

PACKAGING M&A UPDATE

OCTOBER 2024

Packaging Industry M&A Activity Tracking

Global Packaging M&A activity notched a very strong month, with 43 deals announced. October levels represented a 22-deal increase compared to September and a 9-deal increase from October 2023. While deal volume has been up in 2024, much of this has been related to foreign activity with transactions involving two foreign parties accounting for 52% of the transaction activity. Strategic buyers drove activity in the month, which reflected pent up demand that carried over after a weaker Q3. Generally, October marked a strong start to Q4 and represents positive momentum heading into the end of the year.

PACKAGING M&A BY SUBSECTOR

Subsector	Month-to-Date			Year-to-Date		
	2023	2024	Change	2023	2024	Change
Rigid Packaging	6	12	6	53	59	6
Flexible Plastic	5	10	5	36	39	3
Paper	12	7	-5	69	61	-8
Printing & Labels	5	2	-3	34	28	-6
Protective Packaging	4	7	3	13	24	11
Machinery & Distribution	2	5	3	39	59	20
Total	34	43	9	244	270	26

- Rigid Packaging and Flexible packaging led deal volume in October posting 12 and 10 deals, respectively. These were substantial increases from September activity and October 2023 volume. Protective Packaging and Machinery & Distribution both posted modest increases from October 2023 while Paper and Printing & Labels saw minor declines in volume, but remained in line with 2024 monthly averages
- Both strategic and financial buyers were highly active in October, contributing to a strong month from a deal volume standpoint. Strategic buyers led the way in October, accounting for 58% of the total volume, which was above year-to-date levels
- Foreign transactions had a strong October and have accounted for more than half of all activity in the year-to-date. While October was a strong month, deals involving two domestic parties have been below levels seen in the past few years
- The Food & Beverage end market tallied only its second month of the year with double-digit volumes. Meanwhile, the Medical end market has recorded 10 deals in the last three months, consistently ramping its volume

PACKAGING M&A BY BUYER TYPE

Type	MTD	% of Total	YTD	% of Total
Strategic	25	58%	145	54%
Add-On (PE)	10	23%	85	31%
Platform (PE)	8	19%	40	15%

PACKAGING M&A BY GEOGRAPHY

Type	MTD	% of Total	YTD	% of Total
U.S.-to-U.S.	15	35%	94	35%
U.S.-to-Foreign	3	7%	28	10%
Foreign-to-U.S.	0	0%	8	3%
Foreign	25	58%	140	52%

TOTAL PACKAGING M&A BY END MARKET

End Market	MTD	%	YTD	%
Food & Beverage	12	28%	75	28%
Industrial	17	40%	115	43%
Consumer	9	21%	63	23%
Medical	5	12%	17	6%



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Industry Multiples and Trends

Rigid Packaging, Flexible Packaging, and Other Packaging subsectors experienced minimal variation in median EV/EBITDA multiples month-over-month. However, the average and median EV/EBITDA multiples of the Paper Packaging subsector increased over 0.75x during the month

Public Stock Performance

Rigid Packaging and Flexible Packaging stock performances were consistent during October with neither subsector moving more than 1.0% on average in the month. Paper Packaging and Other Packaging experienced a more volatile October with both subsectors moving more than 5.0%. Overall, packaging stocks are performing well with three of the four packaging subsectors up on the year

Company Name	Stock Performance Year-to-Date	Stock Performance Month-to-Date	Enterprise Value / LTM ¹	
			Revenue	EBITDA
Rigid Plastic				
AptarGroup, Inc.	35.8%	4.8%	3.36x	15.00x
Berry Global Group, Inc.	4.5%	3.6%	1.40x	8.62x
Essentra plc	-12.5%	-2.9%	1.68x	11.35x
Nampak Limited	144.6%	2.1%	0.56x	6.16x
Silgan Holdings Inc.	14.3%	-1.4%	1.55x	9.50x
Sonoco Products Company	-6.0%	-3.9%	1.26x	7.66x
Mean	30.1%	0.4%	1.64x	9.71x
Median	9.4%	0.3%	1.47x	9.06x
Flexible Plastic				
Amcor plc	15.5%	-1.8%	1.69x	12.26x
Huhtamaki Oyj	-1.9%	3.3%	1.25x	8.46x
Pactiv Evergreen Inc.	-17.3%	-1.5%	1.11x	5.04x
Sealed Air Corporation	-0.9%	-0.3%	1.77x	8.64x
Transcontinental Inc.	25.5%	-4.3%	0.85x	5.46x
Winpak Ltd.	21.3%	4.4%	1.65x	7.84x
Mean	7.0%	0.0%	1.39x	7.95x
Median	7.3%	-0.9%	1.45x	8.15x
Paper Packaging				
Cascades Inc.	-17.6%	0.6%	0.69x	6.74x
DS Smith Plc	77.5%	18.1%	1.44x	9.69x
Graphic Packaging Holding Co.	14.6%	-4.5%	1.54x	7.33x
Greif, Inc.	-4.8%	-0.4%	1.17x	8.09x
International Paper Company	53.6%	13.7%	1.29x	10.55x
Karat Packaging Inc.	7.4%	3.1%	1.43x	10.49x
Packaging Corporation of America	40.5%	6.3%	2.74x	13.76x
Smurfit Westrock Plc	NM	4.2%	2.41x	15.47x
Mean	24.5%	5.1%	1.59x	10.26x
Median	14.6%	3.7%	1.43x	10.09x
Other Packaging				
Avery Dennison Corporation	2.4%	-6.2%	2.26x	13.14x
Ball Corporation	3.0%	-12.8%	1.63x	9.96x
CCL Industries Inc.	36.3%	-1.5%	2.34x	11.23x
Crown Holdings	1.6%	-2.4%	1.48x	9.37x
Gerresheimer AG	-17.9%	-3.1%	1.91x	9.61x
O-I Glass, Inc.	-32.2%	-15.3%	0.93x	5.62x
Toyo Seikan Group Holdings, Ltd.	0.2%	1.8%	0.57x	5.52x
Mean	-0.9%	-5.7%	1.59x	9.21x
Median	1.6%	-3.1%	1.63x	9.61x

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
10/31/2024	Ball Corporation (NYSE:BALL)	Alucan Entec, S.A	Metal Packaging
10/29/2024	ORBIS	Creative Techniques	Protective Packaging
10/28/2024	Hood Packaging Corporation	Industrial packaging operations of TC Transcontinental Packaging	Flexible Packaging
10/12/2024	StoneTree Investment Partners	Viking Engineering & Development	Machinery / Equipment
10/09/2024	Mondi plc (LSE:MNDI)	Western Europe Packaging Assets of Schumacher Packaging	Corrugated
10/09/2024	SupplyOne, Inc.	Gulf Packaging Inc.	Corrugated
10/04/2024	Multi-Color Corporation	Starport Technologies	Printing / Labels
10/02/2024	Nutra-Med Packaging	Legacy Pharma Solutions	Rigid Packaging

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Major News & Insights

- Biden-Harris Administration Opens Tariff Exclusion Process for Some Manufacturers (Packaging Dive)
- Is the Fiber Packaging M&A Surge Done? Probably Not. (Packaging Dive)
- Insights From the 2024 Packaging Recycling Summit (Packaging Dive)
- As Plastics Treaty Debates Production Caps, a Look at Potential Impact and Implementation (Plastics News)
- U.S. Added 12,000 Jobs in October as Storms Sidelined Workers (The Wall Street Journal)
- Plastipak Founder and CEO Steps Down After 57 Years (Packaging Digest)

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