National Investor Relations Institute
Twin Cities Chapter

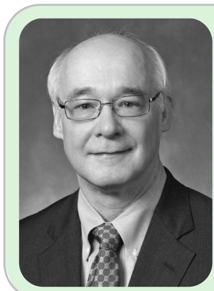
Analyst Speak: Making Sense of Stock Ratings

Thursday, April 9, 2015 - 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

(Registration 11:30 am, lunch & program 12:00 to 1:00 pm)
Loews Minneapolis Hotel, 601 First Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55403

Analyst ratings on stocks can be a source of confusion, questions and even irritation among senior corporate management. In this session, we'll ask sell siders what the ratings mean, how they're determined, are there different kinds of buy ratings, what makes a hold a sell and much more. We'll also be asking a buy sider how much weight they place on the analyst ratings, do ratings changes matter the day after they occur, are there analysts whose ratings matter more and many other topics. It promises to be a session filled with great information that you can use to educate, inform and calm your senior management team. Don't miss it!

Speakers:



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Mike has over 30 years of equity research, strategy, and portfolio management experience. His background includes capital markets equity research, global equity strategy, and domestic long/short and long only portfolio management across market capitalizations. He is a member of the investment committees for the Guided Portfolio: Large Cap and Guided Portfolio: Midcap 111. Mike is a CFA, a former CPA, and holds an M.B.A. from the *University of Michigan*.

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Brooks O'Neil serves within the Equity Capital Markets division at Dougherty & Company. His coverage focuses on areas of growth and change in healthcare. He has been in the investment business for approximately 20 years and has been with Dougherty since 2004. Mr. O'Neil has been recognized as the number one stock picker in the health care services space by Starmine. Prior to joining Dougherty & Company, he worked at Piper Jaffray in institutional sales, health care research and as the leader of the health services investment banking effort.

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