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**MARTIN INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, LLC RECEIVES
EQUITY MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

CHICAGO, IL, May 23, 2008 – Martin Investment Management, LLC of Evanston, Illinois was selected as “Equity Manager of the Year” at Opal Financial Group's Fifth Annual Emerging Managers Summit on May 15, 2008. Martin Investment Management, LLC was selected by a committee of major institutional investors and representatives of Opal Financial Group and Focus Point Press from a wide field of candidates. In accepting the award, Sandra Martin, Managing Director, said: “We are very honored to be chosen by such a distinguished committee from a field of so many emerging managers.” Patrick Martin further commented about the success of the firm’s Best Ideas portfolios, “Over time an investment strategy that focuses on preservation of capital in the market downturns and keeps up fairly well in the more rationally priced upturns should win out over competing strategies with less emphasis on quality and valuation.” Cary Zellerbach added, “We believe that a Best Ideas portfolio is the clear long term choice for outperforming the market indices.”

Martin Investment Management, LLC’s Long Term Growth Composite’s portfolio was a Top Ten Performer in the Informa Investment Solutions’s PSN Investment Manager Database for the quarter ending March 31, 2008. It was the firm’s second “Top Guns Ranking” in the last seven quarters. The firm’s Composite also outperformed 95% of the nearly 1,100 managers in the Mercer MPA U.S. Large Cap Equity Universe and outranked over 96% of the managers in the same universe in the first quarter of 2008. However, neither these rankings nor past performance are indicative of future performance.

About Martin Investment Management, LLC

Martin Investment Management, LLC is an equity oriented, majority female owned registered investment adviser located in Evanston, Illinois. The firm focuses on three primary “Best Ideas” investment strategies. The Growth With Value Discipline strategy invests primarily in U.S. mid to large cap equities. The Eco-Investing strategy focuses on global companies that engage in best environmental practices or develop new technologies to address environmental issues. The Tortue Capital™ strategy invests in a range of non-U.S. mid to large cap companies in the developed world that have global exposure through their products or services.

About Opal Financial Group

Opal Financial Group, based in New York City, coordinates leading institutional investment and securitization events in both Europe and the United States. Institutional investment conferences are designed for executives in Corporate Pension Funds, Endowments, Public Funds, Family Offices, Foundations, Taft-Hartley Funds, Financial Planners, 401 (k) Plans, Investment Consultants, Broker/Dealers, Rating Agencies, Lawyers, Accountants and High-Net-Worth Individuals.