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**SPARTAN INVEST HONORED AS BRONZE STEVIE® AWARD WINNERS FOR
FASTEST GROWING COMPANY OF THE YEAR AND REAL ESTATE COMPANY
OF THE YEAR IN 2018 AMERICAN BUSINESS AWARDS®**

Spartan accepted awards June 11 in New York City

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – May 3, 2018 – [Spartan Invest](#), a real estate investment firm in Birmingham, Ala., was recently named a Bronze Stevie® Award winner in two categories of the 2018 American Business Awards: Fastest Growing Company of the Year (Up to 100 Employees) and Company of the Year for Real Estate (Small). Spartan was recognized at an awards ceremony and gala held at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York City, N.Y., on June 11 where they accepted the awards.

Nicknamed the Stevies® for the Greek word meaning “crowned,” the American Business Awards are the nation’s premier business awards program, recognizing organizations including public and private, for-profit and non-profit, large and small. This year, more than 3,700 nominations from organizations of all sizes and in virtually every industry were submitted for consideration in a wide range of categories.

“It’s a great honor to be recognized as one of the nation’s Fastest Growing Companies of the Year and for Company of the Year for Real Estate,” says Stephanie Devine, director of property management, who attended the gala and accepted the awards on behalf of Spartan. “Our team works hard to ensure that we are the very best at what we do, and the growth and success Spartan has experienced is, in large part, due to that philosophy.”

More than 200 professionals worldwide participated in the judging process to select this year’s Stevie® Award winners. Judges were struck by Spartan’s dedication to providing a service far above the average for its area. They praised Spartan for its quality, exceptional growth and top leadership, while noting that “with the amount of jobs that they are providing with their subcontractors in the metro area, they definitely have a bigger footprint than is indicated just within the core company.”

“The nominations submitted for the 2018 American Business Awards were outstanding,” said Michael Gallagher, president and founder of the Stevie® Awards. “The competition was intense, and those recognized as Stevie Award winners should be immensely proud of this accomplishment.”

Spartan's executives have created five brands and four companies since founding Spartan Value Investors, the holding company for Spartan Invest and the rest of the conglomerate. They have overseen the formation of Alabama Rental Property and Spartan Realty, while also obtaining the largest franchise license for WeBuyHouses.com for mid and lower Alabama.

Through the development of his company, President and Founder Clayton Mobley has taken over Alabama real estate in just a matter of years. In August 2017, Spartan made the Inc. 5000 list for the fourth consecutive year, ranking no. 1098 on the list with an impressive 384 percent growth rate and \$22.7 million in revenue. Furthermore, Spartan is currently ranked no. 11 in the Top Companies in Alabama list for 2017.

The company has grown from one staff member to 22 with an employee turnover rate of less than three percent. Spartan has also gone from its initial 15 contractors and vendors to now over 200. As one of the three largest house buyers in the state of Alabama, Spartan injected over \$12 million in construction costs into the Birmingham-metro area in 2017, keeping over 150 general contractors, sub-contractors and specialists employed locally. With 623 rental properties currently under management and an estimated 240 houses to be sold this year, Spartan expects to see revenue continue its explosive growth, projecting \$30 million in revenue this year.

Through the team's hard work and innovative entrepreneurship, Spartan has inadvertently increased the overall market value of Birmingham real estate, making the city an up-and-coming gold mine for real estate investors both locally, nationally and even internationally.

"I am so proud of Spartan's growth and the impact our team has had in the Birmingham Business community," says Lindsay Davis, CEO of Spartan Invest. "It is a privilege to lead such a talented team, and our whole Spartan family celebrates as we are recognized for these awards."

To find out more about Spartan Invest, visit www.spartaninvest.com. For more about the American Business Awards and a list of 2018 Stevie® winners, visit StevieAwards.com/ABA.

About Spartan Invest

Spartan Invest, along with Spartan Value Investors, LLC, is a full-service, real estate investment firm specializing in residential rental properties that helps investors create passive income and wealth through ownership of turnkey rental properties in the stable, high-yield market of Birmingham, Ala. Spartan purchases and renovates each property, assists with the investor purchase process and then provides ongoing property management including leasing services. Spartan's goal is to be a company that progressive and independent-minded investors can rely upon and trust to offer exceptional service and value.

About the Stevie Awards

Stevie® Awards are conferred in seven programs: the Asia-Pacific Stevie® Awards, the German Stevie Awards, The American Business Awards®, The International Business Awards®, the Stevie Awards for Women in Business, the Stevie Awards for Great Employers and the Stevie Awards for Sales & Customer Service. Stevie® Awards competitions receive more than 10,000 entries each year from organizations in more than 60 nations. Honoring organizations of all types and sizes and the people behind them, the Stevies recognize outstanding performances in the workplace worldwide. Learn more about the Stevie® Awards at <http://www.StevieAwards.com>.