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**THE MOHAWK GROUP ROLLS OUT THE NEW YEAR RIGHT**  
***Carpet Company's Commitment to Design,***  
***Innovation and Collaboration Honored with Industry Accolades***

**KENNESAW, Ga., Jan. 20, 2009** – Solidifying [The Mohawk Group](#)'s reputation as a commercial carpeting industry leader, the manufacturer was recently awarded multiple industry awards for its achievements in carpet design and sustainability. Added to its growing portfolio of coveted recognitions are: two Best of Year Merit Awards from *Interior Design*, three Readers' Choice honors from *Environmental Design + Construction (ED+C)*, a Doc Award from Solutia's® Ultron carpet fibers and a first-place Readers' Choice Award from *Today's Facility Manager*.

"These awards validate our commitment to translating our customers' needs into cutting-edge flooring and time- and resource-saving technologies," said Al Kabus, president of The Mohawk Group. "We continue to raise the bar to not only benefit the end-user, but also the environment."

The Mohawk Group's carpet products and technologies honored include:

- Durkan's **Synthesis™** (*Interior Design* Best of Year Merit Award, Broadloom): Providing a fresh perspective on carpet, Synthesis utilizes a new patent-pending technology that allows for a layering of pattern and texture on hospitality carpet. Combining versatility with durable performance, Synthesis blends effortlessly into a myriad of environments.
- Lees Carpets' **Places and Spaces**, print (*Interior Design* Best of Year Merit Award, Modular): Together with four U.S.-based HOK offices, Lees Carpets bridges aesthetic appeal and application to capture the country's urban enigma in this printed modular collection. A road map of creative colorways and persuasive patterns – Haze, Headlights and Monroe Harbor – the Collection promises to have contract interiors planning for a repeat trip.

- **Drag and Fly™** (*ED+C Readers' Choice Award, Software*): A first-of-its-kind “drag and place” software for modular carpet images, this web-based tool allows for easy, on-the-spot placement of high-resolution carpet images that are properly scaled; accurately depict all installation methods; and provide all colorways of modular styles from The Mohawk Group’s brands into 3D renderings or CAD programs. The application can even be utilized outside of rendering programs to download images to the desktop for sharing in customer presentations or on-site installation.
- **LEED® PLUS Calculator™** (*ED+C Readers' Choice Awards, Services*): Helping customers reach their “green” goals, LEED PLUS Calculator shaves weeks off the environmental product specification process. Powered by ecoScorecard from Viridity Inc., this web-based tool allows users to search The Mohawk Group’s product portfolio and calculate the United States Green Building Council’s LEED certification points, along with several other industry environmental ratings, in minutes.
- **SMART Book™** (*ED+C Readers' Choice Awards Runner-Up, Services*): A strategic blend of carpet and high-definition photography, the SMART book – Sustainable Materials and Responsible Technology – utilizes 63 percent less virgin raw materials, reducing the weight by more than half of traditional sample books. This intelligent alternative to conventional sample books helps save fuel and significantly enhances the sampling experience for designers and the environment.
- Karastan Contract’s **Completely Charmed**, part of the brand’s **Covet Collection** (Solutia Ultron’s Doc Award, Product): Evoking a sense of luxury and sophistication, Completely Charmed is an enticing pattern available in 12 eye-pleasing colorways, promising to take interiors a step above the rest.
- **The Mohawk Group** (*TFM Readers' Choice Award, Carpet*): Awarded first place in the carpet category, The Mohawk Group was judged by the publication’s readers on excellence in aesthetics, reliability, value, and customer service, and recognizes The Mohawk Group as a preferred vendor among members of the facility management profession.

*A leading commercial carpet manufacturer, The Mohawk Group – including Karastan Contract, Lees Carpets, Bigelow Commercial and Durkan – produces award-winning broadloom, modular and custom carpeting for every installation. Providing superior performance, cutting-edge style and revolutionary innovation, The Mohawk Group is a pioneer in the design of sustainable carpeting and continues to drive environmentally sound practices inside and outside of its facilities. For additional information, look for The Mohawk Group at [www.themohawkgroup.com](http://www.themohawkgroup.com) or call (800) 554-6637.*

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