

Fort Dearborn Special Situations Group

Services for Underperforming Private Equity Portfolio Companies

Fort Dearborn Overview

Fort Dearborn is a premier profit improvement consulting and investment banking firm. For nearly 20 years Fort Dearborn has provided superior consulting and transactional services to middle market companies. Fort Dearborn's professionals have completed over 300 consulting engagements and 200 transactions for clients with revenue typically between \$25 and \$500 million. Fort Dearborn employs nearly 20 professionals.

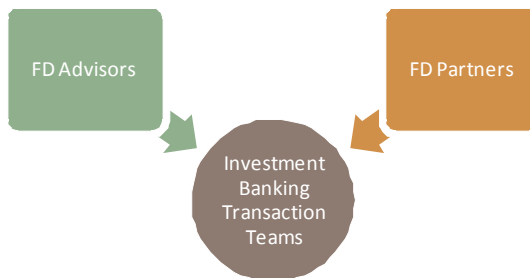
Fort Dearborn Partners, Inc.

- Premier middle market operational improvement consulting firm
- Experience in turnarounds, restructurings, profit improvement, strategic planning for growth, highly leveraged and underperforming companies, accounting, and finance
- Well connected and highly respected in the banking, legal and other professional communities

Fort Dearborn Advisors, LLC

- Exclusive sale mandates, capital raising and other financial advisory services
- Focus on \$10 million to \$75 million transactions
- Niche representing underperforming companies for sale, and refinancing debt or raising junior capital for "story" credits
- Extensive experience in Chapter 11 Section 363 sales, and related out-of-court processes such as ABC and UCC 9 sales

Expertise in working with underperforming "story" transactions due to unique integrated investment banking and profit improvement consulting platform



Fort Dearborn's Unique Franchise

- Achieve extraordinary results through unique integration of investment banking and consulting talent
- Unparalleled senior level attention, rigorous marketing process and client advocacy delivered to the lower middle market
- Frequently identify operational improvements prior to a transaction that increases company value, or improves financing terms
- Clients benefit by our credibility and experience with many lending sources that curtails more drastic action from lender
- Transactions completed in 90 to 120 days

Industry Expertise

- Automotive and Transportation
- Business Services
- Consumer Products and Retail
- Food Processing and Distribution
- Industrial Distribution
- Industrial Manufacturing
- Metals and Metal Processing
- Packaging, Printing and Publishing

From Relationships to Results

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Capital Markets Successes for Underperforming Companies



Dennis Bamber, Inc.

has been acquired by





SpecialtyChem Products Corporation, a subsidiary of ChemDesign Corporation, has been acquired through a U.S. Bankruptcy Code Section 363 sale transaction by

Resilience Capital Partners



National Fruit Product Company, Inc. has been acquired by

NFP Holdings, LLC



American Rubber Products Corporation has divested its Tonawanda operations to

DELPHI



has been acquired by




Heyman Corporation has been acquired by



Wear Me Apparel Corp. dba Kids Headquarters



Arcor, Inc. has been acquired by



Metalex, a unit of Jason Incorporated. Jason Incorporated is a portfolio company of




ABC-NACO Inc. has been acquired by

Three Cities Research, Inc.

and renamed




have been acquired by




\$16,000,000
Senior Secured Line of Credit
and
Term Debt Facility

has been arranged for a



The Capsonic Companies

\$70,000,000
Line of Credit, Floor Plan
Financing, Leasing Facility and
Term Debt
in conjunction with
Sale/Leaseback of Operating
Facility



\$12,000,000
Line of Credit
and
\$6,000,000
Term Debt Facility

has been arranged for an

Aluminum Die Casting
Company

\$80,000,000
Line of Credit
and
\$7,000,000
Term Debt Facility

has been arranged for a

**\$750 million Distributor of
Specialty Food Products**


\$12,000,000
Line of Credit
and
\$5,000,000
Term Debt Facility

has been arranged for a

Plastic Component
Manufacturer

\$10,000,000
Line of Credit
and
\$8,000,000
Term Debt Facility

has been arranged for



\$32,500,000
Line of Credit and Term Debt
Refinancing




**\$150 MILLION BRANDED
CANDY COMPANY**


\$36,000,000
Floor Plan Financing, Line of
Credit and Term Debt Facilities



\$150,000,000
Line of Credit Facility



\$65,000,000
Line of Credit Facility

American Rubber Products Corporation has divested its LaPorte operations to a company formed by

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