

CONGRATULATIONS

WINNERS
of the Year

16th ANNUAL

September 12, 2024: 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.

“We recognized the stellar achievements of firms and transactions, exemplify excellence. We value and appreciate their participation.” Shanta Kumari, CEO, Global Group Editor, Global M&A Network.

RICHARD “RICK” CHESLEY, Co-US Managing Partner, Global Managing Partner, DLA Piper LLP, introduced by Jamila Justine Willis, Partner was awarded the “Restructuring Leader” accolade.

With over three decades of experience, **PERRY MANDARINO**, Head of Restructuring and Senior Managing Director at B. Riley Securities, received the “Restructuring Leader” award in the financial advisor category. Perry has represented stakeholders in countless matters through various out-of-court and Chapter 11 proceedings.

“The leadership award recipients are influential, respected in the industry and beyond. It was a privilege to host and honor Rick and Perry 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.



Prestige: Winning the awards equates to achieving the “Gold Standard of Performance” standing in the industry, validating the firm and team excellence.

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. *i - Engage*, visit: www.globalmanetwork.com

**RESTRUCTURING
LEADERS AWARD**

RICHARD “RICK” CHESLEY

Co-US Managing Partner, Global Managing Partner
DLA Piper LLP

Rick is the former Global Co-Chair of the Restructuring practice and former Co-Chair of the US Restructuring practice. He has advised on many consequential transactions including Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust, Abengoa US Holdings, Fairfield Residential, along with representing multiple acquirors of distressed businesses, including Rockport, Brooks Brothers, Barneys New York, etc.

PERRY MANDARINO

**Head of Restructuring and Senior Managing Director
B. Riley Securities**

Perry has represented stakeholders in countless matters through various out-of-court and Chapter 11 proceedings, including Polaroid, Trump Casinos, Brookstone, etc. He has worked on several award-winning transactions as well as included in the “Distinction in Dealmaking”, Top 100: Restructuring Professionals by Global M&A Network.

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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Trophy Purchase: A fantastic way to strengthen relations with cherished clients and, reward colleagues – associates, analysts, transaction team members by purchasing additional trophies. Only firms honored at the gala-ceremony are eligible to purchase.

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TURNAROUND

Award Winners:

TURNAROUND of the YEAR • SMALL MARKETS

WINNER: Edward Marc Brands merger with Promise Confections, a portfolio company within Promise Holdings.

WINNER CIRCLE: Chiron Financial advisor to Edward Marc restructuring and sale.

TURNAROUND of the YEAR • MID-MARKETS

WINNER: Invacare Corporation Chapter 11 restructuring.

WINNER CIRCLE: Miller Buckfire, A Stifel Company advised the debtor, Brown Rudnick, LLP advised Ad Hoc Committee of Convertible Noteholders. *Acknowledgement:* Province advised Unsecured Creditors group.

TURNAROUND of the YEAR • LARGE MID-MARKETS

WINNER: Western Global Airlines Pre-Arranged Chapter 11 Bankruptcy.

WINNER CIRCLE: FTI Consulting restructuring advisor to Western Global Airlines.

TURNAROUND of the YEAR • MEGA (Value above \$1 billion)

WINNER: Revlon Chapter 11 restructuring and takeover by lenders including Glendon Capital Management, King Street Capital Management, Angelo Gordon & Co, and Oak Hill Advisors.

WINNER CIRCLE: Province and Brown Rudnick, LLP financial and legal advisors respectively to the Unsecured Creditors group. *Acknowledgement:* Alvarez & Marsal restructuring advisor to Revlon, and Greenberg Traurig, LLP.

Standards: successful restructuring in or out of court, any sector, and the entity must survive per its core operations.

CROSS-BORDER TURNAROUND

Award Winners:

CROSS BORDER TURNAROUND of the YEAR • LOWER MID-MARKET

WINNER: Rockley Photonics Holdings Pre-Pack Chapter 11 restructuring.

WINNER CIRCLE: Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP legal advisor to Rockley Photonics.

Acknowledgement: Jefferies and Alvarez & Marsal as advisors to the debtor.

