

# Chemical Industry Complexity Drives M&A

# Q3 2023

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Disclosed EV/EBITDA Multiples<sup>1,2</sup>

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Disclosed Transaction Value (\$B)<sup>1</sup>

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The chemical industry, an essential sector in the global economy, faced a complex macro- economic environment in 2023. A key indicator of this complexity is observed in the M&A trends. After a flurry of transactions, the sector has entered a quieter period with reduced activity. In Q3 2023, globally the sector saw a decrease to 102 M&A deals, down from 119 in Q2. Despite this decrease, the transaction value (EV/EBITDA) is higher than the average of the previous four quarters (Chart 5) suggests a nuanced market scenario.

What does this imply for the industry? Our analysis delves into this question, exploring the macro-economic outlook, public chemical company performance, investor sentiments, and the evolving M&A landscape. It is important to note that our review is based on disclosed information, which, while not exhaustive, offers valuable insights into industry trends.

### Macro-Economic Outlook: Growth Amidst New Challenges

The U.S. economy has shown resilience with modest growth in the summer. The inflation-adjusted positive growth in GDP in Q3 has raised hopes of avoiding a recession (or at least seeing a soft landing). However, new inflationary pressures from conflicts in the Middle East threaten to destabilize economic confidence. This comes as central bankers were beginning to control the price surge caused by the pandemic and geopolitical tensions.

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Chemical firms have noted a downturn in business activity and customer demand in Q3, but there is optimism for improvement in the next six months, driven by the industry's critical role in the supply chain. The trend towards localizing supply chains is also creating significant opportunities for U.S. based chemical companies.<sup>2</sup>

### Public Chemical Company Performance: Contrasting Regional Dynamics

Major chemical producers in Europe, including BASF, Covestro, and Lanxess, are facing declining sales and net losses, leading to cost-cutting measures and plant closures. In contrast, the U.S. chemical sector, despite similar challenges, has outperformed its European counterpart over the past two years. Notable exceptions were Dow and Eastman Chemical, which reported drops in Q3 sales and earnings.<sup>3</sup>

Despite these setbacks, the share prices of various chemical companies have remained stable, indicating investor optimism for the industry's future. The U.S. chemicals industry has outperformed the S&P 500 in several sectors, demonstrating resilience and potential for growth.

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### Managing the Current Market Dynamics

- Slowed Activity: Economic and geopolitical uncertainties have led to a cautious M&A approach, disrupting supply chains and tightening capital markets, as buyers and lenders become more risk-averse.
- Volatility and Scrutiny: Sellers are facing financial performance volatility due to fluctuating costs and demand, leading to increased due diligence and scrutiny from buyers and lenders.
- Softened Valuations: Despite historical alignment, valuations have softened amid financial performance fluctuations and heightened market scrutiny, leading to more conservative assessments by buyers.
- Preparation is Key: Sellers need thorough preparation and a clear understanding of financial trends and market risks to successfully navigate the M&A process.
- Opportunities Persist: High-quality M&A deals remain attractive, with a focus on strategic fit and long-term value, despite a more cautious market and evolved engagement rules.

#### Adaptation and Resilience in a Changing Environment

The chemical industry stands at a pivotal with point, grappling economic uncertainties, shifting market demands, and evolving M&A trends. Companies that adapt to these changes and leverage opportunities, such as supply chain localization and strategic divestitures, are well-positioned to thrive in this dynamic environment. The industry's resilience and potential for growth remain strong, despite the current challenges.

### Let's Talk

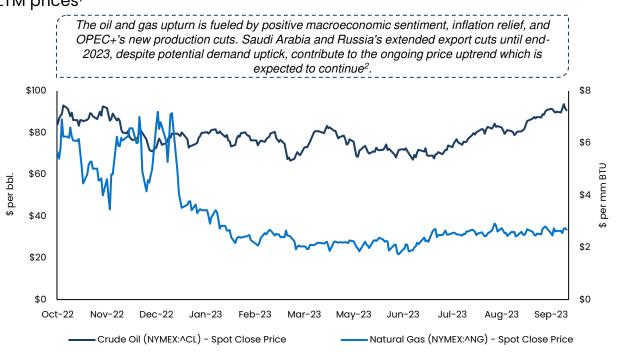
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## Oil and Gas Performance LTM prices<sup>1</sup>





