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# Restructuring in a Nutshell

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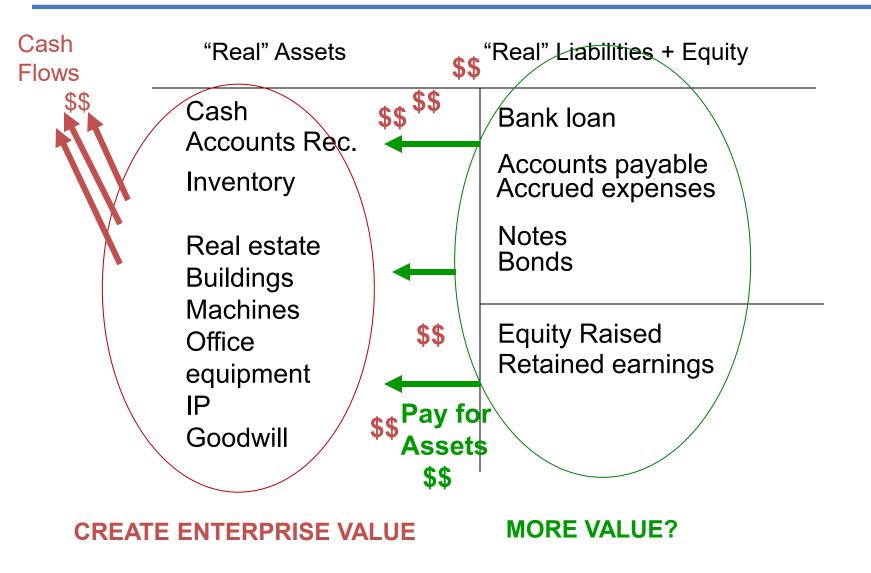








#### Thinking about a firm: A balance sheet perspective



## Distressed Restructurings

- All about fixing a broken balance sheet.
- How? Repair the right and left sides of the balance sheet.
  - Right-hand side: "Bad" capital structures (too much debt) or expensive capital structures (rates are too high).
  - Left-hand side: Not generating high enough cash flows (structural or cyclical downturn, defective business model, poor governance, or some other operational challenge).

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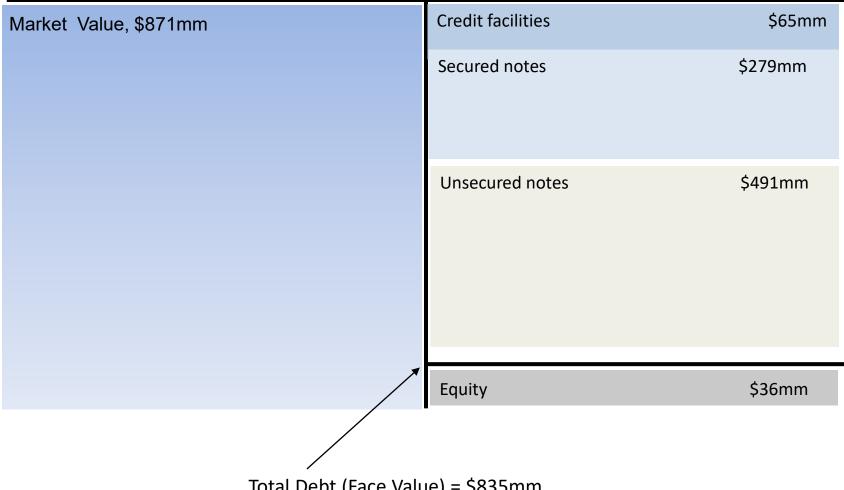
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  - A default is a "tripwire" in under which capital providers can seek a remedy against the borrower.

#### 2. Insolvency

# Illustrating Insolvency: ABC Co. (date 1)

**Liabilities + Equity Assets** 



Total Debt (Face Value) = \$835mm

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Market Value, \$871mm	Credit facilities	\$65mm
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	"Impaired." Recovery rate = 441/491 = 90% of face value	

### Combining Financial Distress & Insolvency

- Rich restructuring environment
  - Need to "fix" right-hand side: Can't meet promised payments.
  - May need to also fix left-hand side: Why is value deteriorating?
- Who calls the shots on restructuring?
  - Equity is "out of the money."
  - Creditors must coordinate and/or compete to manage through process.
- Who owns restructured entity?
  - Ripe for control play! M&A, debt-for-equity exchange, or something else.

