

# **Industrial** Distribution

# Q4 2023 industry update

January 2024



## Selected M&A highlights

- Dec-23 BlackHawk Industrial Distribution Inc acquired Alro Industrial Supply, a distributor of industrial supplies
- Soperma UK Ltd acquired Celotex Ltd, a distributor of thermal insulation products for the construction industry
- A private investor acquired Trelleborg's customised metal component division, which distributes customised metal components
- ERIKS North America Inc acquired Branham Corp, a distributor of industrial hoses, gaskets, conveyor belts and related services.
- Novanta Inc acquired Motion Solutions, a distributor of linear motion and motion control solutions

- Sonepar S.A acquired Hydeclim SAS, a distributor of HVAC solutions
- Nov-23 Imperial Dade LLC acquired Advance Shipping Supplies Inc, a distributor of industrial supplies, packaging materials, and janitorial products
- Epiris LLP acquired GSF Car Parts Ltd, a distributor of Oct-23 automotive parts for the independent aftermarket in the
- Berardi Bullonerie Srl acquired 3Fast Srl, a distributor Oct-23 of fastenings for the fashion industry
- Oct-23 Winsupply Inc acquired Keidel Supply Co Inc, a distributor of plumbing, lighting and appliances

#### Public company valuations

Industrial, MRO and safety

				EV/Revenue		EV/EBITDA			EV/EBIT			
Company	Country	LFY date	Market Cap (£m)	LFY	LFY+1	LFY+2	LFY	LFY+1	LFY+2	LFY	LFY+1	LFY+2
Applied Industrial Technologies		Jun-23	5,255	1.6x	1.5x	1.5x	13.2x	12.7x	12.0x	14.7x	13.8x	13.1x
Bossard Holding AG	+	Dec-22	1,586	1.8x	1.9x	1.9x	12.8x	14.9x	13.9x	14.4x	18.3x	17.0x
Diploma PLC		Sep-23	4,801	4.3x	3.8x	3.6x	19.6x	17.5x	16.7x	26.2x	19.6x	18.6x
DXP Enterprises, Inc.		Dec-22	428	0.7x	0.6x	0.6x	7.7x	5.9x	5.7x	10.0x	7.3x	6.9x
Fastenal Company		Dec-22	29,066	5.3x	5.1x	4.8x	22.9x	22.1x	20.8x	25.6x	24.6x	23.0x
Flowtech Fluidpower plc		Dec-22	51	0.6x	0.6x	0.6x	7.7x	7.8x	5.5x	10.0x	12.1x	7.4x
Global Industrial Company		Dec-22	1,161	1.3x	1.2x	1.2x	14.1x	15.6x	14.8x	14.7x	16.2x	14.6x
Klöckner & Co SE		Dec-22	595	0.2x	0.2x	0.2x	4.6x	7.7x	5.3x	6.0x	36.9x	11.1x
L'Air Liquide S.A.		Dec-22	79,839	3.5x	3.8x	3.6x	15.4x	13.8x	12.9x	22.7x	20.6x	19.1x
MRC Global Inc.		Dec-22	729	0.5x	0.5x	0.5x	9.8x	7.1x	6.4x	12.5x	9.1x	7.8x
MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc.		Sep-23	4,484	1.5x	1.5x	1.4x	10.9x	10.4x	9.7x	12.6x	12.3x	11.4x
NOW Inc.		Dec-22	945	0.5x	0.5x	0.4x	6.2x	6.0x	5.7x	7.0x	7.9x	7.2x
TAKKT AG		Dec-22	761	0.8x	0.8x	0.8x	10.2x	9.4x	8.8x	11.6x	13.8x	12.2x
Watsco, Inc.		Dec-22	12,381	2.3x	2.2x	2.1x	19.5x	18.8x	17.9x	20.2x	19.7x	18.5x
W.W. Grainger, Inc.		Dec-22	32,291	2.9x	2.6x	2.5x	17.9x	15.6x	14.9x	19.6x	16.9x	16.0x
Min				0.2x	0.2x	0.2x	4.6x	5.9x	5.3x	6.0x	7.3x	6.9x
Median				1.5x	1.5x	1.4x	12.8x	12.7x	12.0x	14.4x	16.2x	13.1x
Mean				1.8x	1.8x	1.7x	12.8x	12.3x	11.4x	15.2x	16.6x	13.6x
Max				5.3x	5.1x	4.8x	22.9x	22.1x	20.8x	26.2x	36.9x	23.0x

