



# TURNAROUND ATLAS AWARDS

## CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS CIRCLE 2011

**June 19, 2011:** A record fifty awards were presented by Ms. Andrea Metcalf, Entrepreneur, Contributor to NBC Chicago, Oprah.com and the author of *Naked Fitness* at the annual TURNAROUND ATLAS AWARDS GALA.

"The past year spotlighted some of the most innovative judicial and non-judicial restructurings and showcases the ingenuity and resiliency of the professionals involved." said Shanta Kumari, managing partner and chief executive officer at Global M&A Network. "Winners should take pride for completing a remarkable variety of turnarounds demonstrating their resourcefulness, professional talents and leadership." she added.

The evening featured Hamilton Place Strategies Partners Tony Fratto, who served as Assistant Secretary at the U.S. Treasury Department and as White House Principal Deputy Press Secretary to President George W. Bush along with Steve McMillin, the former Deputy Director at the Office of Management and Budget, on "**Debt Divide: The Politics of Deficit.**" Approximately 80 percent of the attendees agreed when asked, "If they expected a compromise on raising the debt limit before to August, 2011?"; all the while, less than 20 percent agreed on "Do you anticipate major cuts in the budget prior to 2012 elections?", in an informal show of hands snap survey.

Gold standard of performance, the annual awards exclusively honors excellence in assignments and deals completed from the restructuring, reorganization and turnaround communities, world-wide. This year 184 finalists were eligible competitors in 30 categories of transactional awards. In addition to the transactional categories, the evening honored eleven (11) industry executive award recipients and separately, nine (9) firms for advising on top transactions for the year. Winners are selected based on "performance" criteria by an independent awards advisory group.

The annual Awards Gala and the day-long Distressed M&A Intelligence Forum was held at The Westin Michigan in Chicago. This year's theme was "Turnarounds in the New Normal Economy", and the forum featured leading voices from the corporate, private equity, consultants, financial and legal industry professionals on the most significant issues impacting the reorganization, restructuring and turnaround industries world-wide.

**About: Global M&A Network** is a diversified information, media and conference connecting company. We serve the mergers, acquisitions, alternative investing, restructuring and turnaround communities, world-wide. We produce educational and networking centered forums and the highly regarded and prestigious M&A ATLAS AWARDS world-wide. The dealmaker SPOT●LIGHT weekly editorial profiles an exceptional executive from the corporate, private equity, venture capital, investment bank and legal deal communities.

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## CONGRATULATIONS to 2011 WINNERS CIRCLE:

TURNAROUND LEADERSHIP ACHEIVEMENT, *Award Recipient:*

**RALPH S. TULIANO**, President and Executive Managing Director, Mesiraw Financial Consulting, LLC

Mr. Tuliano has twenty plus years of experience providing litigation, forensic accounting, valuation, restructuring and related services on a variety of assignments. Example engagements include serving as a financial expert in the Lyondell Chemical Company fraudulent conveyance litigation, advisor to The Tribune Company and a solvency/valuation expert in the Enron "Mega Complaint" litigation, among countless other assignments.

CORPORATE TURNAROUND EXECUTIVE *of the Year.*

*Award Recipient:* Michael J. Lotz, President & Chief Financial Officer, and Mesa Air Group team.

PRIVATE EQUITY TURNAROUND DEALMAKER *of the Year.*

*Award Recipient:* Jordan Katz, Managing Director, The Gores Group

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## CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS CIRCLE 2011

### GLOBAL RESTRUCTURING EXECUTIVE

*Eligibility and selection based leading and successfully completing a large (5 billion+) complex assignment, among additional attributes. Significantly, the assignment must have won in major award category.*

#### GLOBAL TURNAROUND CONSULTANT *of the Year*

*Award Recipient:* James Mesterharm, Managing Director, AlixPartners

#### GLOBAL RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT BANKER *of the Year*

*Award Recipient:* Timothy Coleman, Senior Managing Director and Head of Restructuring & Reorganization, The Blackstone Group

