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## **The Boston Globe names Woodmeister Master Builders to Globe 100's Top Places to Work '09**

(November 9, 2009) Holden, Mass – Woodmeister Master Builders has been named one of the Top Places to Work in Massachusetts in the second annual employee-based survey project from The Boston Globe. The Globe 100's Top Places to Work '09 magazine was published in the Sunday Globe on November 8. Online, the report can be found at [www.boston.com/topworkplaces](http://www.boston.com/topworkplaces).

Produced by the same team that compiles the 22-year-old Globe 100 report of the best-performing public companies in Massachusetts, the Top Places to Work recognizes the most progressive companies in the state based on employee opinions about company leadership, compensation and training, diversity/inclusion, career development, family-friendly flexibility, and values and ethics. Private companies and nonprofits as well as publicly-held businesses were included in the analysis. **Woodmeister was ranked 14<sup>th</sup> on the overall list and 4<sup>th</sup> on the 40 Top Small Employers list\*.**

The rankings in the Globe 100's Top Places to Work are based on survey information collected by Workplace Dynamics, an independent company specializing in employee engagement and retention, from 86,000 employees at 269 Massachusetts organizations. This marks the second year that a Globe 100 report has honored private as well as publicly-held organizations.

“We work hard to attract the best and the brightest by offering job security and satisfaction, a share in the outcome through Open Book Management, and opportunities for career growth,” said Woodmeister founder and CEO Ted Goodnow. “We’re proud to have one of the finest groups of employees in our industry.”

The publisher of The Boston Globe Steve Ainsley stated, “The companies included in the Globe 100's Top Places to Work have succeeded in creating a positive workplace for their employees in the midst of the uncertainties of the general economy. I congratulate each of them for an outstanding accomplishment.”

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To qualify for the Globe 100's Top Places to Work, a company must have more than 100 employees in Massachusetts. Nearly 1,000 qualified companies accepted an invitation to participate. Rankings were composite scores calculated purely on the basis of employee responses.

### **About Woodmeister Master Builders**

Founded in 1980 as a two-man custom cabinetry and millwork shop, Woodmeister Master Builders today employs 173 people (160 in Massachusetts) and has sales of over \$50 million. In addition to receiving the Globe 100's Top Places to Work honor in 2008 and 2009, the company was named a 2009 Top Small Workplace by the *The Wall Street Journal* and Winning Workplaces, a non-profit organization that helps small and mid-size companies improve their workplace practices.

Woodmeister encompasses the entire scope of luxury custom home construction and renovation projects, custom cabinetry and interiors, and comprehensive lifestyle management services. The firm is based in Holden, Massachusetts and has satellite offices in Nantucket, Newport, RI, and New York City.

*\*[There are several lists broken out by company size, by industry sector (sector lists are appearing online only, not in the magazine), and by achievement in any of four indicators of success as a great workplace: diversity/inclusion, career development, family-friendly flexibility, and values and ethics.]*

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