



2009 WINNERS CIRCLE

June 23, New York, NY: Thirty-four awards were presented at the Turnaround Atlas Awards ceremony, presided by Mr. Jeff Flock, Business Reporter, FOX Business News Network, the evening host and master of ceremonies. The awards gala and ceremony held at the Historic Walnut Room at Hotel Allegro, Chicago was attended by prominent leaders and executives from the industry.

Shanta Kumari, chief executive officer of Global M&A Network said, "Today, the demand for top talent gathered at the Turnaround Atlas Awards gala is vital for preserving industries, jobs and rebuilding of the American economy and competitiveness. Winners and finalists can take pride for completing impressive array of turnarounds requiring creative collaboration and the very best from the industry."

Turnaround Atlas Awards is part of the M&A Atlas Awards global brand; and recognizes outstanding performances for executing transactions, implementing turnaround strategies and financial work-outs completed in 2008.

Join us in Congratulating the 2009 WINNERS CIRCLE:

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT HONOREE:

Mr. Michael E. Heisley, Chairman Emeritus, *The Heico Companies, LLC*

LEADERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT HONOREE:

Ms. Lynn Tilton, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, *Patriarch Partners, LLC*

INDUSTRY EXECUTIVE AWARD WINNERS CIRCLE:

(Recipients are evaluated based on top-ranking and novel transactions completed and/or on-going assignments.)

Corporate Turnaround Executive Award of the Year:

Award recipient: **Eric DeMarco**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, Inc. Mr. DeMarco completed remarkable transformation that included complete divestment of the wireless business, two acquisitions and increased the anticipated revenue growth by \$400 million in 2009.

Private Equity Turnaround Executive of the Year:

Award recipient: **Connor Searcy**, Partner, *Insight Equity Holdings*

Global Restructuring Financial Advisor of the Year: *(Transaction over \$500 million USD in size)*

Award recipient: **David S. Kurtz**, Managing Director & Co-Head of Global Restructuring, *Lazard Ltd.*

Restructuring Financial Advisor of the Year

Award recipient: **Geoffrey A. Richards**, Group Head, Special Situations Advisory, *William Blair & Company*

Restructuring Legal Advisor of the Year:

Award recipient: **John J. Rapisardi**, Partner and Co-Chair of Restructuring Practice, *Cadwalder, Wickersham & Taft, LLP.*

Turnaround Consultant of the Year:

Award recipient: **Jeffery Stegenga**, Managing Director, *Alvarez & Marsal Holdings*

Turnaround Consultant (Boutique) of the Year:

Award recipient: **Michael J. Baratta**, Chief Executive Officer, *Vector Consulting LLC*

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MAJOR INDUSTRY AWARD WINNERS CIRCLE:

Turnaround Atlas Award of the Year (above \$500 million)

Pre-packaged Reorganization of Vertis Communications including recognition for Dual Pre-packaged Merger of Vertis Communications and American Color Graphics, **Vertis Communications, Inc.**

Turnaround Atlas Award of the Year (above \$100 million)

Acquisition of assets of Marcal Paper Mills, LLC. **Haynes and Boone, LLP** and **Highland Capital Management**

Turnaround Atlas Award of the Year

Reorganization of Archway & Mother's Cookies, Inc., **Focus Management Group**

Private Equity Turnaround Deal of the Year

BlackEagle Partners acquisition of InStar Services Group from The ServiceMaster Company, portfolio company of Clayton, Dubilier, & Rice, **BlackEagle Partners, LLC**

Global Turnaround Deal of the Year

Nomura Holdings, Inc acquisition of Lehman Brothers assets, **Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP**

Chapter 11 Reorganization of the Year

Reorganization of Movie Gallery, **Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP**

Out of Court Restructuring of the Year

Restructuring of Centro Properties Group, **Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, LLP**, and **Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP**

Special Situation M&A Deal of the Year (above \$100 million)

Acquisition of Bocvoc's Inc **SSG Capital Advisors, LLC**

Special Situation M&A Deal of the Year (above \$10 million)

Sakar International acquisition of Vivitar from Syntax-Brilliant Corporation, **KPMG Corporate Finance, LLC**

Refinancing of the Year

Recapitalization of Vision Ease Lens. **Insight Equity Holdings, LLC**

SECTOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS CIRCLE:

Beverage, Food & Services Turnaround of the Year:

Pre-packaged reorganization of Mrs. Fields Original Cookies, Inc., **The Blackstone Group** and **Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP**

Energy, Renewable & Services Turnaround of the Year:

Patriarch Partners buyout of Old Town Fuel & Fiber (fka: Red Shield), **Patriarch Partners, LLC**

Manufacturing Products Turnaround of the Year:

Restructuring of International Bedding Corporation, **Mesirow Financial Consulting, LLC**

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SECTOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS CIRCLE: (continued)

Real Estate, Lodging and Services Turnaround of the Year:

Acquisition and value enhancement of Adam's Mark Hotel Portfolio, **The Chartres Lodging Group, LLC**

Retail Products & Services Turnaround of the Year:

Reorganization of Hancock Fabrics, **Houlihan Lokey** and **Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell, LLP**

Technology, Telecom & Media Turnaround of the Year

Acquisition of National Computer Print, Inc. (NCP Solutions), by Lion Equity Partners Holdings and Access Value Investors, LLC, **William Blair & Company, L.L.C**

FIRM of the YEAR AWARD WINNERS CIRCLE:

(Firm awards are selected based on aggregate of highest scoring deals and assignments.)

Private Equity Turnaround Firm of the Year

Longroad Asset Management

Distressed M&A Financial Advisor of the Year

Houlihan Lokey

Restructuring Law Firm of the Year

Kirkland & Ellis, LLP

Turnaround Consulting Firm of the Year (large)

Alvarez & Marsal Holdings

Turnaround Consulting Firm of the Year

Mesirow Financial Consulting

Turnaround Consulting Firm of the Year, Boutique

Strategic Management Partners

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