



## **CONGRATULATIONS: 2013 WINNERS CIRCLE**





**June 26, 2013, Chicago**. Global M&A Network honored the winners from the global restructuring, special situation M&A and turnaround communities in **fifty-nine** awards categories at the annual 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 a give one-word description of the deal, to do 10 push-ups or to quote a memorable line from a movie!

"Gold Standard of Performance, Turnaround Atlas Awards honors excellence and the hard-work it takes to revitalized companies. The winners should take pride for completing a number of successful restructurings this past year; demonstrating their creativity, patience, teamwork and professional talents." said, Shanta Kumari, managing partner and chief executive officer of Global M&A Network.•

The awards gala followed the Restructuring and Turnaround Intelligence Forum held earlier in the day; and included a special panel discussion: *Women Perspectives on Restructuring & Turnaround Industries*. The luncheon keynote featured Congressman, **Robert James "Bob" Dold, Jr.**Member of the U.S. House of Representative from Illinois (10th congressional district, from 2011 - 2013) and President, Rose Pest Solutions.

Additionally, **WOMEN LEADERS** and **TOP 100, Restructuring and Turnaround Professionals** lists were announced in a pre-published brochure available exclusively at the awards gala dinner. Details on the brand-new editorial feature will be published on-line in July, 2013.

**A Competitive & Credible Process**: For 2013, 320 transactions and nominations were reviewed from the world-wide restructuring communities; from which only 181 transactions were short-listed as finalists, and ultimately only 38 unique transactions won at the 5th annual awards gala ceremony held on the evening of June 25, 2013.

A Tradition of Excellence: Over the last several years, the winners are selected independently based on identifiable performance criteria such as restructuring style, pre/post financial workout, sustainability, operational/client/HR metrics, number of creditors, sector challenges, timeliness, jurisdictional intricacies; leadership; resourcefulness; among other criteria unique to the award category. Significantly, in keeping with the prestige and "Gold Standard of Performance", restructuring transactions can only compete and win at the Turnaround Atlas Awards; and are ineligible to compete at any other global awards programs hosted by Global M&A Network.

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

**About the Host:** Global M&A Network is a diversified media, news and world-class conference connecting company. The company produces high-caliber educational and networking centered forums and the Gold Standard of Performance, M&A ATLAS AWARDS, worldwide - from New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Hong Kong, Mumbai/New Delhi, to London.

Digital media products: Global M&A Deal News; the dealmaker Spotlight; WOMEN LEADERS global program; TOP 100 Restructuring and Turnaround Professionals; TOP 50 Star M&A Dealmakers global programs.

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# **OUTSTANDING FIRM** of the Year AWARDS WINNERS

PRIVATE EQUITY TURNAROUND

FIRM of the YEAR

WINNER: Aterian Investment Partners

GLOBAL TURNAROUND CONSULTING

FIRM of the YEAR

**WINNER:** Alvarez & Marsal

MID MARKETS TURNAROUND CONSULTING

FIRM of the YEAR

WINNER: GlassRatner Group

BOUTIQUE TURNAROUND CONSULTING

FIRM of the YEAR

**WINNER:** Mackinac Partners

GLOBAL RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT

BANK of the YEAR

**WINNER:** The Blackstone Group

MID MARKETS RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT

BANK of the YEAR

WINNER: Carl Marks Advisory Group

BOUTIQUE RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT

BANK of the YEAR

**WINNER:** SSG Capital Advisors

GLOBAL RESTRUCTURING LAW

FIRM of the YEAR

WINNER: Weil, Gotshal & Manges

MID MARKETS RESTRUCTURING LAW

FIRM of the YEAR WINNER: DLA Piper

BANKRUPTCY SOLUTIONS PROVIDER of the YEAR

**WINNER:** Kurtzman Carson Consultants

CRISIS & RESTRUCTURING COMMUNICATIONS

FIRM of the YEAR

**WINNER:** Sitrick and Company

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**TOP 100: Restructuring & Turnaround Professionals.** 

## RESTRUCTURING & TURNAROUND TEAM of the Year

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

## PRIVATE EQUITY TURNAROUND

TEAM of the YEAR

**AWARD RECIPEINT:** Resilience Capital Partners & team.

Co-led by Steve Rosen and Bassem Mansour, Co-Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder.