## Stock Price Performance LTM Relative Stock Performance<sup>1</sup>



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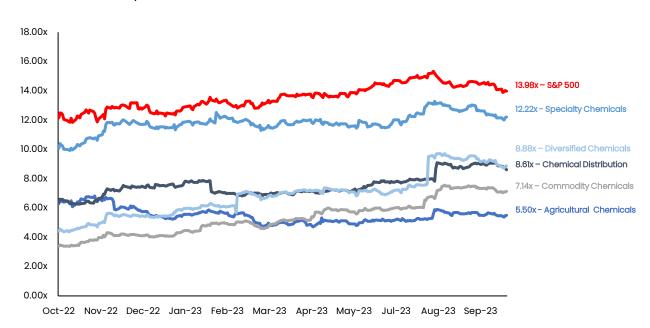
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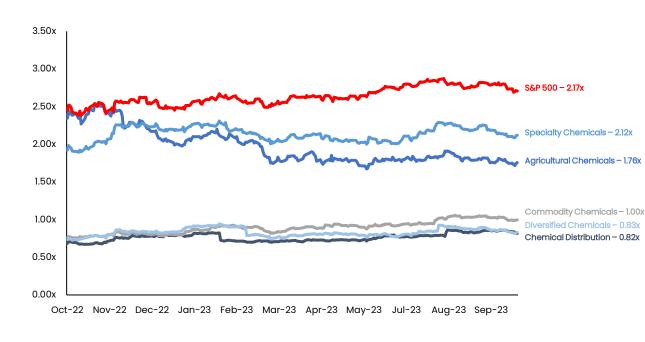
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# EV/Revenue LTM EV/Revenue Multiples<sup>1</sup>

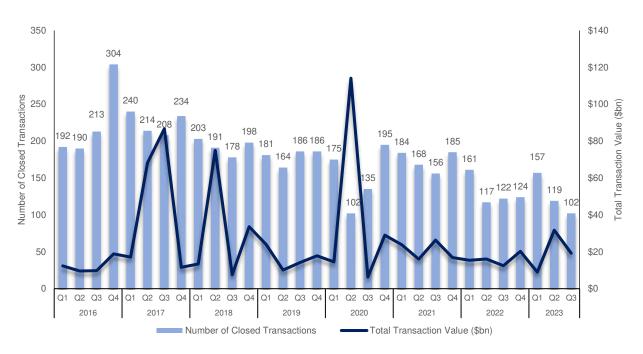


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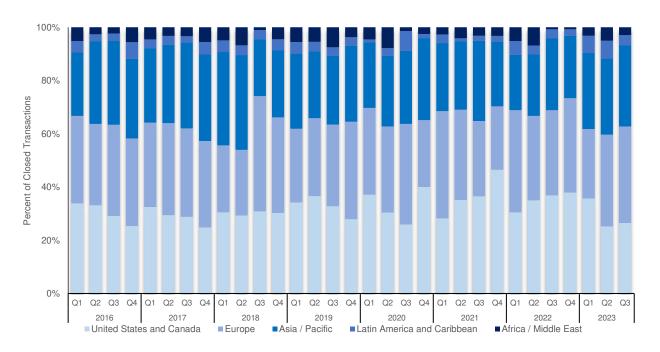
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# Disclosed Transaction Volume<sup>1</sup>



# Disclosed Transaction Activity by Geographic Region<sup>1</sup>

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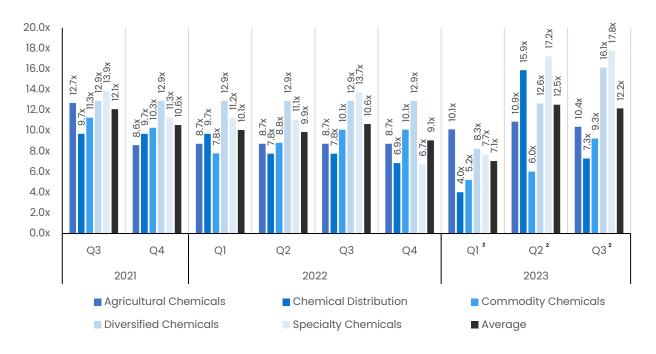


