

Distressed M&A in India: Turnaround Signals & Deal Structuring

A Strategic Playbook for Managing
Recovery & Unlocking Latent Value



The Dual-Edged Sword of Distressed Assets



The Market Reality

Financial stress, liquidity crunches, operational difficulties, and strict regulatory environments create scenarios where the margin of error is exceptionally thin.



The Strategic Opportunity

High risk is accompanied by the potential for high value creation—if investors can separate true latent value from terminal liability.

The Imperative: Specialized Transaction Advisory Services (TAS) are required to navigate the high-stakes shift from distress to sustainable turnaround.

The Catalyst: Bridging Insolvency and Innovation

Transaction Advisory Services: The Strategic Linkage

Evaluates asset quality and contingent liabilities under deep time constraints.

Insolvency & Risk

- Baggage
- Unseen Liabilities
- Financial Uncertainty

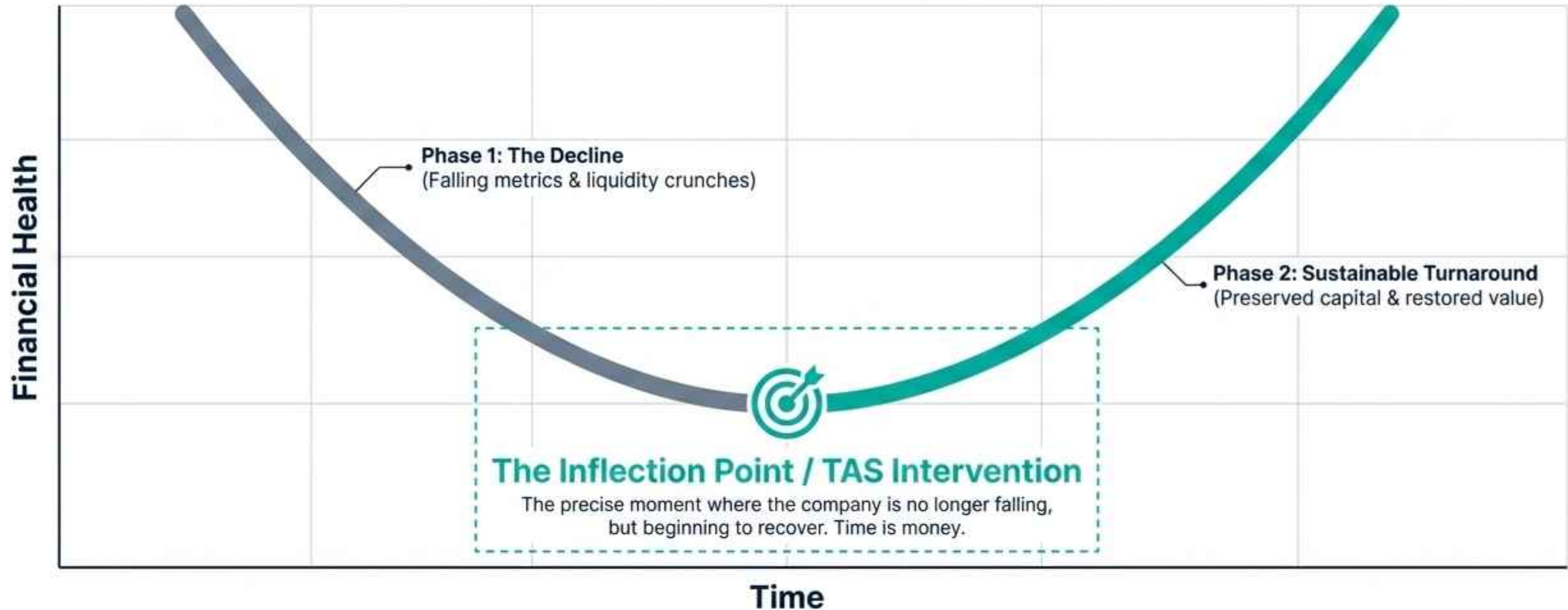
Innovation & Recovery

- Latent Value
- Sustainable Turnaround
- Stakeholder Confidence

The Diagnostic Engine: Essential TAS Interventions

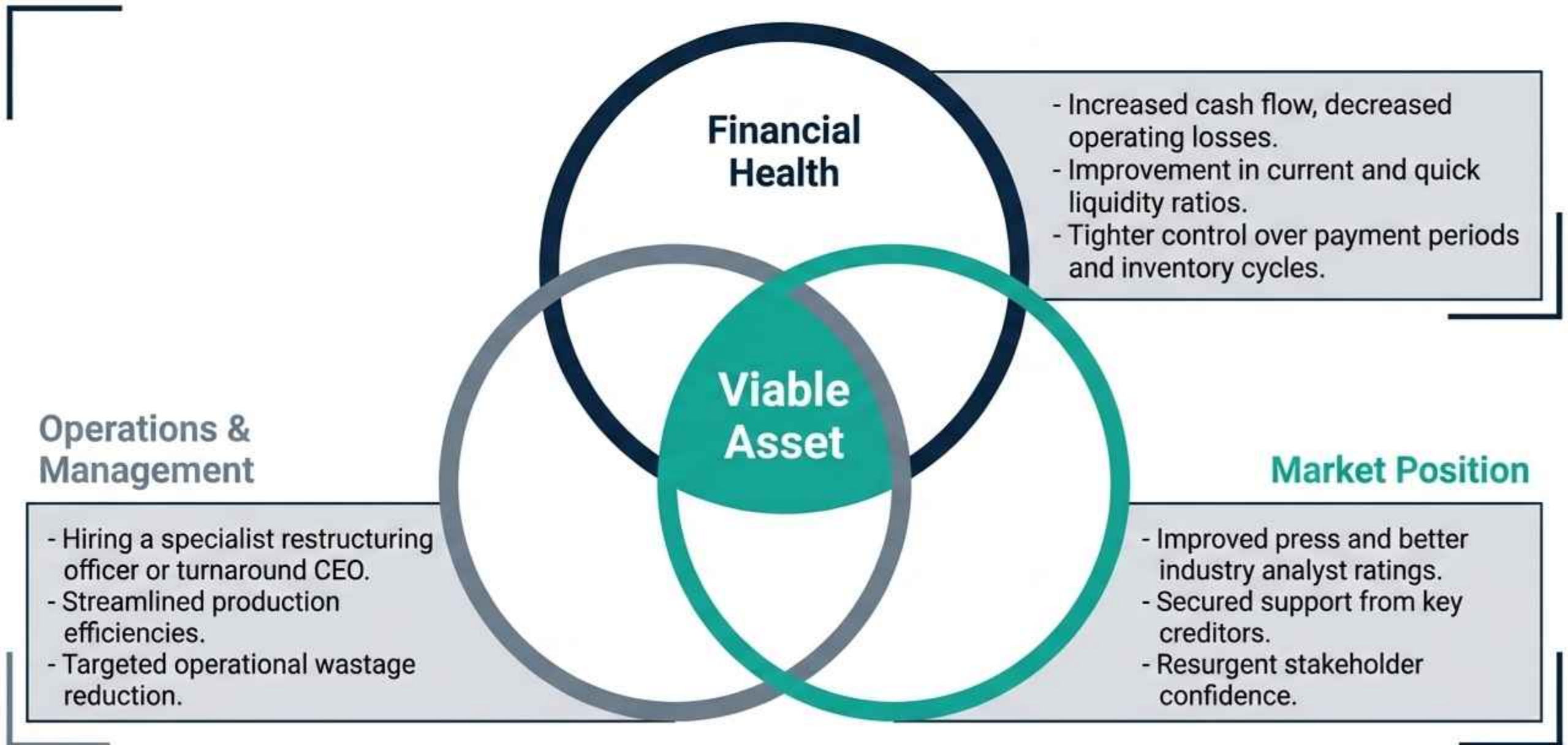
TAS Service	Diagnostic Objective	Strategic Outcome
Due Diligence	Holistic review of finance, tax, and local operations.	Visibility of unseen baggage.
Business Review	Independent check of viability and market position.	Unbiased operational baseline.
Valuation	Model stress-scenarios under extreme market pressure.	Identification of true fair value.
Deal Structuring	Engineer mechanisms to lower historical liability.	Risk-quarantined transactions.
Negotiation	Arrange terms among sellers, buyers, and creditors.	Rapid, legally acceptable resolutions.

Detecting the Inflection Point



Key Takeaway: The core strength of elite transaction advisory is identifying and striking at the inflection point, preserving capital before a full collapse.

The Turnaround Triad: Signals of Viability