#### CORPORATE TURNAROUND

TEAM of the YEAR

AWARD RECIPEINT: Trinidad Cement Ltd & team. Dr. Rollin Bertrand, Group Chief Executive Officer.

## GLOBAL TURNAROUND CONSULTANT of the YEAR

**AWARD RECIPEINT:** Zolfo Cooper & team. Joff Mitchell, Senior Managing Director, Head of U.S. Practice. For Joff's role as the chief restructuring officer in Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding and winddown of Dewey & LeBoeuf.

# GLOBAL RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT BANKER of the YEAR

**AWARD RECIPEINT:** Rothschild & team. Co-led by Neil Augustine and Todd Snyder, Executive Vice Chairman of North American GFA, Co-Chair North American Debt Advisory and Restructuring Group.

#### GLOBAL RESTRUCTURING LAWYER of the YEAR

**AWARD RECIPEINT:** Weil, Gotshal & Manges, Marcia Goldstein, Chair of Bankruptcy & Restructuring practice and Member of Management Committee, & team.

For Marcia's recent role per various aspects of AIG restructuring, including obligations to the Federal Reserve; Washington Mutual Corporation Chapter 11 plan of reorganization, among others.

# MID MARKETS TURNAROUND CONSULTANT of the YEAR

**AWARD RECIPEINT:** Huron Consulting Group & team. Hugh Sawyer for advising on operational improvements and restructuring of Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea, Company.

# MID MARKETS RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT BANKER of the YEAR

**AWARD RECIPEINT:** Carl Marks Advisory Group, Christopher K. Wu, Partner & team. For Chris' role advising on award winning transaction Northern Berkshire Healthcare reorganization, as well as, reorganization of PJ Finance Company, 363 sale of The Monitor Group to Deloitte Consulting.

#### MID MARKETS RESTRUCTURING LAWYER of the YEAR

**AWARD RECIPEINT:** Greenberg Traurig, Nancy A. Peterman, Chair, Chicago Business Reorganization & Financial Restructuring Practice & team. For Nancy's role per award winning cross-borer transaction of Chapter 11 reorganization of ShengdaTech, Inc.

## BOUTIQUE RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT BANKER of the YEAR

**AWARD RECIPEINT:** CRS Capstone Partners & team. Brian Davies, Managing Director and Head of Restructuring Practice for restructuring of Russound.

## BOUTIQUE TURNAROUND CONSULTANT of the YEAR

**AWARD RECIPEINT:** MorrisAnderson & team. Dan Dooley, Principal and Chief Executive Officer.

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## DEALS & ASSIGNMENTS 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 | Large Markets

**WINNER:** Kerzner International Holdings out of court restructuring.

Winners Circle Acknowledgements: Kerzner International, The Blackstone Group, Willkie Farr & Gallagher, Zolfo Cooper.

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

**WINNER:** Barneys New York Inc. out of court restructuring and sale to Perry Capital and Yucaipa *Winners Circle Acknowledgements:* Willkie Farr & Gallagher, The Blackstone Group.

#### TURNAROUND of the YEAR | Middle Markets

**WINNER:** PT Arpeni Pratama Ocean Line Chapter 15 plan of reorganization.

Winners Circle Acknowledgements: Rothschild.

#### TURNAROUND of the YEAR | Small Markets

**WINNER:** Aterian Investment Partners acquisition and turnaround of Bluewater Thermal Solutions.

Winners Circle Acknowledgements: Aterian Investment Partners, Hunton & Williams.

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

**WINNER:** Drydocks World Dubai LLC and Drydocks World LLC restructuring pursuant to Decree 57. *Winners Circle Acknowledgements:* Latham & Watkins.

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

**WINNER:** A123 Systems Chapter 11 plan of reorganization and sale of non-governmental assets to Wanxiang Group.

Winners Circle Acknowledgements: Wanxiang Group, Sidley Austin, Carnegie Hudson Resources, Latham & Watkins, Lazard, Alvarez & Marsal.

#### COMMUNITY REVIVAL DEAL of the YEAR

WINNER: Central Falls, Rhode Island Chapter 9 plan of reorganization.

Winners Circle Acknowledgements: Rhode Island Office of Treasurer, Central Falls.

