

## Barakett-Backed Stabilis Raises New Distressed Fund

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**Stabilis Capital Management**, the New York fund manager backed by the family office of former hedge fund manager **Timothy Barakett**, has closed its fourth distressed debt fund oversubscribed at \$540 million.

The fund sponsor set a \$500 million target for the vehicle, it said in an e-mailed statement in response to questions regarding the fundraising. The fund had a hard cap of \$600 million, according to regulatory filings.

Amid strong investor demand for distressed opportunities, the fund eclipsed the sponsor's previous vehicle, its third, which secured \$350 million in commitments.

**TRB Advisors**, Barakett's family office, is the fund's biggest investor and Barakett serves as Stabilis's non-executive chairman. Stabilis spokesman Andrew Moesel at Weber Shandwick declined to say how much TRB had committed to the vehicle.

Barakett founded and built hedge fund manager Atticus Capital LLC before returning investors' money and winding down the firm in 2009. He established TRB in 2010.

Stabilis had performed impressively and has an exciting investment pipeline, Barakett said in a separate e-mail response.

Stabilis, based in New York, had tapped 36 investors at the time of its first close, according to a January regulatory filing. These included a \$50 million investment from the University of Michigan's endowment, according to university documents.

Investors included a range of public and private pensions, family offices, financial institutions and endowments, the firm said.

University of Michigan interim executive vice president and chief financial officer Douglas Strong did not respond to an e-mailed request for comment. Stabilis Capital is run by co-founder and Chief Investment Officer **Salman Khan**, who spent six years as the head of Silver Point Capital LP's commercial and industrial loans business.

Stabilis will invest in debt secured by hard assets including real estate, and other opportunistic deals. The fund will focus on the U.S. but may opportunistically invest in Northern Europe, according to documents from the University of Michigan.

Stabilis raised a \$350 million fund, its third, in 2013 following a \$180.6 million fund the year before, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

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*"Fundraising velocity is increasing. Managers are deploying capital faster, raising more capital at multiples higher than their previous funds. We view that as one of the four horsemen of the apocalypse."*

— Cambridge Associates Managing Director **Andrea Auerbach** speaking at the SuperInvestor conference in San Francisco yesterday

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