

## **Brookwood Advises on Distressed Sale of Textile Manufacturer**

We are pleased to announce that Brookwood Associates advised Wellstone Mills, LLC in a transaction with Parkdale Mills, Inc. The transaction illustrates Brookwood's expertise with companies facing critical debt service complications. We worked effectively under tight time constraints and challenging business conditions to consummate a solution acceptable to Wellstone and to its lender.

In the Wellstone assignment, Brookwood crafted comprehensive marketing materials highlighting Wellstone's technical capabilities and its importance to its end-markets. We designed a focused marketing process which identified a range of creative transaction alternatives. Wellstone consummated a transaction with Parkdale that addressed the Company's debt service requirements and saved approximately 450 jobs in the Company's four yarn-spinning facilities.

Assisting companies facing excessive leverage or bankruptcy with financing or sale transactions remains a core business for Brookwood. While many of our recent distressed assignments have involved the restaurant, chemical and textile industries, we have broad experience involving situations in a wide range of industries.



**About Wellstone Mills:** Wellstone Mills is the second-largest producer of combed and carded ring-spun cotton yarn in the United States, primarily serving the knit, woven and military apparel sectors. The Company manufactures its products at four yarn-spinning facilities located in Georgia and South Carolina and has over 40 years of experience in the U.S. yarn-spinning industry.

**About Parkdale Mills:** Parkdale Mills is the largest manufacturer of spun yarn in the world. Parkdale Mills was founded in 1916 and is headquartered in Gastonia, North Carolina. Today, the company has 25 plants and 2,300 employees operating in the United States, Colombia and Mexico.

**About Brookwood Associates:** Brookwood was founded in 1989 and has grown to become one of the largest independently owned middle-market investment banking firms. Brookwood's 23 professionals in Atlanta and Charlotte offer advisory services

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