## CROSS BORDER SPECIAL SITUATION M&A

DEAL of the YEAR | Middle Markets

**WINNER:** Digital Domain Media Group Inc. Chapter 11 bankruptcy sale of Mothership Media and assets to Galloping Horse Film & TV Production Co Ltd and Reliance MediaWorks, joint venture.

Winners Circle Acknowledgement: FTI Consulting.

#### CROSS BORDER SPECIAL SITUATION M&A

DEAL of the YEAR | Large Markets

WINNER: Centrais Elétricas do Pará SA (CELPA) judicial restructuring and asset sale.

Winners Circle Acknowledgements: Shearman & Sterling, Felsberg, Pedretti E Mannrich Advogadoes, Rothschild.

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# SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR | Large Markets

**WINNER:** Los Angeles Dodgers Chapter 11 plan of reorganization and sale to Guggenheim Baseball Management LLC.

Winners Circle Acknowledgement: Guggenheim Baseball Management, Foley & Lardner, The Blackstone Group.

## SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR | Middle Markets

**WINNER:** Pacific Monarch Resorts Chapter 11 plan of reorganization and sale to Diamond Resorts International.

Winners Circle Acknowledgements: Mackinac Partners, Baker & McKenzie.

#### SPECIAL SITUATION M&A

DEAL of the YEAR | Small Mid Markets

**WINNER:** Blitz U.S.A Inc Chapter 11 plan of reorganization and sale of assets to Scepter Holdings Inc. *Winners Circle Acknowledgement:* SSG Capital Advisors, FTI Consulting, Zolfo Cooper.

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

WINNER: Tribune Company Chapter 11 plan of reorganization.

Winners Circle Acknowledgements: Tribune Company, Alvarez & Marsal, Lazard, Sidley Austin.

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

**WINNER:** Trinidad Cement Limited (TCL) Group restructuring.

Winners Circle Acknowledgements: Trinidad Cement Limited, Foley & Lardner, FTI Consulting.

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

**WINNER:** Russound FMP Inc. out of court restructuring. *Winners Circle Acknowledgements:* CRS Capstone Partners.

#### OUT of COURT RESTRUCTURING

of the YEAR

**WINNER:** Aquilex Corporation restructuring.

Winners Circle Acknowledgements: Rothschild, Zolfo Cooper, Alvarez & Marsal, Latham & Watkins, Weil, Gotshal & Manges.

#### FINANCING DEAL of the YEAR

WINNER: Korea Line Corporation DIP financing

Winners Circle Acknowledgement: SC Lowry.

## PRE-PACKAGED RESTRUCTURING

DEAL of the YEAR

WINNER: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company Chapter 11 plan of reorganization.

Winners Circle Acknowledgements: The Blackstone Group, Shearman & Sterling.

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## PRIVATE EQUITY TURNAROUND

DEAL of the YEAR | Large

**WINNER:** Cerberus Capital Management led restructuring and subsequent acquisition of Speymill Deutsche Immobilien Company plc from Receivership.

Winners Circle Acknowledgement: Cerberus Capital Management.

# PRIVATE EQUITY TURNAROUND DEAL of the YEAR | Middle Markets

**WINNER:** Wynnchurch Capital and Comvest Group acquisition and turnaround of United States Pipe, Foundry Company, LLC and Fast Fabricators, LLC. (U.S Pipe.)

Winners Circle Acknowledgements: Wynnchurch Capital, Comvest Group, U.S. Pipe, Foley & Lardner.

## PRIVATE EQUITY TURNAROUND

DEAL of the YEAR | Small Middle Markets

**WINNER:** Versa Capital Management acquisition of assets of United Retail Group, Inc. (Avenue Stores) under Chapter 11 of Bankruptcy Code.

Winners Circle Acknowledgements: Versa Capital Management.

#### **INSOLVENCY**

DEAL of the YEAR | Middle Markets

**WINNER:** ShengdaTech Inc. Chapter 11 of Bankruptcy.

Winners Circle Acknowledgements: Greenberg Traurig, Alvarez & Marsal.

#### **INSOLVENCY**

DEAL of the YEAR | Large Markets

**WINNER:** Lehman Brothers Holdings exit from Chapter 11 of Bankruptcy Code and liquidation of assets. *Winners Circle Acknowledgements:* Weil, Gotshal & Manges, Alvarez & Marsal, Lazard.