#### GLOBAL RESTRUCTURING LAWYER *of the Year*

*Award Recipient:* James H.M. Sprayregen, Partner, Restructuring, Kirkland & Ellis LLP

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### MIDDLE MARKET RESTRUCTURING EXECUTIVE

*Eligibility and selection based leading and successfully completing a mid-market (below 1 billion) complex assignment, among additional attributes. Significantly, the assignment must have won in major award category.*

#### MIDDLE MARKET TURNAROUND CONSULTANT *of the Year*

*Award Recipient:* Michael Gries, Co-founder and Principal, Conway Del Genio Gries & Co. LLC

#### MIDDLE MARKET RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT BANKER *of the Year award recipient:*

*Award Recipient:* J. Soren Reynertson, Managing General Partner, GLC Advisors & Company

#### MIDDLE MARKET RESTRUCTURING LAWYER *of the Year*

*Award Recipient:* Robert J. Stark, Partner, Brown Rudnick LLP

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### BOUTIQUE RESTRUCTURING EXECUTIVE

*Eligibility and selection based leading and successfully completing a boutique (below 250 million), complex assignment, among additional attributes. Significantly, the assignment must have won in major award category.*

#### BOUTIQUE TURNAROUND CONSULTANT *of the Year*

*Award Recipient:* Michael J. McCauley, Managing Director, Phoenix Management Services, Inc.

#### BOUTIQUE RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT BANKER *of the Year*

*Award Recipient:* J. Scott Victor, Founding Partner and Managing Director, SSG Capital Advisors, LLC

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### TURNAROUND ATLAS AWARD *of the Year*

*Size qualified per pre-restructuring obligations. Trophy presented nominee of the assignment or as invited.*

#### TURNAROUND *of the Year* (\$5 billion plus)

WINNER: Dubai World.

*Presented to:* Deloitte, Rothschild Inc, Latham & Watkins, LLP

#### TURNAROUND *of the Year* (\$1 billion plus)

WINNER: Visteon Corporation.

*Presented to:* The Visteon Corporation, GLC Advisors, Sagent Advisors, Brown Rudnick

*Winner Circle includes:* Rothschild Inc, Kirkland & Ellis, LLP, Alvarez & Marsal, Inc

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### TURNAROUND ATLAS AWARD *of the Year (Continued)*

TURNAROUND *of the Year* (\$500 million plus):

WINNER: Texas Rangers Baseball Partners Reorganization and sale to Rangers Baseball Express

*Presented to:* CRG Partners Group LLC

*Winner Circle includes:* Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

TURNAROUND *of the Year* (\$100 million plus):

WINNER: DavCo Restaurants, Inc.

*Presented to:* Conway Mackenzie, Inc.

*Winner Circle includes:* Kirkland & Ellis, LLP

TURNAROUND *of the Year* (\$5 million plus):

WINNER: Acquisition and reorganization of Urban Brands Inc (Ashley Stewart) by GB Merchant Partners.

*Presented to:* GB Merchant Partners, Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP

### MAJOR AWARDS *of the Year*

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PRIVATE EQUITY TURNAROUND DEAL *of the Year*

WINNER: The Gores Group acquisition of National Envelope Corp.

*Presented to:* The Gores Group, William Blair & Company, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, Latham & Watkins, LLP

CROSS BORDER TURNAROUND DEAL *of the Year*

WINNER: Spansion Inc.

*Presented to:* Gordian Group, Brown Rudnick, LLP

*Winner Circle includes:* Latham & Watkins, LLP

OUT of COURT RESTRUCTURING *of the Year* | LARGE

WINNER: International Lease Finance Corporation, subsidiary of American International Group.

*Presented to:* The Blackstone Group

OUT of COURT RESTRUCTURING *of the Year* | MIDDLE MARKET

WINNER: Franciscan Sisters of Chicago Services Corporation.

*Presented to:* Mesriow Financial Consulting, LLC

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CORPORATE TURNAROUND DEAL *of the Year* (\$5 billion plus)

WINNER: AbitibiBowater Inc.

