



**BREAKING NEWS
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Finalists Announced for the 6th Annual Turnaround Awards
*Top Distressed Investing, Restructuring and Turnaround Deals and Professionals to be honored
January 31st at the The Colony in Palm Beach, FL*

New York, NY, January 16, 2012 – The M&A Advisor is pleased to announce 160 nominations representing over 250 companies that have been submitted for the 6th Annual Turnaround Awards.

The winners for Major and Sector Transactions of the Year, Firms of the Year, Turnaround Product/Service of the Year and Dealmakers of the Year categories will be announced at the 6th Annual Turnaround Awards Gala on Tuesday, January 31st at The Colony Hotel in Palm Beach, Florida.

“Although the bankruptcies of MF Global, American Airlines and Borders highlight today’s difficult environment, there were thousands of successful turnarounds in 2011 thanks to the energy and ingenuity of the world’s leading restructuring and distressed investing professionals,” says Roger Aguinaldo, CEO and Founder of The M&A Advisor. “The deal teams represented in our Award Finalists have demonstrated creativity and perseverance in today’s challenging climate.”

This year’s finalists represent the industry’s leading firms, including: *Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP; Blackstone Group LP; Lazard Ltd; W.L. Ross & Co.; Morrison & Foerster LLP; Miller Buckfire & Co., LLC; FTI Consulting; Sun Capital Partners; Morgan Stanley Real Estate Fund; Gordian Group, LLC; Curtis, Mallet-Prevost; Colt & Mosle LLP; Siemens AG; Mesirow Financial Interim Management; Conway MacKenzie; Scouler & Company LLC; and O’Keefe and Associates Consulting; and feature the year’s leading transactions including: Acquisition of HearUSA by Siemens; Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of Fairview Ministries, Inc.; Divestiture of the WiMAX Equipment Division of Aviat Networks, Inc.; Commutation Plan for the State of Rhode Island; Out-of-Court Restructuring of PlayPower, Inc.; Turnaround of Graceland Fruit, Inc.; Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of MGM and Reprivatization of Bank of Ireland.*

A detailed list of all of the Award Finalists for the 6th Annual Turnaround Awards is to follow. For more information, please visit at www.maadvisor.com or contact The M&A Advisor at 718 997 7900.

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THE 6th ANNUAL TURNAROUND AWARDS FINALISTS

The Awards will be presented at the 2012 M&A Advisor Distressed Investing Summit featuring The 6th Annual Turnaround Awards in Palm Beach, FL on January 31, 2012. Please visit www.maadvisor.com for additional details. The finalists for the 6th Annual Turnaround Awards are as follows:

I. Major Deal Categories

Turnaround of the Year (Large Market)

- Reprivatization of Bank of Ireland
WL Ross & Co. LLC
Bank of Ireland
Credit Suisse Europe (Securities)
IBI Corporate Finance / Davy
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
- Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of MGM
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP
JP Morgan Chase
Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff & Stern LLP
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc.
Spyglass Entertainment
Zolfo Cooper
Moelis & Co
- Asset Sale and Restructuring of Centro Properties Group
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom
Allens Arthur Robinson
Blackstone Group LP
Bracewell & Giuliani LLP
Clayton Utz
Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP
J.P. Morgan Australia Ltd.'s
Lazard, Ltd.
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett

Turnaround of the Year (Upper Middle Market)

- Commutation Plan for the State of Rhode Island
Morrison & Foerster LLP



- Out-of-Court Restructuring of PlayPower, Inc. Miller Buckfire & Co., LLC
 Apollo Investment Management
 PlayPower, Inc
 UBS AG
 Willkie Farr & Gallagher
- Sale of Manhattan Campus for \$260MM and Creation of Health Center by Saint Vincent's Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP
 CB Richard Ellis
 Grant Thornton LLP
 RSV, LLC
 Saint Vincents Catholic Medical Centers of New York
- Out-of-court Restructuring of Keystone Automotive Operations, Inc. Miller Buckfire & Co., LLC
 Bank of America Merrill Lynch
 FTI Consulting
 Keystone Automotive Operations, Inc.
 Kirkland & Ellis LLP
 KPMG
 Platinum Equity
 Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP
- J.P. Morgan South Edge Morrison & Foerster LLP

Turnaround of the Year (Middle Market)