## **CHAPTER 11 REORGANIZATION**

DEAL of the YEAR | Large Markets

**WINNER:** General Maritime Corporation Chapter 11 plan of reorganization.

Winners Circle Acknowledgements: Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel, Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle, Shearman & Sterling.

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## CHAPTER 11 REORGANIZATION

DEAL of the YEAR | Middle Markets

**WINNER:** Reddy Ice Corporation Chapter 11 plan of reorganization and sale.

Winners Circle Acknowledgements: DLA Piper, Willkie Farr & Gallagher, Weil, Gotshal & Manges, FTI Consulting.

## CHAPTER 11 REORGANIZATION

DEAL of the YEAR | Small Mid Markets

**WINNER:** Northstar Aerospace Inc. Chapter 11 plan of reorganization and sale to affiliate of Wynnchurch Capital.

Winners Circle Acknowledgements: Wynnchurch Capital, FTI Consulting.

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#### CONSUMER PRODUCTS TURNAROUND of the YEAR

WINNER: Authentic Brands Group, LLC (ABG) acquisition of the HMX Group under Chapter 11 of

Bankruptcy Code.

Winners Circle Acknowledgements: Authentic Brands Group, DLA Piper, Greenberg Traurig.

# ENERGY & SERVICES TURNAROUND of the YEAR

**WINNER:** Dynegy Holdings Chapter 11 plan of reorganization.

Winners Circle Acknowledgements: FTI Consulting, Sidley Austin, Lazard, The Blackstone Group.

# FINANCIAL SERVICES TURNAROUND of the YEAR

WINNER: BTA Bank JSC restructuring.

Winners Circle Acknowledgement: Baker McKenzie, Lazard.

## FOOD & BEVERAGE TURNAROUND of the YEAR

**WINNER:** Real Mex Restaurants Inc. Chapter 11 plan of reorganization and acquisition by an investor group. *Winners Circle Acknowledgement:* Z Capital Partners.

# HEALTHCARE SERVICES TURNAROUND of the YEAR

**WINNER:** Northern Berkshire Healthcare Inc. Chapter 11 plan of reorganization.

Winners Circle Acknowledgement: Carl Marks Advisory Group.

# INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING TURNAROUND of the YEAR | Large Markets

**WINNER:** Klöckner Pentaplast restructuring and recapitalization by Strategic Value Partners.

Winners Circle Acknowledgement: The Blackstone Group, Rothschild.

#### INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING

TURNAROUND of the YEAR | Middle Markets

**WINNER:** Resilience Capital Partners acquisition of Heavy Duty Division from Vista Pro and integration with the newly created Thermal Solutions Manufacturing.

Winners Circle Acknowledgement: Resilience Capital Partners, Foley & Lardner.

#### MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT TURNAROUND of the YEAR

WINNER: Vertis Holdings Inc. Chapter 11 plan of reorganization and sale to Quad Graphics.

Winners Circle Acknowledgement: Alvarez & Marsal, The Blackstone Group.

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# PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TURNAROUND of the YEAR

**WINNER:** Jobson Medical Information Holdings Chapter 11 plan of reorganization.

Winners Circle Acknowledgement: The Gordian Group

# REAL ESTATE & HOSPITALITY TURNAROUND of the YEAR

**WINNER:** Sale of Land Rover Jaguar Anaheim Hill and Cerritos assets under the Bankruptcy Code. *Winners Circle Acknowledgement:* GlassRatner Advisory & Capital Group

# TELECOM & TECHNOLOGY TURNAROUND of the YEAR

**WINNER:** EIRCOM Group restructuring under Examinership.

Winners Circle Acknowledgement: Alvarez & Marsal.

# TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS TURNAROUND of the YEAR

WINNER: Trailer Bridge, Inc Chapter 11 plan of reorganization.

Winners Circle Acknowledgement: Foley & Lardner.

# TOP 100 RESTRUCTURING & TURNAROUND Professionals

A-List of 100 influential, innovative and brilliant consultants, investment bankers, lawyers and providers from the global restructuring, distressed M&A and insolvency communities. Top 100 Restructuring & Turnaround Professionals is part of the M&A Star Dealmakers' global series.

Who Made the List? Professionals with a distinguished record; AND, he/she has played a pivotal role in closing game-changing transaction recently or be involved in a pending transaction.

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