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8:00

Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30

Co-Chair's Welcoming Remarks

Lachlan Edwards

Co-Head of Restructuring/Europe

ROTHSCHILD (London)

N. Lynn Hiestand

Partner

SKADDEN ARPS SLATE MEAGHER & FLOM (UK)

LLP (London)

Neville Kahn

Partner, Reorganisation Services

DELOITTE (London)

8:45

Market Overview: New Business Opportunities

European restructuring continued to evolve in 2004. Corporate issues such as a strong Euro and the failure to see growth maintained was at odds with the "wall of money" available from the credit markets. The markets' offering also changed as volumes in the asset backed lending, second lien financing and the CDS market increased dramatically. Geography had increasing importance as non-performing loan sales began a dramatic change in Germany (finally), jurisdiction shopping was significant in the Yukos and Parmalat situations, and changing legislation and its implementation has created more uncertainty. The 2004 year end saw a number of high profile situations such as British Energy, Karstadt Quelle and MyTravel put to rest but the issues confronted are yet to be resolved and so 2005 and 2006 promise to be extraordinary years for restructuring in Europe.

Lachlan Edwards

Co-Head of Restructuring/Europe

ROTHSCHILD (London)

9:15

Venue Shopping

When the US Bankruptcy Court in Houston accepts the Chapter 11 filing of a Russian company essentially involved in a two-party dispute with the Russian government and when an Italian administrator essentially shuts out all but Italian creditors, it is certain to have far-reaching effects. What are the implications in Europe? How does this affect restructuring strategies for European creditors and debtors? What is the impact on investors? This panel will address these issues and will explore the effects in order to provide a game plan for resolving jurisdictional disputes.

Robert Elliott, Panel Moderator

Partner

LINKLATERS (London)

Peter Briggs

Managing Director

ALVAREZ & MARSAL EUROPE LTD. (London)

Marcia L. Goldstein

Partner, Co-Head of Restructuring Practice

WEIL GOTSHAL & MANGES LLP (New York)

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Partner

SKADDEN ARPS SLATE MEAGHER & FLOM (UK)

LLP (London)

Nicholas Jordan

Vice Chairman, Russia & Turkey Coverage

DEUTSCHE BANK (London)

10:00

Networking Break

10:15

Protecting the Value of the Estate: Resolving Complex Cross-border Disputes

With the globalization of the restructuring industry within the EU, cross-border disputes are getting a sharper focus. What exactly is a "Centre of Main Interest"? What are the opportunities for venue shopping? Will the expansion of the EU bring about a homogenization of insolvency laws, or will venue shopping make all the difference in this ever-shrinking world? With the growing importance of the chief restructuring officer, what options does this make available in determining how best to protect the value of the estate?

Terry Bond, Panel Moderator

Consultant to

RSM ROBSON RHODES AND INSOL (London)

John P. Brincko

President

BRINCKO ASSOCIATES, INC. (Los Angeles)

Richard Tett

Partner

FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER (London)

Alan Tilley

Managing Director

GLASS & ASSOCIATES, INC. (London)

11:00

Opportunities in Asset Backed and Securitized Loans

The landscape in the US, with a common federal regime, is ideal for asset-based lending. In Europe, despite the common market of the EU, local commercial laws dictate lenders' ability to take security over assets. Whilst this presents challenges there are a number of territories that do have regimes in which ABL can be a credible option. This session explores the challenges and seeks to provide insight into the solutions for, and the benefits of, this key alternative to cash flow lending. The panel will also discuss securitization in a European cross-border context.

Paul Abrahams, Panel Moderator

Executive Director

GE CORPORATE FINANCIAL SERVICES (London)

James Chesterman

Partner

LATHAM & WATKINS (London)

Paul Duffy

Managing Director Structured Finance/Securitisation Advisory

ROTHSCHILD (London)

Neville Kahn

Partner, Reorganisation Services

DELOITTE (London)

Fabrice Pedro-Rousselin

European Securitisation Leader

GE CAPITAL EUROPE (London)

11:45

Consensual Restructuring in the UK: The Pace of Change

The pace of change in the UK is accelerating. Original lenders are taking advantage of the debt trading markets with new entrants and greater liquidity bringing more US experience to bear in the UK. In addition, debt structures are increasingly complex with multiple stakeholder groups. As a result, the process for consensual restructuring is changing leading to issues for corporates and their advisers. How does the process compare with the US and does it require fundamental changes in legislation to create a more efficient process? This panel will look at recent cases such as Henley's, Queen's Moat House, and Jarvis.

