



The newsletter for the distribution sector

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Market Intelligence

- 10/17/2014: Sysco Corp., the Texas-based food and foodservice products distributor, is working to put together a set of disposals in an attempt to secure Federal Trade Commission approval for the acquisition of its Illinois-based rival, U.S. Foods
- 10/16/2014: Bunzl plc, the U.K.-based distributor of non-food consumable products, will continue to leverage its strong balance sheet to consolidate the market and deliver further growth through acquisitions
- 10/06/2014: Littlejohn & Co., the Connecticut -based middle-market private equity firm, is reportedly planning to sell portfolio company Sunsource Holdings, a leading value-added distributor of fluid power and motion control products. Littlejohn acquired Sunsource in 2011
- 09/19/2014: Rexel SA, the France-based distributor of electrical solutions, is implementing a new organizational structure in Europe combining two of its three European zones in order to further enhance its organizational effectiveness and streamline its management structure
- 09/18/2014: Air Products & Chemicals Inc., . the Pennsylvania-based industrial gas company, will restructure its major company segments and organization with the goal of regaining industry leadership by providing excellent service to customers as the safest and most profitable industrial gas company in the world
- 09/10/2014: Anixter International. the Illinois -based security solutions distributor, has amended its executive compensation plan to include change in control incentives, which could potentially revitalize the company's sale process and soften management's reported price expectations of \$115 per share
- 9/09/2014: W.W. Grainger, the Chicago-based industrial distributor, has named Dean Johnson President of its Canadian business, Acklands-Grainger

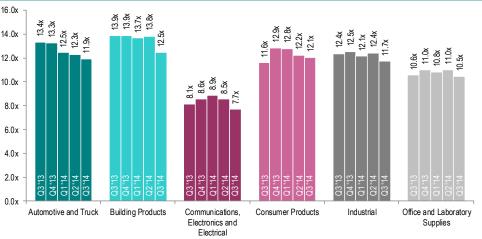
Sep-14

Controlled Products Systems Group, Inc.

Lincoln International Distribution Index LTM Relative Stock Price Performance 140.0%







M&A Transaction Recap (Selected Transactions)

Date	Target Company	Target Description
Pending	Chimab SPA	Food ingredients and semi finished products
Pending	ALLFAST Fastening Systems, Inc.	Rivets, bolts, temporary fasteners and tools
Pending	Industrial Distribution Group, Inc.	Maintenance, repair and operations product
Pending	Sesco Electric Supply Company, Inc.	Electrical lighting products
Pending	Routeco Limited	Industrial electrical products
Pending	MTU Detroit Diesel Australia Pty Ltd	Diesel and gas engines and power systems
Pending	MEDCO and G2S Equipment de Fabrication et d'Entretien ULC	Automotive aftermarket tools and supplies
Pending	Western Extralite Company	Electrical and data communication products
Pending	Berlin Packaging, LLC	Plastic, glass and metal containers and closu
Oct-14	Sidin S.r.I	IT security solutions
Oct-14	LubriCorp LLC	Automotive, aviation and industrial lubricants
Oct-14	Applicator Sales & Service, Inc.	Residential roofing, siding and windows
Oct-14	Trim Tech of Austin, Inc.	Cabinets, doors, stair parts and millwork
Oct-14	Av-Tech Industries, Inc.	Fasteners, electronic components and parts
Sep-14	The Standard Companies Inc.	Cabinetry, windows, doors, roofing and sidir
Sep-14	Interstate Safety and Supply	Industrial safety supplies
Sep-14	Powers Industrial Group Inc.	Casters and material handling products
Sep-14	Belt Power LLC	Conveyor belts, equipment and components
Sep-14	Imago Group PLC	Video communication solutions
Sep-14	Tri-Ed Distribution, Inc.	Security and access control products
Sep-14	Marshall Tool & Supply LLC, Certain Assets	Metalworking tools and machines
Sep-14	The Cook & Boardman Group	Metal and wood doors, frames and hardwar
Sep-14	Marcotte Alimentation et poissonnerie	Packaged food and packaging products
Sep-14	Pacific Insulation Company	Commercial and industrial insulation product
Sep-14	Klinipath B.V.	Equipment, supplies and chemicals
Sep-14	Abrasive Products & Equipment, LLC	Abrasives and air blast equipment and supp
Sep-14	Staheli Distributing, Inc.	Commercial janitorial and floor cleaners
Sep-14	Ash Air Limited, Ash Air Oil & Gas Limited, Fox Air NZ Limited	Compressors, parts and supplies
Sep-14	Gelmarc Distributors, Inc.	Food service equipment and supplies
Sep-14	Windsor Factory Supply Ltd.	Industrial tools and supplies
Sep-14	U.S. Oxygen and Supply, LLC and Specialty Air Technologies	Industrial, specialty and medical gases

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Acquiring Compar

Lincoln International Distribution Index (Continued)

