Developing an Effective IR Plan



Now more than ever, it is vital for public companies to develop and implement professional, thoughtful and results-oriented investor relations programs. Companies must tell their stories in a clear, succinct way, and target the most relevant investors and analysts. Management should also engage directly with current and potential investors and analysts on a consistent basis in order to develop relationships and foster understanding of the company's business, strategy, financials and outlook.

5 tips for creating an effective investor relations plan that suits your company:

- 1. **Define key goals.** These should be based on the company's current profile and expected corporate milestones.
- 2. Identify top targets on the buy- and sell-side. These may have shifted due to the company's evolving story and investment characteristics.
- 3. Map out preferred investor events. Work around earnings events and expected corporate developments. It's important to plan ahead to secure participation in the most productive investor conferences, non-deal roadshows, and perhaps an Investor Day.
- 4. Establish times to assess and refine messaging and outlook. This will help to ensure that the company sets appropriate expectations for the coming year; building and maintaining credibility is essential.
- **5. Provide insight into management's long-term vision.** This is critical for attracting institutional investors with a multi-year investment horizon.

With decades of experience, The Equity Group builds and communicates investment stories, connects companies with investors and analysts, and implements holistic investor relations programs.

