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8:00

## Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30

## Co-Chairs' Welcoming Remarks

**Lachlan Edwards**

*Managing Director/Investment Banking Division*  
GOLDMAN SACHS (London)

**N. Lynn Hiestand**

*Partner and European Corporate Restructuring Group Leader*  
SKADDEN ARPS SLATE MEAGHER & FLOM (UK)  
LLP (London)

**Neville Kahn**

*Partner, Reorganisation Services*  
DELOITTE (London)

8:45

## Market Overview: New Business Opportunities

The distressed market of 2006 was the year of auto parts, perennials and simply the very few companies that could not be saved. In fact it was just like 2005 except a deal on Eurotunnel was finally agreed! The current financial markets are seeing higher leverage multiples, more frenzied M&A activity and corporates locking horns with Private Equity and the Hedge Funds - all of which is churning the massive liquidity available. Non-extinguishing LCDS, more PIK notes, toggles, the demise of the Term Loan A in favour of Term Loan B/C tranches, convergence of sponsors and hedge funds, and the extraordinary levels of funds being raised are all adding to the liquidity in the market. Refinancing became the new restructuring in 2006; but, with Fallen Angels higher than Rising Stars for the first time since 2003 are the ratings agencies warning of a turn in the tide, at last, in 2007 and 2008?

**Lachlan Edwards**

*Managing Director/Investment Banking Division*  
GOLDMAN SACHS (London)

9:15

## Grumpy Old Men's Advice to Distressed Investors and Restructuring Professionals

This is especially for those who are too young to remember the last recession. When these speakers first started their practice, a hedge fund was money buried in the hedgerow for safe keeping. This will be a roundtable of senior or newly-retired practitioners reflecting on the new era in the restructuring industry. War stories, mistakes, and successes, you can count on a wealth of information. (Please note: Terry Hughes abjures his qualifications for this session but has graciously accepted the invitation to speak.)

**Tony Bugg, Interviewer**

*Partner*  
LINKLATERS (London)

**Peter Bloxham**

**Terry Hughes**

SILVERPOINT CAPITAL (London)

**Paul Thompson**

*Head of Lending Services (Retired)*  
HSBC (London)

10:00

## Networking Break

10:15

## Leadership in European Restructurings

In Europe there is still resistance to Chapter 11/court driven process to push restructurings along. For good reason, processes are kept 'out of court', but the consequence is often a lack of effective leadership resulting in delay and increased cost. Treofan and Ihr Platz are excellent contrasting examples of how to get it right and create value. This panel will explore what restructuring professionals and advisors need to do in order to "get it right", what key characteristics make an effective leader and what lessons have been and can be learnt from the US.

**Eric Benedict, Panel Moderator**

*Managing Director*  
ALVAREZ & MARSAL EUROPE LTD (London)

**Simon Appell**

*Partner*  
KROLL (London)

**John P. Brincko**

*President*  
BRINCKO ASSOCIATES, INC. (Los Angeles)

**N. Lynn Hiestand**

*Partner and European Corporate Restructuring Group Leader*  
SKADDEN ARPS SLATE MEAGHER & FLOM (UK)  
LLP (London)

11:00

## Pensions in European Restructurings: Polestar and Other Cases

The subject of pensions has never been a hotter topic in restructurings and distressed M & A transactions. Fears about the wide ranging powers of The UK Pensions Regulator have eased with the development of creative solutions. These can provide certainty and unlock value for stakeholders. What are the latest ways of dealing with pension deficits in the UK? What happened to the Polestar pension? How does it compare in Mainland Europe?

