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

GLOBAL TURNAROUND CONSULTANT of the YEAR
AWARD RECIPIENT: 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 wind-down of Dewey & LeBoeuf.

GLOBAL RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT BANKER of the YEAR

GLOBAL RESTRUCTURING LAWYER of the YEAR
AWARD RECIPIENT: 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

MID MARKETS RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT BANKER of the YEAR
AWARD RECIPIENT: 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 RECIPIENT: 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 RECIPIENT: CRS Capstone Partners & team. Brian Davies, Managing Director and Head of Restructuring Practice for restructuring of Russound.

BOUTIQUE TURNAROUND CONSULTANT of the YEAR
AWARD RECIPIENT: 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.

TURNAROUND of the YEAR | Upper Mid Markets
WINNER: Barneys New York Inc. out of court restructuring and sale to Perry Capital and Yucaipa

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

FINANCING DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Korea Line Corporation DIP financing
Winners Circle Acknowledgement: SC Lowry.

PRE-PACKAGED RESTRUCTURING
DEAL of the YEAR
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.

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.

CHAPTER 11 REORGANIZATION
DEAL of the YEAR | Middle Markets
WINNER: Reddy Ice Corporation Chapter 11 plan of reorganization and sale.

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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INDUSTRY TURNAROUND of the Year

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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.


FINANCIAL SERVICES
TURNAROUND of the YEAR
WINNER: BTA Bank JSC restructuring.


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.


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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.

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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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