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James joined Guggenheim Securities in June 2013 to help build out the Firm's Investment Banking platform. Most recently, Mr. Decker served as a Managing Director with Morgan Joseph TriArtisan LLC, and as head of the firm's Recapitalization & Restructuring Group, consisting of 8 professionals based in New York and Atlanta. With over 25 years of corporate finance experience, Mr. Decker focuses on middle market restructuring, merger and acquisition, financing, valuation, financial advisory and expert testimony.

Prior to joining Morgan Joseph, Mr. Decker was a Managing Director with Alvarez & Marsal, and served as co-head of the firm's Corporate Finance Group headquartered in New York. Before joining A&M, Mr. Decker was a Managing Director with Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin, where he served as co-head of the firm's Atlanta office and was responsible for new client development, engagement management, and personnel development for its Restructuring and Corporate Finance practices. Previously, Mr. Decker founded and served as president of Inverness Partners Incorporated, a boutique mergers and acquisitions firm that was acquired by Houlihan Lokey in July of 1999. Before Inverness, Mr. Decker was head of the Mergers and Acquisitions department of SunTrust Capital Markets, Inc. He began his career as an investment banker in the Corporate Finance department of Bear, Stearns & Co., Inc.

Mr. Decker has initiated and completed a variety of transactions including restructurings, reorganizations, exclusive sale assignments, acquisitions, divestitures, debt and equity financings, management buyouts, leveraged buyouts, recapitalizations, valuations, and fairness opinions. Mr. Decker's financial advisory clients include Companies, Boards of Directors, Lenders, Unsecured Creditors and Trustees. During his career, he has completed in excess of 150 assignments across a variety of industries and situations for companies and creditors.

Mr. Decker is a Fellow of The American College of Bankruptcy, a Director of the Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors (AIRA), and a Director of the Atlanta Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association (TMA). Additionally, Mr. Decker has served the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) as both Chair of the Investment Banking Committee and co-Chair of the Southeastern Bankruptcy Workshop. Mr. Decker serves as a Trustee of Holy Innocents' Episcopal School, is a former Chairman of the Board of the Governor Carl Sanders Family YMCA at Buckhead and the former Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Chattahoochee Nature Center Inc.

Mr. Decker received a BA in Economics and Geology from Vanderbilt University. He received his MBA in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Decker is a 1983 Smithsonian Institution Fellow and a frequent speaker on the topics of corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, capital markets and financial restructuring. Mr. Decker is also a Certified Insolvency and Restructuring Advisor (CIRA), and a licensed FINRA General Securities Registered Representative (Series 7, 24, 63).