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## **Wedbush Capital Expands Team with Two New Professionals Ben Wu Promoted to Associate**

**LOS ANGELES, Calif. – April 16, 2007** – Wedbush Capital Partners is pleased to announce that Dan Simon and Karan Kapoor have joined the firm, and that Ben Wu was promoted to Associate. These additions have increased the size of Wedbush Capital Partners to eight investment professionals. Dan Simon has joined as Vice President, Finance and Administration. Previously, he was the Chief Financial Officer of DynaFund Ventures, and he began his career with Ernst & Young. Karan Kapoor has joined as a Senior Analyst, and was previously with Brandes Investment Management.

“The addition of Dan and Karan gives Wedbush Capital additional resources that support our lower middle market investment strategy,” Peter Shoemaker, Managing Director, said. “Dan brings a wealth of experience to our firm and he will be instrumental in working with our Fund and our portfolio companies, and Karan’s background is very well suited to our value-oriented investment philosophy.”

In addition, Ben Wu was promoted to Associate. Said Geoff Bland, Managing Director “Since joining our firm, Ben has consistently been a key contributor to our team, and his promotion is well-deserved.”

### **About Wedbush Capital Partners**

Wedbush Capital Partners is a Los Angeles-based, \$120 million private equity firm that specializes in making \$2 to \$10 million equity investments in profitable, growing companies with revenues ranging from \$10 million to \$50 million. Since 1980, the firm and its professionals have invested in more than 75 companies in industries including consumer products and services, business and financial services and niche manufacturing. Wedbush Capital will invest in transactions that include growth investments, recapitalizations and management-led buyouts. Wedbush Capital is an affiliate of Wedbush Morgan Securities, a leading NYSE investment bank with offices across the western United States. For more information, please visit [www.wedbushcapital.com](http://www.wedbushcapital.com), or contact Geoff Bland or Peter Shoemaker at 213.688.8018.