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**THE GORES GROUP ANNOUNCED AS M&A DEAL OF THE YEAR WINNER
AT THE 12th ANNUAL M&A ADVISOR AWARDS GALA**

Los Angeles, CA., December 30, 2013 - The Gores Group, a leading private equity firm, has been named the winner of the "M&A Deal of the Year" (for transactions \$500 million to \$1 billion) by The M&A Advisor for the acquisition of Stock Building Supply. Gores acquired Stock from Wolseley plc in May 2009 and managed the Company through an unprecedented housing crisis, ultimately pricing a successful IPO in August 2013.

The winners and finalists were announced at the 12th Annual M&A Advisor Awards Gala on Tuesday, December 17th at the New York Athletic Club in New York City. The event was hosted by New York Financial Press Anchor and Correspondent Julia Sun.

Tim Meyer, Managing Director of The Gores Group, was on hand to accept the award and commented, "We are honored to receive the M&A Deal of the Year award this year. The Stock Building Supply transaction represents the very best of what we do as a firm. We were able to acquire and transform a struggling business that with its recent successful IPO is now positioned to thrive. Today, Stock Building Supply is a leader in its sector, gaining market share as the housing market recovers from the worst downturn in history."

"The Gores Group represents the best of the M&A industry in 2013 and earned these honors by standing out in a group of very impressive finalists," said Roger Aguinaldo, CEO and Founder of The M&A Advisor. The Gores Group was chosen from a pool of more than 400 finalists to receive the award. "It gives us a great pleasure to recognize The Gores Group on our highest honor for M&A firms and professionals," said David Fergusson, President, The M&A Advisor.

The M&A Advisor Awards Gala is the premier celebration of the year for the industry's leading M&A Dealmakers and honors the deal teams, firms and professionals whose activities set the standard for M&A transactions. An independent judging committee of 23 top M&A industry experts determined the ultimate recipients of the awards which were announced "Academy Award style" at the gala.

About The Gores Group

The Gores Group, LLC is a global investment firm focused on acquiring controlling interests in mature and growing businesses which can benefit from the firm's operating experience and flexible capital base. The firm combines the operational expertise and detailed due diligence capabilities of a strategic buyer with the seasoned M&A team of a traditional buyer. The Gores Group, which was founded in 1987 by Alec Gores, has become a leading investor having demonstrated over time a reliable track record of creating value in its portfolio companies alongside management. Headquartered in Los Angeles, The Gores Group maintains offices in Boulder, CO, and London. For more information, please visit www.gores.com

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