CROSS BORDER TURNAROUND of the YEAR • MID-MARKET

WINNER: Naviera Naranja S.A de. CV.

WINNER CIRCLE: Alvarez & Marsal, Cooperative Rabobank N.A, Floris B. King, La Nao Consulting Palacios Cervantes Abogados and Zapata Velasco Gomez Mont Abogados

CROSS BORDER TURNAROUND of the YEAR • MEGA (Value above \$1 billion)

WINNER: Cineworld Group / Regal Cinemas Chapter 11 restructuring.

WINNER CIRCLE: A&G Realty Partners advisor to the debtor, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones, LLP to Unsecured Creditors group. *Acknowledgement:* FTI Consulting to Unsecured Creditors group.



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**CORPORATE
TURNAROUND**

Award Winners:

**CORPORATE
TURNAROUND of the YEAR**

WINNER: Curitec, LLC

WINNER CIRCLE: Dentons legal advisor to Curitec.

**CORPORATE
TURNAROUND of the YEAR • MID MARKET**

WINNER: Anagram International, a wholly owned subsidiary to Party City Chapter 11 restructuring and sale to lender group.

WINNER CIRCLE: Robert W. Baird & Co advisor to Anagram International.

Acknowledgement: Ankura Consulting Group restructuring advisor and Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP as legal advisor to the debtor.

**CORPORATE
TURNAROUND of the YEAR • MEGA (Value above \$1 billion)**

WINNER: Party City Holdco Chapter 11 restructuring

WINNER CIRCLE: A&G Realty Partners advisor to debtor, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones, LLP legal advisor to the Unsecured Creditors. *Acknowledgement:* FTI Consulting to Unsecured Creditors group.

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**OUTSTANDING
FIRMS AWARD**

Winners of the Year

GLOBAL TURNAROUND
CONSULTING FIRM *of the YEAR*

Winner: Alvarez & Marsal

CREDITOR RESTRUCTURING
CONSULTING FIRM *of the YEAR*

Winner: Province

AMERICAS TURNAROUND
CONSULTING FIRM *of the YEAR*

Winner: Ankura Consulting Group

U.S.A BOUTIQUE TURNAROUND
CONSULTING FIRM *of the YEAR*

Winner: Novo Advisors

REAL ESTATE
ADVISOR *of the YEAR*

Winner: A&G Realty Partners

GLOBAL PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM *of the YEAR*

Winner: FTI Strategic Communications

AMERICAS RESTRUCTURING
LAW FIRM *of the YEAR*

Winner: Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP

DELAWARE RESTRUCTURING
LAW FIRM *of the YEAR*

Winner: Morris James, LLP

RESTRUCTURING • *middle markets*
INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

Winner: Miller Buckfire, A Stifel Company

BOUTIQUE RESTRUCTURING
INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

Winner: SSG Capital Advisors



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PRE-PACK CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING

Award Winners:

PRE-PACK

RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • LOWER MIDDLE MARKET

WINNER: ID Auto “PARTS iD” Joint Prepackaged Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization.

WINNER CIRCLE: Fifth Star, Inc. as DIP lender and Plan sponsor, CohnReznick LLP advisor to Fifth Star, SRV Partners as restructuring, DLA Piper LLP as legal advisor to debtor.

Acknowledgement: Cole Schotz P.C.

PRE-PACK

RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • MIDDLE MARKET

WINNER: Inversiones Latin America Power Limitada.

WINNER CIRCLE: Greenberg Traurig, LLP legal advisor to Inversiones Latin America Power.

PRE-PACK

RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • LARGE

WINNER: Air Methods Corporation.

WINNER CIRCLE: Mayer Brown legal advisor to administrative agent.

Acknowledgement: Alvarez & Marsal restructuring advisor to debtor.

**NON JUDICIAL
RESTRUCTURING**

Award Winners:

OUT of COURT

RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

WINNER: Venus Concept Inc.

WINNER CIRCLE: Canaccord Genuity as financial advisor to Venus Concept on debt restructuring.

OUT of COURT

RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • MID-MARKET

WINNER: CNG Holdings.

WINNER CIRCLE: Oppenheimer & Co as financial advisor on exchange and refinance of debt.