- The Turnaround and Sale of Contessa Premium Foods Scouler & Company LLC
 Contessa Premium Foods
 GE Capital
 Imperial Capital, LLC
 Kelley Drye & Warren
 Pachulski Stang Ziehl Young
 Sun Capital Partners
 Wells Fargo Bank
- Recapitalization of Patriot National Bancorp by PNBK Holdings LLC Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
 Robinson & Cole LLP
 Solaia Capital Advisors LLC
 Hinckley, Allen & Snyder LLP
 KPMG
 McGladrey & Pullen, LLP
 Patriot National Bank
 PNBK Holdings LLC
 Sandler O'Neill & Partners



- Acquisition of Otter Tail Ag Enterprises, LLC by Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. (NasdaqGM: GPRE)

Carl Marks Advisory Group
Green Plains Renewable Energy
Otter Tail Ag Enterprises, LLC
AgStar Financial Services, ACA
Mackall, Crouse & Moore PLC
Maslon Edelman Borman & Brand, LLP
- Reorganization of the Pittsburgh Hilton and eventual sale of the Pittsburgh Hilton to Wyndham Hotels

Berger Singerman
Campbell and Levine
Forman Holt Eliades and Ravin LLC
- Acquisition of Brueggers Bagels, an affiliate of Sun Capital Partners by Groupe Le Duff

Sun Capital Partners
Group Le Duff
Morgan Keegan
- Acquisition of the Ocean Resort Waikiki by Chartres Lodging Group and conversion to the Hyatt Place Waikiki

The Chartres Lodging Group
OR Hotel, LLC
Morgan Stanley Real Estate Fund
Paul Hastings
Rush Moore LLP

Turnaround of the Year (Lower Middle Market)

- Out-of-Court Restructuring and Sale of Analytics, Inc. to Evans Analytical Group.

Morris Anderson & Associates Ltd
Analytics, Inc.
Bank of America
Odyssey Investment Partners
SFW Partners, LLC
Thompson Coburn
- Acquisition of Gas Turbine Efficiency Limited by Wood Group GTS

Phoenix Management Services, Inc.
Bird & Bird LLP
Complete Network Support
Gas Turbine Efficiency Limited
Matrix - Corporate Capital Division
Phoenix Capital Resources
RSM Tenon Audit Limited
Wells Fargo Capital Finance
Wood Group PLC
- Restructuring (including Chapter 11) and sale of ADS Logistics.

G2 Capital Advisors
ADS Logistics Co. LLC
Crowe Horwath
Linx Partners
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Regiment Capital
Seyfarth Shaw



- Turnaround of Graceland Fruit, Inc. O'Keefe & Associates Consulting
Advanced Manufacturing Group
Varnum Riddering & Schmidt
- Turnaround and Restructuring of Classic Brands. Executive Sounding Board Associates Inc.
Classic Brands LLC
Cole Taylor Bank
Herman Law LLC
Miles & Stockbridge P.C
Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker, PPA
Stradley Ronon Steven & Young, LLP
The CIT Group - CIT Commercial Services
- Chapter 11 Restructuring of Molecular Insight Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (MIPI) Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP
M.M. Dillon & Co.
Molecular Insight Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Chapter 11 Reorganization of the Year (Upper Middle Market)

- Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of MGM Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP
JP Morgan Chase
Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff & Stern LLP
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc.
Spyglass Entertainment
Zolfo Cooper
Moelis & Co
- Sale and recapitalization of AmericanWest Bank by AmericanWest Bancorporation Morrison & Foerster LLP
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
AmericanWest Bancorporation
SKBHC Hawks Nest Acquisition Corp.
- Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of Capmark Financial Group Inc. Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP
Alvarez & Marsal
Capmark Financial Group Inc.
Houlihan Lokey

Chapter 11 Reorganization of the Year (Middle Market)

- Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of Alexander Gallo Holdings LLC Gordian Group, LLC
Alexander
Bayside Capital
DLA Piper
Squire Sanders



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- Chapter 11 Reorganization of North American Petroleum Corporation USA and its affiliates.
Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP
Jackson Walker LLP
Kirkland & Ellis, LLP
Kinetic Advisors
Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP
- Acquisition of HearUSA by Siemens
Sonenshine Partners LLC
Berger Singerman, P.A.
Boston Consulting Group
Bryan Cave, LLP
Clifford Chance LLP
Development Specialists, Inc.
HearUSA, Inc.
PwC
Siemens AG
Siemens Hearing Instruments, Inc.
UBS
- Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of Jackson Hewitt Tax Service Inc.
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Alvarez & Marsal LLC
Bank of America NA J.P.
Duane Morris LLP
Bayside Capital
Moelis & Company
Morgan Chase Bank NA
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A