**Richard Tett, Panel Moderator**

*Partner*  
FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER (London)

**Simon Granger**

*Partner, Reorganisation Services*  
DELOITTE (London)

This panel will be joined by a pension trustee representative. 5

11:45

## Review of Sector Ratings and Introduction to Loss Given Default Ratings

The European Leveraged Finance market is now characterized by increasingly complex and more aggressively structured transactions where there are often multiple layers of debt, trends which have been supported both by strong liquidity and increased demand by new investors and investor classes. In response to the continuing evolution in the markets, and the differing needs of various investor classes, Moody's has recently revised its rating methodology for the assignment of speculative grade corporate debt ratings with the introduction of its Loss Given Default methodology. This presentation will provide an overview of what these recent developments suggest in terms of future default rate trends while also presenting an explanation of the key motivations, drivers and assumptions underpinning the revised ratings methodology.

**David G. Staples**

*Managing Director, European Corporates*

MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE (London)

12:15

## Luncheon for All Speakers and Delegates

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14:00 (2:00)

## Case Studies in Italian Restructurings: Comital Saiag and Recent Developments

Originally listed on the Milan stock exchange, Comital Saiag is one of Europe's most important packaging and household goods manufacturers. It was bought by Management e Capitali and restructured with an infusion of private equity. Recent developments include an innovative financial instrument to address the restructuring of a

mezzanine debt, an example of early application of a recently-introduced amendment to Italian insolvency law (Article 67), and the acquisition of a fashion house by a UK hedge fund.

**Bruno Cova, Panel Moderator**

*Co-Chair, Milan Office*

PAUL HASTINGS JANOFSKY & WALKER LLP (Milan)

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*Managing Director*

ROTHSCHILD (Milan)

**Carlo Frau**

*CEO*

COMITAL SAIAG (Milan)

*Partner*

MANAGEMENT E CAPITALI

**Tim Babich**

*CEO*

FORTELUS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT (London)

14:45 (2:45)

## COMI: Schaeffenacker, Deutsche Nickel, and Other Successful Venue Shopping Sprees

*"The center will not hold." (William Butler Yeats)*

In the U.S., stakeholder "forum shopping" seeks advantageous interpretation from court to court of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. In Europe the stakes are higher: different legislation in the various national jurisdictions results in process differences and priority advantages. The Eurofood judgment clarified some aspects of COMI and may curtail some of the more spurious claims. However, "first past the post" is still applicable. And professional advisors will still seek advantage for their clients by guiding restructuring to favourable jurisdictions. London is emerging as the jurisdiction of choice in many European restructurings. If water finds its own level, Deutsche Nickel and Schaeffenacker's "migration" to England must be a siren call for German restructuring professionals. This panel explores the issues of jurisdiction differences and their effect on cross border restructuring.

**Alan Tilley, Panel Moderator**

*Managing Director*

HURON CONSULTING GROUP (London)

**Lisa Ashe**

*Director*

ALIXPARTNERS (London)

**Earl Griffith**

*Partner*

ALLEN & OVERY (London)

**Antonio Fernandez Rodriguez**

*Partner*

GARRIGUES (Madrid)

**Dr. Annerose Tashiro**

*Head of Cross-Border Restructurings and Insolvencies*

SCHULTZE & BRAUN GmbH (Achem and London)

15:30 (3:30)

## Networking Break

**16:00 (4:00)**

## **Shareholder Rights in Restructurings: U.S. and Europe**

Recent restructurings in the U.S. have seen a significant increase recently in both official and ad hoc Equity Committees. Typically, once a debtor gets to court, class struggle has been between the classes of creditors and equity has been out of the money. Have turnaround managers recently become so much more proficient that they are better at protecting the value of the estate? Some of our friends would argue, "Of course!" A more likely explanation is that some deep pocketed investors, known elsewhere as "locusts", have been buying enough equity and are prepared to bring enough "new money" to the restructuring that they are having their way in court. In Europe "equity committees" might well be called "parliaments". Shareholder rights, backed by the government have been protected in Parmalat, Eurotunnel and

other major cases. What has been the effect of large private equity and hedge fund investors on shareholder rights in Europe? This session will look at what it means for distressed investors in different jurisdictions and in cross-border cases.