Gerry Loftus, Panel Moderator

Partner, Reorganisation Services

DELOITTE (London)

R. J. Hedger

*Director, Corporate Restructuring Unit,
Specialised Lending Services*

THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND PLC (London)

Barry Russell

Partner

BINGHAM MCCUTCHEN (London)

Eric Simonsen

Managing Director

ALIXPARTNERS (London)

Gerald Smith

Partner

RSM ROBSON RHODES (London)

12:30

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Luncheon Panel:

Lender Liability and Third Party Litigation

In the wake of Enron's collapse a number of European banks that had joined a syndicated loan to the Enron subsidiary "Mahonia" filed suit against the New York banks that had syndicated the loan. The same New York banks are being sued by Parmalat. Whether or not the banks were complicit in either company's fraud, we are in a new era of lender liability and post-reorganisation litigation. Other cases

will follow. There are billions of dollars and euros at stake in "litigation trusts" or less formal "set-asides" by the banks. This session will examine the strategic issues facing investors as well as restructuring professionals when litigation outside the bankruptcy courts is an option.

Kevin Lloyd, Panel Moderator

Partner

HERBERT SMITH (London)

Michael B. Carlinsky

Partner

**QUINN EMANUEL URQUHART OLIVER & HEDGES
LLP (New York)**

Fletcher Duke

Managing Director-Special Assets

BNP PARIBAS (New York)

J. Andrew Rahl, Jr.

Partner, Head of the Bankruptcy and Restructuring Practice

ANDERSON KILL & OLICK PC (New York)

14:00

UK Case Study: My Travel

What happened when the company decided to cram down the bondholders using a section 425 scheme following a series of lengthy and often acrimonious talks between the various constituents? What leverage did the company and the bondholders respectively have? Did the bondholders have a present interest in the company's assets? What percentage equity stake did the bondholders receive and will this be a blueprint for the future? This case study addresses these and other issues, highlighting important principles for all holders of publicly traded debt securities, whether high grade or high yield, in the European bond markets.

Michael Lord, Panel Moderator

Managing Director

ALVAREZ & MARSAL EUROPE LTD. (London)

Dorian Lowell

Managing Director

HOULIHAN LOKEY HOWARD & ZUKIN (London)

Andrew Wilkinson

Partner

CADWALADER WICKERSHAM & TAFT (London)

14:40

Networking Break

14:55

Germany Update

- The state of the economy in Germany: When do we reach the low tide? Is a new wave of restructuring cases ahead?
- Which industries are most likely to be restructured in the near future
- What is the difference in restructuring cases in Germany and Anglo-American countries (specifics in German law, specifics in restructuring culture)?
- What do Anglo-American investors see in Germany? Is this a short-term, opportunity-driven issue or a longer term commitment to Germany?
- How do commercial banks react to the current trend of international financial investors buying distressed debt in Germany? Are there any success stories?
- How will the international distressed debt investments in Germany alter the existing restructuring scene?

Nils R. Kuhlwein von Rathenow, Panel Moderator

Partner

ROLAND BERGER (Dusseldorf)

Ralf Ehret

Head of Corporate Restructuring/Europe

HYPO VEREINSBANK (Munich)

Jonathan Esfandi

Vice President

LONE STAR EUROPE (London)

Ansgar Zwick

Managing Director

HOULIHAN LOKEY HOWARD & ZUKIN (London)

15:45

Germany Case Study: PrimaCom

Corporate Restructuring versus Shareholder Activism - in the PrimaCom situation the classic valuation battle in financial restructurings of how to split the pie has been redefined. Presented with a pre-packaged out-of-court restructuring, the shareholders decided to reject the deal out of hand and to pursue an activist and contentious strategy against a major creditor group. Numerous lawsuits and conflicting legal opinions later, the case is still unresolved and the shareholders and the creditors are in a Mexican standoff. By way of collateral damage, the case has raised concerns about the validity and enforceability of Anglo-Saxon style high yield financing to German companies. The panel will focus on these issues and will draw lessons for future restructurings in Germany."

Leo Plank, Panel Moderator

Partner

BROICH BAYER VON ROM RECHTSANWÄLTE (Frankfurt)

Speaker list continued on next column...