Chapter 11 Reorganization of the Year (Lower Middle Market)

- Restructuring (including Chapter 11) and sale of ADS Logistics.
G2 Capital Advisors
ADS Logistics Co. LLC
Crowe Horwath
Linx Partners
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Regiment Capital
Seyfarth Shaw
- Acquisition of Otter Tail Ag Enterprises, LLC by Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. (NasdaqGM: GPRE)
Carl Marks Advisory Group
AgStar Financial Services, ACA
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Mackall, Crouse & Moore PLC
Maslon Edelman Borman & Brand, LLP
Otter Tail Ag Enterprises, LLC
- Reorganization of the Pittsburgh Hilton and eventual sale of the Pittsburgh Hilton to Wyndham Hotels
Berger Singerman
Campbell and Levine
Forman Holt Eliades and Ravin LLC



- Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of Fairview Ministries, Inc.
 - Mesirow Financial Interim Management
 - Bank of America
 - Continuum Development Services
 - Fairview Ministries, Inc
 - Lifespace DG, LLC
 - RBC Capital Markets, LLC
 - Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
 - Ungaretti & Harris
 - Wells Fargo Bank, Corporate, Municipal & Escrow Solutions

Cross-Border Deal of the Year (Upper Middle Market)

- Asset Sale and Restructuring of Centro Properties Group
 - Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom
 - Allens Arthur Robinson
 - Blackstone Group LP
 - Bracewell & Giuliani LLP
 - Clayton Utz
 - Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP
 - J.P. Morgan Australia Ltd.'s
 - Lazard, Ltd.
 - Simpson Thacher & Bartlett
- Reprivatization of Bank of Ireland
 - WL Ross & Co. LLC
 - Bank of Ireland
 - Credit Suisse Europe (Securities)
 - IBI Corporate Finance / Davy
 - Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
- Divestiture of the WiMAX Equipment Division of Aviat Networks, Inc
 - FTI Consulting
 - Aviat Networks
 - Eion
 - LaBarge Weinstein
 - Metaswitch
- Restructuring of Travelport Limited and Travelport Holdings Limited
 - Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
 - Blackstone Advisory Group
 - Credit Suisse
 - Dewey & Leboeuf
 - UBS
- Restructuring of Canwest Global Communications (tk: CGS) through Chapter 11/15 and CCAA
 - Blott Asset Management, L.L.C.
 - Bennett Jones LLP
 - Canwest Media Inc
 - Stikeman Elliot



Cross-Border Deal of the Year (Middle Market)

- Acquisition of Gas Turbine Efficiency Limited by Wood Group GTS
Phoenix Management Services, Inc.
Wood Group PLC
Gas Turbine Efficiency Limited
Phoenix Capital Resources
Wells Fargo Capital Finance
Bird & Bird LLP
RSM Tenon Audit Limited
Matrix - Corporate Capital Division
Complete Network Support
- Acquisition of HearUSA by Siemens
Sonenshine Partners LLC
Berger Singerman, P.A.
Boston Consulting Group
Bryan Cave, LLP
Clifford Chance LLP
Development Specialists, Inc.
HearUSA, Inc.
PwC
Siemens AG
Siemens Hearing Instruments, Inc.
UBS
- Out-of-Court Restructuring of PlayPower, Inc.
Miller Buckfire & Co., LLC
Apollo Investment Management
PlayPower, Inc
UBS AG
Willkie Farr & Gallagher

Distressed M&A Deal of the Year (Upper Middle Market)

- Sale of contract national- and regional-branded food manufacturer
Executive Sounding Board Associates Inc.
Bank of America
Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP
Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP
Metro Bank
Miles & Stockbridge P.C
Owen, Wright LLP
Venable LLP
- Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of Alexander Gallo Holdings LLC
Gordian Group, LLC
Alexander
Bayside Capital
DLA Piper
Squire Sanders



- Acquisition of HearUSA by Siemens

Sonenshine Partners LLC
 Berger Singerman, P.A.
 Boston Consulting Group
 Bryan Cave, LLP
 Clifford Chance LLP
 Development Specialists, Inc.
 HearUSA, Inc.
 PwC
 Siemens AG
 Siemens Hearing Instruments, Inc.
 UBS
- 363 Sale of Gas City, Ltd. to multiple strategic buyers

