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Q1 2023 M&A Market Update

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The manufacturing sector demonstrated continued momentum in 2022 despite facing various macro-economic headwinds. Inflationary pressures, supply chain bottlenecks, and labor shortages, combined with a high interest rate environment, sparked concerns around the Fed's ability to achieve a soft landing. While M&A activity is down from 2021, transaction volume in 2022 was in line with prepandemic levels. Well-capitalized investors continued to seek quality assets to add to their portfolios, resulting in healthy multiples and steady deal flow.

Manufacturing sector M&A activity slowed in 2022 relative to 2021; however, companies with strong balance sheets, revenue visibility and attractive margins continued to attract buyer interest. Transaction volume and value returned to pre-pandemic levels, with the number of deals decreasing 24 percent and total transaction value decreasing 38 percent in 2022 compared to 2021. The median enterprise value (EV)/EBITDA multiple increased to 14.2x in 2022 from 12.4x in 2021, driven by an acceleration in digital investments and adoption of emerging technologies in manufacturing. Additionally, manufacturing sector stocks decreased less than the S&P 500 in 2022, with the S&P 500 Industrials Index falling six percent vs. a 20 percent decline for the broader market. Electrical equipment, machinery (B2B), and industrial supplies and parts companies performed better than other manufacturing sub-sectors, in part due to companies building local inventory reserves and moving away from just-in-time systems.

In 2023, industry leaders are expected to continue focusing on digitizing factories and using data-oriented technologies to optimize operations. Additionally, manufacturing sector companies may seek to double down their efforts in attracting and maintaining top-tier work forces to remain competitive. Finally, a growing subset of private manufacturing company owners are approaching retirement and exploring exit opportunities through strategic M&A.

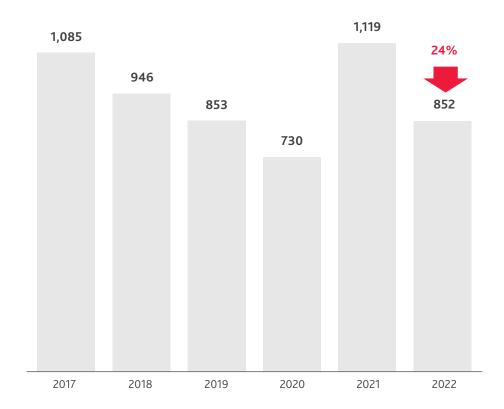


SECTOR M&A ACTIVITY

M&A Transaction Volume: U.S. Manufacturing Industry

Commentary

- Activity in the U.S. manufacturing M&A market slowed down through 2022, posting a 24 percent decrease in transaction volume over 2021.
- ► In total, there were 852 announced deals in the sector involving U.S. headquartered targets in 2022.
- Rising energy prices from global conflict and supply chain disruptions have made manufacturing more costly – defending profit margins has become more challenging.

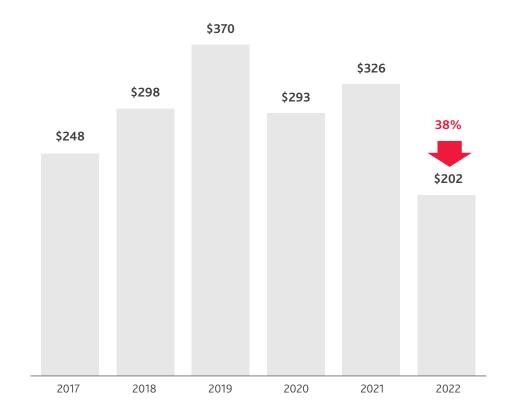


Source: S&P Capital IQ

M&A Transaction Value (\$B): U.S. Manufacturing Industry

Commentary

- ➤ Total reported deal value in 2022 decreased to \$202 billion from \$326 billion, or 38 percent lower than 2021.
- ➤ There were 47 megadeals (transactions exceeding \$1 billion) announced through 2022, compared to 76 megadeals in 2021.
- ▶ Johnson & Johnson (NYSE:JNJ), acquired Abiomed, Inc. (NasdaqGS:ABMD), a developer and manufacturer of medical devices to treat heart failures, for approximately \$18.9 billion, representing the largest U.S. manufacturing M&A deal announced in 2022.



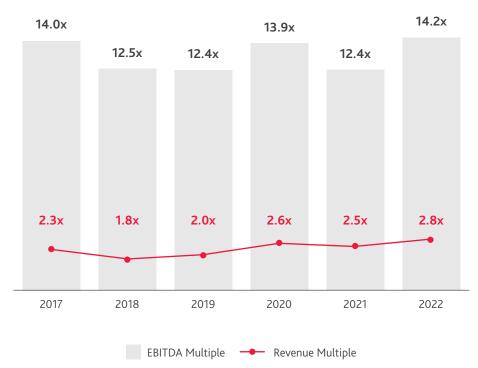
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SECTOR VALUATION TRENDS

Median U.S. Manufacturing M&A Transaction Multiples

Commentary

- ► The median reported EV/EBITDA multiple in 2022 increased to 14.2x from 12.4x in 2021, an increase of approximately 15 percent.
- Rising costs of capital and decreased investor risk appetite have led strategic and sponsorbacked investors to seek higher quality investment opportunities.
- ➤ Acceleration in digital investments and adoption of emerging technologies have increased M&A valuations in 2022 as technologyenabled businesses generally promote operating resilience in challenging environments.