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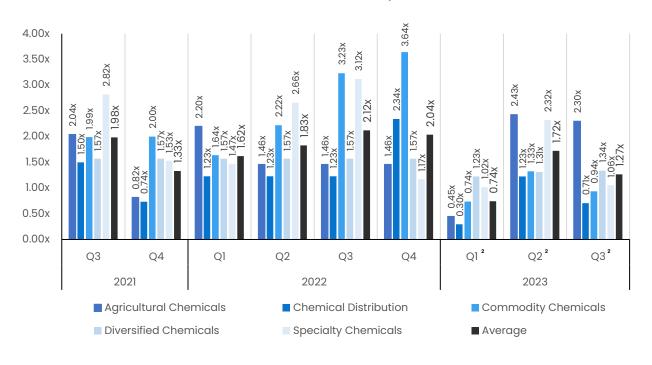
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# Disclosed Transaction EV/Revenue Multiples<sup>1</sup>





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Agricultural Chemicals Selected Public Companies – Agricultural Chemicals (\$MM)<sup>1</sup>

| Company                                  | Market<br>Cap <sup>2</sup> | Enterprise<br>Value | LTM<br>Revenue | LTM<br>EBITDA | NTM<br>EBITDA | LTM EV/<br>Revenue | LTM<br>EV/EBITDA | NTM<br>EV/EBITDA |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| American Vanguard Corporation (NYSE:AVD) | \$320                      | \$491               | \$567          | \$39          | \$64          | 0.87x              | 12.5x            | 7.7x             |
| CF Industries Holdings, Inc. (NYSE:CF)   | 16,543                     | 19,284              | 7,668          | 3,881         | 2,650         | 2.51x              | 5.0x             | 7.3x             |
| Corteva, Inc. (NYSE:CTVA)                | 36,312                     | 39,250              | 17,344         | 3,246         | 3,502         | 2.26x              | 12.1x            | 11.2x            |
| FMC Corporation (NYSE:FMC)               | 8,353                      | 12,268              | 4,963          | 1,155         | 1,014         | 2.47x              | 10.6x            | 12.1x            |
| Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A.  | 17,044                     | 17,909              | 9,292          | 4,426         | 3,013         | 1.93x              | 4.0x             | 5.9x             |
| The Mosaic Company (NYSE:MOS)            | 11,829                     | 15,189              | 15,028         | 2,794         | 2,627         | 1.01x              | 5.4x             | 5.8x             |
| Summary Statistics                       |                            |                     |                |               |               |                    |                  |                  |
| Mean                                     | \$15,067                   | \$17,398            | \$9,144        | \$2,590       | \$2,145       | 1.84x              | 8.3x             | 8.3x             |
| Adj. Mean <sup>3</sup>                   | 13,442                     | 16,163              | 9,238          | 2,769         | 2,326         | 1.92x              | 8.3x             | 8.0x             |
| Median                                   | 14,186                     | 16,549              | 8,480          | 3,020         | 2,638         | 2.10x              | 8.0x             | 7.5x             |

## Chemical Distribution

Selected Public Companies – Chemical Distribution (\$MM)<sup>1</sup>

| Company                           |                        | Market<br>Cap <sup>2</sup> | Enterprise<br>Value | LTM<br>Revenue | LTM<br>EBITDA | NTM<br>EBITDA | LTM EV/<br>Revenue | LTM<br>EV/EBITDA | NTM<br>EV/EBITDA |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Brenntag SE (XTRA:BNR)            |                        | \$11,755                   | \$14,253            | \$18,635       | \$1,388       | \$1,787       | 0.76x              | 10.3x            | 8.0x             |
| IMCD N.V. (ENXTAM:IMCD)           |                        | 7,225                      | 8,569               | 4,990          | 600           | 629           | 1.72x              | 14.3x            | 13.6x            |
| ITOCHU Corporation (TSE:8001)     |                        | 52,604                     | 79,654              | 91,908         | 5,562         | 7,465         | 0.87x              | 14.3x            | 10.7x            |
| Mitsubishi Corporation (TSE:8058) |                        | 66,656                     | 106,562             | 136,655        | 6,625         | 9,267         | 0.78x              | 16.1x            | 11.5x            |
| Sumitomo Corporation (TSE:8053)   |                        | 24,410                     | 46,543              | 45,576         | 3,351         | 3,776         | 1.02x              | 13.9x            | 12.3x            |
| Summary Statistics                |                        |                            |                     |                |               |               |                    |                  |                  |
|                                   | Mean                   | \$32,530                   | \$51,116            | \$59,553       | \$3,505       | \$4,585       | 1.03x              | 13.8x            | 11.2x            |
|                                   | Adj. Mean <sup>3</sup> | 29,590                     | 46,817              | 52,040         | 3,433         | 4,343         | 0.89x              | 14.2x            | 11.5x            |
|                                   | Median                 | 24,410                     | 46,543              | 45,576         | 3,351         | 3,776         | 0.87x              | 14.3x            | 11.5x            |