Dr. Joachim Englert

Senior Manager

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS (Frankfurt)

Kolja von Bismarck

Partner

CLIFFORD CHANCE LLP (Frankfurt)

16:30

France - Legal Developments and Restructuring Update

The French restructuring market has been one of the most active in the last twelve months. As participants await the implementation of new legislation, deals are being done. Why is this? What is being done on the high profile situations of the moment? What is the view from the inside?

This panel will cover:

- Update on the relevant French Legislation
- Update on developments in the French restructuring market
- Update on specific situations - Rhodia, EuroDisney and Penauille Polyservices and others

Bertrand Grunenwald, Panel Moderator

Co-Head Restructuring/Europe

ROTHSCHILD (Paris)

Bertrand Andriani

Partner

LINKLATERS (Paris)

Rod Cork

Partner

ALLEN & OVERY (Paris)

Jean-Pierre Falgas

Head of Work Out

BNP PARIBAS (Paris)

**17:15 Wine Tasting & Reception for All Delegates and Speakers
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White Wines

2004 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc

This wine from New Zealand is considered by many experts to be one of the top five examples of Sauvignon Blanc in the world. It is certainly comparable to the finest offerings from France, Italy or the US, in my opinion. It is a superb food wine and was highly rated by wine critics.

2002 Kumeu River Chardonnay

This wine from New Zealand may be the finest white wine of the Southern Hemisphere yet it tastes more like a Premier Cru White Burgundy. Serve it blind to your friends and they will probably guess it to be Corton Charlemagne or Chassagne Montrachet. Recently rated one of the top wines of the year by "Wine Spectator" magazine. I have tasted this wine and find it with bold citrus melon green apple and mineral flavors that grow as they linger effortlessly. It has all the earmarks of a great wine.

Red Wines

2000 Chateau de Fieuzal Rouge

This red from the Graves region of Bordeaux has had an impressive wine making track record in recent years. This chateau produces high value wines that are consistently excellent. Of course, the 2000 Bordeaux vintage is considered to be one of the finest of the century.

**1999 Gevrey Chambertin Cazetieres
Domaine Armand Rousseau**

This red Burgundy comes from one of the finest vintages in the last 50 years as well as from one of the top five producers in Burgundy, in my opinion. In addition, the Les Cazatiers vineyard produces wines that are long lived with great body, fruit and structure.

(Tasting notes by John Brincko)

Friday, May 20, 2005

8:00
Continental Breakfast

8:30
Situation Report: Parmalat

In another year we may know the full repercussions of this case as it applies to lender liability. It is a unique and fascinating proposal: For a company to be suing its banks that have become its major stockholders in a debt for equity swap. This case has contributed to the globalization of the restructuring industry and serves as an excellent case study of complex cross-border restructurings. On top of it all, it has redefined the aggressive role of the chief restructuring officer. What is to be learned from this case? What effects will it have on future such cases?

Christopher Mallon, Debtor's Counsel, Panel Moderator
Partner
WEIL GOTSHAL & MANGES (UK) LLP (London)

Bruno Cova
Lead Counsel to the Commissioner
PARMALAT SpA (Turin)

William Q. Derrough, Consultant to the Noteholders, Parmalat (Canada)
Managing Director/Co-head of Recapitalization & Restructuring Group
JEFFERIES & COMPANY, INC. (New York)

Barry Russell, Bond Counsel
Partner
BINGHAM MCCUTCHEN (London)

9:15
The Pace of Change in Italian Restructurings

It may be premature to say that Parmalat changed everything, but it certainly established some expectations if not legal precedents. This panel will take an in-depth look at the newly enlarged role of the chief restructuring officer, expectations about the role of the banks and bondholders in large, complex cases, as well as the legislation that was passed specifically regarding Parmalat and how that will affect subsequent cases. In addition, the specifics of an on-going restructuring of a large industrial concern will be examined in light of those recent developments.

Anthony Princi, Panel Moderator
Partner
ORRICK HERRINGTON & SUTCLIFFE LLP (London)

Avv. Carola Antonini
Partner
CHIOMENTI STUDIO LEGALE (Rome)

Paulo Gualtieri
Professor, Economy of the Financial Markets
CATTOLICA UNIVERSITY OF MILAN (Italy)

Speaker list continued on next column...