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INVESTMENTS

Award Winners:

DISTRESSED INVESTMENT DEAL of the YEAR • SMALL MID MARKET

WINNER: AeroFarms, Inc Chapter 11 restructuring and take-over by investors including Grosvenor Food & AgTech.

WINNER CIRCLE: CohnReznick, LLP and DLA Piper LLP financial and legal advisors respectively to AeroFarms, and Cooley LLP as legal advisor to Grosvenor Food & AgTech.

DISTRESSED INVESTMENT DEAL of the YEAR • LOWER MIDDLE MARKETS

WINNER: Pegasus Home Fashions §363 sale to Blue Torch Capital LP.

WINNER CIRCLE: SSG Capital Advisors financial advisor to debtor, and Morris James LLP.

Acknowledgement: Alvarez & Marsal restructuring advisor to Unsecured Creditors.

DISTRESSED INVESTMENT DEAL of the YEAR • MID MARKETS

WINNER: VICE Media Group Chapter 11 restructuring and takeover by lender consortium including Fortress Investment Group, Soros Fund Management and Monroe Capital.

WINNER CIRCLE: Togut, Segal & Segal, LLP legal advisor to VICE Media.

Acknowledgement: Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP legal advisor to the Directors, Alvarez & Marsal restructuring advisor, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones legal advisor to Unsecured Creditors.

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

WINNER: Cyxtera Technologies restructuring and sale of assets to Brookfield Infrastructure Partners.

WINNER CIRCLE: Mayer Brown, Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP

Acknowledgement: Alvarez & Marsal restructuring advisor, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones legal advisor to Unsecured Creditors, Cole Schotz P.C local legal advisor, Greenberg Traurig, LLP.

SPECIALITY

Award Winners:

SUBCHAPTER V RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

WINNER: Vyera Pharmaceuticals / Orpha Labs including sale of assets to Tilde Sciences.

WINNER CIRCLE: SierraConstellation Partners, and DLA Piper LLP restructuring and legal advisors to the debtor. *Acknowledgement:* Alvarez & Marsal Securities.

CHAPTER 11 LIQUIDATION of the YEAR

WINNER: BLOCKFI Inc.

WINNER CIRCLE: Brown Rudnick LLP legal advisor to Unsecured Creditors.

CROSS BORDER DISTRESSED M&A DEAL of the YEAR

WINNER: Biem.L.Fdlkk Garment acquires Cerruti 1881 and Kent & Curwen..

WINNER CIRCLE: FTI Consulting and FTI Capital Advisors as advisors.



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SPECIAL SITUATION M&A

Award Winners:

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR (Value Range: below \$10 million.)

WINNER: Allied Healthcare Products, Inc \$363 sale to Flexicare.

WINNER CIRCLE: Ravinia Capital financial advisor to debtor in its Chapter 11 restructuring and sale.

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR • SMALL

WINNER: Gamma Aerospace sale to TRM Equity.

WINNER CIRCLE: Novo Advisors financial advisor.

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR • SMALL MID MARKETS

WINNER: Winc Inc Chapter 11 Restructuring Sale to AMASS.

WINNER CIRCLE: Canaccord Genuity, ArentFox Schiff LLP as legal advisor to Unsecured Creditors.

Acknowledgement: CohnReznick advisor to the Committee, Cooley LLP legal advisor to DIP lender, and Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP legal advisor to Secured Lender.

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR • LOWER MID MARKETS

WINNER: The Rockport Company sale of assets to Authentic Brands Group.

WINNER CIRCLE: Miller Buckfire, A Stifel Company financial advisor to the debtor, and DLA Piper LLP, legal advisor to Authentic Brands Group. *Acknowledgement:* Province and Cole Schotz P.C. as advisors to Unsecured Creditors.

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR • MID MARKETS

WINNER: Evangelical Retirement Homes of Greater Chicago d/b/a Friendship Village of Schaumburg sale to Encore Healthcare Services.

WINNER CIRCLE: Continuum Advisors as senior housing real estate specialist advisor, Polsinelli P.C. legal advisor to debtor, and Cooley, LLP as legal advisor to Friendship Senior Options, NFP.



