

International Development on Insolvency Law

From Around the World

Saks Global to file Chapter 11 bankruptcy

USA based Saks Global, parent of high-end department store chain Saks Fifth Avenue, is reportedly facing limited options ahead of a more than \$100 million debt payment due at the end of this month. The company is exploring ways to boost cash, including raising emergency funds or selling assets. According to media reports, some Saks lenders have recently held confidential talks to assess the company's cash needs, focusing on a potential debtor-in-possession loan, a form of bankruptcy funding. Saks Global has also been facing challenges in lifting demand in the U.S. due to rising inflationary pressures.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/business/saks-global-is-considering-bankruptcy-last-resort-bloomberg-news-reports-2025-12-22/>

US Court Rejects 'Insider Bid' for Genesis Healthcare, Orders Fresh Auction

The judge reportedly rejected the "insider bid" on the ground that it would have left the same ownership group in control after the company's bankruptcy. Genesis Healthcare is now preparing for a fresh auction of its 175 long-term nursing homes in January. Genesis, which operates 175 skilled nursing facilities and assisted living facilities in 18 U.S. states, filed for bankruptcy on July 9 with over \$2.3 billion in debt. The company said it was struggling because of high debt racked up during a period of expansion and acquisition, difficulty in retaining nursing staff, and a growing number of lawsuits over the quality of healthcare at its facilities. The company is facing more than 200 lawsuits alleging malpractice, wrongful death or other injury.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/legal/litigation/bankrupt-genesis-restarts-nursing-home-auction-after-insider-bid-fails-2025-12-17/>



USA Based Roomba Maker iRobot Files For Bankruptcy, Pursues Manufacturer Buyout

iRobot the maker of the Roomba vacuum cleaner, has reportedly filed for bankruptcy protection, saying that it would go private after being bought by Picea Robotics, its primary manufacturer. The company, which raised concerns about staying in business in March, filed for Chapter 11 protection in Delaware bankruptcy court as it grapples with increased competition from lower-priced rivals and new U.S. tariffs. It generated about \$682 million in total revenue in 2024, but profits eroded by competition from Chinese rivals. However, the company said the bankruptcy is not expected to disrupt its app functionality, customer programs, global partners, supply chain relationships or product support.

For More Details, Please Visit: <https://www.reuters.com/technology/irobot-enters-chapter-11-lender-acquire-roomba-maker-2025-12-15/>

German Corporate Bankruptcies To Surge To A Decade High In 2025: Report

German corporate insolvencies are reportedly projected to hit their highest level in more than a

decade this year as the nation grapples with a stubborn economic downturn. Approximately 23,900 companies are expected to file for bankruptcy in 2025, an 8.3% increase from 2024 and the highest figure since 2014, said credit agency Creditreform in its recent report. While that growth would be slower than in previous years, the rising numbers underscore deep-seated challenges facing German businesses following two years of economic contraction. Many businesses are heavily indebted, struggle to obtain new loans, and are battling structural burdens, said media reports.

For More Details, Please Visit: <https://www.reuters.com/business/german-corporate-bankruptcies-surge-decade-high-2025-2025-12-08/>

EU Agrees to Harmonise Insolvency Laws Across Member to Boost Cross-Border Investment

The European Union has reached a provisional agreement to harmonise corporate insolvency laws across its 27 member states, aiming to simplify and unify bankruptcy procedures. The directive mandates common rules on prevention of asset concealment (avoidance actions), asset tracing, pre-pack style business sales, and streamlined access for insolvency practitioners to bank registers and ownership databases. Directors will be required to file for insolvency within three months of detecting financial distress, unless protective measures are taken.

For More Details, Please Visit: <https://www.reuters.com/business/finance/eu-agrees-harmonise-eu-insolvency-laws-enhance-cross-border-investments-capital-2025-11-20/>

Brazil's Central Bank Orders Extrajudicial Liquidation of Banco Master After Fraud Probe

Brazil's central bank has ordered the extrajudicial liquidation of Banco Master, halting its operations amid a sweeping federal police investigation into fraudulent credit securities. The regulator has appointed a liquidator to manage the bank's assets and process

creditor claims. The crackdown follows the arrest of Banco Master's controlling shareholder, Daniel Vorcaro, as authorities scrutinise the bank's high-yield lending strategy. The bank had aggressively issued risky debt via investment platforms and reportedly faced severe liquidity issues. The move underscores deep regulatory concerns about its funding model and balance-sheet transparency.

