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Movers & Shakers — Oct. 14, 2002

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Today we introduce our MIA Project — a roundup of Wall Street movers who have largely been missing in action, though never really out of the game.

Cutting the ribbon on the MIA Project is [Mack](#) Rossoff, who has just resurfaced as a managing director in the media and telecom group at [Banc of America Securities LLC](#). Rossoff, who has done time at the old [Schroder](#) & Co. and the old Dillon Read & Co., spent the past two years as head of M&A at SoundView Technology Group, an online investment bank.

Before that, Rossoff was global head of the media and entertainment investment-banking group at the old [J.P. Morgan](#), a firm he was recruited to by Morgan's former M&A chief, Nick Paumgarten.

Another Nick of J.P. Morgan fame — Nick Rohaytn — we just learned, is getting into the hedge fund business with his dad, Felix, a former U.S. ambassador to France. According a report in this month's Institutional Investor magazine, father and son are creating a hedge fund, The Rohaytn Group. The new fund will invest in emerging markets debt and equity while watching currency and interest-rate movements.

Nick Rohaytn, 42, will do the bulk of the work, aided by former Merrill Lynch forex star Brian Lippey, former J.P. Morgan sales exec Peter Frey and [Ernest Stern](#), formerly of the World Bank, according to II.

One bank generating more MIAs than most is [Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein](#), which seems to restructure its management with clocklike regularity. The latest departure is Tim Shacklock, head of M&A, a noted dealmaker who ceded control of corporate finance to Manjit Boual and [Robert Pruzan](#) earlier this year.

Shacklock's departure followed by mere hours DrKW's announcement that Andrew Pisker will be CEO of the investment bank, while Karl Ralf Jung will lead the lending side of the corporate bank. The two take over for [Leonhard Fischer](#), who held both posts.

Pisker joined DrKW in 2000 and became head of capital markets. Earlier, he worked at BNP [Paribas](#) and Lehman Brothers.

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Early last week, the bank hired U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, as a vice chairman, and now his almost-colleague is making a reverse move. [James Sassoon](#), a U.K.-based vice chairman of UBS Warburg, is leaving the bank to run the finance, regulation and industry division of the United Kingdom Treasury. Sassoon will oversee financial services, competition policy and banking, among other things. Surely Sassoon will be reminded not to forget his old friends at UBS Warburg.

Law firm Clifford Chance has named John K. Carroll as partner in charge of the Americas region. Carroll will oversee Clifford Chance's six U.S. office and its outpost in [Brazil](#). He starts his job Jan. 1.

[Peter Charlton](#) has been re-elected as regional managing partner for London and Dubai, the firm said.

Our friends tell us private equity will dominate M&A for the next two to three years. If that's so, David Karabell, a PE lawyer, is in the sweet spot. Karabell just joined Carter Ledyard & Milburn from O'Sullivan LLP. Karabell, with 30 years' experience, is the second hire in Carter Ledyard's PE group recently. The other latest hire was John W. Kaufmann, who joined from Winston & Strawn.

KMZ Rosenman has hired five lawyers in its corporate practice in the past year, and the fifth is Michele Ross. Ross, 46, joins the Washington, D.C., office of the firm from her spot as a partner at Shaw Pittman. She specializes in capital markets debt, including private placements, public offerings and project finance.

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