*Presented to:* AbitibiBowater Inc, The Blackstone Group

CORPORATE TURNAROUND DEAL *of the Year* (\$1 billion plus)

WINNER: Mesa Air Group.

*Presented to:* Mesa Air Group, Imperial Capita LLC, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones, LLP, Morrison & Foerster, LLP

CORPORATE TURNAROUND DEAL *of the Year* (\$500 million plus)

WINNER: Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.

*Presented to:* Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel, LLP

CORPORATE TURNAROUND DEAL *of the Year* (\$5 million plus)

WINNER: Loehmman Holdings Inc.

*Presented to:* Clear Thinking Group, LLC, Togut, Segal & Segal, LLP, Hahn & Hessen, LLP

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### MAJOR AWARDS *of the Year (Continued)*

#### PRE-PACKAGED REORGANIZATION *of the Year* | LARGE

WINNER: The Reader's Digest Association, Inc.

*Presented to:* Kirkland & Ellis, LLP

*Winner Circle includes:* AlixPartners

#### PRE-PACKAGED REORGANIZATION *of the Year* | MIDDLE MARKET

WINNER: Electrical Components International, Inc.

*Presented to:* Electrical Components International, Inc.

*Winner Circle includes:* Rothschild Inc., Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP

#### CHAPTER 11 REORGANIZATION *of the Year* | LARGE

WINNER: General Growth Properties, Inc. reorganization and spin-off company, The Howard Hughes Corporation

*Presented to:* Thomas Nolan Jr. Former President and Chief Operating Officer, General Growth Properties,

AlixPartners, Kirkland & Ellis, LLP

*Winner Circle includes:* Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP

#### CHAPTER 11 REORGANIZATION *of the Year* | UPPER MIDDLE MARKETS

WINNER: Atrium Companies Inc.

*Presented to:* Kirkland & Ellis, LLP

#### CHAPTER 11 REORGANIZATION *of the Year* | MIDDLE MARKETS

WINNER: FX Luxury Las Vegas

*Presented to:* Haynes and Boone, LLP, Carl Marks Advisory Group, LLC

#### CHAPTER 11 REORGANIZATION *of the Year* | SMALL MID-MARKETS

WINNER: TLC Vision reorganization and acquisition by Charlesbank Capital Partners and H.I.G. Capital

*Presented to:* Conway Del Genio Gries & Co. LLC, Proskauer Rose, LLP

#### SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL *of the Year* | MIDDLE MARKETS

WINNER: Marquis Jet acquisition by NetJets Inc.

*Presented to:* Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt Mosle, LLP

#### SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL *of the Year* | SMALL MID-MARKETS

WINNER: WM Coffman LLC acquisition by Prophet Equity.

*Presented to:* Prophet Equity, Phoneix Management Services, Inc, SSG Capital Advisors, LLC

*Winner Circle includes:* Hahn & Hessen, LLP

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### INDUSTRY AWARDS *of the Year*

#### BASIC RESOURCES TURNAROUND *of the Year*

WINNER: TRONOX, Inc.

*Presented to:* Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, LLP

*Winners Circle includes:* Rothschild Inc, Kirkland & Ellis, LLP, Alvarez & Marsal, Inc.

#### CONSUMER GOODS & SERVICES TURNAROUND *of the Year*

WINNER: Uno Restaurant Holdings Corporation.

*Presented to:* Cooley Godward Kronish LLP

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

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### INDUSTRY AWARDS *of the Year (Continued)*

#### ENERGY INDUSTRY & SERVICES TURNAROUND *of the Year*

WINNER: Flying J Inc.

*Presented to:* The Blackstone Group, Brown Rudnick, LLP

*Winners Circle includes:* Kirkland & Ellis, LLP

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

WINNER: Philadelphia Media Holdings reorganization and sale.

*Presented to:* Proskauer Rose, LLP, Alvarez & Marsal, Inc.

#### INDUSTRIAL & MANUFACTURING TURNAROUND *of the Year*

WINNER: Smurfit-Stone Container Corp.

*Presented to:* GLC Advisors & Co, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel, LLP

#### HEALTHCARE TURNAROUND *of the Year*

WINNER: Sale of Chem Rx Corp to PharMerica Corp.