Commodity Chemicals Selected Public Companies – Commodity Chemicals (\$MM)<sup>1</sup>

| Company                                   | Market<br>Cap <sup>2</sup> | Enterprise<br>Value |          | LTM<br>EBITDA | NTM<br>EBITDA | LTM EV/<br>Revenue | LTM<br>EV/EBITDA | NTM<br>EV/EBITDA |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Braskem S.A. (BOVESPA:BRKM5)              | \$3,423                    | \$11,036            | \$14,591 | \$89          | \$1,696       | 0.76x              | 124.6x           | 6.5x             |
| Dow Inc. (NYSE:DOW)                       | 36,251                     | 49,427              | 45,860   | 5,428         | 6,158         | 1.08x              | 9.1x             | 8.0x             |
| LyondellBasell Industries N.V. (NYSE:LYB) | 30,701                     | 41,624              | 41,384   | 4,858         | 5,265         | 1.01x              | 8.6x             | 7.9x             |
| Olin Corporation (NYSE:OLN)               | 6,289                      | 9,237               | 7,195    | 1,542         | 1,147         | 1.28x              | 6.0x             | 8.1x             |
| Orbia Advance Corporation (BMV:ORBIA)     | 3,879                      | 8,656               | 8,532    | 1,448         | 1,444         | 1.01x              | 6.0x             | 6.0x             |
| Westlake Corporation (NYSE:WLK)           | 15,919                     | 19,318              | 13,021   | 2,635         | 2,416         | 1.48x              | 7.3x             | 8.0x             |
| Summary Statistics                        |                            |                     |          |               |               |                    |                  |                  |
| Mean                                      | \$16,077                   | \$23,216            | \$21,764 | \$2,667       | \$3,021       | 1.10x              | 26.9x            | 7.4x             |
| Adj. Mean <sup>3</sup>                    | 14,197                     | 20,304              | 19,382   | 2,621         | 2,705         | 1.10x              | 7.7x             | 7.6x             |
| Median                                    | 11,104                     | 15,177              | 13,806   | 2,088         | 2,056         | 1.05x              | 7.9x             | 8.0x             |

# **Diversified Chemicals**

Selected Public Companies – Diversified Chemicals (\$MM)<sup>1</sup>

| Company                             | Market<br>Cap <sup>2</sup> | Enterprise<br>Value | LTM<br>Revenue | LTM<br>EBITDA | NTM<br>EBITDA | LTM EV/<br>Revenue | LTM<br>EV/EBITDA | NTM<br>EV/EBITDA |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Arkema S.A. (ENXTPA:AKE)            | \$7,383                    | \$9,483             | \$10,372       | \$1,447       | \$1,786       | 0.91x              | 6.6x             | 5.3x             |
| BASF SE (XTRA:BAS)                  | 40,573                     | 63,419              | 76,582         | 7,503         | 8,765         | 0.83x              | 8.5x             | 7.2x             |
| Eastman Chemical Company (NYSE:EMN) | 9,092                      | 14,265              | 9,376          | 1,519         | 1,705         | 1.52x              | 9.4x             | 8.4x             |
| Huntsman Corporation (NYSE:HUN)     | 4,341                      | 6,022               | 6,358          | 427           | 559           | 0.95x              | 14.1x            | 10.8x            |
| Solvay SA (ENXTBR:SOLB)             | 11,750                     | 13,170              | 13,004         | 2,740         | 3,066         | 1.01x              | 4.8x             | 4.3x             |
| The Chemours Company (NYSE:CC)      | 4,154                      | 7,296               | 6,004          | 214           | 1,132         | 1.22x              | 34.1x            | 6.4x             |
| Summary Statistics                  |                            |                     |                |               |               |                    |                  |                  |
| Mean                                | \$12,882                   | \$18,942            | \$20,283       | \$2,308       | \$2,836       | 1.07x              | 12.9x            | 7.1x             |
| Adj. Mean <sup>3</sup>              | 8,141                      | 11,053              | 9,777          | 1,533         | 1,922         | 1.02x              | 9.6x             | 6.8x             |
| Median                              | 8,237                      | 11,327              | 9,874          | 1,483         | 1,746         | 0.98x              | 8.9x             | 6.8x             |