	Stock Price		% of 52	Market Cap		Enterprise Value		LTM				YoY Revenue	EBITDA	Enterprise Value / LTM	
Company Name			Week High					Revenue		EBITDA		Growth	Margin	Revenue	EBITDA
Automotive and Truck															
AutoZone, Inc.	\$	509.66	90.7%	\$	16,464	\$	20,683	\$	9,475	\$	2,060	3.6%	21.7%	2.2x	10.0x
Genuine Parts Company		87.71	97.2%		13,427		14,091		14,736		1,169	7.7%	7.9%	1.0x	12.1x
LKQ Corp.		26.59	77.5%		8,048		9,896		5,950		722	23.6%	12.1%	1.7x	13.7x
Building Products															
Beacon Roofing Supply, Inc.	\$	25.48	61.6%	\$	1,257	\$	1,544	\$	2,284	\$	135	1.9%	5.9%	0.7x	11.5x
Builders FirstSource, Inc.		5.45	58.0%		535		854		1,544		65	9.7%	4.2%	0.6x	13.2x
HD Supply Holdings, Inc.		27.26	92.2%		5,335		10,756		8,810		773	5.7%	8.8%	1.2x	13.9x
Watsco, Inc.		86.18	81.8%		2,799		3,423		3,842		305	4.4%	7.9%	0.9x	11.2x
Communications, Electronics and	d Elec	trical													
Anix ter International Inc.	\$	84.84	73.2%	\$	2,779	\$	3,480	\$	6,266	\$	395	1.5%	6.3%	0.6x	8.8x
Arrow Electronics, Inc.		55.35	86.8%		5,471		7,288		21,960		991	6.6%	4.5%	0.3x	7.3x
Av net, Inc.		41.50	86.1%		5,737		6,887		27,500		1,013	6.0%	3.7%	0.3x	6.8x
Ingram Micro Inc.		25.81	83.4%		4,016		4,650		43,277		693	2.8%	1.6%	0.1x	6.7x
Rex el SA		18.65	71.9%		5,411		8,475		16,134		880	(2.5%)	5.5%	0.5x	9.6x
ScanSource, Inc.		34.59	79.2%		987		799		2,914		116	1.3%	4.0%	0.3x	6.9x
Consumer Products															
Bunzl plc	\$	26.12	94.1%	\$	8,552	\$	9,994	\$	9,733	\$	713	3.0%	7.3%	1.0x	13.8x
Core-Mark Holding Company, Inc.		53.04	96.7%		1,224		1,251		7,942		100	6.5%	1.3%	0.2x	12.5x
Pool Corp.		53.92	85.8%		2,375		2,781		2,174		193	6.2%	8.9%	1.3x	14.4x
SpartanNash Company		19.45	75.6%		734		1,311		6,175		174	0.0%	2.8%	0.2x	7.5x
Sysco Corporation		19.45	75.6%		22,268		24,748		46,517		2,277	3.3%	4.9%	0.5x	10.9x
United Natural Foods, Inc.		61.46	77.2%		3,059		3,492		6,794		261	12.0%	3.8%	0.5x	13.3x
Industrial															
Airgas, Inc.	\$	110.65	97.3%	\$	8,247	\$	10,696	\$	5,106	\$	942	1.5%	18.4%	2.1x	11.4x
Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc.		45.65	85.4%		1,893		1,993		2,460		192	0.1%	7.8%	0.8x	10.4x
DXP Enterprises, Inc.		73.68	63.0%		1,065		1,544		1,374		129	12.5%	9.4%	1.1x	12.0x
Fastenal Company		44.90	86.0%		13,325		13,289		3,499		799	7.0%	22.8%	3.8x	16.6x
Kaman Corporation		39.30	88.1%		1,065		1,416		1,735		140	5.6%	8.1%	0.8x	10.1x
MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc.		85.46	88.4%		5,334		5,563		2,734		465	11.3%	17.0%	2.0x	12.0x
W.W. Grainger, Inc.		251.65	91.7%		17,212		17,534		9,667		1,513	4.1%	15.6%	1.8x	11.6x
WESCO International Inc.		78.26	82.6%		3,480		4,947		7,627		500	4.8%	6.5%	0.6x	9.9x
Office and Laboratory Supplies															
Henry Schein, Inc.	\$	116.47	96.3%	\$	9,880	\$	11,047	\$	9,921	\$	823	5.1%	8.3%	1.1x	13.2x
United Stationers Inc.		37.57	80.2%		1,464		1,976		5,134		258	0.6%	5.0%	0.4x	7.7x
Mean			82.9%	_						_		5.4%	8.4%	1.0x	11.0x
Median			85.4%									4.8%	7.3%	0.8x	11.4x

Source: Bloomberg, Capital IQ and company filings, as of 09/30/2014 Note: dollars in millions, except stock price

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