# Key Inputs to Restructuring

1. Valuation

2. Legal/contractual framework

3. Liquidity

4. Bargaining dynamics – "The chess game"

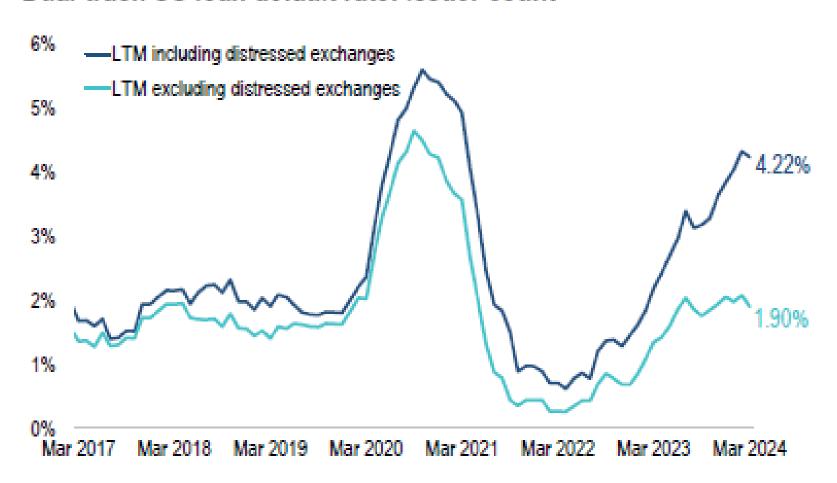
# Forum for Restructuring?

 Out of court. All negotiations by and among creditors and the borrower are completed privately.

 In court (Chapter 11). Some, or all, negotiations occur within a U.S. bankruptcy court presided over by a judge.

# Large Restructurings Today: Lots of out of court

#### Dual-track US loan default rate: issuer count



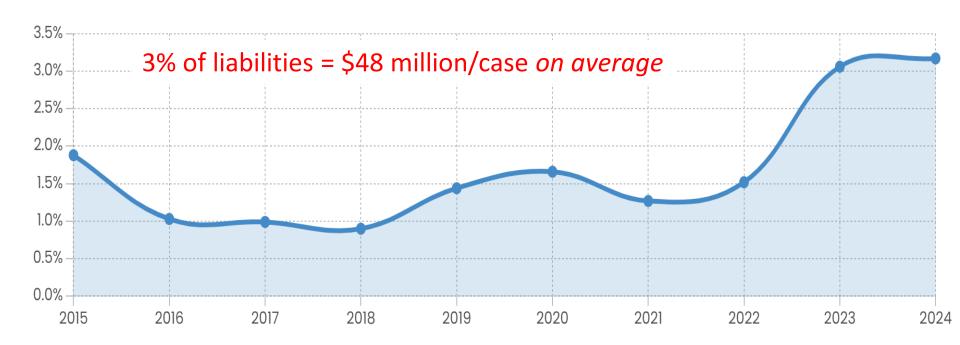
Sources: PitchBook | LCD; Momingstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index • Data through March 31, 2024

Distressed Exchanges = Out of Court Restructuring

## Chapter 11: Pluses and Minuses

Minus: Chapter 11 is expensive and getting more so!

Legal Fees as a % of Liabilities (Over \$150 million) on Annual Basis For All Cases



Source: Creditor Rights Coalition Data Download

## Chapter 11: Pluses and Minuses

- Minus: Parties constrained by additional laws, rules and regulations; involvement of court.
- Plus: Bankruptcy rules can help bargaining and cleaning up of balance sheet
  - Automatic stay on all collection efforts.
  - Creditor voting procedures that give some weight to smaller investors, but prevents them from holding up process.
  - Debtor-in-possession (DIP) financing
  - Sale of assets free and clear of liens.
  - Assume or reject leases and other "executory" contracts.