Specialty Chemicals Selected Public Companies – Specialty Chemicals (\$MM)<sup>1</sup>

| Company                             |                        | Market<br>Cap <sup>2</sup> | Enterprise<br>Value | LTM<br>Revenue | LTM<br>EBITDA | NTM<br>EBITDA | LTM EV/<br>Revenue | LTM<br>EV/EBITDA | NTM<br>EV/EBITDA |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Akzo Nobel N.V. (ENXTAM:AKZA)       |                        | \$12,365                   | \$17,210            | \$11,373       | \$1,279       | \$1,730       | 1.51x              | 13.5x            | 9.9x             |
| Clariant AG (SWX:CLN)               |                        | 5,217                      | 6,403               | 5,497          | 807           | 844           | 1.16x              | 7.9x             | 7.6x             |
| Croda International Plc (LSE: CRDA) |                        | 8,309                      | 8,753               | 2,342          | 500           | 519           | 3.74x              | 17.5x            | 16.9x            |
| DuPont de Nemours, Inc. (NYSE:DD)   |                        | 34,241                     | 38,386              | 12,274         | 2,898         | 3,174         | 3.13x              | 13.2x            | 12.1x            |
| H.B. Fuller Company (NYSE:FUL)      |                        | 3,706                      | 5,549               | 3,566          | 529           | 647           | 1.56x              | 10.5x            | 8.6x             |
| RPM International Inc. (NYSE:RPM)   |                        | 12,238                     | 15,027              | 7,336          | 949           | 1,175         | 2.05x              | 15.8x            | 12.8x            |
| Summary Statistics                  |                        |                            |                     |                |               |               |                    |                  |                  |
|                                     | Mean                   | \$12,679                   | \$15,221            | \$7,065        | \$1,160       | \$1,348       | 2.19x              | 13.1x            | 11.3x            |
| ,                                   | Adj. Mean <sup>3</sup> | 9,532                      | 11,848              | 6,943          | 891           | 1,099         | 2.06x              | 13.3x            | 10.9x            |
|                                     | Median                 | 10,274                     | 11,890              | 6,416          | 878           | 1,009         | 1.80x              | 13.4x            | 11.0x            |

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## Strategic Buyers

Active Strategic Buyers - Chemicals<sup>1</sup>

| Acquirer                       | Targets   | Status/ Date     | Strategy  |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------|---|
|                                | DAĞALTI   | Closed<br>Nov-22 | The acquisition of Dağaltı strengthened Azelis' R&PA<br>footprint in Turkey.  |
| • azelis                       | Now part of Azelis  | Closed<br>Jul-22 | Azelis expanded its personal care footprint in the Asia<br>Pacific with the acquisition of Chemical Solutions Sdn Bhd<br>in Malaysia.                                     |
| •••                            | ASHAPURA  | Pending          | The acquisition of Ashapura Aromas provides Azelis with a strong flavors and fragrances (F&F) platform in the Asia Pacific, creating a global F&F network.                |
|                                | Distribution assets of  | Closed<br>May-22 | The acquisition strengthens the Group's industrial chemicals portfolio and its footprint in the pharmaceutical market.  |
| *                              | Stoller.  | Closed<br>Mar-23 | Stoller brought global sales of \$400+ million and presence in over 60 countries.   |
| CORTEVA                        |   | Closed<br>Mar-23 | The acquisition illustrates Corteva's commitment to provide farmers with sustainable solutions.   |
| Mearthane Products Corporation | American Urethane<br>e division of Mearthane Products Corporation   | Closed<br>Jun-23 | The acquisition allows MPC to further expand its market reach and strengthen its position as a global technology leader in the polyurethane industry.                     |
|                                | Whitefield Plastics<br>a division of Mearthane Products Corporation | Closed<br>Jun-23 | The acquisition adds to the growing list of proprietary<br>material formulations and adds onshore and offshore<br>energy application products to the company's offerings. |
|                                | KANSAI<br>PAINT   | Pending          | The acquisition will strengthen AkzoNobel's leading<br>business in South Africa region, providing an excellent<br>platform for future growth.                             |
| AkzoNobel                      | SHERWIN-WILLIAMS.<br>Chinese DecorativePaints                       | Closed<br>Sep-23 | The acquisition will further boost the company's position in China.   |
|                                | Lankwitzer<br>Premium Coatings                                      | Closed<br>Dec-22 | The acquisition complements AkzoNobel's existing<br>powder coatings offering and expands the range of<br>innovative products the company supplies.                        |
|                                | Business of   | Closed<br>Sep-23 | The acquisition expands H.B. Fuller's innovation<br>capabilities and product portfolio across the UK and<br>Europe  |
|                                | BEARDOW ADAMS,<br>Unique Adhesives                                  | Closed<br>May-23 | The acquisition is expected to accelerate profitable growth of core end markets and generate business synergies through production optimization.                          |
| H.B. Fuller                    |   | Closed<br>Mar-23 | Aspen has a unique production capability which benefits<br>H.B. Fuller's insulated glass business.<br><b>(Balmoral Advisors represented Aspen Research)</b>               |
|                                | CSSI (O)  | Closed<br>Nov-22 | The acquisition enables H.B. Fuller to position company's<br>utilities and infrastructure business to capture market<br>growth within the metal building market.          |
|                                | 中科づ泰股份<br>ZKLT HOLDING  | Closed<br>Aug-22 | The acquisition of ZKLT is expected to add unique<br>technology, strong customer relationships, and a<br>strategic manufacturing location in central China.               |

