

Top ten things you need to know about Non-Performing Loans:

- 1. NPLs are like a cancer and, if not aggressively managed, will decline in value 25-30 percent per year.
- 2. Distressed Asset Investors will not enter a market to catch a falling sword. Investors need to know there is a process and a commitment to a series of NPL transactions.
- 3. Hiring the right Financial Advisor is critical. The FA should bring "instant" credibility to the market and reassure investors by their presence that the seller is committed to a high quality, international best practice approach to asset resolution.
- 4. Experience throughout the World has shown that virtually all NPLs have a value, if properly presented and marketed in a competitive bidding environment.
- 5. The Four Pillars of maximizing the recovery value from a distressed asset portfolio are as follows:
 - a) an experienced, aggressive financial advisor
 - b) high quality seller due diligence
 - c) multiple investor competitive bidding
 - d) marketable transaction documentation
- 6. The better the due diligence the higher the ultimate price.
- 7. Your First Loss is your Best Loss. A well executed portfolio sale where it is perceived the winning bidder made a good deal will bring dozens of new investors to the market which will bid up the remaining assets in your NPL portfolios.
- 8. Alternative investment structures that allow seller participation can greatly enhance the recovery value of the portfolio.
- 9. Asset pooling and bidding strategies are an "art and a science" learned over time which greatly increase the sales price of distressed asset portfolios.
- 10. Trust in execution excellence and the competitive market environment to insure the highest possible recovery value of the portfolio.