



**July 20, 2023**: Global M&A Network honored the achievements of legendary leaders, outstanding firms and best-value creating transactions from the restructuring, distressed investing and insolvency awards gala and ceremony celebrations on the evening of July 19, 2023.

"We recognized the stellar achievements of firms and transactions, exemplify excellence from the industry. Moreover, it was great to personally meet and catch up with so many executives! We value and appreciate their participation." Shanta Kumari, CEO, Global Group Editor, Global M&A Network.

The "Dean" of bankruptcy - **ALBERT TOGUT**, founding partner of Togut, Segal & Segal LLP, introduced by his mentor Van Durrer, a partner at Skadden was awarded the sole "Lifetime Leader" accolade, receiving two standing ovations, and continues to inspire us all.

With over two decades of experience, **SCOTT AVILA**, Co-Founding Partner of Paladin Management Group, received the "Restructuring Leader" award" in the consulting advisor category. Scott has successfully led over 150 complex engagements, driving change through strategic repositioning and organizational transformation. Prior to Paladin, he led restructuring teams at Deloitte and CRG Partners Group.

Much to his surprise, **ANDY GRAISER**, Co-President, Co-Founder of A&G Real Estate Partners received the "**Restructuring Leader**" award in the specialty advisor category. Andy is a trusted advisor to innumerable clients of all sizes across every sub-sector in the real estate industry. Andy along with his business partner of over 30 years, Emilio Amendola co-founded A&G Real after they had sold DJM Realty.

**SHARI L. HEYEN**, Shareholder, Co-Head of Global Restructuring & Bankruptcy Practice, Managing Shareholder, Houston, Greenberg Traurig, LLP was sole recipient of the "**Woman Restructuring Leader**" accolade. She has experience in complex restructuring, bankruptcy, and litigation matters. Significantly, she is a supporter and advocate for Diversity, Inclusion & Equity at GT Law as well as the wider business community. Natalie Ramsey, Partner, Co-chair, Bankruptcy + Reorganizations Group at Robinson & Cole, LLP, recipient of the same award last year, joined us on stage in congratulating Shari.

"The leadership award recipients are influential, respected and set an example in the industry and beyond. It was a privilege to host and honor Al, Scott, Andy, and Shari, along with a room full of highly accomplished professionals. We congratulate all the winners and wish them many more years of success", said Shanta Kumari.

**host:** Global M&A Network is a diversified information media and events connecting company; as well as the producer of world's most prestigious – M&A Atlas Awards, Turnaround Atlas Awards and Top Woman Leaders & Dealmakers Awards from New York, Chicago, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Mumbai, to London.

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## LIFETIME LEADERSHIP AWARD

## **ALBERT TOGUT**

Founding Partner
Togut, Segal & Segal LLP

Standard: Admiration for a veteran leaders' body of work, advising on novel transactions as well as influence and contributions made in the wider restructuring industries.

## RESTRUCTURING LEADERS AWARD

## SCOTT AVILA

Co-Founding Partner
Paladin Management Group

Recipient of the Restructuring Leadership Achievement Award in the consulting advisor category,

## **ANDY GRAISER**

Co-President & Co-Founder A&G Real Estate Partners

Recipient of the Restructuring Leadership Achievement Award in the specialty advisor category,

### SHARI L. HEYEN

Shareholder, Co-Head of Global Restructuring & Bankruptcy Practice, Managing Shareholder, Houston Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Recipient of the Women Leadership Achievement Award

**about:** Leaders Award is the highest honor given to a c-level executive in admiration of their long-standing accomplishments, managerial skills, as well as influence and contributions made to advance and grow their respective organizations, industries, and economy. Recipients must have over 25 years of industry experience and advised on award winning transactions.



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## OUTSTANDING FIRMS AWARD

Winners of the Year

GLOBAL TURNAROUND CONSULTING FIRM of the YEAR

**WINNER:** FTI Consulting

**GLOBAL PUBLIC RELATIONS** 

FIRM of the YEAR WINNER: FGS Global

### **USA & AMERICAS**

REAL ESTATE
RESTRUCTURING FIRM of the YEAR

**WINNER:** A&G Realty Partners

RESTRUCTURING LAW FIRM of the YEAR

WINNER: Greenberg Traurig, LLP

RESTRUCTURING
INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR
WINNER: SSG Capital Advisors

BOUTIQUE TURNAROUND
CONSULTING FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: SierraConstellation Partners

AMERICAS
PUBLIC RELATIONS
FIRM of the YEAR

**WINNER:** FTI Strategic Communications

Evaluation Criteria: (1) Track record as a lead advisor on restructuring transactions; (2) Notable transactions completed over the calendar year 2021; (3) Team leadership, experience, and expertise. (3) Must win transaction awards to be able to win firm award. League table per volume and value are irrelevant for winner selection. Except for the "Global" category, all other firm award categories were evaluated based on transactions closed in USA.



