance officer and registration manager for Web Street Securities in Chicago, and next was director of compliance with Terra Nova Trading, L.L.C. In 2004 he moved from Thomson Beta Systems in Brookfield, Wisconsin to Man Securities Inc., where his roles included chief compliance officer, AML officer and privacy officer.

About BESTDirect Securities, LLC:

BEST Direct Securities, LLC is a member of FINRA, SIPC and NFA. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of PFGBEST, a leading Futures Commission Merchant (“FCM”). The mission of BESTDirect Securities, LLC, is to stand above the competition by providing customers with outstanding brokerage services and unparalleled customer support in order to earn and keep customers' respect, confidence and business. To learn more please visit www.bestdirectsecurities.com. All securities offered by BESTDirect Securities, LLC. System response and access time may vary due to market conditions, system performance and other factors. There is substantial risk of loss in trading securities, commodity futures, options and foreign exchange products. SIPC does not cover currency, interests in gold, silver or other commodity futures contracts or commodity options, including forex.

About PFGBEST:

PFGBEST is the second-largest non-clearing U.S. FCM, with customers, affiliates and brokerage offices in more than 80 countries. It offers a range of trading and investor products and services

for retail investors as well as for commercial and institutional clients. The company's diverse product suite includes managed funds, futures, forex, options, full-service and discount brokerage, trader education, research, and direct online futures trading through its BESTDirect platform, and numerous other platforms and applications.

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