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European Investing in Distressed Debt Forum 2010

Main Conference: 26-27 October 2010 Post Conference Workshop: 27 October 2010 Venue: Le Meridian Piccadilly, London

Examining the latest opportunities in distressed debt and how to find them in the recovery

Attending the European Investing in Distressed Debt Forum will enable you to:

- Plan for the coming 'wall of restructurings': Hear how Better Capital, Oaktree and M Capital will tackle the next 18 months so you can benchmark your strategies against the experts
- Understand the impact of the sovereign debt crisis in Europe: What new opportunities are likely to emerge? Haris Stamoulis of Lead Finance talks of deals that he has found so far
- Assess the credibility of corporate debt ratings: Fitch and Moody's talk about the changes they have made to their respective offerings since the crisis so you can decide if ratings really indicate corporate distress
- Boost your origination strategies by hearing creative ideas about how to partner with banks to coax them out
 of their NPL portfolio positions in an action packed workshop that will reveal some unlikely tactics that have
 shown results
- Decide if distressed opportunities in real estate are for you after hearing a lively debate between the biggest funds in the market that will illustrate the risk and reward profile of this strategy so far

Strictly limited places for sell-side will provide you with a better opportunity to share new ideas with peers and colleagues from funds across the region

Your VIP 2010 speaker faculty includes:



Jon Moulton,
Founder,
Better Capital



Walter Butler,
Managing Partner,
Butler Capital Partners



HJ Woltery,
Managing Director,
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Haris Stamoulis, Chief Executive Officer, Lead Finance



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Welcome to the European Investing in Distressed Debt Forum 2010

On behalf of Finance IQ, I am delighted to welcome you to the European leg of our long running global distressed debt series.

Let us review the facts first. **2009 was a bumper year for distressed assets when it handed investors a return of about 30 percent, the most profitable year for the asset class since at least 1999**. This year has already returned 14.3 percent in the first quarter of 2010, according to the Combined Altman-NYU Salomon Centre Defaulted Public Bond and Bank Loan index.

Yet as an investment professional, you know that deal origination is becoming more difficult as banks continue to hold onto their NPL portfolios. But this means further opportunities lie ahead especially in Europe, with its sovereign debt crisis and tougher regulatory requirements making banks more likely to shed assets.

The **European Investing in Distressed Debt Forum 2010** will bring together all the most influential players in the market who will articulate their positions for the next 12 months and give attendees an all important temperature check on the asset class.

I look forward to meeting you in London in October!



Anastasia Guha
Conference Director



Conference Day One: Tuesday 26th October

08:30 Registration and Coffee

09:00 Chairman's Opening Remarks

09.05 The Macro picture: Where are the markets now?*

- U, V or W curved recovery which way are the markets headed?
 - Key global industries likely to trade at a discount in the next 12 months
 - Current conditions and outlook in global credit markets: implications for the distressed debt market

09.30 PANEL I Big Challenges, Extraordinary Opportunities – The coming wave

- What will the coming 'wall of restructurings' look like and how will it be different from the last one?
- Sovereign debt restructuring in the Eurozone what it could mean for investors
- Macro factors impacting sell decisions in distressed debt
- What are the most likely exit strategies will they prove to be the next performance benchmark
- Prospects for distressed investing in leveraged loans and hybrid capital
- Event driven versus valuation driven investing

Jon Moulton, Founder, Better Capital

Walter Butler, Managing Partner, Butler Capital Partners HJ Woltery, Managing Director, Strategic Value Partners

10.30 Networking Coffee Break

- 11.50 Bringing out the sovereign debt restructuring handbook: The case with Greece
 - Opportunities from the Greek debt crisis
 - How have local distressed investors fared?
 - Will the European club med countries provide further
 - opportunities?
 - Do opportunistic funds in this environment have to negotiate investments with their public image in mind Haris Stamoulis, Chief Executive Officer, Lead Finance

11:45 The ratings and regulatory landscape – A supervisory perspective

- In the aftermath of the crisis, are the corporate debt ratings still taken seriously?
- What confidence building methods have the ratings agencies deployed?