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## **Financial Buyers**

Active Financial Buyers - Chemicals<sup>1</sup>

| Acquirer                                      | Targets                                     | Status/ Date     | Strategy  |
|---|---|------------------|---|
|   |   | Closed<br>Sep-23 | SK Capital Partners see tremendous opportunity for<br>Ecopol to expand within its existing end-markets and<br>leverage its core competencies in biodegradable films to<br>enter new applications.                                 |
| SK CAPITAL                                    | VALTRIS<br>Specialty Chemicals              | Closed<br>Aug-22 | SK Capital has a lot of experience and interest in the specialty chemicals industry with several prior investments.   |
|   | Florachem                                   | Closed<br>May-22 | SK Capital wants to expand the platform's reach and capabilities to accelerate growth.  |
|   | BRICHT                                      | Closed<br>Jul-22 | Thunderbird expects to derive benefit from the broader reach of the diverse capabilities at Bright Plastic.   |
| THUNDERBIRD                                   | The Precision Molding Specialists           | Closed<br>May-22 | The injection molding expertise and short-run capabilities<br>at MPR complements the existing capabilities at Impact<br>Molding.  |
|   | Engineering business of                     | Closed<br>Apr-23 | Together with LANXESS High Performance Materials, the<br>combined firms will be in the best position to enact<br>sustainable long-term growth in the engineering<br>materials sector.   |
| Advent International<br>GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY | ImperialDade                                | Closed<br>Jun-22 | Imperial Dade has developed a differentiated value<br>proposition based on its best-in-class service and<br>industry-leading product portfolio.   |
|   | I CALDIC                                    | Closed<br>Mar-22 | Caldic will merge with Advent portfolio company Grupo<br>Transmerquim S.A., one of the leading chemical<br>distributors in Latin America.   |
|   | Meridian<br>Adhesives Group                 | Closed<br>Sep-22 | American Securities supports the company's organic<br>growth and M&A strategies, innovation, and continued<br>operational excellence so that Meridian can continue to<br>solve problems for its customers.                        |
| American Securities                           | Responsible Chemistry                       | Closed<br>Mar-22 | Hexion is a leading global producer of adhesives and performance materials that enable the production of engineered wood products and other growing specialty materials.  |
|   | prefere                                     | Closed<br>Jul-22 | Prefere's dedication to product innovation and<br>commitment to its customers underscore its position as a<br>market leader across the adhesive resins industry.  |
| CAPITAL PARTNERS                              | Tier Additive business of <b>EASTMAN</b>    | Closed<br>Nov-22 | The company is a leader in critical specialty chemicals for<br>the tire industry with a global asset footprint and superior<br>technical services.  |
| MUTARES                                       | High Performance Plastic<br>Parts<br>HUMMEL | Closed<br>Oct-22 | The acquisition of the MANN+HUMMEL High Performance<br>Plastic Parts business will strengthen the company's<br>Automotive & Mobility segment.   |
|   | SEALYNX<br>INTERNATIONAL                    | Closed<br>Jul-22 | With this add-on acquisition to SFC Solutions Group, the companies will create an important player for automotive sealings in Europe. Its industrial footprint will be a key lever to the competitiveness of the combined groups. |

