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**The Hamister Group, Inc. One of Western New York's Fastest-Growing Companies  
*Company included on annual 'Fast Track 50' list***

WILLIAMSVILLE, NEW YORK – The Hamister Group, Inc., a leader in the healthcare and hospitality industries, has once again been honored as one of Western New York's fastest-growing companies by a leading business publication.

The company ranked number 27 on the annual Fast Track 50 list published by Business First of Buffalo, the region's largest business newspaper. The list ranks the growth of local companies based on percentage of growth in total sales and number of U.S. employees over a three-year period.

Over the most recent period, The Hamister Group, Inc. delivered a growth rate of 41.5 percent and 2008 sales of \$43.6 million.

"Our growth is fueled by great people," said Mark E. Hamister, Chairman and CEO, The Hamister Group, Inc. "Each and every day, our team of co-workers focuses on providing guests at our hotel and healthcare properties the service they expect and demand with the compassion and attention they deserve. The fact that we were able to deliver strong numbers in 2008, even as the economic climate was beginning to take its toll on every sector of the economy, is a testament to our dedicated team of professionals."

Of the companies which comprised this year's Fast Track 50 list, The Hamister Group, Inc. ranked second in number of employees, seventh in 2008 sales and eighth in growth rate among companies with 2008 sales of \$24 million or more.

Success has been a hallmark of The Hamister Group, Inc. and its affiliated companies. In fact, Hamister-affiliated companies have been ranked in six of the eight years in which the Fast Track 50 list has been compiled.

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The Hamister Group, Inc. is a leader in healthcare and hotel management, with over 30 years of experience and a solid management portfolio in the eastern United States. The company has a proven record of superior management results and today employs nearly 1,000 co-workers at its facilities in New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Kentucky. The hotels and healthcare businesses managed by The Hamister Group, Inc. consistently achieve the highest honors in guest satisfaction and operations excellence. For more information, visit [www.hamistergroup.com](http://www.hamistergroup.com).