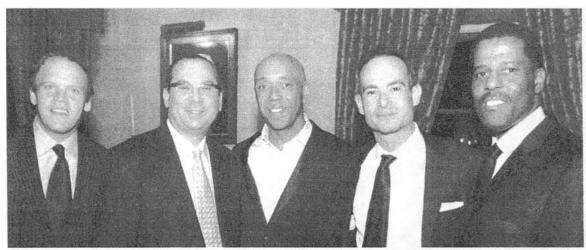
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Rodney Propp, chairman of Tahl Propp Equities, was honored by The Foundation for Ethnic Understanding (FFEU) for his personal and professional efforts to strengthen race relations and promote ethnic tolerance and diversity in the Harlem community. More than 140 guests, including Joseph Tahl, the president of Tahl Propp Equities and Mr. Propp's partner, attended the organization's annual New York Fall Benefit held at the Estee Lauder House in New York City. Other noteworthy attendees included New York City Comptroller William C. Thompson; Jerrid Douglas, president, 100 Black Men of New Jersey; actor/musician Busta Rhymes; and Reverend Jacques Andre De Graff, Spiritual Leader, the Canaan Baptist Church of Harlem. Russell Simmons, the well-known hip-hop impresario, philanthropist and the Foundation's chairman, and Rabbi Marc Schneier, the Foundation's president, presented the 2008 Joseph Papp Racial Harmony award to Mr. Propp for his and his partner's commitment to the renewal and expansion of affordable housing in Harlem. More than 85% of Tahl Propp's Harlem portfolio is reserved for families of low and moderate income levels. Pictured I-r: Mark Ein, founder and CEO, Venturehouse Group, LLC; FFEU president, Rabbi Marc Schneier; FFEU chairman, Russell Simmons; Mr.Propp; Janus Holder, chairman and CEO, EJE Travel Retail.