

Mike Polark Joins Wolfe Research

Premier Research Firm Adds Rising Medical Supply & Devices Analyst

New York, NY - March 4, 2022 - Wolfe Research, LLC announced today that Mike Polark, CFA, Medical Supply and Devices Analyst, recently joined the company as a Director. Mr. Polark joins Wolfe after nearly 10 years at Robert W. Baird & Co., where he covered the Medical Technology and Healthcare Service sectors both as a research associate and more recently as a senior analyst. At Baird, Mike's Medical Technology coverage focused on a host of themes critical to investors including neurotech, connected care, smart monitoring, precision surgery, sterilization, and infection prevention. Prior to that he worked at Cambridge Associates LLC. Mike will work out of Wolfe's Boston office.

"My job at Wolfe is to find the best, most differentiated research talent in each sector," said Ed Wolfe, Founder and Managing Partner at Wolfe Research. "When there is no clear differentiation in a sector, like we currently see in Medical Devices due to massive analyst turnover in recent years, I need to work harder, meet more people, talk to more buy-side investors, and find the next up and comer who has the skillset to leapfrog over the existing players in the sector and over time become the axe in the space. I truly believe that Mike is that guy in this sector and that clients will understand that as they become more familiar with his work. He has employed a broader healthcare lens onto a more specific Medical Supply and Devices sector. Over the past two years his thematic orientation, pipeline deep dives, survey work, and willingness to wade into the controversies du jour have showcased his ability to provide non-consensus value. Add in that Mike is a great person filled with decency and I am excited to more widely introduce him to Wolfe's clients once he launches coverage for us in early second quarter."

Mr. Polark commented: "Wolfe has provided me the unique opportunity to take my franchise to the next level, including adding team resources and Large Cap to my existing SMID cap coverage, while I continue to establish myself in the Medical Supply and Devices sector. I am honored to join Wolfe's team of elite Healthcare analysts and I look forward to learning from and collaborating with Wolfe's all-star line-up of best-in-class analysts and salespeople."

Mr. Polark graduated magna cum laude with a BA in Economics and Hispanic Studies from Boston College. He currently resides with his wife in Boston.

About Wolfe:

Wolfe Research, LLC was founded in 2008 as a premier equity research firm with a commitment to best-in-class products and service.

Wolfe Research was voted #5 as a firm overall (weighted poll) in the 2021 Institutional Investor magazine's prestigious All-America Research Poll, despite being significantly smaller than its peer group, a testament to Wolfe's disciplined and successful pursuit of best-in-class product.

Wolfe's award winning QES (Quant, Economics & Strategy) product provides a leading proprietary factor library, including cutting edge portfolio analytics and risk management tools, and unparalleled, back-tested, alternative data to our clients.

Wolfe remains committed to acquiring top-ranked Analysts (28 and counting) across all industry sectors. In addition, Wolfe is a mentoring shop dedicated to developing talent from within all levels of the firm. The firm has established a reputation for Macro Research and Quantitative Analysis employing alternative data underpinning leading fundamental coverage in Industrials / Basic Materials, Energy / Utilities, Consumer / Retail, Financials / REITS, Healthcare, and TMT.

Wolfe clients, aside from receiving research services, also benefit from equity trading and liquidity provisioning capabilities through Wolfe's Strategic Alliance with Nomura and Instinet, where Wolfe offers clients unbiased, high touch and low touch agency executions for global equities and a top ranked derivatives platform for options & swap trading. In addition, through the Wolfe | Nomura Alliance, Wolfe participates selectively in high-end Capital Markets and Advisory Services.

Wolfe Research, LLC and its affiliates currently employ over 225 full-time professionals with representatives in New York, London, Paris, Sydney, Boston, Mumbai, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Houston, Chicago, Stamford, Delray Beach, Daytona Beach and St. Louis and the firm continues to actively search for top talent. For more information about Wolfe Research, please visit us at: www.WolfeResearch.com



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