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CHAPTER 11

Award Winners:

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • SMALL

WINNER: Quality Health Care Specialist restructuring, settlement and sale.

WINNER CIRCLE: Dentons legal advisor to debtor.

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • SMALL MID MARKETS (50-100)

WINNER: Premier Kings Inc. a franchisee of Burger King restructuring and four separate sale transactions to Mosaic Gold Crown; Bulldog Restaurants; RRG of Jacksonville; and Burger King.

WINNER CIRCLE: Cole Schotz. P.C and Holland & Knight LLP as legal advisors to debtor.

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • MID MARKETS

WINNER: Benefytt Technologies, Inc.

WINNER CIRCLE: Jefferies as financial and, Ankura Consulting as restructuring advisor to debtor.

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • LARGE

WINNER: GWG Holdings.

WINNER CIRCLE: Mayer Brown LLP legal and FTI Consulting as restructuring advisor to debtor - GWG; Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP legal advisor to the Investigations Committee.

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • MEGA (over \$5 billion)

WINNER: Envision Healthcare restructuring and formation of two separate stand-alone companies, Envision Healthcare (EVPS) and AMSURG.

WINNER CIRCLE: Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP. *Acknowledgement:* Alvarez & Marsal to debtor.

INDUSTRY/SECTOR

AUTO & SERVICES RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

WINNER: IEH Auto Parts Holding (Auto Plus) Chapter 11 restructuring and sale of assets to various entities including Factory Motor Parts, 4M Parts Warehouse Aftermarket, National Auto Parts Warehouse, XL Parts/The Parts House.

WINNER CIRCLE: FTI Consulting advisor to Unsecured Creditors Committee.

CONSUMER RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

WINNER: Unconditional Love (Hello Bello) sale to Hildred Capital.

WINNER CIRCLE: Jefferies, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

FINANCIAL SERVICES RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

WINNER: Vesta Holdings, LLC Chapter 11 restructuring including sale of assets.

WINNER CIRCLE: Province.



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ENERGY & SERVICES RESTRUCTURING *of the* YEAR

WINNER: Williams Industrial Services Group Section 363 sale to EnergySolutions.

WINNER CIRCLE: Gavin/Solmonese restructuring advisor to debtor, and Morris James LLP local legal advisor to Unsecured Creditors Committee.

HEALTH SERVICES RESTRUCTURING *of the* YEAR

WINNER: The Pill Club Chapter 11 Restructuring Section 363 Sale to Thirty Madison.

WINNER CIRCLE: B. Riley Advisory Services and Akerman LLP legal advisor to Unsecured Creditors Committee. *Acknowledgement:* Cooley LLP, legal advisor to the buyer, Thirty Madison. Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP

HEALTHCARE RESTRUCTURING *of the* YEAR

WINNER: Delphi Behavioral Health Group Chapter 11 restructuring.

WINNER CIRCLE: Getzler Henrich & Associates, a Hilco Global Company advisor to the debtor.

INDUSTRIALS & SERVICES RESTRUCTURING *of the* YEAR

WINNER: Custom Alloy Corporation in the Sale of Substantially All of its Assets to an Affiliate of Trident Maritime Systems, a portfolio company of J.F. Lehman & Company.

WINNER CIRCLE: SSG Capital Advisors financial, SierraConstellation Partners advisor to the debtor.

MEDIA & MARKETING RESTRUCTURING *of the* YEAR

WINNER: iMedia Brands sale of assets to IV Media, a subsidiary of Innovation Ventures.

WINNER CIRCLE: Greenberg Traurig LLP legal advisor to the buyer.

Acknowledgement: Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP local legal advisor.

REAL ESTATE & SERVICES RESTRUCTURING *of the* YEAR

WINNER: WC Braker Portfolio sale to MIG Real Estate.

WINNER CIRCLE: Keen-Summit Capital Partners as financial advisor to the Trustee on the sale.

*Accepting Nominations
(including for distressed M&A transactions.)*

**AMERICAS
M&A ATLAS AWARDS**

16th Annual Gala & Ceremony
December 3, 2024 • New York.

Awards gala dinner held in conjunction with:

Growth + Deals Intelligence Forum



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