

## SSR LLC ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF RESEARCH TEAM

- Industry leader Howard Mason to head up Financials Research
- Proven veteran Rob Campagnino to head Consumer, Agriculture and Restaurant Research

Managing Partner Graham Copley made the announcement today in SSR's (formerly Sector & Sovereign Research) Stamford, CT headquarters.

Both Howard Mason and Rob Campagnino join their former top-ranked Sanford C. Bernstein colleagues – Graham Copley (Industrials), Richard Evans (Healthcare) and Paul Sagawa (Technology/Media/Telecom).

**Howard Mason** is widely respected throughout the financials community and brings his 25 years of experience to SSR. Howard boasts many industry accolades, including enjoying the #1 ranking by Institutional Investor in Consumer Finance, #1 rankings in Specialty Finance, Runner Up in Large Cap Banks, and #2 as ranked by hedge funds in Specialty Finance. In addition, Howard holds an M.A. in Mathematics from Cambridge University, England and an M.B.A with High Distinction from Harvard Business School. He built his reputation over the last decade and a half at N.M. Rothschild & Sons in London, Mexico, and Brazil, at Bankers Trust in New York, and at Deutsche Bank in London and New York. From 2000-2008, he was an equity research analyst at Sanford C. Bernstein in New York covering banks and financial services companies and earning top recognition in industry polls.

**Rob Campagnino** has nearly 20 years of research and investment experience, both as a consistently ranked sell-side analyst, as well as a proven buy-side analyst and investor. Rob thrived at some of the top hedge funds in the business, including Pioneerpath, Diamondback Capital, and Searock Capital. Prior to his time as an analyst on the buy-side, he was a senior analyst at Prudential Securities where he was consistently Institutional Investor ranked, a Consumer Staples analyst at Hedgeye, and a Research Associate at Sanford C. Bernstein covering food, beverage, and retail. He began his career as a strategic consultant with PricewaterhouseCoopers. Rob has a MBA from Columbia and BA in Economics from Duke.

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