



**June 28, 2012, Chicago.** Global M&A Network honored the winners from the restructuring, distressed M&A and turnaround communities in fifty-four awards categories, consisting of diverse restructuring styles and sizes at the annual awards gala ceremony held at the University Club of Chicago. The master of ceremonies, Ms. Andrea Metcalf, once again made the evening gala fun by giving the winners the option to do push-ups or quote a memorable line from a movie!

"The Turnaround Atlas Awards is an opportunity to acknowledge some of the hard-work completed by the restructuring communities that have revitalized many companies and saved other companies in part or whole through asset sales. Winners should take pride for effecting number of successful restructurings, demonstrating their creativity, patience and professional talents." said, Shanta Kumari, managing partner and chief executive officer of Global M&A Network. •

Private Equity and Corporate Turnaround Team of the Year was awarded to Patriarch Partners and Station Casinos respectively. The coveted Turnaround Consultant of the Year award honorees included Lisa Donahue and team at AlixPartners for the "Global/Large" assignments; Jim Nugent and team from Mesirov Financial Consulting for the "Middle Markets" segment; and Robert Katz and team at the Executive Sounding Board Associates for the "Boutique" assignment category.

Restructuring Investment Banker team award winners included Neil Augustine and team from Rothschild in the "Global/Large" market segment for closing several transactions including the sale of Blockbuster; Geoffrey Richards and team at William Blair in the "Middle Markets" segment for the sale of Giordano's Enterprises; and Peter Kaufman and team at the Gordian Group in the "Boutique" restructuring assignment category.

Recipient of Restructuring Lawyer of the Year awarded to Paul Silverstein and team at Andrews Kurth in the "Global/Large" segment for Chapter 11 reorganization of FairPoint Communications; and Keith Shapiro and the team at Greenberg Traurig for several transactions in the "Middle Markets" restructuring assignment category.

The annual awards gala followed the *Distressed M&A and Restructuring Intelligence Forum*. The Forum theme this year was on "restructuring for performance, how to achieve sustainable growth" as well as featured a provocative discussion on how the bankruptcy trends are impacting the players from the industry.

Mike Heisley spoke at lunch about owning the NBA team Memphis Grizzlies and the pending sale of the team. Lynn Tilton, delivered the closing keynote remarks about renewing the manufacturing sector, creating jobs and revitalizing communities across America.

A complete list of Firm of the Year, and turnaround deal/assignment winners is listed below.

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► **Submissions for *Directory + Review of "Go To"* :**

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The report includes key findings from the annual Forum, contributed articles, profile of winners, and significantly, a ***Directory + Review*** of "Go To" in the following categories:

- (a) investment banks with restructuring and bankruptcy practice;
- (b) law firms with restructuring and bankruptcy practice; and
- (c) turnaround and crisis consulting organizations.

Deadline to submit your firm and team information is July 26th. Please contact us for details.

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**ABOUT:** Gold standard of Performance, the annual TURNAROUND ATLAS AWARDS honors excellence from the restructuring and turnaround communities, world-wide. For 2012 a total 204 deal nominees were eligible to compete in thirty four (34) categories of turnaround deals of the year. Beyond the transactional categories, winners in ten (10) firm of the year and ten (10) professional turnaround teams were honored. Over the last five years, winners are selected based on the deal/assignment performance criteria/index, by an independent advisory group.

**ABOUT:** Global M&A Network is a diversified information, media and conference connecting company. We exclusively serve the mergers, acquisitions, alternative investors, restructuring and turnaround communities. We produce educational and networking centered forums and the highly regarded M&A ATLAS AWARDS world-wide.

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**TOP FIRM** *of the Year*  
**AWARDS WINNERS**

PRIVATE EQUITY TURNAROUND  
FIRM *of the* YEAR  
**WINNER:** Versa Capital Management.

