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## **AIC Ventures Acquires Gordmans Omaha-Based Distribution Warehouse**

*- Leading private equity firm leverages sale-leaseback for acquisition strategy -*

**AUSTIN, TX December 15**– AIC Ventures, an investment fund manager providing alternative finance solutions to middle-market companies across the United States, acquired a 267,000-square-foot distribution warehouse from Omaha, Nebraska-based Gordmans Inc. AIC Ventures acquired the apparel and home fashions retailer's facility and simultaneously entered into a long-term absolute net lease with Gordmans.

An affiliate of Sun Capital Partners, Inc. acquired Gordmans in tandem with the purchase of the company's distribution warehouse. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

This marks the seventh deal Sun Capital has executed in collaboration with funds sponsored by AIC Ventures since 2005,"said David Steinwedell, managing partner, AIC Ventures. "Sun Capital undertook the sale-leaseback to leverage existing capital embedded in Gordmans real estate assets for strategic reinvestment into its current operations."

With 4,000 employees, Gordmans' 65 stores offer a wide range of name brand merchandise including footwear, home fashions, bedding and bath and toys at discounted prices. The company grossed over \$437 million in revenue in 2007.

"It's another in a line of strong additions to our portfolio that has added geographic diversification in a quality distribution industrial property," said Steinwedell. "Working again with Sun Capital Partners, we have been able to expand into the Omaha market with a trusted partner."

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### **About AIC Ventures**

AIC Ventures is a leading provider of capital to middle-market companies. With over \$800 million in completed transactions, AIC Ventures structures innovative corporate finance solutions for companies facing limited, short-term or expensive alternatives for capital. The company has closed more than 100 transactions in 27 states. Whether sellers need to close quickly, have private equity interests, environmental or other challenges, AIC Ventures can help. For more information, visit [www.AICVentures.com](http://www.AICVentures.com).

### **About Gordmans, Inc.**

Founded in 1915, Gordmans operates 65 stores in 16 Midwestern and surrounding states. With 4,000 employees, Gordmans' 65 stores offer a wide range of name brand merchandise including footwear, home fashions, bedding and bath and toys at discounted prices. For more information, visit [www.gordmans.com](http://www.gordmans.com).

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