*Presented to:* Greenberg Traurig, LLP

#### REAL ESTATE & SERVICES TURNAROUND *of the Year*

WINNER: California Coastal Communities.

*Presented to:* Imperial Capital, LLC

#### RETAIL & SERVICES TURNAROUND *of the Year*

WINNER: Jennifer Convertibles reorganization and sale to Haining Mengnu Group Co. Ltd.

*Presented to:* TM Capital Corp.

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

WINNER: Sea Launch reorganization and acquisition of majority interest by Energia Overseas Limited.

*Presented to:* Buccino & Associates, Inc, Alston & Bird, LLP

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### FIRM AWARDS *of the Year*

#### TURNAROUND PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM *of the Year*

WINNER: Prophet Equity

*Selected on the strengths of award winning deal—WM Coffman, several completed transactions, for successfully raising fund, management team and investment strategy.*

#### GLOBAL TURNAROUND CONSULTING FIRM *of the Year*

WINNER: AlixPartners.

*Selected on the strengths of several top performing assignments notably General Growth Properties, Readers Digest, LyondellBasell Industries, etc.*

#### GLOBAL RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT BANK *of the Year*

WINNER: Rothschild, Inc.

*Selected on the strengths of several top performing assignments notably Dubai World, Visteon Corporation, Tronox, Trident Energy, etc.*

#### GLOBAL RESTRUCTURING LAW FIRM *of the Year*

WINNER: Latham & Watkins, LLP

*Selected on the strengths of several top performing assignments notably Dubai World, Spansion, Inc, National Envelope Company, Global Safety Textiles, Wind Hellas, etc.*

### FIRM AWARDS *of the Year (Continued)*

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### MIDDLE MARKET TURNAROUND CONSULTING FIRM *of the Year*

WINNER: Conway MacKenzie, Inc.

*Selected on the strengths of several top performing assignments notably DavCo Restaurants, Neenah Enterprises, JT Packard, etc.*

### MIDDLE MARKET RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT BANK *of the Year*

WINNER: Imperial Capital, LLC

*Selected on the strengths of several top performing assignments notably Mesa Air Group, California Coastal, Fairfield Residential, NCI Corporation, etc.*

### MIDDLE MARKET RESTRUCTURING LAW FIRM *of the Year*

WINNER: Greenberg Taurig LLP

*Selected on the strengths of several top performing assignments notably Chem Rx Corp, The Protective Group, Inc., investor group in the Extended Stay Hotels, Schutt Sports, Inc, etc.*

### BOUTIQUE TURNAROUND CONSULTING FIRM *of the Year*

WINNER: Buccino & Associates Inc

*Selected on the strengths of several top performing assignments notably Chapter 11 Reorganization of Sea Launch Company LLC.*

### BOUTIQUE RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT BANK *of the Year*

WINNER: Gordian Group

*Selected on the strengths of several top performing assignments notably Spansion, Ramsey Holdings, TLC Vision, etc.*

**June 14, 2012, Chicago: plan today, remove uncertainty!:**

## **DISTRESSED M&A INTELLIGENCE FORUM TURNAROUND ATLAS AWARDS GALA**

Distressed M&A Intelligence Forum precedes the awards gala and dinner ceremony.

WATCH for the new initiatives including CLE credits and added bonus features for 2012.

NOMINATIONS: We begin accepting your nominations on a rolling basis beginning from July 2011 through March 31, 2012 for deals and assignments completed any time between March 1, 2011 to March, 2012.

**PLEASE VISIT: [www.globalmanetwork.com](http://www.globalmanetwork.com)**  
for information & enter nominations for:

**ASIA M&A ATLAS AWARDS**, Hong Kong (Deadline July 2011)

**EUROPE M&A ATLAS AWARDS**, London (Deadline August 2011)

**AMERICAS M&A ATLAS AWARDS**, New York, (Deadline September 2011)

**PE & VC ATLAS AWARDS**, San Francisco (Deadline October 2011)

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