GLOBAL RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT  
BANK *of the* YEAR  
**WINNER:** Rothschild Group

GLOBAL RESTRUCTURING LAW  
FIRM *of the* YEAR  
**WINNER:** Weil Gotshal & Manges, LLP

GLOBAL TURNAROUND CONSULTING  
FIRM *of the* YEAR  
**WINNER:** FTI Consulting

MID MARKETS RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT  
BANK *of the* YEAR  
**WINNER:** Duff & Phelps, LLC

MID MARKETS TURNAROUND CONSULTING  
FIRM *of the* YEAR  
**WINNER:** Huron Consulting Group

MID MARKETS LAW  
FIRM *of the* YEAR  
**WINNER:** Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones, LLP

BOUTIQUE RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT  
BANK *of the* YEAR  
**WINNER:** SSG Capital Advisors

BOUTIQUE TURNAROUND CONSULTING  
FIRM *of the* YEAR  
**WINNER:** O'Keefe and Associates

BANKRUPTCY SOLUTIONS  
PROVIDER *of the* YEAR  
**WINNER:** BMC Group

**LEARN MORE** about the "Go to", *Firm of the Year* winners in the *Distressed M&A and Turnaround Intelligence Report*, published September 2012.

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**TEAM** *of the Year*  
**AWARDS WINNERS**

*Note: Selection is based on a single award winning transaction.*

PRIVATE EQUITY TURNAROUND  
TEAM *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Patriarch Partners, led by Lynn Tilton, CEO and Principal.

CORPORATE TURNAROUND  
TEAM *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Station Casinos, LLC, Marc Falcone, EVP, Chief Financial Officer & team.

GLOBAL (Large)  
TURNAROUND CONSULTANT *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** AlixPartners, Lisa Donahue, Managing Director, Co-head Turnaround and Restructuring practice, & team.

GLOBAL (Large)  
RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT BANKER *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Rothschild, Neil A. Augustine, Executive Vice Chairman of North American GFA, Co-Chair of the North American Debt Advisory and Restructuring Group, & team.

GLOBAL (Large)  
RESTRUCTURING LAWYER *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Andrews Kurth, Paul N. Silverstein, Partner, Partner, Co-Chair, Bankruptcy & Restructuring practice, & team.

MID MARKETS  
TURNAROUND CONSULTANT *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Mesirow Financial Consulting, James E. Nugent, Senior Managing Director, & team.

MID MARKETS  
RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT BANKER *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** William Blair & Co., Geoffrey Richards, Managing Director, Head of Special Situations & Restructuring, & team.

MID MARKETS  
RESTRUCTURING LAWYER *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Greenberg Traurig, Keith J. Shapiro, Chairman, Chicago Office and Co-Chair, Business Reorganization & Financial Restructuring Practice, & team.

BOUTIQUE  
RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT BANKER *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Gordian Group, Peter S. Kaufman, President, & team.

BOUTIQUE TURNAROUND  
CONSULTANT *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Executive Sounding Board Associates, Robert Katz, Managing Director & team.

**LEARN MORE** about the "star" *Turnaround Team of the Year* winners in the *Distressed M&A and Turnaround Intelligence Report*, published September 2012.

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## TURNAROUND *of the Year* AWARDS WINNERS

*NOTE: It is the deal/assignment that wins. Trophy is presented to a representative of the turnaround team or as nominated.*

### TURNAROUND *of the YEAR* | Small Markets

*(Qualified as restructuring value above a \$5 million to below \$50 million.)*

**WINNER:** Lower Bucks Hospital restructuring and recapitalization.

*Presented to:* SSG Capital Advisors, Executive Sounding Board Associates, Deloitte/CRG, part of Deloitte Financial Advisory Services

### TURNAROUND *of the YEAR* | Small Mid Markets

*(Qualified as restructuring value above a \$50 million to below \$250 million.)*

**WINNER:** Giordano's Enterprises, Inc. Chapter 11 reorganization and sale under bankruptcy to Victory Park Capital and Origin Capital.

*Presented to:* Victory Park Capital, William Blair & Co, Bryan Cave, LLP, Vedder Price, LLP

### TURNAROUND *of the YEAR* | Middle Markets

*(Qualified as restructuring value above a \$250 million to below \$500 million.)*

**WINNER:** PlayPower, Holdings Inc. restructuring. and recapitalization.

*Presented to:* Mackinac Partners, Miller Buckfire & Co, Willkie Farr & Gallagher, LLP