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## **TURNAROUND**

Award Winners:

TURNAROUND of the YEAR • SMALL-MID-MARKETS

**WINNER:** Corsicana Mattress Company Chapter 11 restructuring.

Winner Circle: CR3 Partners and Haynes and Boone LLP as advisors to the company, Carl

Marks Advisors to the lender.

Acknowledgement: A&G Real Estate Partners.

TURNAROUND of the YEAR • MID-MARKETS

**WINNER:** iAnthus restructuring and recapitalization. *Winner Circle:* Canaccord Genuity advised iAnthus.

TURNAROUND of the YEAR • LARGE

WINNER: Grupo Aeroméxico, S.A.B. de C.V. Chapter 11 restructuring.

Winner Circle: Grupo Aeroméxico, S.A.B., Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP counsel to Aeromexico, and

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP.

Acknowledgement: Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, legal advisor to DIP lender, Apollo Global,

Management, FTI Consulting advisor to unsecured creditors group.

#### **CROSS-BORDER TURNAROUND**

Award Winners:

CROSS BORDER TURNAROUND of the YEAR • LARGE

**WINNER:** China Fishery Group Peru Investments Chapter 11 restructuring.

*Winner Circle:* Development Specialists, Inc, a tribute to William J. Brandt Jr, and Dentons US LLP *Acknowledgement:* Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, DLA Piper, Mayer Brown LLP, Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, and FTI Consulting.

CROSS BORDER TURNAROUND of the YEAR ● MEGA

WINNER: LATAM Airlines Group Chapter 11 restructuring.

*Winner Circle:* FTI Consulting, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP advisors to the debtor, Bofill Escobar Silva Abogados, Chile legal counsel to Ad-hoc group of lenders, DLA Piper counsel to creditors, and Togut, Segal & Segal LLP, co-counsel to the debtor.

Acknowledgement: Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP counsel to Delta Air, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP counsel to restructuring of fleet, and FTI Strategic Communications.



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# REGIONAL RESTRUCTURING

Award Winners:

### **AMERICAS**

RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • MIDDLE MARKET

WINNER: Christian Care Communities & Services Chapter 11 restructuring and take over by Boncrest

Resource Group.

Winner Circle: B. Riley Advisors consultant to the company, and, Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Acknowledgement: FTI Consulting.

RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • LARGE WINNER: Alto Maipo Chapter 11 restructuring.

*Winner Circle:* Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP legal advisor to the debtor, and, Dentons US LLP *Acknowledgement:* FTI Consulting, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP and Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP

RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • MEGA

WINNER: Government of Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Financial Oversight & Management.

Winner Circle: Ernst & Young LLP, Proskauer Rose LLP advisors to Financial Oversight Management

Board, Ankura Consulting Group, Miller Buckfire, Stifel. Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP

Acknowledgement: Brown Rudnick LLP, DLA Piper, FTI Consulting, Berkeley Research Group.

### **ASIA PACIFIC**

RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

**WINNER:** Luckin Coffee off-shore debt restructuring

Winner Circle: Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP to Luckin Coffee, and DLA Piper US LLP.

### **EUROPE**

RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

**WINNER:** Nordic Aviation Capital pre-arranged Chapter 11 restructuring.

Winner Circle: Ernst & Young LLP consulting advisor to Nordic Aviation, Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP,

counsel to the Board.

Acknowledgement: Norton Rose Fulbright, US LLP, FTI Consulting, Troutman Pepper Hamilton

Sanders LLP.



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### **INVESTOR**

Award Winners:

DISTRESSED INVESTMENT

DEAL of the YEAR • LOWER MID MARKET

**WINNER:** Gordon Brothers acquires North American assets of Armstrong Flooring. *Winner Circle:* Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, legal advisor to Gordon Brothers.

Acknowledgement: FTI Consulting.

DISTRESSED INVESTMENT

DEAL of the YEAR • MIDDLE MARKETS

**WINNER:** MD Helicopters Chapter 11 restructuring and takeover by Bardin Hill Investment Partners.

Winner Circle: Bardin Hill Investment Partners, and Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP.

DISTRESSED INVESTMENT

**DEAL** of the **YEAR** • LARGE (Value Range: above \$500 million.)

WINNER: Great Value Storage Chapter 11 sale of 64 assets to joint venture of CBRE Investment

Management and William Warren Group.

Winner Circle: CBRE Investment Management, Getzler Henrich & Associates, Hilco restructuring advisor

to GVS, and Haynes and Boone, LLP legal advisor to William Warren.

RECAPITALIZATION

DEAL of the YEAR • MIDDLE MARKETS

**WINNER:** T.D. Williamson investment by SCF Partners.

Winner Circle: Raymond James & Associates exclusive advisor to T.D. Williamson.

Acknowledgement: FTI Consulting.

RECAPITALIZATION

DEAL of the YEAR • LARGE MID-MARKETS

**WINNER:** Stellex Capital Management investment in A. Stucki Company.

Winner Circle: Greenberg Traurig, LLP.