Source: S&P Capital IQas at 31/12/2023 Note: LFY = Last financialyear

## Public company valuations

#### Electronics/electrical

				EV/Revenue			EV/EBITDA			EV/EBIT		
Company	Country	LFY date	Market Cap (£m)	LFY	LFY+1	LFY+2	LFY	LFY+1	LFY+2	LFY	LFY+1	LFY+2
Arrow Electronics, Inc.		Dec-22	5,198	0.3x	0.3x	0.3x	4.6x	6.0x	7.0x	5.1x	6.6x	7.8x
Avnet, Inc.		Jul-23	3,580	0.3x	0.3x	0.3x	6.0x	7.2x	7.2x	6.5x	7.9x	7.5x
Rexel S.A.		Dec-22	6,481	0.6x	0.6x	0.5x	7.7x	6.6x	6.5x	8.0x	8.3x	8.5x
RS Group plc		Mar-23	3,881	1.5x	1.5x	1.4x	10.7x	11.2x	10.0x	11.5x	13.2x	11.6x
WESCO International		Dec-22	6,972	0.7x	0.6x	0.6x	8.6x	8.0x	7.7x	9.3x	9.2x	8.7x
Min				0.3x	0.3x	0.3x	4.6x	6.0x	6.5x	5.1x	6.6x	7.5x
Median				0.6x	0.6x	0.5x	7.7x	7.2x	7.2x	8.0x	8.3x	8.5x
Mean				0.7x	0.7x	0.6x	7.5x	7.8x	7.7x	8.1x	9.0x	8.8x
Max				1.5x	1.5x	1.4x	10.7x	11.2x	10.0x	11.5x	13.2x	11.6x

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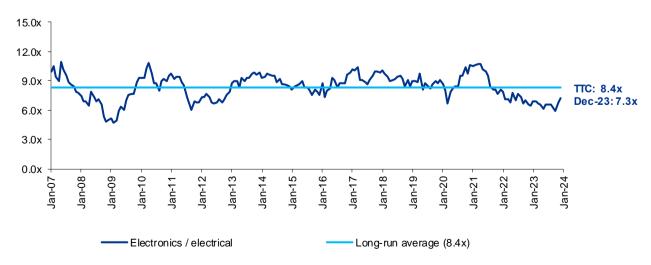
# **Public company valuations**

Through the cycle ('TTC') Enterprise Value / LTM EBITDA multiples

# Industrial, MRO and Safety



# Electronics / electrical



Source: S&P Capital IQ
Note: The companies used in the public company valuations tables make up the constituents of the TTC analysis

Note: LTM = Last twelv e months

# **Selected M&A transaction history**

Date	Target	Country	Target Description	Acquirer	Country	EV (£m)	Reported EV/EBITDA
Oct-23	GSF Car Parts		Distributor of automotive parts for the independent aftermarket in the UK	Epiris LLP*		n/a	n/a
Sep-23	ERIKS NV		Distributor of industrial parts	Lone Star*		n/a	n/a
Jul-23	DICSA	泰	Distributor of fluid power solutions	Diploma Plc		189	9.0x
Apr-23	Pirtek Europe		Distributor of fluid power products	Franchise Brands plc		200	n/a
Mar-23	Madriferr	泰	Specialist distributor of tools and maintenance products	Rubix Group		n/a	n/a
Mar-23	Hydraquip Group		Distributor and manufacturer of mobile hydraulic services	Finning International Inc	[+]	65	14.3x
Oct-22	Ecopac Power		Distributor of power supplies and LED drivers	TTI, Inc		n/a	n/a
Jul-22	Horizon Solutions LLC		Distributor of automation, electrical, industrial, energy and safety products and related services	Rexel USA, Inc		n/a	n/a
Apr-22	R&G Fluid Power		Distributor of a diverse range of industrial, hydraulic and pneumatic products.	Diploma Plc		108	16.1x
Jan-22	Hoskin Scientific	[+]	Value added distributor of essential test & measurement equipment	River Associates Investments*		n/a	n/a
Sep-21	Goodfellow		Distributor of high quality industrial materials	Battery Ventures		n/a	n/a
Mar-21	Incorporatewear		Distributor of workwear	Direct Corporate Clothing		n/a	n/a
Feb-21	Wolseley UK		Distributor of plumbing and heat products for contractors and the construction market	Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, LLC*		308	6.0x
Oct-19	The Fluid Power House	+	Distributor of hydraulic systems and solutions	Motion Canada	+	n/a	n/a
Feb-19	Ahlsell AB	-	Industrial wholesaler of plumbing, heating, electrical, refrigeration and do- it-yourself products	CVC Advisers Ltd*		2,808	11.9x
Mar-19	Sanistal A/S (steel distribution business)		Steel distribution business of Sanistal A/S	Tibnor AB		53	n/a
Sep-18	Pirtek		Distributor of fluid power products	PNC Riverarch Capital*		n/a	n/a
May-17	Rubix		Distributor of industrial maintenance, repair and overhaul products and services	Advent International*		416	9.8x
Min							6.0x
Mean							11.2x
Max							16.1x

Source: Mergermarket and KPMG intelligence \* - Private Equity investor

## KPMG's global industrial distribution credentials





















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