Conway MacKenzie
 DSI
 Perkins Coie
 Proskauer Rose
- Asset Sale and Restructuring of Centro Properties Group

Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom
 Allens Arthur Robinson
 Blackstone Group LP
 Bracewell & Giuliani LLP
 Clayton Utz
 Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP
 J.P. Morgan Australia Ltd.'s
 Lazard, Ltd.
 Simpson Thacher & Bartlett

Distressed M&A Deal of the Year (Middle Market)

- The Turnaround and Sale of Contessa Premium Foods

Scouler & Company LLC
 Contessa Premium Foods
 GE Capital
 Imperial Capital
 Imperial Capital, LLC
 Kelley Drye & Warren
 Pachulski Stang Ziehl Young
 Sun Capital Partners
 Wells Fargo Bank
- Acquisition of Otter Tail Ag Enterprises, LLC by Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc. (NasdaqGM: GPRE)

Carl Marks Advisory Group
 AgStar Financial Services, ACA
 Green Plains Renewable Energy
 Mackall, Crouse & Moore PLC
 Maslon Edelman Borman & Brand, LLP
 Otter Tail Ag Enterprises, LLC



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- Sale of O.K. Industries, Inc. to Industrias Bachoco S.A.B. de C.V.
SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
Frost, PLLC
KPMG Mexico
McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP
Shearman & Sterling, LLP
- Sale and recapitalization of AmericanWest Bank by AmericanWest Bancorporation
Morrison & Foerster LLP
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
AmericanWest Bancorporation
SKBHC Hawks Nest Acquisition Corp.
- Divestiture of the WiMAX Equipment Division of Aviat Networks, Inc.
FTI Consulting, Inc.
Aviat Networks
Eion
LaBarge Weinstein
Metaswitch

Distressed M&A Deal of the Year (Lower Middle Market)

- Sale of First Foliage, LC to Costa Nursery Farms, LLC
Farlie Turner & Co., LLC
Bank of America Business Capital
Costa Farms, LLC
First Foliage, LC
Infante Zumpano
- Sale of Gorham Paper Mill to an affiliate of Patriarch Partners, LLC
SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
Counsel RB Capital, LLC
Drummond Woodsum & MacMahonChaitons LLP
Jones Day
Patriarch Partners, LLC
Thompson Hine LLP
- Sale of Next Generation Vending and Food Service, Inc. to an affiliate of H.I.G. Capital, LLC
SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
H.I.G. Capital Management
Next Generation Vending and Food Service, Inc.
CapitalSource Bank
Robinson & Cole LLP
Paul Hastings LLP
Altman and Company, LLC
Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C.
Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP



- Acquisition of Gas Turbine Efficiency Limited by Wood Group GTS

Phoenix Management Services, Inc.
 Bird & Bird LLP
 Complete Network Support
 Gas Turbine Efficiency Limited
 Matrix - Corporate Capital Division
 Phoenix Capital Resources
 RSM Tenon Audit Limited
 Wells Fargo Capital Finance
 Wood Group PLC
- Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of Fairview Ministries, Inc.

Mesirow Financial Interim Management
 Bank of America
 Continuum Development Services
 Fairview Ministries, Inc
 Lifespace DG, LLC
 RBC Capital Markets, LLC
 Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
 Ungaretti & Harris
 Wells Fargo Bank, Corporate, Municipal & Escrow Solutions

Divestiture Deal of the Year

- Divestiture of the WiMAX Equipment Division of Aviat Networks, Inc.

FTI Consulting, Inc.
 Eion
 LaBarge Weinstein
 Metaswitch
- Sale of contract national- and regional-branded food manufacturer

Executive Sounding Board Associates Inc.
 Bank of America
 Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP
 Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP
 Metro Bank
 Miles & Stockbridge P.C
 Owen, Wright LLP
 Venable LLP
- Acquisition of Gas Turbine Efficiency Limited by Wood Group GTS

Phoenix Management Services, Inc.
 Bird & Bird LLP
 Complete Network Support
 Gas Turbine Efficiency Limited
 Matrix - Corporate Capital Division
 Phoenix Capital Resources
 RSM Tenon Audit Limited
 Wells Fargo Capital Finance
 Wood Group PLC



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- Restructuring (including Chapter 11) and sale of ADS Logistics.