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## **INDUSTRY**

Award Winners:

CONSUMER RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

**WINNER:** BHCosmetics Holdings restructuring asset sales.

Winner Circle: Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, legal advisor to the creditors.

PHARMA & DEVICES RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

**WINNER:** Stimwave Technologies sale to Kennedy Lewis Management.

Winner Circle: Province, financial advisor to creditors.

HEALTHCARE RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

WINNER: Path Medical Center Holdings 363 sale of nearly all its assets to Physicians Group

*Winner Circle:* SSG Capital Advisors to the company, Edelboim Lieberman Revah Oshinsky PLLC and Davis Goldman, PLLC legal advisors to Path Medical, and Winston & Strawn LLP, counsel to lenders.

Acknowledgement: Greenberg Traurig, LLP

**ENERGY RESTRUCTURING** of the YEAR

**WINNER:** Latshaw Drilling non-judicial restructuring and recapitalization.

Winner Circle: Oppenheimer & Co to the company, and Carl Marks Advisors to the lenders.

ENERGY, POWER & SERVICES RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR **WINNER**: Salem Harbor Development Chapter 11 restructuring. *Winner Circle*: Mayer Brown LLP, counsel to pre-petition agent.

TMT RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • LARGE

**WINNER:** GTT Communications prepackaged Chapter 11 restructuring.

Winner Circle: Kelley Drye & Warren LLP counsel DIP lenders.

#### PRE-PACK

RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR WINNER: Lumileds Holding

Winner Circle: Lumileds, and FGS Global as public relations advisor to Lumileds.

Acknowledgement: Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP.

## **CROSS BORDER**

**DISTRESSED** M&A DEAL of the YEAR

WINNER: ION Geophysical Corporation sale of assets including "E&P Technology and Services"

assets to TGS and software business to Sercel/CGG. *Winner Circle:* Winston & Strawn LLP, legal advisor to ION.

Acknowledgement: FTI Consulting.



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# NON-JUDICIAL RESTRUCTURING Award Winners:

OUT of COURT

RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • MIDDLE MARKET

**WINNER:** E&B Natural Resources. *Winner Circle:* Oppenheimer & Co

OUT of COURT

RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR ● LARGE

**WINNER:** The GEO Group.

Winner Circle: Mayer Brown LLP. Acknowledgement: FTI Consulting.

### **SPECIAL SITUATION M&A**

Award Winners:

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A

DEAL of the YEAR ● SMALL

**WINNER:** Masten Space Systems sale to Astrobotic Technology.

Winner Circle: Gavin/Solmonese and Morris James LLP advisors to the debtor, Masten Space, and

ArentFox Schiff LLP legal counsel to Space X.

SPECIAL SITUATION

M&A DEAL of the YEAR • SMALL MID MARKETS

WINNER: Entertainment Studios Motion Pictures, backed by Allen Media Group acquires nearly all assets of

Black News Channel.

Winner Circle: Ankura Capital Advisors.

Acknowledgement: Greenberg Traurig, LLP, and Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP.

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A

DEAL of the YEAR • LOWER MID MARKETS

WINNER: AgTech Scientific Group sale of Hemo/CBD Green & Warehouse facilities from Receivership.

Winner Circle: A&G Real Estate Partners

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A

DEAL of the YEAR • MID MARKETS

WINNER: Easterday Ranches Chapter 11 Bankruptcy asset sales including Easterday Farms to

Farmland Reserve.

Winner Circle: Paladin Management Group, and B. Riley Advisors.



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### **SUBCHAPTER V**

RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

WINNER: Alliant Technologies (d/b/a TenFour) acquisition by Acuative Corporation.

Winner Circle: Eisner Advisory Group.

#### **CHAPTER 11**

Award Winners:

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • SMALL MARKETS

**WINNER:** NewAge, Inc.

Winner Circle: SierraConstellation Partners and Greenberg Traurig, LLP advisors to the company.

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR ● MID MARKETS

**WINNER:** U.S. Tobacco Cooperative Inc. *Winner Circle:* SSG Capital Advisors.

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR ● LARGE WINNER: Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.

Winner Circle: Berkeley Research Group, Norton Rose Fulbright US, LLP advisors to the debtor, and

Greenberg Traurig LLP

Acknowledgement: Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, and FTI Consulting.

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR ● MEGA

**WINNER:** Mallinckrodt plc.

Winner Circle: Province, Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP and Robinson & Cole LLP.

Acknowledgement: Morris James LLP, Greenberg Traurig LLP, Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders

LLP, and FTI Consulting.

## **Accepting Nominations**

(including distressed M&A and restructurings)

# AMERICAS & GLOBAL MARKETS M&A ATLAS AWARDS

16<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala & Ceremony October TBA, 2023, New York.

Awards gala dinner held in conjunction with:

## Growth + Deals Intelligence Forum

Information, Contact Raj Kashyap.



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