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## Mike Harmon

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### Bio

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#### BIO

Mike Harmon is the Managing Partner of Gaviota Advisors, LLC, in Manhattan Beach, CA, where he advises and invests in small to medium sized companies. Prior to that, he spent 21 years as an investment professional in the Special Situations and Global Principal Groups at Oaktree Capital Management in Los Angeles. There he executed private equity and special situations transactions involving over 50 companies. Prior to that, Mr. Harmon held positions with CS First Boston, Price Waterhouse, and Society Corporation. Over the course of his career, Mr. Harmon has served as a member of the Board of Directors for 20 organizations in a broad range of industries and causes. He currently serves as a Board member for KCRW Radio, a non-profit media organization based in Santa Monica. He also serves as a Lecturer at Stanford Graduate School of Business and a Guest Lecturer at Harvard Business School in the areas of private equity, negotiation, and financial restructuring. He holds an M.B.A., with distinction, from Harvard Business School and a B.A., with distinction, in Economics from McGill University.

#### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Lecturer, Graduate School of Business

### Teaching

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#### COURSES

##### 2024-25

- Financial Restructuring: FINANCE 333 (Win)

##### 2023-24

- Financial Restructuring: FINANCE 333 (Win)

### Publications

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#### PUBLICATIONS

- **Risky Corporate Bonds in 2021: A Bubble, or Rational Underwriting in a Low-Rate Environment?** *JOURNAL OF PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT*  
Altman, E., Harmon, M.  
2021; 48 (1): 7-20