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## **Kevin Tom Joins Wedbush Capital Partners Ben Wu and Karan Kapoor Earn Promotions**

**LOS ANGELES, Calif. – March 12, 2008** – Wedbush Capital Partners is pleased to announce that Kevin Tom has joined the firm as Senior Associate. Kevin previously was with KRG Capital Partners, a Denver-based, middle market private equity firm with nearly \$4 billion under management. At KRG, Tom was actively involved in all aspects of portfolio company management and new platform company acquisitions.

“Kevin’s strong analytical capabilities and deal execution experience make him a key addition to our team,” said Geoff Bland, managing director, Wedbush Capital. “He already has contributed to our efforts to invest in and grow lower middle market companies, and we are excited to have him aboard.”

Tom began his career at Wachovia Capital Markets in the Financial Sponsors Group where he provided investment banking services to the firm's private equity clients. He earned his B.A. in Economics and a double minor in Business Administration and Computer Science from the University of California at Berkeley. “The cohesiveness among the three managing directors and rest of the Wedbush Capital team was a great attraction,” noted Tom. “The firm’s down-to-earth culture and focused investment philosophy offer a great opportunity for me and our current and future portfolio companies.”

In addition, Ben Wu was promoted to Vice President and Karan Kapoor was promoted to Associate. “We are pleased to recognize the contributions Ben and Karan made over the past year with these promotions,” said Bland.

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