

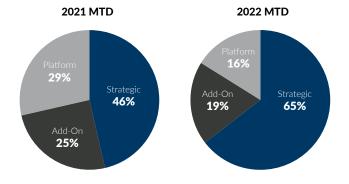
Plastics Industry M&A Activity Tracking

Global Plastics continued to post strong M&A activity down in February 2022 after a record start to the year in January. 31 deals were recorded in the month, which was lower than 47 transactions in January, but higher than February 2021. Deals in the month were driven by active strategic participation while private equity buyer activity slowed compared to high levels in January 2022. February transaction volume represented an increase of 3 deals year-over-year and a continuation of elevated M&A activity experienced throughout 2021.

PLASTICS M&A BY SUBSECTOR						
	Month-to-Date			Year-to-Date		
Subsector	2021	2022	Change	2021	2022	Change
Blow Molding	3	2	-1	4	6	2
Injection Molding	7	7	0	24	17	-7
Film	4	7	3	13	15	2
Resin / Color & Compounding	4	3	-1	9	7	-2
Sheet & Thermoforming	1	1	0	2	5	3
Specialty	9	11	2	13	28	15
Total Plastics	28	31	3	65	78	13
Strategic	46%	65%	18%	46%	47%	1%
Financial Buyer - Add-on	25%	19%	-6%	25%	35%	10%
Financial Buyer - Platform	29%	16%	-12%	29%	18%	-11%

- Strategic buyers were highly acquisitive in the month, accounting for 20 transactions or 65% of the total deal volume in the month
- Much of the decline in transaction levels month-over-month can be attributed to private equity transactions which decreased from 30 deals in January to 11 deals in February
- Film and Injection Molding transactions accounted for 45% of the deal volume in the month; both subsectors have had a strong start to the year contributing 32 of the 78 year-todate transactions
- Specialty transactions have accounted for 36% of the yearto-date deal volume, which is up from 20% through this same time last year
- Food & Beverage transactions increased by 3 deals monthover-month, totaling 7 deals in February and 11 deals through the beginning of the year

PLASTICS TRANSACTIONS BY BUYER TYPE



TOTAL PLASTICS M&A BY END MARKET

	Month-to-Date		Year-to-Date	
End Market	2021	2022	2021	2022
Food & Beverage	6	7	11	11
Industrial	8	15	21	32
Consumer	4	1	12	6
Construction	2	4	3	9
Medical	3	3	7	10
Automotive / Transportation	5	1	11	10
Total	28	31	65	78

The Global Plastics M&A market has started off the year strong, building on an unprecedented environment experienced in 2021. If February is any indication, transaction volumes seem to be continuing at elevated levels, however, it is early in the year and 2021 would be tough to replicate given unique circumstances. If you are a plastics company considering a merger, acquisition, sale or recapitalization in the short or longer term, please consider leveraging PMCF's transaction planning and execution expertise to best position your company in a transaction.

Public Entity Performance

Overall, public plastic companies' stock market performance continued a downward trend in February despite the Plastics Fabricating Index posting positive returns on the month. Plastics stocks continue to outperform the S&P 500 as the entire market deals with investor pessimism.

Index		% Change February MTD		% Change February YTD
S&P 500 Index	•	-3.1%	•	-8.2%
PMCF Plastics Index ⁽¹⁾	•	-1.3%	•	-4.9%
Resin and Color & Compounding (2)	•	-2.2%	•	-5.7%
Plastic Packaging (3)	•	-3.3%	•	-5.9%
Plastic Fabricating ⁽⁴⁾	^	4.1%	•	-1.8%

(2) ABCT, CMT, PRLB, ARCW, UFAB, MYE, DOW, WLK, TSE, AVNT, DNMR, ITP, SOLB, LYB, FOE, ATR, SON, SLGN, BERY, AMC, SEE, TCLA, WPK, NPK, HUH1V, PTVE, ESNT (2) DNMR, DOW, TSE, WLK, AVNT, ITP, SOLB, LYB, FOE (3) ATR, SON, SLGN, NPK, BERY, AMC, HUH1V, SEE, TCLA, WPK, PTVE, ESNT (4) ABCT, CMT, PRLB, ARCW, LIFAR MYE

Major News

- Economy Gained Momentum in February Despite Inflation Worries (Wall Street Journal)
- Supplies Recovered For Some Materials to Start 2022 Others Remain Turbulent (Plastics News)
- Fed Seeks Sweet Spot Between Slowing Inflation, Aiding Growth (Plastics News)
- Ukraine Crisis Could Mean Higher Resin Prices (Plastics News)
- U.S. Job Openings, Quits Remained Elevated at End of Last Year (Wall Street Journal)

Notable M&A Activity

Date	Acquirer	Target	Category
02/28/22	SIMONA Aktiengesellschaft (DB:SIM0)	Peak Pipe Systems Limited	Extrusion
02/22/22	ProAmpac Intermediate, Inc.	Belle-Pak Packaging Inc.	Flexible Packaging
02/18/22	Celanese Corporation (NYSE:CE)	DuPont Mobility & Materials Unit	Resin
02/14/22	Apollo Global Management, Inc. (NYSE:APO)	Novolex Holdings, LLC	Film
02/08/22	Comar, LLC	Automatic Plastics Limited	Rigid Packaging
02/08/22	Molded Dimensions Inc.	GlobalTech Plastics, LLC	Injection Molding
02/02/22	Altor Solutions	Foam Concepts, Inc.	Foam
02/02/22	Exo-s, Inc.	Plastiques Moore Inc.	Injection Molding
02/01/22	ALPEK, S.A.B. de C.V. (BMV:ALPEK A)	OCTAL Holding SAOC	Sheet
02/01/22	SIG (SWX:SIGN)	Scholle IPN Corporation	Flexible Packaging

Sources: Capital IQ, PitchBook, Thomson Reuters, Company Reports, PMCF

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- PMCF is frequently requested to complete an analysis of a company's strategic positioning within the plastics and packaging marketplace
- Our review may consider your operations, products, end markets, financial trends, growth opportunities, and management team
- We are available to brief your management team, ownership, or board with our thoughts on your current value in today's market
- PMCF can provide a benchmark comparison of your organization's strengths, weaknesses, and anticipated buyer viewpoints

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- We insist on potential clients contacting our long list of references



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Blow Molding	Injection Molding	Extrusion	Specialty Film	
Color & Compounding	Printing & Labeling	Thermoforming	Packaging Machinery	

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