G2 Capital Advisors
 ADS Logistics Co. LLC
 Crowe Horwath
 Linx Partners
 Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
 Regiment Capital
 Seyfarth Shaw
- Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of Capmark Financial Group Inc.

Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP
 Alvarez & Marsal
 Capmark Financial Group Inc.
 Houlihan Lokey
- Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of Fairview Ministries, Inc.

Mesirow Financial Interim Management
 Bank of America
 Continuum Development Services
 Fairview Ministries, Inc
 Lifespace DG, LLC
 RBC Capital Markets, LLC
 Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
 Ungaretti & Harris
 Wells Fargo Bank, Corporate, Municipal & Escrow Solutions

Out-of-Court Reorganization of the Year

- Recapitalization and Restructuring of the Debt and Equity of The Protective Group, Inc.

SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
 Chadbourne and Parke
 Greenberg Traurig
 The Protective Group, Inc.
 The Royal Bank of Scotland Group
- Acquisition of Gas Turbine Efficiency Limited by Wood Group GTS

Phoenix Management Services, Inc.
 Bird & Bird LLP
 Complete Network Support
 Gas Turbine Efficiency Limited
 Matrix - Corporate Capital Division
 Phoenix Capital Resources
 RSM Tenon Audit Limited
 Wells Fargo Capital Finance
 Wood Group PLC
- Turnaround of Graceland Fruit, Inc.

O'Keefe & Associates Consulting
 Advanced Manufacturing Group
 Varnum Riddering & Schmidt
- Out-of-Court Restructuring of PlayPower, Inc.

Miller Buckfire & Co., LLC
 Apollo Investment Management
 PlayPower, Inc
 UBS AG
 Willkie Farr & Gallagher



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- Out-of-court Restructuring of Keystone Automotive Operations, Inc. Miller Buckfire & Co., LLC
Bank of America Merrill Lynch
FTI Consulting
Keystone Automotive Operations, Inc.
Kirkland & Ellis LLP
KPMG
Platinum Equity
Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP
- Out-of-Court Reorganization of Capital Trust Inc. Paul Hastings LLP
Cadwalader
Capital Trust, Inc.
Citigroup
Dechert LLP
Five Mile Capital Partners LLC
Goodwin Procter
Houlihan Lokey
Morgan Stanley
Sidley Austin

Refinancing of the Year

- Private Placement of Nancy Sales Company, Inc. revolving credit facility SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
MidCap Business Credit
Nancy Sales Company, Inc.
- Turnaround and Restructuring of Classic Brands. Executive Sounding Board Associates Inc.
Classic Brands LLC
Cole Taylor Bank
Herman Law LLC
Miles & Stockbridge P.C
Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker, PPA
Stradley Ronon Steven & Young, LLP
The CIT Group - CIT Commercial Services
- Asset Sale and Debt Refinancing of Evergreen International Aviation Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Evergreen International Aviation
Goldman Sachs Lending Partners LLC
Relativity Capital
- Restructuring of Travelport Limited and Travelport Holdings Limited Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Blackstone Advisory Group
Credit Suisse
Dewey & Leboeuf
UBS
- Refinancing of CityCenter Holdings, LLC by Dubai World Paul Hastings
Dubai World
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
MGM
Munger, Tolles & Olson
Paul Hastings



Turnaround Community Impact Award

- Sale of Gorham Paper Mill to an affiliate of Patriarch Partners, LLC
SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
Chaitons LLP
Counsel RB Capital, LLC
Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon
Jones Day
McMillan LLP
Patriarch Partners, LLC
Thompson Hine LLP
- Turnaround of Graceland Fruit, Inc.
O'Keefe & Associates Consulting
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Varnum Riddering & Schmidt
- Sale of Manhattan Campus for \$260MM and Creation of Health Center by Saint Vincent's
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Lifespace DG, LLC
RBC Capital Markets, LLC
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Ungaretti & Harris
Wells Fargo Bank, Corporate, Municipal & Escrow Solutions

II. DEALMAKER OF THE YEAR CATEGORY

Turnaround Professional of the Year

- Kevin Haggard, Miller Buckfire & Co., LLC
- Meagan Hardcastle, O'Keefe & Associates Consulting
- Vince Colistra, Phoenix Management Services, Inc.