### **Marcia L. Goldstein, Panel Moderator**

*Partner, Co-Head of Restructuring Practice*

**WEIL GOTSHAL & MANGES LLP (New York)**

### **Kolja von Bismarck**

*Partner*

**CLIFFORD CHANCE (Frankfurt)**

### **Bertrand Grunenwald**

*Co-Head Restructuring/Europe*

**ROTHSCHILD (Paris)**

### **Thomas Heymann**

*Partner*

**HEYMANN & PARTNER (Frankfurt)**

## **17:00 Wine Tasting & Reception for All Delegates and Speakers**

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*Tasting Notes by John Brincko*

### **Red Wines**

#### **1989 Hermitage La Chapelle – P. Jaboulet**

A red Rhone wine from Hermitage on the east bank of the Rhone River, south of Lyons. One of the two best Hermitages made, Chave is the other.

Opulent and meaty on the nose with savory aromas, combining with mint and cassis. Sweet and full, mushroomy flavors with a long peppery finish. Very impressive and will last at least another decade.

#### **2000 Gevrey Chambertin Clos St. Jacques Rousseau**

The Rousseau family is considered to be one of the top five red producers in Burgundy. The 2000 Gevrey Chambertin Clos St. Jacques is an outstanding wine and a perfect example of a Grand Cru from Burgundy, although it is only classified as a Premier Cru. It is usually the third best wine produced by Rousseau, after Chambertin and Chambertin Clos de Beze. However, often times it is their best wine. The 2000 vintage is considered to be a very, very good and early maturing vintage. The simple principle of old vines and low yields dictates the Rousseau style.

#### **1993 Chassagne Montrachet Boudriotte Ramonet En Magnum**

The Ramonet family from Chassagne Montrachet makes the finest white wines in the world, in my view. They establish the standard for all other white wines. This wine is a little known red wine gem that they produce in small quantity.

The wine is from a Premier Cru vineyard in Chassagne-Montrachet called "La Boudriotte" or sometimes "Clos de la Boudriottes". This wine is 14 years old and is at optimum drinking.

My tasting notes reflect a typical smoked bacon nose. In the mouth, it has berry character with bright acidity tapering to a long finish.

#### **1997 Macchiole Paleo Rosso**

In only a second vintage, Macchiole's Paleo Rosso was compared to Cheval Blanc by Robert Parker. A longtime favorite of mine, Paleo Rosso embodies the spirit of Tuscany, but with the grace of a top-tier classified growth from Bordeaux. Here are some of my tasting notes on the 1997 bottling: "Aromas of dried berries and spices. Full-bodied and very ripe, with currants, sultana and Christmas pudding character. Silky tannins and a long, pungent finish. Rich wine. Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. The nose is ripe and seductive, while flavors are pure, powerful and supremely balanced. A terrific Paleo Rosso."

### **White Wines**

#### **2004 Chassagne Montrachet Clos St. Jean Fontaine Gagnard**

A lovely full flavored wine with extract of almonds, apple and honey in abundance. This wine won a recent tasting in Chassagne Montrachet and I am serving it at my daughter's wedding later this year.

#### **2006 Wither Hills Sauvignon Blanc**

This New Zealand wine is ultra fresh and vibrant with limey acidity and more of those juicy gooseberries dancing around the taste. Some critics say this wine takes Cloudy Bay to the cleaners, so to speak.

**8:00**

**Continental Breakfast**

**8:30**

**Case Study: Eurotunnel**

Some distressed investors thought their children would be working on these credits, but Europe finally has seen agreement reached on the restructuring of Eurotunnel. It took an extraordinary confluence of events including a new French restructuring regime and an innovative exit financing package including long term debt and convertible instruments to gather the necessary support of key stakeholders to achieve this agreement. As the implementation reaches its final phases, this panel, comprising senior representatives of a number of the key constituencies, will explore the key themes to be drawn on this complex and long running situation.

**Sarah Mook, Panel Moderator**

*Executive Director/Restructuring Group*

**GOLDMAN SACHS (London)**

**Antonin (Tony) Besse**

*Partner*

**FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER (Paris)**

**Julian Nichols**

*Managing Director/Distressed Debt Trading*

**DEUTSCHE BANK (London)**

**Toby Watson**

*Managing Director/Structured Finance*

**GOLDMAN SACHS (London)**

Additional panelists will be added as available.