### TURNAROUND *of the YEAR* | Upper Mid Markets

*(Qualified as restructuring value above a \$500 million to below a billion.)*

**WINNER:** Satélites Mexicanos S.A. de C.V. pre-packaged Chapter 11 restructuring and recapitalization.

*Presented to:* Greenberg Traurig, LLP

*Acknowledgement:* Centerbridge Partners, L.P

### TURNAROUND *of the YEAR* | Large Markets

*(Qualified as restructuring value above a \$billion.)*

**WINNER:** Japan Airlines Corporation restructuring under the Corporate Reorganization Act of Japan

*Presented to, & Acknowledgement:* Enterprise Turnaround Initiative Corporation of Japan, Nishimura & Asahi

### CROSS BORDER TURNAROUND *of the YEAR* | Middle Markets

*(Qualified as value range between \$5 million to \$750 million, involving several "foreign" counterparties.)*

**WINNER:** Tubo de Pasteje SA de CV and Cambridge-Lee Holdings Inc, subsidiaries of Industrias Unidas reorganization.

*Presented to:* Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP

### CROSS BORDER TURNAROUND *of the YEAR* | Large Markets

*(Qualified as value above \$750 million, involving overseas entities.)*

**WINNER:** Nakheel PJSC. financial restructuring and separation from the Dubai World Group.

*Presented to:* Rothschild Group

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## DEALS & ASSIGNMENTS *of the Year* AWARDS WINNERS

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### COMMUNITY REVIVAL DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Patriarch Partners, LLC acquisition of Gorham Paper Mill from Counsel RB Capital, LLC and its affiliate, FP Acquisitions.

*Presented to:* Patriarch Partners, LLC

*Winner Deal Circle includes:* SSG Capital Advisors

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### OUT of COURT RESTRUCTURING DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Al-Ittefaq Steel Products Company (ISPC) financial restructuring.

*Presented to:* Latham & Watkins, LLP

*Winner Deal Circle includes:* Baker & McKenzie, LLC

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### PRE-PACKAGED RESTRUCTURING DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Lee Enterprises Inc pre-packaged Chapter 11 restructuring.

*Presented to:* Blackstone Advisory Partners

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### PRIVATE EQUITY TURNAROUND DEAL *of the YEAR*

*(Qualified as acquisition of underperforming or assets from bankruptcy above \$50 million.)*

**WINNER:** American Laser Skincare LLC Chapter 11 reorganization and acquisition by Versa Capital Management.

*Presented to:* Versa Capital Management, Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Zolfo Cooper, LLC

*Winners Deal Circle includes:* SSG Capital Advisors

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### CORPORATE TURNAROUND *of the YEAR* | Small Mid Markets

*(Qualified as in the range above \$5 mm to \$150 million)*

**WINNER:** Wolverine Tube Chapter 11 reorganization.

*Presented to:* Deloitte/CRG, part of Deloitte Financial Advisory Services, Proskauer Rose LLP, SSG Capital Advisors

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### CORPORATE TURNAROUND *of the YEAR* | Middle Markets

*(Qualified as in the range above \$150 mm to \$750 million)*

**WINNER:** Sbarro Inc. pre-arranged reorganization.

*Presented to:* Sbarro Inc., Rothschild

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### CORPORATE TURNAROUND *of the YEAR* | Large Markets

*(Qualified as debt value above \$ 750 million.)*

**WINNER:** Station Casinos LLC Chapter 11 reorganization.

*Presented to:* Station Casinos LLC

*Winners Deal Circle includes:* Greenberg Traurig

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### SPECIAL SITUATION M&A

DEAL *of the YEAR* | Small Mid Markets (Qualified as deal size above \$5 and below \$250 million)

**WINNER:** ArchBrook Laguna Holdings LLC sale of assets under Section 363 of the bankruptcy code to Gordon Brothers Group.

*Presented to:* Gordon Brothers Group

### SPECIAL SITUATION M&A

DEAL *of the YEAR* | Middle Markets (Qualified as deal size above \$250 and below \$750 million)

**WINNER:** Blockbuster Inc Chapter 11 reorganization and sale to Dish Network Corporation

*Presented to:* Rothschild, Cooley, LLP

*Winners Deal Circle includes:* Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP

### SPECIAL SITUATION M&A

DEAL *of the YEAR* | Large Markets (Qualified as deal size above \$750 million)

**WINNER:** Innkeepers USA Trust Chapter 11 reorganization and sale to Cerberus Capital Management and Chatham Lodging Trust.

