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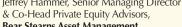
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As the credit crunch continues, more and more mid-market to large-cap companies will be having difficulty refinancing old debt; or taking on new debt. This means that troubled companies are destined to become a larger part of the portfolios of private equity, hedge fund and other sophisticated investors.

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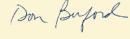
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This market is changing every day, and this twice-annual event has been growing rapidly. Last year's WEST event in Las Vegas was sold out! So this year's Distressed & Turnaround Investment Forum - WEST has been moved to the Palazzo/Venetian Congress Center!

So we urge you to "think iiBIG!" and reserve your seat today!

I look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas ~ September 22-23 ~ at the Palazzo/Venetian Congress Center in Las Vegas!

Best regards,



Don Buford, CEO



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Day One: Monday, September 22, 2008

7:30 – 8:30 Registration & Networking
8:30 - 8:40 Welcoming Remarks

8:45 - 9:30

"State of the Industry" Keynote Panel: A Structural Analysis Of The Meltdown; After-Effects And Resulting Investment Opportunities

PANELISTS:

- Raymond A. Whiteman, Managing Director & Co-Head Global Distressed & Corporate Opportunities, THE CARLYLE GROUP
- Ian Schneider, Managing Director, FORTRESS INVESTMENT GROUP
- John Stark III, Managing Director, WATER TOWER CAPITAL, LLC
- John Collard, CTP, Chairman, STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PARTNERS
- Bhavin Shah, Managing Director, OAK HILL ADVISORS
- Steve Moyer, Director, TENNENBAUM CAPITAL PARTNERS

9:35 - 10:20

Hedge Funds and Private Equity: Where are they Now in Distressed Debt?

As the credit crunch continues, Hedge Funds are expanding rapidly into areas previously dominated by banks. The number of hedge funds that specialize in asset-based lending has quadrupled in the last 3 years – and 'banklike' hedge funds had about \$12Billion in assets to lend at the end of 2007 –up from \$900Million three years ago. How will this trend affect the distressed & turnaround markets?

PANELISTS:

- Jeffrey Hammer, Senior Managing Director & Co-Head Private Equity Advisors, BEAR STEARNS ASSET MANAGEMENT
- J. Scott Victor, Senior Managing Director & Co-Head Special Situations Group, NATIONAL CITY INVESTMENT BANKING
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10:20 - 10:50 Refreshments & Networking

10:55 - 11:40

Remedies for Legacy Ills, Activist Investing, and Corporate Governance and other Investor Hot Buttons In light of litigation and shareholder disputes that have arisen in recent cases:

- Did poor corporate governance contribute to the demise of a company and will good corporate governance actually help an emerging company?
- Activism: Does taking a director position increase chances for success post-Chapter 11?

PANELISTS:

- Sharon Manewitz, Managing Director, Distressed Investments and Special Situations, TIAA-CREF
- Ross Gatlin, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Partner, PROPHET EQUITY LLC
- Jeffrey Geron, Partner, SONNENSCHEIN NATH & ROSENTHAL LLP

11:45 - 12:25

Cross Border and International Distressed Debt Opportunities

MODERATOR: Waël Rostom, Partner, McMILLAN, LLP

PANELISTS:

- Stephen T. Kargman, President, KARGMAN ASSOCIATES
- Other panelists TBA

12:30 - 1:45

NETWORKING LUNCHEON

1:50 - 2:35

Institutional Investor Perspective on the Distressed & Opportunity Investing Markets

Several large pension funds are taking steps to take advantage of the crisis in the debt market. Hear why pension funds see opportunity in the current crisis.

PANFLISTS:

- Edwin T. Burton, Ph.D., Trustee & Chair, Benefits & Actuarial Committee, VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Professor of Economics, Univ. of Virginia)
- Additional Panelists TBA

2:40 - 3:30

Corporate Governance in the Zone of Insolvency: A Case Study

- Paul J. Coughlin, Managing Partner, LONGROAD ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC
- Larry G. Halperin, Partner, RICHARDS KIBBE & ORBE LLP
- Michael Epstein, Managing Partner, CRG PARTNERS

3:30 - 4:00

Refreshments & Networking

4:05 - 4:50

The 2008 Election: How (or) will it Impact the Economy and Opportunity Investing?

MODERATOR: Mark Shinderman, Partner, MUNGER, TOLLES & OLSON, LLP

PANELISTS:

- Bruce Ferguson, Managing Partner, APEX FUNDAMENTAL PARTNERS, INC.
- Richard Benson, President, SPECIALTY FINANCE GROUP, LLC

4:55 - 5:55

Firing Line: Capitalizing on the New Distressed Debt

A panel of experts will take questions and discuss issues raised by the delegates. Questions will be solicited from conference attendees both prior to and during the event.

MODERATOR: Adam Reinebach, Publisher,

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- Joshua W. Easterly, Director, GOLDMAN SACHS SPECIALTY LENDING GROUP L.P.
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- Bruce Ferguson, Managing Partner, APEX FUNDAMENTAL PARTNERS, INC.
- Larry H. Lattig, Executive Vice President & Senior Managing Director, MESIROW FINANCIAL CONSULTING, LLC



5:00 – 7:30

Evening Networking Reception

Day Two: Tuesday, September 23, 2008

8:00 - 8:45

Networking & Registration

8:45 - 9:30

M&A: Turnaround and Distressed Debt Opportunities

PANELISTS:

- Steven R. Gerbsman, Principal, **GERBSMAN PARTNERS**
- Adam Gottlieb, Managing Director, INDUSTRIAL OPPORTUNITY PARTNERS
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- T. Scott Avila, Managing Partner, **CRG PARTNERS**
- Michael Anderson, Chief Executive Officer, **ECLIPSE CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT**

9:35 - 10:20

Second Lien, Tranche B and Junior Sub Debt in **Distressed Debt Investing Strategies**

PANELISTS:

- Eric Beckman, Partner, Private Debt Group, ARES MANAGEMENT
- Homyar M. Choksi, Principal, LBC CREDIT PARTNERS
- · Richard Nejame, Managing Director, Investment Banking Group, IMPERIAL CAPITAL
- Ted Koenig, President, MONROE CAPITAL

10:20 - 10:50

Morning Break & Networking

10:55 - 11:40

High Yield/Distressed Debt Market: Current Climate, Opportunities & Pitfalls

MODERATOR: Peter M. Lupoff, Managing Director & Portfolio Manager, MILLENIUM MANAGEMENT LLC

PANELISTS:

- Rob Deutschman, President, **CAPPELLO PARTNERS**
- David K. Sherman, Founder and Managing Principal, COHANZICK CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC
- Katalin E. Kutasi, Principal/Portfolio Manager, KELLNER DILEO & CO.

11:45 - 12:30

Investment and Disposition Strategies in the Residential and Commercial Real Estate Sectors

PANELISTS:

- Tom Vivaldelli, Principal and Managing Director, **DISTRESSED REAL ESTATE SOLUTIONS**
- Navin N. Nagrani, Vice President, HILCO REAL ESTATE, LLC
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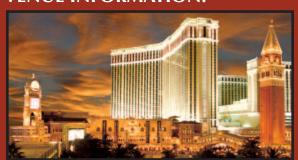
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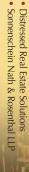
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