

PLASTICS M&A UPDATE

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Plastics Industry M&A Activity Tracking

Global Plastics M&A activity picked up in February with 38 deals announced, which was an increase of two deals compared to January and 11 deals relative to February 2024 levels. The Injection Molding and Specialty subsectors drove deal volume in February and have accounted for over 70% of all deal flow in the year-to-date period. Domestic deal activity continued its strong start to the year as cross border activity has weakened, likely a result of the uncertain tariff environments. Overall, plastics M&A is off to a fast start in 2025, despite negativity surrounding the macroeconomy, and there is optimism this pace will continue in the coming months.

PLASTICS M&A BY SUBSECTOR

Subsector	Month-to-Date			Year-to-Date		
	2024	2025	Change	2024	2025	Change
Blow Molding	1	1	0	3	4	1
Injection Molding	5	10	5	18	27	9
Film	6	4	-2	10	7	-3
Resin/Color & Compounding	2	6	4	6	7	1
Sheet & Thermoforming	2	1	-1	6	2	-4
Specialty	11	16	5	26	27	1
Total	27	38	11	69	74	5

PLASTICS M&A BY BUYER TYPE

Type	MTD	% of Total	YTD	% of Total
Strategic	24	63%	35	47%
Add-On (PE)	10	26%	26	35%
Platform (PE)	4	11%	13	18%

PLASTICS M&A BY GEOGRAPHY

Type	MTD	% of Total	YTD	% of Total
U.S.-to-U.S.	20	53%	40	54%
U.S.-to-Foreign	1	3%	3	4%
Foreign-to-U.S.	0	0%	0	0%
Foreign	17	45%	31	42%

- Among subsectors, Injection Molding and Specialty led the way in February, with 10 and 16 transactions, respectively, which were both five deal improvements compared to February 2024. Resin/Color & Compounding also had a year-over-year uptick in activity, tallying four additional deals than one year ago
- Strategic buyers displayed strong demand during the month with 24 deals notched, which represented 63% of the volume. As a mix of total deal flow, strategics accounted for their largest monthly share since late 2023. Financial buyer activity lagged slightly as the 14 combined private equity add-on and platform acquisitions are below the 2024 monthly average levels
- 40 domestic M&A transactions have been announced year-to-date in 2025. The 20 deals recorded in both January and February are tied for the most monthly domestic deals in over three years. Deals involving two foreign parties also posted volumes above 2024 monthly average activity
- The Medical end market posted another active month with four deals announced, bringing the year-to-date total up to 10, which is a pace well above historical levels. Food & beverage M&A activity is also pacing ahead of prior year levels

PLASTICS M&A BY END MARKET

End Market	MTD	%	YTD	%
Food & Beverage	7	18%	13	18%
Industrial	22	58%	40	54%
Consumer	5	13%	11	15%
Medical	4	11%	10	14%



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Industry Multiples and Trends

Valuation multiples expanded slightly during February for Resin and Color & Compounding and Plastic Packaging public entities while Plastic Fabricating average EV/EBITDA multiples contracted slightly, falling below 8.0x. Plastic Packaging is now the only plastics index with average EV/EBITDA multiples above 8.0x.

Public Stock Performance

Plastic public entities performance was inverted in February when compared to January. Resin and Color & Compounding stocks appreciated in February on average after contracting in the prior month and Plastic Packaging and Plastic Fabricating entities produced slight declines in value after both posting gains in January.

Company Name	Stock Performance Year-to-Date	Stock Performance Month-to-Date	Enterprise Value / LTM ¹	
			Revenue	EBITDA
<i>Resin and Color & Compounding</i>				
Avient Corporation	6.6%	-0.3%	1.71x	10.13x
Dow Inc.	-3.4%	-2.4%	0.99x	6.59x
LyondellBasell Industries N.V.	5.0%	1.5%	0.86x	7.82x
Solvay SA	2.1%	6.6%	0.95x	4.82x
Trinseo PLC	-3.7%	18.8%	0.70x	9.83x
Westlake Chemical Corporation	-1.0%	-1.7%	1.43x	8.38x
Mean	0.9%	3.8%	1.10x	7.93x
Median	0.5%	0.6%	0.97x	8.10x
<i>Plastic Packaging</i>				
Amcor plc	8.4%	4.1%	1.60x	10.54x
Aptar Group, Inc.	-6.4%	-6.6%	2.97x	13.05x
Berry Global Group	12.4%	6.3%	1.30x	7.45x
Essentra plc	-10.4%	-6.4%	1.38x	9.34x
Huhtamaki Oyj	4.5%	0.1%	1.23x	8.54x
Nampak Limited	3.0%	-6.0%	0.92x	6.11x
Pactiv Evergreen Inc.	2.2%	0.7%	1.32x	7.38x
Sealed Air Corporation	1.6%	-1.9%	1.69x	8.35x
Silgan Holdings Inc.	5.0%	-1.3%	1.59x	9.52x
Sonoco Products Company	-1.6%	0.4%	2.19x	11.80x
Transcontinental Inc.	-5.4%	-5.1%	0.82x	5.25x
Winpak Ltd.	-14.9%	-6.0%	1.16x	5.29x
Mean	-0.1%	-1.8%	1.51x	8.55x
Median	1.9%	-1.6%	1.35x	8.44x
<i>Plastic Fabricating</i>				
Core Molding Technologies, Inc.	-16.3%	-7.0%	0.32x	2.77x
Proto Labs, Inc.	1.6%	-4.4%	1.70x	13.31x
Myers Industries, Inc.	0.3%	-9.0%	0.99x	7.40x
Mean	-4.8%	-6.8%	1.00x	7.83x
Median	0.3%	-7.0%	0.99x	7.40x

¹LTM as of latest available financials

Sources: S&P Capital IQ, Company Websites, Pitchbook, Company Reports, PMCF

Notable M&A Activity

Date	Acquirer	Target	Category
2/20/2025	Pritzker Private Capital	Americhem, Inc.	Compounding
2/18/2025	CREO Group	HMS Mfg.	Injection Molding
2/11/2025	Handgards	Inno-Pak	Distribution
2/5/2025	Techmer PM LLC	Colors for Plastics Inc.	Color & Compounding
2/5/2025	Bain Capital	Milacron Holdings	Machinery
2/3/2025	Arterex	Adroit USA, Inc.	Medical Plastics
2/3/2025	Sigma Plastics Group	Assets of Sun Plastics Inc	Extrusion
2/3/2025	Patrick Industries, Inc. (NasdaqGS:PATK)	Elkhart Composites, Inc.	Composites

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Major News & Insights

- US and Canada Agree to 30-Day Pause on Tariffs (Packaging Dive)
- US Plastics Policy Shifting Under Trump? (Plastics News)
- Amcor's Takeover of Berry Wins Shareholder Approval on Both Sides (Plastics News)
- How Steel and Aluminum Tariffs Will Impact the US Plastics Industry (Plastics Today)
- Plastics Industry Leaders Highlight Trade's Role in Growth (Plastics Today)
- Inflation Expected to Remain Above Fed's Target (The Wall Street Journal)

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