III. FIRM AND PRODUCT/SERVICE OF THE YEAR CATEGORIES

Boutique Investment Banking Firm of the Year

- Gordian Group, LLC
- G2 Capital Advisors
- Phoenix Capital Resources

Turnaround Product/Service of the Year

- Bondholder Solicitation and Balloting Services - Consulting Work, Voting Procedures and Execution Epiq Systems
- GCG's Noticing, Claims and Balloting Agent Services GCG, Inc.
- S&P Capital IQ S&P Capital IQ
- Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC

Private Equity Firm of the Year

- Sun Capital Partners
- WL Ross & Co.
- Bayside Capital

Investment Banking Firm of the Year

- Miller Buckfire & Co., LLC
- Greenhill
- Headwater MB



Turnaround Consulting Firm of the Year

- O’Keefe & Associates
- Conway MacKenzie
- Executive Sounding Board Associates Inc.

IV. SECTOR DEAL CATEGORIES

Healthcare/Life Sciences

- Chapter 11 Restructuring of Molecular Insight Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (MIPI) Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP
M.M. Dillon & Co.
Molecular Insight Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
- Acquisition of HearUSA by Siemens Sonenshine Partners LLC
Berger Singerman, P.A.
Boston Consulting Group
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Clifford Chance LLP
Development Specialists, Inc.
HearUSA, Inc.
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Lifespace DG, LLC
RBC Capital Markets, LLC
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Ungaretti & Harris
Wells Fargo Bank, Corporate, Municipal & Escrow Solutions



Industrial Goods and Basic Resources

- Restructuring (including Chapter 11) and sale of ADS Logistics.

G2 Capital Advisors
 ADS Logistics Co. LLC
 Crowe Horwath
 Linx Partners
 Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
 Regiment Capital
 Seyfarth Shaw

- 363 sale of operating assets of Point Blank Solutions to Sun Capital Partners

CRG Partners
 Estate of Point Blank Solutions
 Kirkland & Ellis, LLP
 Pachulski, Stang, Ziehl & Jones
 Sun Capital Partners

- Acquisition of Arch Chemicals Inc. by Lonza Group AG

Arch Chemicals Inc
 Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP
 Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited
 J.P. Morgan Securities LLC
 Jenner & Block LLP
 Lonza Group AG
 MacKenzie Partners
 Mellon Investor Services LLC
 Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC
 Shearman & Sterling LLP
 Slaughter and May

Industrial Manufacturing/Distribution

- Sale of Gorham Paper Mill to an affiliate of Patriarch Partners, LLC

SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
 Chaitons LLP
 Counsel RB Capital, LLC
 Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon
 Jones Day
 McMillan LLP
 Patriarch Partners, LLC
 Thompson Hine LLP

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Phoenix Management Services, Inc.
 Wood Group PLC
 Gas Turbine Efficiency Limited
 Phoenix Capital Resources
 Wells Fargo Capital Finance
 Bird & Bird LLP
 RSM Tenon Audit Limited
 Matrix - Corporate Capital Division



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Complete Network Support

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Crowe Horwath
Linx Partners
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Regiment Capital
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- Turnaround of Graceland Fruit, Inc.
O'Keefe & Associates Consulting
Advanced Manufacturing Group
Varnum Riddering & Schmidt
- Out-of-Court Restructuring of PlayPower, Inc.
Miller Buckfire & Co., LLC
Apollo Investment Management
PlayPower, Inc
UBS AG
Willkie Farr & Gallagher

Financial Services

- State of Rhode Island Commutation Plan
Morrison & Foerster LLP
- Out-of-Court Reorganization of Capital Trust Inc.
Paul Hastings LLP
Capital Trust, Inc.
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WL Ross & Co. LLC
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- Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of Capmark Financial Group Inc.
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Alvarez & Marsal
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- Sale and recapitalization of AmericanWest Bank by AmericanWest Bancorporation
Morrison & Foerster LLP
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
AmericanWest Bancorporation
SKBHC Hawks Nest Acquisition Corp.



