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**Gordian Group Awarded Retail Manufacturing / Distribution Deal of the Year  
By *The M&A Advisor***

New York, NY- January 7, 2009—Gordian Group was named the winner of the Retail Manufacturing/Distribution deal of the year for the sale of Summit Global Logistics, Inc. at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Gala hosted by the *M&A Advisor*. The Middle-Market M&A Awards honor deal-teams, deal-makers, and firms whose activities set the standard for the industry.

Gordian Group was also honored as a finalist for the environmental deal of the year for its work on behalf of IdleAire Technologies and was one of five finalists selected as boutique investment bank of the year 2008.

"Each winner has excelled in their field and is truly deserving of the honor," said Roger Aguinaldo, CEO and Publisher of *The M&A Advisor*. "All winners should be proud of their award, especially in these tough economic times"

"We are proud to be recognized for our work on Summit Global, an honor which we share with the entire debtor-side team, including Lowenstein Sandler and Holland + Knight. In the current economic environment, we are particularly pleased that we were able to use creatively the 363 process to harmonize the disparate interests of Summit Global's key constituencies and to orchestrate this consensual resolution of the Company's balance sheet so that the Management team could focus its efforts on the core operations. Our success reflects Gordian's long-standing experience and expertise in resolving complex debtor-side issues," commented Henry Owsley, Gordian Group CEO.

Gordian Group, LLC is a leading investment bank in the country specializing in complex and/or stressed/distressed financial advisory work. The firm was founded in 1988 and is a registered broker-dealer. Gordian is ranked in the top 5 firms in *The Deal* League Tables, and as individual investment bankers, Peter Kaufman and Henry Owsley, Gordian Group President, and CEO respectively, have been ranked as high as number 1 recently in *The Deal's* League Tables. Kaufman and Owsley are the authors of the definitive work in the field, *Distressed Investment Banking: To the Abyss and Back*, Beard Publications, 2005.

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