Navigating the Regulatory Labyrinth



Qualified advisors generate stakeholder confidence by ensuring regulatory stability and compliance at every critical checkpoint.

Structural Defense: Engineering the Deal

Share Purchase Strategy

Asset Purchase Strategy

Exposure to Historical Debt

High – Buyer absorbs past liabilities and unseen baggage.

Quarantined – Buyer leaves old corporate debts behind.

Deal Complexity in Distress

High risk of inheriting outstanding litigation and structural flaws.

High transparency, precision acquisition of viable components only.

Advisory Recommendation

Rarely advised in deep distress scenarios.

Heavily Favored - The primary framework to protect the buyer.

Value Preservation During Transition



To maintain the value of the going concern, transaction advisory partners propose and facilitate interim management structures. This maintains critical business operations, stabilizes the workforce, and protects latent value during the vulnerable transition period.

The Anatomy of a Distressed Deal



None of these elements function in isolation. True transformation requires the synchronized execution of detection, diligence, and structural defense.

Your Strategic Partner: KNM India



Local Mastery, Global Standard

Deep expertise in Indian M&A, NCLT proceedings, and IBC requirements, combined with global best practices.

Comprehensive Structuring

From distressed asset valuation to interim management, ensuring buyers are shielded from legacy liabilities.

Extended Corporate Capabilities

Beyond M&A, seamless integration with offshore development centers, global taxation, and continuous assurance bookkeeping.

Transform Distress into Strategic Advantage

This is not just a transaction; it is a transformation. Partner with KNM India to safeguard stakeholders, unravel latent worth, and build long-term stability.

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