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Transaction Activity Recently Closed Transactions - Chemicals<sup>1</sup>

| ,           |   |  |   |                      |                   | (\$ in millions) |
|-------------|---|--|---|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Date Closed | Target  | Target Description   | Acquiring<br>Company                    | Transaction<br>Value | LTM<br>EV/Revenue | LTM<br>EV/EBITDA |
| Sep-23      | Refnol Resins and<br>Chemicals Limited                                    | Engages in manufacturing of textile chemicals, polyester resins, and laundry chemicals | Indokem Limited                         | \$3                  | 0.48x             | 21.0x            |
| Sep-23      | Belle Chemical Company  | Produces agile methylamine chemicals   | Arclin, Inc.                            | N/A                  | N/A               | N/A              |
| Sep-23      | Business of Sanglier<br>Limited   | Business of Sanglier Limited<br>adhesives manufacturing<br>business                    | H.B. Fuller<br>Company                  | \$17                 | N/A               | N/A              |
| Aug-23      | Regal Chemical<br>Company   | Manufactures pesticides,<br>fertilizers, and specialty<br>products                     | SiteOne<br>Landscape Supply,<br>Inc.    | N/A                  | N/A               | N/A              |
| Aug-23      | LevertonHELM Limited  | Produces lithium chemicals   | Helm AG                                 | N/A                  | N/A               | N/A              |
| Aug-23      | Gateway Chemicals, Ltd.   | Manufactures and distributes<br>of laboratory chemicals and<br>kitting solutions       | VION Biosciences<br>LLC                 | N/A                  | N/A               | N/A              |
| Aug-23      | Porus Labs (P) Ltd.   | Engages in specialty<br>polymers, electronic<br>chemicals                              | Bain Capital<br>Private Equity          | N/A                  | N/A               | N/A              |
| Aug-23      | Sachs Chemical, Inc.  | Engages in the distribution of chemicals   | IMCD N.V.                               | N/A                  | N/A               | N/A              |
| Aug-23      | Chinese Decorative Paints<br>business of The Sherwin-<br>Williams Company | Comprises of paints, coating,<br>and related products<br>manufacturing business        | Akzo Nobel N.V.                         | N/A                  | N/A               | N/A              |
| Aug-23      | Univar Solutions Inc.   | Distributes commodity and specialty chemical products                                  | Apollo Global<br>Management             | \$8,520              | 0.71x             | 7.3x             |
| Jul-23      | Choncimer S.R.L.  | Operates as a producer and<br>supplier of agricultural<br>solutions                    | SCAM S.p.A.                             | N/A                  | N/A               | N/A              |
| Jul-23      | Flamemaster Corporation   | Manufactures and sells specialty chemicals   | SOCOMORE SASU                           | N/A                  | N/A               | N/A              |
| Jul-23      | EcoTech Enterprises, Inc.   | Manufactures and distributes water treatment chemicals                                 | Hawkins, Inc.                           | \$3                  | N/A               | N/A              |
| Jul-23      | Xzilon, Inc.  | Xzilon, Inc. is a specialty chemicals company  | The Reynolds and<br>Reynolds<br>Company | N/A                  | N/A               | N/A              |
| Jul-23      | BioWorks, Inc.  | Manufactures disease and<br>insect control products for<br>horticulture industry       | Biobest Group NV                        | N/A                  | N/A               | N/A              |
| Jul-23      | Mepol Group   | Manufactures recycled and technical compounds  | LyondellBasell<br>Industries N.V.       | N/A                  | N/A               | N/A              |
| Jul-23      | Diversey Holdings, Ltd.   | Provides hygiene, infection<br>prevention, and cleaning<br>solutions                   | Solenis LLC                             | \$4,721              | 1.63x             | 14.6x            |
| Jul-23      | Nitrogen business of<br>Borealis AG                                       | Comprises fertilizer, melamine,<br>and technical nitrogen<br>products manufacturing    | ,<br>AGROFERT, a.s.                     | \$869                | N/A               | N/A              |
| Jul-23      | Solus Biotech Co., Ltd.   | Produces powder ceramides<br>for skin and hair care<br>formulations                    | Croda<br>International Plc              | \$271                | N/A               | N/A              |
| Jul-23      | CPS Chemical Oil-Tech<br>Ltd  | Distributes specialty chemicals and ingredients  | IMCD N.V.                               | N/A                  | N/A               | N/A              |
|             |   |  | Summary<br>Statistics                   |                      |                   |                  |
|             |   |  | Mean                                    | \$2,058              | 0.94x             | 14.3x            |
|             |   |  | Adj. Mean <sup>2</sup>                  | \$1,176              | 0.71x             | 14.6x            |
|             |   |  | Median                                  | \$271                | 0.71x             | 14.6x            |

1 - S&P Capital IQ Data presented as of 09/30/2023, All charts represent Global Data 2 - Adj. mean excludes high and low values.