For More Details, Please Visit: <https://www.reuters.com/business/brazils-central-bank-orders-extrajudicial-liquidation-banco-master-2025-11-18/>

German Court Rejects Shareholders' Bid for more of Wirecard Insolvency Spoils

A German high court rejected a claim from shareholders in defunct payments company – Wirecard who were seeking a bigger share of its remaining assets. The company collapsed in 2022 in the country's biggest post-war fraud after conceding that 1.9 billion euros (\$2.22 billion) it had booked in its accounts likely never existed. Some 50,000 shareholders, foremost among them Union Investment, argued that since they themselves were victims of fraud by the company they should rank alongside creditors in insolvency proceedings, rather than in last place as is ordinarily the case.

For More Details, Please Visit: <https://www.reuters.com/business/german-court-rejects-shareholders-bid-more-wirecard-insolvency-spoils-2025-11-13/>

Italian Toymaker Giochi Preziosi SpA Secures Court Protection Against Former Advisor's Insolvency Application

Giochi Preziosi SpA has secured a legal reprieve after a Milan tribunal granted it protection from a bankruptcy filing initiated by its former financial adviser. The court has given the toymaker a 60-day period to submit a comprehensive restructuring plan, following the adviser's attempt to trigger insolvency proceedings. This protection shields the company from creditor claims during the interim period. The ruling highlights the growing use of court-backed safeguards by firms confronting aggressive creditor actions amid

ongoing uncertainty in Europe's toy industry.

For More Details, Please Visit: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2025-11-06/toymaker-wins-court-protection-from-ex-advisor-s-insolvency-bid>

Major U.S. Candy Company Files for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Just One Week Before Halloween

CandyWarehouse.com, Inc., an online candy retailer based in Texas, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on October 24, 2025, just a week before Halloween, one of the biggest candy-selling days of the year. The company cited shifting consumer preferences, rising costs and weak sales as factors in its decision to reorganize rather than continue business. Industry observers note that the timing underscores broader challenges facing specialty retailers amid inflation and changing online shopping habits.

For More Details, Please Visit: [https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/international-business/sugar-crash-us-candy-retailer-candywarehouse.com-goes-bankrupt-weeks-before-halloween/articleshow/124874529.cms](https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/international-business/sugar-crash-us-candy-retailer-candywarehouse-com-goes-bankrupt-weeks-before-halloween/articleshow/124874529.cms)

Iran's Ayandeh Bank declared Bankrupt as sanctions hit, Economy faces deeper banking crisis

Iran has declared one of its largest private lenders, Ayandeh Bank, bankrupt and transferred its assets to the state-owned Bank Melli, as crippling global sanctions and internal mismanagement squeeze the financial system. The bank had accumulated losses of around

US\$5.2 billion and debts of roughly US\$2.9 billion. The move highlights structural fragility in Iran's banking sector and signals heightened risk of further lender failures unless oversight and sanctions relief improve.

For More Details, Please Visit: <https://www.theweek.in/news/middle-east/2025/10/25/iranayandeh-bank-declared-bankrupt-global-sanctions-choke-economy-5-other-banks-grappling-with-baddebts.html>

Las Vegas Virtual Arcade Electric Playhouse Files For Bankruptcy Within One Year of Operations

Electric Playhouse, a 10,000-square-foot virtual arcade and dining experience at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, has filed for bankruptcy just a year after opening. Known for its interactive games controlled by body movements instead of controllers, the venue faced eviction threats and millions in unpaid claims. Court filings show assets between \$1 million and \$10 million, with unsecured creditors unlikely to recover. The company had launched its first location in Albuquerque in 2021 before expanding to the Las Vegas Strip, attracting tourists and gaming enthusiasts nationwide. The bankruptcy reflects a broader downturn in the industry as it returns to normal after a post-pandemic spike, though many businesses remain optimistic.

For More Details, Please Visit: <https://www.livemint.com/companies/news/massive-virtualarcade-on-the-las-vegas-strip-files-for-bankruptcy-after-just-one-year-in-business-11761086152969.html>

