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THE M&A ADVISOR ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 6TH ANNUAL TURNAROUND AWARDS

New York, New York, February 6, 2012 – The M&A Advisor announced the winners of the M&A Advisor Turnaround Awards at the 6th Annual Awards Gala to a lively, sold-out crowd at The Colony, Palm Beach Florida on Monday January 31st. **Gordian Group** won **Boutique Investment Banking Firm of the Year** and was also recognized for its work on **Alexander Gallo Holdings LLC**, which was named **Consumer Services Deal of the Year**. The event was hosted by Bloomberg Television’s National Chief Correspondent Carol Massar and featured a keynote address by Dennis Shaughnessy, Chairman of FTI Consulting.

“**Gordian Group** represents the best of the turnaround, restructuring and distressed investing industry in 2011 and earned this honor by standing out in a group of very impressive finalists,” said Roger Aguinaldo, CEO of The M&A Advisor.

The Turnaround Awards Gala honored deal-teams, deal-makers, and firms whose activities set the standard for the industry. **Gordian Group** was chosen from over 160 nominees representing over 250 companies to receive their award. An independent judging committee of industry experts determined the ultimate recipients of the awards. Winners were revealed “Academy-Award style” at the gala.

“**Gordian Group** has been at this for more than 20 years, and our continued success is a testament to our core group of senior talent and our terrific next generation of leaders. It is always satisfying to get this kind of recognition by our peers. Winning the Boutique Investment Bank of the Year for the second year in a row is an incredible accomplishment and our work on Alexander Gallo Holdings, for which we were also recognized for Consumer Services Deal of the Year, exemplifies our commitment to successfully navigating through the complexities of distress,” commented Peter Kaufman, **Gordian Group’s** President.

In addition to the 2012 honorees, John Wm. (Jack) Butler, Partner of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award for his achievements and contributions in restructuring and reorganizational law. Mr. Butler, who was introduced by another industry stalwart – Mr. Timothy R. Coleman, Sr. Managing Director & Head of Restructuring, The Blackstone Group - provided a moving and inspirational account of his experience and his vision for the future of bankruptcy law.

Gordian Group, LLC is the leading investment bank in the country specializing in complex and/or stressed/distressed financial advisory work. We are a registered broker-dealer and have been in business since 1988. Gordian is ranked in the top 10 firms by *The Deal* in its League Tables, and as individual investment bankers, Peter Kaufman and Henry Owsley have been ranked as high as number 1 recently in *The Deal’s* League Tables. Our lead partners are also the authors of the definitive work in the field, *Distressed Investment Banking: To the Abyss and Back*, Beard Publications, 2005.

The Annual Distressed Investing Summit and Turnaround Awards Gala is the premier event for professionals in the distressed investing, restructuring and turnaround industry.

For a detailed list of all of the Award Winners for the 6th Annual Turnaround Awards, please [CLICK HERE](#). For more information, please visit at www.maadvisor.com or contact The M&A Advisor at 718 997 7900.

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