

introduction years earlier between people who could have met many different ways, given their Wall Street connections.

Asked about this, Mr. Swieca said he and Mr. ██████ agreed to the transaction's terms, including fees.

On deal documents, Mr. Epstein was listed as an adviser on the Highbridge side, along with Goldman Sachs Group Inc., said people familiar with the documents. Unlike Goldman's role, Mr. Epstein's wasn't publicly disclosed.

A spokeswoman for Mr. ██████ and Ms. ██████ said they are "horrified by the new allegations against Jeffrey Epstein, which bear no resemblance to the person they knew." The spokeswoman said Mr. ██████ had an "extremely limited" business relationship with Mr. ██████ that ended more than a decade ago, and that in remaining friends, the ██████ believed Mr. Epstein "had rehabilitated himself after his 2008 plea and deserved a second chance."

According to a person close to Mr. Staley, now CEO of Barclays PLC, he hasn't had contact with Mr. Epstein in several years. JPMorgan terminated its relationship with Mr. Epstein sometime around 2013, in part based on reputational concerns, people familiar with the bank said. A spokesman for the bank declined to comment.

Mr. Epstein continued to mine his relationships after his 2008 guilty plea to prostitution charges in Florida. A few years ago, Apollo's Mr. Black asked Marc Rowan, a senior managing director and co-founder of Apollo, to attend a meeting at Mr. Epstein's house with a woman representing a wealthy family, according to a person familiar with the meeting, who said two blonde women who appeared to be in their 20s greeted guests at the door.

Mr. Rowan didn't respond to a request for comment made via an Apollo spokesman.

Mr. Epstein long spoke of having other sources of income, including a currency-trading business that earned tens of millions of dollars, according to a person familiar with the matter. This person said Mr. Epstein also claimed to work for the U.S. Treasury Department on cryptocurrency and anti-hacking efforts and told people he worked for sovereign-wealth funds, including some in the Middle East, helping them move money and find assets.

During the week of the United Nations General Assembly meeting in New York this year, the person said, a steady stream of dignitaries could be seen arriving at Mr. Epstein's townhouse.

Mr. Epstein's good timing with clients was matched by good timing in markets for stocks and real estate. The New York townhouse he bought from Mr. Wexner for \$20 million is now worth about \$70 million, and the stock market is up sevenfold in the past 25 years.

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