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## Goldman Sachs Urban Investment Group Announces Collaboration with Group O Inc. to Seek Investment Opportunities

MILAN, IL -- Goldman Sachs Urban Investment Group (UIG) today announced it has entered into an alliance with Group O, Inc. (Group O). Through this agreement, Group O and UIG will work together to identify and assess potential acquisition opportunities in the range of US \$50MM to \$300M in the Marketing Services, Packaging Solutions, Business Process Outsourcing and Managed Services categories.

Headquartered in Milan, Illinois, Group O is one of the largest Hispanic-owned companies in the U.S. certified as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE). Group O is a leading provider of products and services, specializing in Packaging, Supply Chain, Third Party Logistics, Marketing Services and Business Process Outsourcing Solutions. Founded in 1974 by Robert Ontiveros, Group O has grown to approximately 1500 employees across 28 US facilities. The company offers a comprehensive portfolio of solutions to meet the needs of Fortune 1000 clients across a broad range of industries. Group O has been the recipient of numerous diversity and quality awards and was named the 18<sup>th</sup> largest Hispanic-owned company in the U.S. by Hispanic Business Magazine.

"The Ontiveros Family and Group O have over 30 years of experience in incubating, growing, acquiring and integrating companies that fit our portfolio. We are excited about the opportunity to enter into this alliance with Goldman Sachs UIG to seek acquisition targets which complement our services and accelerate our growth", says Gregg Ontiveros, CEO of Group O.

Martin E. Chavez, Goldman Sachs Managing Director comments, "Since 2003, UIG has made several investments based upon a model of partnering with successful minority executives and entrepreneurs in growing industries. Our collaboration with Group O continues this successful investment strategy."

#### About Goldman Sachs Urban Investment Group:

The Goldman Sachs Urban Investment Group is part of the Merchant Banking Division within The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (NYSE: GS), that invests growth capital in ethnic minority-owned or targeted businesses and urban real estate. Founded in 1869, Goldman Sachs is a leading, global investment banking, securities and investment management firm. The firm is headquartered in New York and maintains offices in Atlanta, Miami, Chicago, Houston, San Francisco and Los Angeles. To learn more about the Goldman Sachs Urban Investment Group, please visit [www.gs.com/uig](http://www.gs.com/uig).

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