



Where is the Distress? - A Discussion on Global Distressed Opportunities

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London

Where are the distressed opportunities? Dedicated vehicles have been established to focus on Energy and Europe. Are they meeting their investors' expectations? Where are the greatest potential opportunities?

Get the latest views on these questions and more from a panel of distressed and restructuring specialists. The evening will consist of a panel discussion, followed by networking drinks with your peers.

Participants

Olivier Blechner, Polygon Global Partners LLP
Peter Marshall, Houlihan Lokey
Rick Morris, Goldman Sachs
James Roome, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
Liz Osborne, *Moderator*, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

Event Details

Date: May 20, 2015

Time: 6 PM Registration.

We will begin *promptly* at 6:30 PM; please arrive early. Since it is disruptive to everyone when latecomers enter the session, those arriving after an education session has begun will only be admitted at the discretion of 100WHF and the host. Please note the start time on this invite and plan to arrive early.

Networking and cocktails will follow.

Host: Polygon Global Partners LLP

Location: Prince Philip House

3 Carlton House Terrace, **London**, SW1Y 5DG, United Kingdom

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Space is limited. No walk-ins will be permitted.

Biographies

Olivier Blechner, Chief Investment Officer, Polygon Global Partners LLP

Olivier Blechner joined Polygon in 2013 and is the Chief Investment Officer of the Polygon Distressed Opportunities Fund. Prior to joining Polygon, he was a Research Director at Alden Global Capital where he invested (long and short) in distressed debt and equity securities globally. From 2006 to 2008, Olivier was a Partner and Portfolio Manager at TPG Credit Management, where he was responsible for its investment activities in the European distressed and undervalued leveraged debt space as well as in special situations. From 2004 to 2006, he was Head of European Credit Opportunities with Sandell Asset Management, where he made investments across the entire credit spectrum, with particular emphasis on distressed, stressed and event-driven credit. Prior to that, Olivier concentrated on leveraged finance and rescue financing transactions in the financial restructuring group at Houlihan Lokey, and at Credit Suisse First Boston/Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette. Olivier, a Swiss national, received a B.S. in Economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1998. He is a Trustee of the Holocaust Educational Trust.

Peter Marshall, Managing Director, Houlihan Lokey

Mr. Marshall is a Managing Director and Co-Head of European Restructuring at Houlihan Lokey. He has specialised in corporate restructuring and turnaround since the early 1990s, with experience in complex cross-border transactions across various jurisdictions and involving combinations of bank debt, high yield and convertible instruments. He has considerable experience in advising on the restructuring of private equity owned companies, both as company and shareholder advisor and as advisor to creditor groups. Private Equity restructurings which he has advised on include Gate Gourmet, The Polestar Group, Welcome Break Group, Ilford Imaging, Christie Tyler, Vantico SA, TMD Friction, Kiekert and Damovo Group. Most recent transactions Peter has led include Ineos Group, 20:20 Mobile Group, JVH Gaming, BorsodChem Zrt and Sea Containers Ltd. Before joining Houlihan Lokey, Mr. Marshall was a Co-Head and Managing Director of Close Brothers Corporate Restructuring Group as well as a Partner in Grant Thornton's Recovery and Reorganisation department. Mr. Marshall graduated in economics and subsequently qualified as a chartered accountant with Grant Thornton. He is a member of R3, the Association of Business Recovery Professionals and is also a certified bankruptcy practitioner.

Rick Morris, Managing Director, Goldman Sachs

Rick Morris is Managing Director and Co-Head of the distressed trading desk at Goldman Sachs in the London office, where he focuses on EMEA stressed and distressed credits. Prior to joining Goldman Sachs, Rick was a Managing Director on the Global Distressed desk at Merrill Lynch, and prior to that Rick was a corporate restructuring attorney at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. Rick received his law degree from Rutgers Law School in 1995 and his undergraduate degree from Rutgers College in 1992.

James Roome, Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

James Roome is an English lawyer who concentrates on U.K. and cross-border insolvency, workouts and restructurings. He handles litigation and advises on a wide range of debt and equity investments on behalf of financial institution clients. He has advised on numerous restructurings of distressed bonds, notes and loans in Europe. Mr. Roome is consistently named as a leading individual by Chambers UK, Chambers Global, Chambers Europe, Legal 500, PLC's Cross-Border Restructuring and Insolvency Handbook, Who's Who Legal and IFLR 1000, among others. Mr. Roome was admitted as a solicitor in England in 1984 and in Hong Kong in 1985. He is a licensed insolvency practitioner. He is a member of INSOL Europe, INSOL International, the City of London Law Society (Insolvency Committee), the European Insolvency Practitioners Association, the Insolvency Lawyers' Association and a fellow of the Association of Business Recovery Professionals (R3).

Liz Osborne, Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

Liz Osborne is a Partner in Akin Gump's financial restructuring group and concentrates on UK and cross-border insolvency, workouts and restructurings. She represents hedge funds, bondholders, institutional lenders, secondary market investors and creditor committees in relation to strategic and legal issues concerning their distressed debt and special situation investments. Recent representative matters include acting as legal counsel to an informal group of holders of shares in Punch Taverns plc and notes issued by Punch Taverns Finance plc; representing the ad hoc group of Lenders to TP Ferro Concessionaria, S.A.; and advising Nordic Trustee on behalf of an ad hoc group of bondholders on the restructuring of the Jasper group. Liz is also advising Nordic Trustee on behalf of an ad hoc committee of bondholders on the restructuring of the Noreco Group, one of the first Exploration and Production restructurings since the downturn in oil prices.



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Founded in 2002, Polygon is a global investment firm with offices in London and New York. Polygon is owned by Tetragon Financial Group Limited, a Guernsey closed-ended company traded on Euronext Amsterdam N.V. ("TFG").

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