# Major News Headlines in Q3 2023 Recent Events and News – Global

| Company                              | Date      | Country         | News Summary  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---|
| ΕΛSTΜΛΝ                              | 9/28/2023 | United States   | <ul> <li>Eastman Chemical Company announced it has entered into a definitive agreement to sell its Texas City Operations, located in Texas City, Texas, to INEOS Acetyls.</li> <li>Eastman will retain ownership of its plasticizer business at the site, which INEOS will operate for Eastman as part of this agreement.</li> </ul>  |
| 🥑 Celanese                           | 9/27/2023 | United States   | <ul> <li>Celanese Corporation announced that its previously announced formation of Nutrinova, a Food Ingredients joint venture (JV) with Mitsui &amp; Co., Itd., is complete.</li> <li>Mitsui acquired a 70 percent stake at a purchase price of \$472.5 million, representing an enterprise valuation of approximately 15 times 2022 EBITDA.</li> </ul>  |
| INEOS                                | 9/21/2023 | Norway          | <ul> <li>INEOS Enterprises has announced the acquisition of Eramet Titanium &amp; Iron (ETA) from Eramet for \$245m.</li> <li>ETI consists of an ilmenite transformation plant in Norway producing titanium slag which is used in the pigments industry. It also produces high-purity pig iron sold to European foundries. The business will be known as INEOS Tyssedal.</li> </ul>                                       |
| <pre>OUPONT&gt;</pre>                | 8/21/2023 | United States   | <ul> <li>DuPont announced a definitive agreement to sell an 80.1% ownership<br/>interest in the Delrin® acetal homopolymer (H-POM) business1 to TJC LP<br/>(TJC) in a transaction valuing the business at \$1.8 billion.</li> </ul>   |
| IN <b>EOS</b>                        | 8/2/2023  | China           | <ul> <li>INEOS has completed the formation of a 50/50 joint venture with SINOPEC for the Tianjin Nangang Ethylene Project, which is currently under construction by SINOPEC and expected to be on-stream by April 2024.</li> <li>The petrochemical complex includes a 1.2 mtpa cracker, a new 500ktpa High-Density Polyethylene plant to produce INEOS pipe grade under license and 11 other derivative units.</li> </ul> |
| iff                                  | 8/2/2023  | United Kingdom  | <ul> <li>IFF announced that it successfully completed the previously announced divestiture of its Flavor Specialty Ingredients (FSI) business to Exponent, a leading UK-based private equity firm, on August 1, 2023.</li> <li>Portfolio optimization is a central part of company's ongoing strategy to improve growth and returns.</li> </ul>   |
| Chemours <sup>®</sup>                | 8/1/2023  | United States   | <ul> <li>The Chemours Company announced it completed the sale of its Glycolic<br/>Acid Business to PureTech Scientific, LLC, a company founded and backed<br/>by Iron Path Capital, a private equity firm focused on lower-middle<br/>market investments across the specialty healthcare sectors.</li> </ul>  |
| OUPONTE                              | 8/1/2023  | United States   | <ul> <li>DuPont announced that it has completed the previously announced acquisition of Spectrum Plastics Group ("Spectrum").</li> <li>With a global workforce of approximately 2,200 employees and annual revenue of about \$500 million, Spectrum will become part of the Industrial Solutions line of business within the Electronics &amp; Industrial segment.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>D</b> • BASF                      | 7/28/2023 | United States   | <ul> <li>BASF has completed the carve-out of its mobile emissions catalysts and<br/>precious metal services businesses and named the separate legal entity<br/>BASF Environmental Catalyst and Metal Solutions (ECMS). The company's<br/>intention to carve out the entity was first announced in December 2021<br/>with an expected completion timeframe of 18 months.</li> </ul>  |
| lyondellbasell<br>Advancing Possible | 7/5/2023  | The Netherlands | <ul> <li>LyondellBasell has completed the acquisition of Mepol Group, a<br/>manufacturer of recycled, high-performing technical compounds located<br/>in Italy and Poland. Mepol S.r.I. and its subsidiaries Polar S.r.I. and Industrial<br/>Technology Investments Poland Sp.z.o., will be subsidiaries in<br/>LyondellBasell's Advanced Polymer Solutions (APS) business unit.</li> </ul>                               |



# Select Recent Transactions - Chemicals



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#### ExxonMobil

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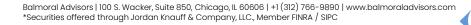
#### Sun Chemical Corporation

Has divested its Bushy Park Pigment Production Facility to

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