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Edward I. Altman is the **Max L. Heine Professor of Finance, Emeritus** at the Stern School of Business, New York University. He is the Director of Research in Credit and Debt Markets at the NYU Salomon Center for the Study of Financial Institutions. Prior to serving in his present position, Professor Altman chaired the Stern School's MBA Program for 12 years. Dr. Altman was named to the **Max L. Heine endowed professorship** at Stern in 1988 and his Emeritus status in September 2015.

Dr. Altman was born and raised in New York City and attended N.Y.C. public schools and the City College of New York, graduating with a BA degree in Economics in 1963. He then

went on to pursue a MBA and Ph.D. in Finance from UCLA's School of Business, receiving the Doctorate in 1967, the same year he married his wife, Elaine Karalus. In 1973, their son, Gregory, was born in Paris, France, where Professor Altman was serving as a Visiting Professor of Finance at Hautes Etudes Commerciales from 1971-early 1973. Dr. Altman returned to France in 1976 and taught a Ph.D. seminar at the University of Paris-Dauphine (Paris IX). Subsequent to his French University experiences, he has been a Visiting Professor in Rio de Janeiro (PUC), Madrid (CEMFI), Naples (Partenope), Sydney (UNSW, Macquarie), Perth (UWA), and Milan (Bocconi).

Dr. Altman has an international reputation as an expert on corporate bankruptcy, high yield bonds, distressed debt and credit risk analysis. He was named **Laureate 1984** by the *Hautes Etudes Commerciales Foundation in Paris* for his accumulated works on corporate distress prediction models and procedures for firm financial rehabilitation and awarded the **Graham & Dodd Scroll** for 1985 by the *Financial Analysts Federation* for his work on Default Rates on High Yield Corporate Debt and was named "*Profesor Honorario*" by the University of Buenos Aires in 1996 and "*Honorary Doctorate*" from Lund University (Sweden) in 2011 and the Warsaw School of Economics in 2015. He was an advisor to the Centrale dei Bilanci in Italy and to several foreign central banks. **Professor Altman is also the Chairman of the Academic Advisory Council of the Turnaround Management Association. He was inducted into the Fixed Income Analysts Society Hall of Fame in 2001, President of the Financial Management Association (2003) and a FMA Fellow in 2004 and was amongst the inaugural inductees into the Turnaround Management Association's Hall of Fame in 2008.** In 2005, Prof. Altman was named one of the "100 Most Influential People in Finance" by the *Treasury & Risk Management* magazine.

Professor Altman was one of the founders (1977) and an Executive Editor of the international publication, the *Journal of Banking and Finance* and Advisory Editor of the publisher series, the **John Wiley Frontiers in Finance Series**. He was the Co-founder of the International network of Graduate Business Students Exchange Program, now known as PIM, started in 1973.

He is a member of the Academic Advisory Board and an Associate Editor of many academic journals including the Journal of Management and Financial Services (Warsaw), Journal of Credit Risk (London), International Journal of Banking, Accounting & Finance (UK), Revista Mexicana de Economia y Finanzas (Mexico), and Risk & Decision Analysis (Netherlands), as well as the co-founder and coordinator of the **International Risk Management Conference** (annually since 2008).

He has published or edited two-dozen books and over 150 articles in scholarly finance, accounting and economic journals. He was the editor of the **Handbook of Corporate Finance** and the **Handbook of Financial Markets and Institutions** and the author of a number of recent books, including his most recent works on **Bankruptcy, Credit Risk and High Yield Junk Bonds (2002)**, **Recovery Risk (2005)**, **Corporate Financial Distress & Bankruptcy (3rd ed., 2006)** and **Managing Credit Risk (2nd ed. 2008)**. His work has appeared in many languages including Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese and Spanish.

Dr. Altman's primary areas of research include bankruptcy analysis and prediction, credit and lending policies, risk management and regulation in banking, corporate finance and capital markets. He has been a consultant to several government agencies, major financial and accounting institutions and industrial companies and has lectured to

executives in North America, South America, Europe, Australia-New Zealand, Asia and Africa. He has testified before the **U.S. Congress**, the **New York State Senate** and several other government and regulatory organizations and is a Director and a member of the Advisory Board of a number of corporate, publishing, academic and financial institutions, including Paulson & Co., Franklin Mutual Advisors, Equinox Capital, Van Eck (Market Vectors), S&P Capital IQ, and a senior advisor to Classis Capital in Milan, Italy.

Dr. Altman is Chairman Emeritus of the *InterSchool Orchestras of New York*, a founding member of the Board of Trustees of the *Museum of American Finance*, and a patron of the Pershing Square Signature Theatre Group.