



Brown & Brown, Inc. Moves Up On Forbes' List Of 200 Best Small Companies In America

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., and TAMPA, Fla., Oct. 12 /PRNewswire/ -- Brown & Brown, Inc. (NYSE: BRO) has again been named to FORBES Magazine's annual list of the 200 Best Small Companies in America. The 2001 list, just released, ranks Brown & Brown at number 57, compared to the Company's 2000 ranking of 93. This is the third consecutive year that Brown & Brown has earned the honor of being one of this elite group.

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According to FORBES, the companies on this year's list have "the right stuff." "All of these companies have stellar track records -- over both the long and short term -- in growth and profitability. They have passed extremely difficult hurdles to be named one of America's Best Small Companies. This year less than 1% of those companies eligible for this list made it."

J. Hyatt Brown, Chairman, President & CEO, reflecting on the Company's ranking, said, "Having the Right Stuff is at the very heart of the Brown & Brown culture. The men and women who comprise our team are the ones who must be credited for our again earning this prestigious recognition."

Brown & Brown, Inc. and its subsidiaries provide a broad range of insurance and reinsurance products and services, as well as risk management, employee benefit administration, and managed health care services through offices located across the United States. The company is ranked by Business Insurance magazine as the nation's eighth largest independent insurance intermediary organization. Our Web address is www.brown-n-brown.com.

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