- What is the European Commission doing to regulate the ratings industry?
- Rating debt across insolvency regimes: how does it work? Richard Hunter, Group Managing Director - Corporates, Fitch Ratings

David Staples, Managing Director European Corporate Finance, Moody's Investor Service

12.45 Luncheon

13.45 Panel II Investor's roundtable – Evaluating the opportunity

- Impact of the primary market on the restructuring environment and exit strategies
- How attractive are the opportunities in the secondary market?
- Available financing

Justin Bickle, Senior Vice President, Oaktree Capital Mark Devonshire, Founder, M Capital

Henry Jackson, Managing Partner, Merchant Equity Partners

14.30 Challenges of operating in the current European restructuring environment *

- How to negotiate the variety of bankruptcy regimes?
- Will regulatory developments limit bank's ability to provide new capital?
- Lack of restructuring experience throughout the system
- Significant need for new capital and poor payback for rationalisations

15.15 Networking Coffee Break

15.45 Panel III Tools of the trade: What are the most attractive debt instruments to buy into?

- The new paper hierarchy: subordinate versus senior, what is better to hold in the current conditions?
- Is there an optimal long/short mix on debt in the coming cycle?
- What is the future of mezzanine?

Galia Velimukhametova, Portfolio Manager, GLG Partners

16.30 Who will be the buyers of distressed debt in the future?*

- Who will be the new breed of buyers now that many hedge funds are struggling for survival?
- The new investor landscape: has anything really changed
- What are the opportunities for outside investors?

17.15 Chairman's Closing remarks & End of day one

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Conference Day Two: Wednesday 27th October

08:30 Registration and Coffee

09:00 Chairman's Opening Remarks

09.05 Panel IV Assessing the banks: How are they responding?

- Banks are using creative mark-to-market assets to hold onto their NPL's – when will this change?
- Who is lending to distressed dealmakers?
- Alternative sources of financing
- Is the European CLO market likely to come out of deep freeze? Justin Jenk, Partner, European Resolution Capital Partners Simon Davies, Managing Director Restructuring and Reorganisation Group, Blackstone

10.00 Safe as houses: Things to consider before ramping up exposure to distressed real estate

- Countries most affected by the coming wave of restructurings in Europe and globally
- Investing in distressed CDO, CMBS and Mezzanine loans: How to restructure and turnaround the debt
- Valuations and pricing for real estate NPL's
- Investment exits: what are the pitfalls

Philip Cropper, Managing Director, CB Richard Ellis Michael Zerda, Director, LaSalle Investment Management

10.30 Networking Coffee Break

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11:00 PANEL V Corporate turnaround and stakeholder

management strategies

- Role of different parties
 - banks
 - suppliers
 - credit issuers
- Current turnaround strategies that are being used
- How does this impact investors

Igor Zax, Managing Director, Tenzor Warwick Ley, Partner, Endless LLP Michael Langdon, Chairman, Rutland Partners

- 11:45 Working with cross border and multi-jurisdictional situations*
 - General checklist for dealing with cross-border trades
 - Need for complete information about the debtor and other risks
 - Pro-creditor and pro-debtor jurisdictions
 - Importance of documents that are locally enforceable
 - Monitoring performance
 - Preventing and responding to the debtor's distress and local
 - Insolvency proceedings
- 12.30 Luncheon
- 13.30 Capital raising for distressed opportunities A case study *
 How the fund investors were found? Which types of investors were targeted? Were third-party marketers used?
- 14.15 Chairman's Closing remarks & End of conference

Post-conference Masterclass: 27th October 2010 14.30 – 17.30

Hope is Not a Risk Strategy: Banks and their NPLs

I. Why are banks holding their NPLs

- a. Liquidity & Capital Issues
- **b.** ALLL (Loan Loss Reserve) Considerations
- c. Regulatory Pressure and the Troubled Debt Restructure Conundrum
- d. Earnings Pressure
- e. The Experience Gap
- f. It's a Matter of Survival

II. Creative approaches for dislodging Bank NPLs

- a. Changing your Stripes
 - i. Banker's View: Distressed Debt Investor as Vulture
 - ii. Liquidity Investor vs. Distressed Debt Investor
- b. Creative Solution Discussion
 - i. NPL Valuation Trigger points
 - ii. Win-Win Strategies
 - 1. Distressed Asset Repurposing
 - 2. Performing Loan Opportunities
 - 3. New creditor/debtor relationship strategies
 - iii. It's all about earnings

Roland Newkirk, President & CEO at Advisigence LLC



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