- Recapitalization of Patriot National Bancorp by PNBK Holdings LLC
 - Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
 - Robinson & Cole LLP
 - Solaia Capital Advisors LLC
 - Hinckley, Allen & Snyder LLP
 - KPMG
 - McGladrey & Pullen, LLP
 - Patriot National Bank
 - PNBK Holdings LLC
 - Sandler O'Neill & Partners

Energy

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 - Bird & Bird LLP
 - Complete Network Support
 - Gas Turbine Efficiency Limited
 - Matrix - Corporate Capital Division
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 - RSM Tenon Audit Limited
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 - Carl Marks Advisory Group
 - Green Plains Renewable Energy
 - Otter Tail Ag Enterprises, LLC
 - AgStar Financial Services, ACA
 - Mackall, Crouse & Moore PLC
 - Maslon Edelman Borman & Brand, LLP
 - Carl Marks Advisory Group
- Chapter 11 Reorganization of North American Petroleum Corporation USA and its affiliates.
 - Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP
 - Jackson Walker LLP
 - Kinetic Advisors
 - Kirkland & Ellis, LLP
 - Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP

Consumer and Retail Products (Over \$50 Million)

- The Turnaround and Sale of Contessa Premium Foods
 - Scouler & Company LLC
 - Contessa Premium Foods
 - GE Capital
 - Imperial Capital, LLC
 - Kelley Drye & Warren
 - Pachulski Stang Ziehl Young
 - Sun Capital Partners
 - Wells Fargo Bank



- Sale of O.K. Industries, Inc. to Industrias Bachoco S.A.B. de C.V.

SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
Frost, PLLC
KPMG Mexico
McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP
Shearman & Sterling, LLP
- Acquisition of HearUSA by Siemens

Sonenshine Partners LLC
Berger Singerman, P.A.
Boston Consulting Group
Bryan Cave, LLP
Clifford Chance LLP
Development Specialists, Inc.
HearUSA, Inc.
PwC
Siemens AG
Siemens Hearing Instruments, Inc.
UBS
- 363 Sale of Gas City, Ltd. to multiple strategic buyers

Conway MacKenzie
DSI
Perkins Coie
Proskauer Rose

Consumer and Retail Products (\$50 Million and under)

- Restructuring of Tomich Brothers Fish Co and Standard Seafood by CounterPoint Capital Partners, LLC

Tomich Brothers, LLC
McGuireWoods
Paul Hastings
PNC Business Credit
Rothstein Kass
Tomich Brothers Fish Co
- Private Placement of Nancy Sales Company, Inc. revolving credit facility

SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
MidCap Business Credit
Nancy Sales Company, Inc.
- Turnaround of Graceland Fruit, Inc.

O'Keefe & Associates Consulting
Advanced Manufacturing Group
Varnum Riddering & Schmidt



- Turnaround and Restructuring of Classic Brands. Executive Sounding Board Associates Inc.
Classic Brands LLC
Cole Taylor Bank
Herman Law LLC
Miles & Stockbridge P.C
Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Porody & Ecker, PPA
Stradley Ronon Steven & Young, LLP
The CIT Group - CIT Commercial Services

Consumer Services

- Sale of Next Generation Vending and Food Service, Inc. to an affiliate of H.I.G. Capital, LLC SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
Altman and Company, LLC
CapitalSource Bank
H.I.G. Capital Management
Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP
Next Generation Vending and Food Service, Inc.
Paul Hastings LLP
Robinson & Cole LLP
Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C.
- Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of Alexander Gallo Holdings LLC Gordian Group, LLC
Alexander
Bayside Capital
DLA Piper
Squire Sanders
- Acquisition of HearUSA by Siemens Sonenshine Partners LLC
Berger Singerman, P.A.
Boston Consulting Group
Bryan Cave, LLP
Clifford Chance LLP
Development Specialists, Inc.
HearUSA, Inc.
PwC
Siemens AG
Siemens Hearing Instruments, Inc.
UBS
- Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of Jackson Hewitt Tax Service Inc. Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Alvarez & Marsal LLC
Bank of America NA
Duane Morris LLP
Bayside Capital
J.P. Morgan Chase Bank NA
Moelis & Company
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A



- Restructuring of Travelport Limited and Travelport Holdings Limited
 - Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
 - Blackstone Advisory Group
 - Credit Suisse
 - Dewey & Leboeuf
 - UBS

Retail Manufacturing/Distribution (Over \$50 Million)