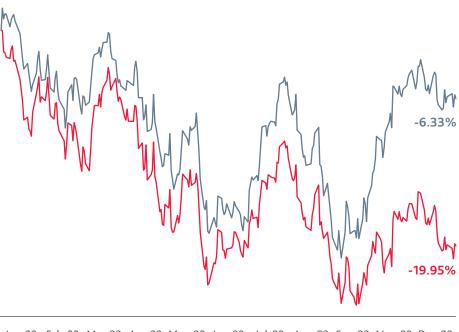


Source: S&P Capital IQ / Note: Revenue Multiples between 1x and 10x; EBITDA Multiples between 1x and 30x

S&P 500 vs. S&P 500 Industrials Index

Commentary

- Industrials sector equities benefitted from a return to prepandemic corporate investment and strong orders for capital goods.
- ► The S&P 500 Industrials Index fell approximately six percent through 2022 compared to a loss of approximately 20 percent in the S&P 500 during the same period.
- Manufacturing companies explored strategies to mitigate supply chain risk through building local capacity and reducing supply chain dependence.



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S&P 500 S&P 500 Industrials Index

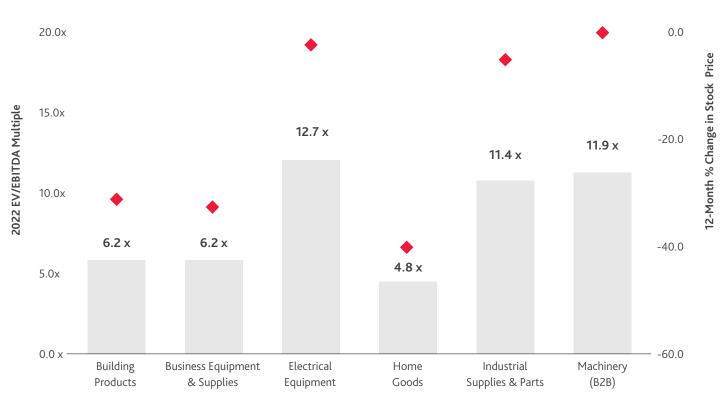
EQUITY TRADING OVERVIEW

Key Trading Statistics

Subsector	Number of Companies	Medium Enterprise Value (\$mm)	Change in Stock Price		2022		2023E	
			3 mos.	12 mos.	EV/EBITDA	P/E	EV/EBITDA	P/E
Building Products	9	2,608	10.3%	-31.2%	6.2 x	15.7 x	7.5 x	10.8 x
Business Equipment & Supplies	1	1,619	14.1%	-32.3%	6.2 x	24.9 x	6.8 x	4.5 x
Electrical Equipment	9	13,788	31.7%	-3.9%	12.7 x	14.9 x	11.5 x	16.4 x
Home Goods	6	5,112	6.5%	-42.0%	4.8 x	10.6 x	6.9 x	7.9 x
Industrial Supplies and Parts	14	6,063	15.9%	-6.9%	11.4 x	22.3 x	11.4 x	15.7 x
Machinery (B2B)	7	74,528	28.4%	-2.8%	11.9 x	17.4 x	12.4 x	15.2 x
Manufacturing Index	46	5,587	15.0%	-19.1%	8.8 x	16.5 x	9.4 x	13.0 x

Source: S&P Capital IQ

Public Company Sector Peformance



Source: S&P Capital IQ 2022 EV/EBITDA 12 Mos. % Change

BDO CAPITAL DEAL CLOSING

BDO Capital Advises on Sale of Dutchland, Inc.

BDO Capital Advisors, LLC (BDO Capital) is pleased to announce the sale of Dutchland, Inc. (Dutchland or the Company) to Lindsay Precast, a portfolio company of MiddleGround Capital (MiddleGround). BDO Capital served as exclusive financial advisor to Dutchland on this transaction, which builds on the firm's experience advising family-owned businesses in the manufacturing sector. Valentina Midura, Senior Managing Director, led the client engagement for BDO Capital.

Dutchland is a leading manufacturer specializing in engineering, manufacturing, and assembling structures for water and wastewater facilities. Dutchland holds a 40+ year track record in combining operations expertise and product design in providing client solutions. Dutchland is based in Gap, Pennsylvania, and has over 150 highly skilled employees who design and build advanced wastewater treatment systems, storage tanks, and other highly specialized precast concrete structures.

"Since the establishment of our business in the early 1980's, we have been recognized as a leading manufacturer of precast post-tensioned concrete structures across water and wastewater infrastructure for local communities across the mid-Atlantic region," said Ben Kauffman, President & CEO of Dutchland. He added: "we believe MiddleGround will prove to be a great partner as they support our core values and ethical approach to business, and we look forward to future development under their management team."

"Dutchland is a natural and complementary addition to our platform, and we believe that combining our businesses will make us more than the sum of our parts, especially with MiddleGround Capital's deep operating experience," said Ron Lindsay, President of Lindsay Precast. "We welcome their dedicated team and are excited to collaborate with them as we expand their capabilities within our footprint and beyond."

Lindsay Precast is a premier concrete manufacturer and steel structure fabricator, serving state and municipal government entities, banks, utility companies, renewable energy companies, and the US military. The company has over 200 products manufactured in-house, with 8 facilities located in OH, CO, FL, NC, and SC, totaling around 350 employees.



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\$115 B
Deal Value



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