ABC Co. =



#### **Assets**

#### **Liabilities + Equity**

Market Value, \$871mm	Credit facilities	\$65mm
EMEA credit facilities \$26.8mm ABL credit facility \$38.2mm	2018 7.875% Notes	\$279mm
	2017 8.875% Euro Notes 2020 10.00% Notes	\$268mm \$223mm
As of October 10, 2014	Equity	\$36mm

# **QUIKSILVER**





Iconic surf (or "boarding") apparel company started in 1970s
Struggled with variety of challenges during 1990s and 2000s
Acquired out of bankruptcy by Oaktree Capital in 2016
Closed on \$1.25B sale to Authentic Brands Group in March 2023



#### Quiksilver, July 2013-July 2014

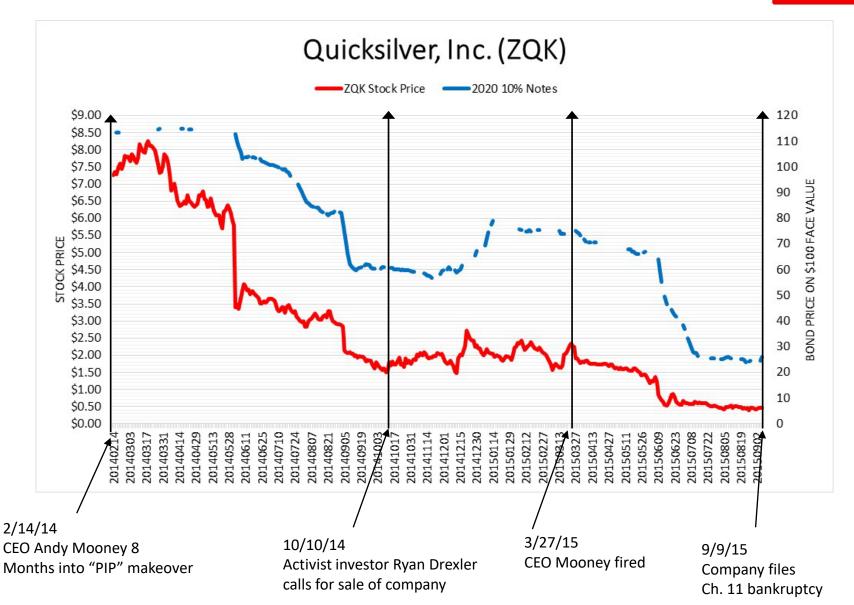
(\$ in millions)	10-K	10-Q	10-Q	10-Q	10-Q	LTM
Operating Summary	10/31/2013	10/31/2013	1/31/2014	4/30/2014	7/31/2014	7/31/2014
Total Revenue	\$1,819.54	\$450.62	\$392.61	\$408.22	\$395.66	\$1,647.10
Cost of Goods Sold	943.97	\$240.15	192.78	209.34	207.72	849.99
Gross Profit	\$875.57	\$210.46	\$199.84	\$198.87	\$187.94	\$797.10
% Margin	48.1%	46.7%	50.9%	48.7%	47.5%	48.4%
EBITDA	\$55.65	\$17.05	\$5.71	(\$9.12)	(\$165.13)	(\$151.49)
% Margin	3.1%	3.8%	1.5%	-2.2%	-41.7%	-9.2%
Interest Expense	\$71.05	\$19.98	\$19.42	\$19.24	\$18.77	\$77.41
Capex	(52.18)	(12.32)	(10.56)	(23.02)	(38.52)	(84.42)
EBITDA - Capex	\$3.46	\$4.73	(\$4.84)	(\$32.15)	(\$203.65)	(\$235.91)

Performance problems by mid 2014

Profitability craters!

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As of September 9, 2015

Plans to "fund" Ch. 11 reorg, including DIP financing, debt-for-equity Exchange, and equity offering at exit.



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### **Liabilities + Equity**

Estimate Market Value, \$580mm	New Credit facilities	\$168mm	
	New Euro Notes	\$191mm	
	New Equity	\$221mm	
As of February 1, 2016			
New operating plan	New capital structure		

February 11, 2016: Company exits bankruptcy
New equity owned by Oaktree Capital

March 2017: Company renamed "Boardriders, Inc.", 7% profit margin

#### Restructuring Advisors: 2 Primary Groups

- Financial advisory firms. Focus on managing and advising capital structure renegotiations (Right-hand side of balance sheet)
  - Mostly investment banks, with "boutiques" playing a big role
  - Hire folks from undergrad and higher
  - Examples: Houlihan, PJT Partners, Guggenheim, Lazard, Moelis,
     Evercore
- Turnaround specialists. Focus on improving company operations (Left-hand side of balance sheet)
  - Provide advisory services, expertise, and managers-for-hire (restructuring officers, CFOs, CEOs)
  - Typically don't hire undergrads without industry experience
  - Examples: AlixPartners, Alvarez & Marsal, FTI Consulting