



**PROCTOR INVESTMENT MANAGERS NAMED
2008's "MANAGER OF MANAGERS"**

New York, May 29, 2008 – Proctor Investment Managers LLC (Proctor IM), a strategic private equity investor in investment management firms, was recently recognized as the year's top "Manager of Managers" at Opal Financial Group's 2008 Emerging Managers Summit held in Chicago on May 14-16.

The award was presented to Proctor IM CEO, Mona Aboelnaga Kanaan, and Proctor IM Director of Research, Neal Epstein, and was voted on by a panel of industry participants, including representatives from Emerging Manager Magazine, Opal Financial Group, and leading institutional and private investors.

"We are honored to have been singled out by our peers for this recognition," said Ms. Kanaan. "As both a strategic investor in and partner with our managers, we accelerate their growth with deeper involvement than traditional private equity sources. This award is a testament to the success of our model in achieving our clients' growth and business objectives."

"Opal Financial Group is honored to have had the opportunity to recognize Proctor as the Manager of Managers of the Year" said Abe Wellington, CEO of the Opal Financial Group. "Mona Aboelnaga Kanaan and her team at Proctor have established themselves as a distinctive and innovative strategic option for emerging managers to consider."

About Proctor Investment Managers LLC

Launched in 2006 with the backing of Proctor NBF Capital Partners, the merchant banking group of National Bank Financial, Proctor Investment Managers is a strategic private equity investor in high-caliber asset management firms. As a strategic investor, Proctor IM allows firms to meet the demands of an increasingly competitive and demanding market environment by providing capital, global sales and marketing capabilities and industry expertise. Proctor IM has partnered with a diverse group of firms that manage over \$12 billion of client assets in traditional and alternative investment products. For more information, please visit www.ProctorIM.com.

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