



## **Finish Line Binderies and HF Group Acquire Riverside Group, Rochester, NY**

**Cleveland, OH, March 12, 2015** - Representatives from **Finish Line Binderies** ([www.finishlinebinderies.com](http://www.finishlinebinderies.com)), **A Signet Enterprises Company** ([www.signet-enterprises.com](http://www.signet-enterprises.com)), and **HF Group, LLC** ([www.hfgroup.com](http://www.hfgroup.com)) are pleased to announce the acquisition of **The Riverside Group** (from RG's former owner Peter Pape) effective 1/1/2015.

Finish Line Binderies is one of the leaders in the book manufacturing industry offering services in perfect binding and mechanical binding. HF Group's binding industry strength lies primarily in specialty hardcover binding segments. This acquisition and partnership has occurred in order to strengthen Riverside's service offering to the graphic arts industry.

Finish Line Binderies has been an industry leader since 1937. Operating in a 60,000 sq. ft. facility, FLB has the capabilities and capacity to handle challenging projects. The direction of FLB over the past few years has shifted to a very customer centric focus. By concentrating on customers' needs and requests, FLB has been able to grow the business during challenging times. This growth has allowed the company to reinvest capital into new equipment, facilities and employees.

John Helline, CEO of Finish Line Binderies commented, *"Our philosophy at Finish Line Binderies played itself right into this acquisition. We are continuously looking to improve and expand our service offering to our customer base."*

HF Group, with facilities in Boston, MA, Greensboro, NC, North Manchester, IN and Cleveland, OH remains a trusted vendor to the high end case binding, library binding and prebinding markets. The company has reliably served its clients for over 75 years and continues to both expand service offerings and diversify its business.

*"We saw a tremendous amount of synergies between the three entities that made this a great opportunity to pursue. The new partnership has already provided benefits to the market place."* Said Jay Fairfield, CEO of HF Group

The new company name of Riverside Bindery remains recognizable. Much of the key, long tenured staff at Riverside remains with the company. The staff, including Mike Hill (President of Riverside), is excited to be working with the two organizations.

*"In a graphic industry that has been continuously challenged with change, consolidation and reinvention, our employees in Rochester are pleased with the investment these two companies have made in this Rochester, NY operation."* Said Mike Hill

Please contact us with questions or more importantly, for assistance with a wide variety of binding and finishing projects. We look forward to assisting you.