

JAMES ROMEY

Principal

Professional Summary

James Romey is a Principal at Areté Capital Partners with nearly two decades of experience leading restructuring and investment teams. He is a recognized expert in turnarounds, financial restructurings, and large-scale transformation initiatives. James brings a broad range of financial services capabilities, including interim management, business planning, cash management, and solvency analysis. He has delivered fiduciary and advisory services across diverse sectors, including financial services, investment management, real estate, mitigation & restoration, quick service restaurants, and manufacturing, helping organizations navigate complex challenges and unlock value.

Prior to joining Areté, Mr. Romey held multiple interim management and advisory roles, where he led strategic planning efforts, implemented best practices, advised on complex transactions, and oversaw asset monetization and liquidity initiatives. Mr. Romey developed his turnaround & restructuring focus at Development Specialists, Inc., where he served as advisor to debtors on both in- and out-of-court restructurings.

Mr. Romey began his finance career in portfolio management and trading with Franklin Templeton Investments where he focused on the fixed income and alternative asset markets—including structured products, securitized products, REITs, and private equity investments—for a group managing over \$30 billion in assets under management.

He earned his Bachelor of Science from Santa Clara University in Santa Clara, California where he was a class senator and member of the D1 men's basketball team.

Professional Biography

Career Experience

COMPANY	ROLE	LOCATION	DATES
Areté Capital Partners	Principal	Chicago, IL	8/25 – Current
Development Specialists, Inc.	Managing Director	New York, NY & Chicago, IL	1/18 – 7/25

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Franklin Templeton Investments	Senior Trader & Research Analyst – Fixed Income Group	San Mateo, CA & New York, NY	3/07 – 12/17

Select Interim Management / Turnaround Advisory Experience

- HighGround Restoration Group – Interim CFO
- Spectrum Solutions LLC – Financial Advisor to Management
- ONX Homes – Financial Advisor to the Board of Directors
- LeFever Mattson et al (Private) – Chief of Staff to the CRO
- BHFC Financial Services – Financial Advisor to Management
- Highland Capital Management L.P. (Private) – Chief of Staff to the CEO/CRO
- Pandya Restaurants (Private) – Financial Advisor to Receiver
- China Fishery Group (Private) – Financial Advisor to Ch. 11 Trustee
- Confidential Car Leasing Platform (Private) – Financial Advisor to Management
- Confidential Software Developer (Private) – Financial Advisor to the Board of Directors

Select Transaction Experience

- Confidential Winery Sale – Advisor to Board and served as interim management during the carve out sale of brand assets from distressed parent company
- BHFC Financial Services – Managed the carve-out sale of BHFC’s subprime auto loan portfolio

Education / Certifications

- Santa Clara University – Santa Clara, CA – Bachelor of Science

** References Available Upon Request **