- The Turnaround and Sale of Contessa Premium Foods
 - Scouler & Company LLC
 - Contessa Premium Foods
 - GE Capital
 - Imperial Capital
 - Kelley Drye & Warren
 - Pachulski Stang Ziehl Young
 - Sun Capital Partners
 - Wells Fargo Bank
- Sale of Tobacco Rag Processors, Inc. to Tobacco Rag Processors, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Trust and Private Placement of \$75 Million in Senior Secured Facilities
 - SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
 - Alston & Bird LLP
 - BMO Harris Bank, N.A.
 - Naron & Holdford, PA
 - Tobacco Rag Processors, Inc.
 - Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
 - Willamette Management Associates
- Out-of-court Restructuring of Keystone Automotive Operations, Inc.
 - Miller Buckfire & Co., LLC
 - Bank of America Merrill Lynch
 - FTI Consulting
 - Keystone Automotive Operations, Inc.
 - Kirkland & Ellis LLP
 - KPMG
 - Platinum Equity
 - Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

Retail Manufacturing/Distribution (\$50 Million and under)

- Restructuring of Tomich Brothers Fish Co and Standard Seafood by CounterPoint Capital Partners, LLC
 - Tomich Brothers, LLC
 - McGuireWoods
 - Paul Hastings
 - PNC Business Credit
 - Rothstein Kass
 - Tomich Brothers Fish Co
- Sale of Contract National and Regional-Branded Food Manufacturer
 - Executive Sounding Board Associates Inc.
 - Bank of America
 - Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP
 - Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP
 - Metro Bank
 - Miles & Stockbridge P.C
 - Owen, Wright LLP
 - Venable LLP



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale of First Foliage, LC to Costa Nursery Farms, LLC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farlie Turner & Co., LLC Bank of America Business Capital Costa Farms, LLC First Foliage, LC Infante Zumpano |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turnaround of Graceland Fruit, Inc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> O'Keefe & Associates Consulting Advanced Manufacturing Group Varnum Riddering & Schmidt |
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Real Estate (\$500 Million and over)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JPMorgan South Edge | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morrison & Foerster LLP |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out-of-Court Reorganization of Capital Trust Inc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Hastings LLP Capital Trust, Inc. Houlihan Lokey |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of Capmark Financial Group Inc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP Alvarez & Marsal Capmark Financial Group Inc. Houlihan Lokey |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset Sale and Restructuring of Centro Properties Group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom Blackstone Group LP Lazard, Ltd. J.P. Morgan Australia Ltd.'s Simpson Thacher & Bartlett Clayton Utz Allens Arthur Robinson Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP Bracewell & Giuliani LLP |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refinancing of CityCenter Holdings, LLC by Dubai World | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Hastings MGM Dubai World Munger, Tolles & Olson Paul Hastings Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher |
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Real Estate (Under \$500 Million)

- Reorganization of the Pittsburgh Hilton and eventual sale of the Pittsburgh Hilton to Wyndham Hotels
Berger Singerman
Campbell and Levine
Forman Holt Eliades and Ravin LLC
- Acquisition of the Ocean Resort Waikiki by Chartres Lodging Group and conversion to the Hyatt Place Waikiki
The Chartres Lodging Group
Morgan Stanley Real Estate Fund
OR Hotel, LLC
Paul Hastings
Rush Moore LLP
- 363 Sale of Gas City, Ltd. to multiple strategic buyers
Conway MacKenzie
DSI
Perkins Coie
Proskauer Rose

Technology, Media, and Telecom

- Divestiture of the WiMAX Equipment Division of Aviat Networks, Inc.
FTI Consulting, Inc.
Aviat Networks
Eion
LaBarge Weinstein
Metaswitch
- Restructuring of Canwest Global Communications (tk: CGS) through Chapter 11/15 and CCAA
Blott Asset Management, L.L.C.
Bennett Jones LLP
Canwest Media Inc
Stikeman Elliot
- Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of MGM
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP
JP Morgan Chase
Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff & Stern LLP
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc.
Moelis & Co
Spyglass Entertainment
Zolfo Cooper



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Professional Services (B-to-B)

- Sale of Frank Parsons Inc. to The Supply Room Companies, Inc.
SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard, P.A.
LeClairRyan
NHB Advisors, Inc.
The Supply Room Companies, Inc.
WeinsweigAdvisors LLC
- Restructuring (including Chapter 11) and sale of ADS Logistics.
G2 Capital Advisors
ADS Logistics Co. LLC
Crowe Horwath
Linx Partners
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Regiment Capital
Seyfarth Shaw
- Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of Alexander Gallo Holdings LLC
Gordian Group, LLC
Alexander
Bayside Capital
DLA Piper
Squire Sanders

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