**9:30**

**Case Study: MFI Furniture Groups**

MFI Furniture Groups plc was a €1.3 billion, UK-based manufacturer and retailer of kitchen and bedroom furniture. Founded in the early 1960s, MFI had grown to be one of the most widely recognized retail names in the UK, with over 200 retail stores.

Prior to the restructuring, the company had three main components:

- The trade business that focused on marketing and selling products to small builders
- The retail business that marketed, sold and delivered products to consumers
- The supply business, which concentrated on design, flexible outsourcing and manufacturing

Beginning in 2004, the company's retail business began to encounter negative financial impact due to customers shifting from store-bought do-it-yourself kitchens to installed kitchens. Sales declines reached 20% to 30% year over year by 2005 and a cash crisis loomed. In addition, the CEO and CFO left the company.

**Pippa Wicks, Panel Moderator**

*Managing Director*

**ALIXPARTNERS (London)**

**Phillip Dougall**

*Partner*

**SUN CAPITAL PARTNERS (London)**

**Martin Ellis (Invited)**

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*Principal, Managing Director and Chief Executive/Europe International Division*

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**10:15**

### **Current Trends in Cross-Border Issues**

With more and more U.S. investors looking for opportunities around the world and more and more companies having a global footprint, the complexity of cross-border cases is only going to grow. This panel will look at the issues in several on-going cases including:

- Restructuring companies headquartered outside the U.S. in a Chapter 11 proceeding
- Resolving UK and EU pension issues in the U.S.

#### **Christopher Mallon, Panel Moderator**

*Partner*

**WEIL GOTSHAL & MANGES LLP (London)**

#### **Peter Marshall**

*Managing Director*

**HOULIHAN LOKEY HOWARD & ZUKIN (London)**

#### **Barry Russel**

*Partner*

**BINGHAM MCCUTCHEN LLP (London)**

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**11:00**

### **Networking Break**

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**11:15**

### **Case Study: Infogrames Entertainment**

Infogrames Entertainment, one of the world leaders in the video game industry, is listed on the Paris Euronext stock exchange and has two main subsidiaries, one of which is listed on NASDAQ. Following substantial increases in debt issued by OCEANE (bonds convertible and/or exchangeable into new or existing shares) in 1999 and 2000, the company found it difficult to raise further debt. The first restructuring in 2004 and 2005 led to offers by the company to swap debt for equity, reducing the company's listed debt burden to €148m.

In 2006 adverse market conditions left Infogrames unable to meet its repayment obligations. A further restructuring was required which removed all the company's remaining debt. By September 2006 a new agreement was reached with bank creditors and bondholders to increase the amount of short term debt, modify terms of bonds due in 2008 and 2009 and for shareholders to subscribe to more equity.

In February 2007 Infogrames Entertainment tendered an exchange offer for OCEANE. This offer is the last step of Infogrames's debt restructuring plan, which also included a capital increase with preferential subscription rights and a free allocation of warrants reserved to existing shareholders.

#### **Richard Millward, Panel Moderator**

*Managing Director/Co-Head of Restructuring, Europe*

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#### **Laurent Beauvoit**

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**12:00**

### **Investors Roundtable**

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#### **Timothy R. Pohl, Panel Moderator**

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**13:00 (1:00)**

### **Conference Adjourns**

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You know it is the absolute height of the business cycle when people who should know better start getting really silly and start talking about things like “the end of history” and “the end of the business cycle”. I have heard this at the top of every business cycle I have lived through, and every time there is a rumble under Highgate Cemetery when Marx rolls over in his grave and lo and behold there is another crisis of Capital. This time what is most curious is the idea that debt risk has been eliminated because so many people are holding so many different tranches of it. I have a bridge over the East River in New York City I want to sell in so many different tranches that the buyers will have all the risk taken away.

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