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**GORDIAN GROUP ANNOUNCED AS WINNER OF
THE 9th ANNUAL M&A ADVISOR TURNAROUND AWARDS**

New York, NY, January 14, 2015 – *The M&A Advisor* announced the winners of the 9th Annual M&A Advisor Turnaround Awards on Friday, December 26th. **Gordian Group** was named a winner for the Chapter 11 Reorganization of the Year (Over \$1 Billion) for the American Airlines / US Airways Merger; Distressed M&A Deal of the Year (Between \$10mm and \$25mm) for the Acquisition of Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway by Fortress Investment Group and Energy Deal of the Year for the Acquisition of Xtreme Power by Younicos Inc. The awards will be presented at the Awards Gala on Monday, February 23rd at The Colony Hotel, Palm Beach, FL.

"Since 2002, we have been honoring the leading turnaround transactions, companies and dealmakers. **Gordian Group** was chosen from over 250 participating companies to receive the award. It gives us a great pleasure to recognize **Gordian Group** and bestow upon them our highest honor for distressed investing and reorganization firms and professionals," said David Fergusson, Co-CEO and President, The M&A Advisor. "**Gordian Group** represents the best of the distressed investing and reorganization industry in 2014 and earned these honors by standing out in a group of very impressive candidates."

"**Gordian Group** has been at this for 27 years, and it is always satisfying to get this kind of recognition by our peers. These nominations exemplify our track record in achieving tremendous results for our clients in distressed, complex and "story" restructuring and M&A assignments across a wide range of industries," commented Peter Kaufman, **Gordian Group's** President. "In particular, these awards underscore our ability to leverage our creativity and negotiating acumen to create success in financial restructurings and, in the case of M&A, maintain a robust competitive sales process through closing".

On Monday, February 23rd, The M&A Advisor will present the 2015 awards at a black tie Awards Gala at The Colony Hotel in Palm Beach, FL, in conjunction with the 2015 M&A Advisor Distressed Investing Summit that will feature 200 of the industry's leading professionals participating in exclusive interactive forums led by a faculty of restructuring industry stalwarts and Bloomberg media experts. For an event profile [CLICK HERE](#).

For a complete list of the winners [CLICK HERE](#).

Gordian Group 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, and the recently published [Equity Holders Under Siege: Strategies and Tactics for Distressed Businesses](#), Beard Books LLC, 2014; both books are "must-read" for boards of directors, management teams and shareholders and/or owners of financially stressed situations, as well as for buyers and professionals.

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