*Presented to:* AlixPartners, Beilinson Advisory Group, Schulte Roth & Zabel, LLP

### CROSS BORDER DISTRESSED M&A

DEAL *of the YEAR* | Middle Markets (Qualified as deal size above \$5 million and below \$500 million.)

**WINNER:** A.M. Todd Group, Inc. restructuring and sale to WILD Flavors GmbH

*Presented to:* O'Keefe and Associates

### CROSS BORDER DISTRESSED M&A

DEAL *of the YEAR* | Large Markets (Qualified as deal size above \$500 million)

**WINNER:** Rockstar Bidco consortium acquisition of patent portfolio of Nortel Networks.

*Presented to:* Rockstar Bidco, Capstone Advisory Group

### CHAPTER 11 REORGANIZATION

DEAL *of the YEAR* | Small Mid Markets (Qualified as restructuring value above \$5 million and below \$250 million.)

**WINNER:** Vibrant Living Communities & Services reorganization and sale to LifeSpace and Senior Housing Properties Trust.

*Presented to:* Mesirow Financial Consulting, Ungaretti & Harris, LLP

### CHAPTER 11 REORGANIZATION

DEAL *of the YEAR* | Middle Markets (Qualified as restructuring value above \$250 million and below \$750 million.)

**WINNER:** Dallas Stars LP prepackaged reorganization and sale to Dallas Sports & Entertainment.

*Presented to:* Baker & McKenzie, LLP. Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

### CHAPTER 11 REORGANIZATION

DEAL *of the YEAR* | Large Markets (Qualified as restructuring value above \$750 million.)

**WINNER:** Capmark Financial Group Inc. reorganization.

*Presented to:* Loughlin Management + Company, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, Mo Meghji

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### CONSUMER PRODUCTS TURNAROUND *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Neways Enterprises restructuring and recapitalization

*Presented to:* Z Capital Partners

### ENERGY & SERVICES TURNAROUND *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** CNOOC Limited acquisition of OPTI Canada Inc.

*Presented to:* Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP

### FINANCIAL SERVICES TURNAROUND *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** PJSC Kreditprombank financial restructuring.

*Presented to:* Salans LLP

### FOOD & BEVERAGE TURNAROUND *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Contessa Premium Foods Inc. Chapter 11 reorganization and sale to Sun Capital Partners.

*Presented to:* Arent Fox LLP, Kelley Drye & Warren LLP

*Winners Deal Circle includes:* Pachulski Stang Ziehl Young

### HEALTHCARE SERVICES TURNAROUND *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Saint Vincents Catholic Medical Centers of New York creation of Health Center by Saint Vincent and sale of the Manhattan Campus to RSV, LLC

*Presented to:* Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP

### INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING TURNAROUND *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Rotonics Manufacturing restructuring and consolidation of operations.

*Presented to:* Lake Pointe Partners

### GAMING & HOSPITALITY TURNAROUND *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Golden Gaming Inc financial restructuring.

*Presented to:* Team consisting of Craig Barbarosh, Karen Dine, Bill Freeman.

### MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT TURNAROUND *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Caribe Media Inc. Chapter 11 reorganization.

*Presented to:* Loughlin Management + Company, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TURNAROUND *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Alexander Gallo Holdings LLC Chapter 11 reorganization and sale to Bayside Capital, an affiliate of H.I.G. Capital.

*Presented to:* Gordian Group

*Winners Deal Circle includes:* Cooley, LLP

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### PHARMACEUTICAL TURNAROUND *of the* YEAR

**WINNER:** Graceway Pharmaceuticals Chapter 11 reorganization and sale to Medicis Pharmaceutical Corp

*Presented to:* Latham & Watkins, LLP

*Winners Deal Circle includes:* Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, Mo Meghji

### REAL ESTATE & HOSPITALITY TURNAROUND *of the* YEAR

**WINNER:** Inspirada/South Edge LLC Chapter 11 reorganization.

*Presented to:* FTI Consulting.

*Winners Deal Circle includes:* Loughlin Management + Company, Mo Meghji

### TELECOM & TECHNOLOGY TURNAROUND *of the* YEAR

**WINNER:** FairPoint Communications, Inc. Chapter 11 reorganization.

*Presented to:* AlixPartners, Andrews Kurth, LLP, Rothschild

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