Vincenzo Morelli
Managing Director and European Operating Partner
TEXAS PACIFIC GROUP EUROPE LLP (London)

10:30
Networking Break

10:45
Investment Opportunities in Retail

This might be called "forever retail". There is always a distressed retail situation. Culling the successful turnarounds from the liquidations is not easy. But there is money to be made in the liquidations, too.

Pippa Wicks, Panel Moderator
Principal
ALIXPARTNERS (London)

Chris Laverty
Partner
KPMG (London)

Andrew D. Meehan
Chief Executive, Europe
GORDON BROTHERS INTERNATIONAL (London)

Cheryl Potter
Partner
PERMIRA ADVISERS LIMITED (London)

11:30
Investors Roundtable

This will be a wide-ranging discussion of individual credits, troubled company valuation, political difficulties facing would-be investors, pitfalls, opportunities, and war stories.

John Wm. Butler, Jr., Panel Moderator
Partner and Co-Practice Leader,
Corporate Restructuring Department
SKADDEN ARPS SLATE MEAGHER & FLOM LLP (Chicago)

Susan George
Senior Vice President
CIT BUSINESS CREDIT (London)

James McCloskey (Invited)
Managing Director
CERBERUS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP (New York)

Richard Nevins
Managing Director
JEFFERIES & CO., INC. (London)

Huw Phillips
Principal
CLAYTON DUBILIER & RICE LIMITED (London)

Joy Seppala
Chief Executive Officer
SISU CAPITAL (London)

Richard Stables
Managing Director and Head of European Restructuring
LAZARD (London)

12:30
Conference Adjourns

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Dear Colleague:

For 32 years my Dad was a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge. Well into his senility before he died at the age of 95, he was still a control freak. It came as no surprise to me that a Bankruptcy Judge in Houston would try to tell the Russian Government and anybody doing business with them how to act.

Has the restructuring industry come to be governed by The Law of Real Estate Value: "Location, Location, Location"?

This is only one of the Hot Topics we will be discussing at our **Distressed Investing - Europe Conference**. Once again our sponsors have created an international forum that you should not miss if you are going to stay on top of this rapidly-changing market. There are other restructuring conferences, but this is the **Industry Event** in Europe.

This conference last year attracted more than 150 distressed investors and restructuring professionals from all over the world. This one promises to be even bigger and better. By presenting studies of the major cases we will not only bring you up to date but actually move the market toward greater clarity about the globalization of this industry.

We add liquidity to the distressed market. This is the place for networking and negotiations. Don't miss it!

Even the most serious oenophiles at last year's conference were impressed by John Brincko's wine tasting. This year's selection promises to be even better.

Finally, my sincerest thanks to our co-chairs for their hours of help putting this together. You guys are the greatest!

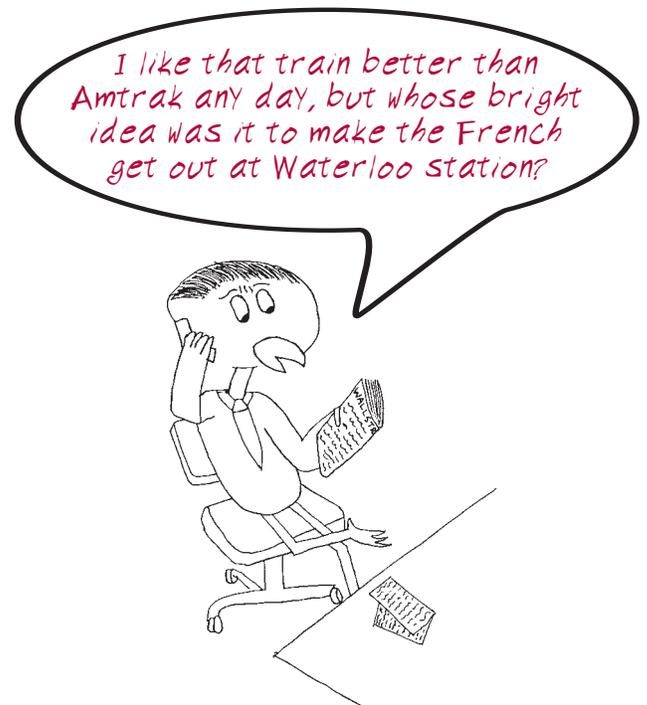
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