

# TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS SECTOR UPDATE M&A REPORT

Q3 2023



### Q3 market and sector overview

Greek logistics companies are focusing on storage expansion and optimization to accommodate the modern logistical needs of the market

### Macroeconomic developments

- The European Central Bank continues its rate hike cycle with two consecutive 25bp rate hikes in Q3, increasing interest rates to 4.5% in September 2023
- Despite the decline in the September's headline inflation to 4.3%<sup>(1)</sup>, the ECB raised its 2024 inflation projections citing that inflation is expected to remain too high for too long
- Eurozone's economic growth projections have been revised downwards for 2024 as tighter financing conditions across the globe are dampening domestic demand and international trade
- According to the eurozone PMI report, the economy has witnessed another contraction in business activity in Q3 2023 as output volumes across both the manufacturing and service sectors were constrained by deteriorating demand conditions

### Transportation & logistics sector trends

#### Greek logistics sector is growing

- Greek logistics sector continues to witness dynamic growth with increasing investments as companies aim to:
  - Serve the growing domestic market
  - Develop the country's potential as a transit center between Europe and Asia
- Increasing investments in modern logistics assets from real estate funds

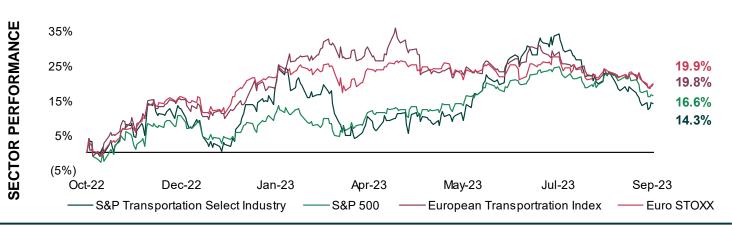
### Storage expansion and optimization

- Increasing demand and lack of modern logistics facilities in Greece are prompting industry players to:
  - Expand their storage capacity
    - 80,000m<sup>2</sup> of moder logistic assets to be delivered by the end of 2023
  - Adopt warehouse automation and robotic solutions

### 3PL and contract logistics on the rise

- Demand for 3PL and contract logistics solutions in Greece continues to grow substantially
  - Highly fragmented market
- Despite the increasing demand, 3PL providers are still trying to find balance between sustainable profitability and gaining market share
- Greece is behind Wester European countries on 3PL adoption → strong growth over the next 5 years

### European and US transportation & logistics indices vs the broader market



Data as of 30/9/2023 Notes: (1) Preliminary data for September 2023 Sources: FactSet, Eurozone PMI, ECB

### Greek transportation & logistics companies' key updates

Greek companies in the transportation & logistics sector are expanding storage capacity to benefit from the increasing adoption of 3PL and contract logistics

### Company

### Q3 2023 key updates



- Announced the completion of its 3 state-of-the-art storage and cross docking facilities in Aspropyrgos:
  - Covered areas include 10,000m<sup>2</sup> dry cargo, 18,000m<sup>2</sup> temperaturecontrolled, and 10,000m<sup>2</sup> specialized e-commerce logistics warehouses
  - Plan to further invest €550k to install 1,666 photovoltaic panels to reduce energy costs and carbon footprint
- Declared two new collaborations, with Rodoula and Astor Hellas for the storage and distribution of their products



- Announced the completion of its 2022 investing program of €12.0m which included:
  - The expansion of its storage facilities in Gefyra and PV systems in Kalochori
  - Begun the construction of its new 20,000m<sup>2</sup> storage facility in Aspropyrgos, which is expected to complete in 2023



- Announced investments of €15.0m for 2023 and €35.0m over the next 5 years to expand its storage capabilities
- Approved a joint loan bond of up to €61.5m, expected to be issued in 2023 to support investment plans for storage and international expansion



Speaking at the 6<sup>th</sup> Infrastructure and Transport Conference the Managing
Director revealed the company's interest on exploring acquisition opportunities in
the Balkans, Austria, Hungary and Germany

### Key takeaways

## Greek logistics companies are expanding their storage capacity

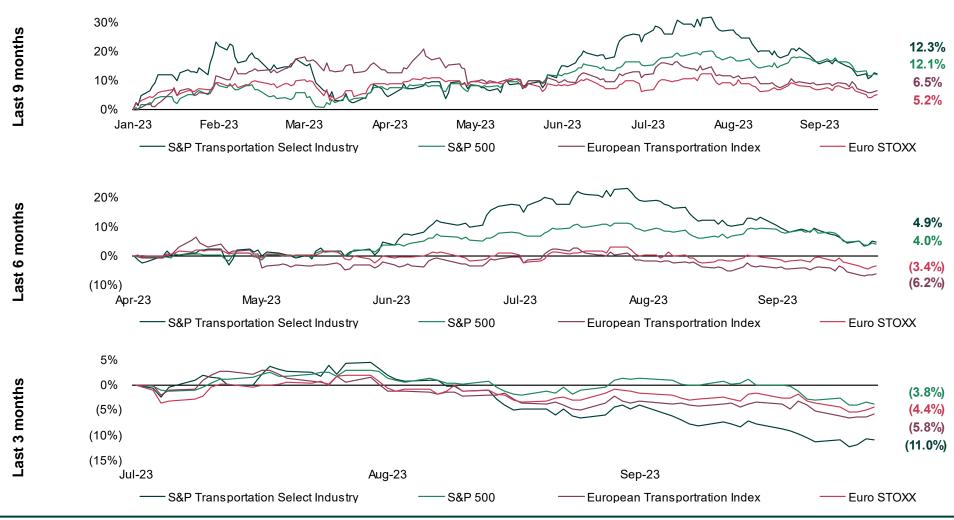
- Greek transportation and logistics companies continue to invest on the expansion of existing storage facilities and/or development of new ones:
  - Strengthen their position in the market and benefit from the increasing adoption of 3PL and contract logistics

## Industry players are looking outside Greece for further expansion

- Large industry players are looking to expand internationally either organically or through M&A:
  - Eying opportunities in the Balkan region to expand their logistical operations

### Sector performance

European and US transportation index have underperformed the broader market in Q3 2023

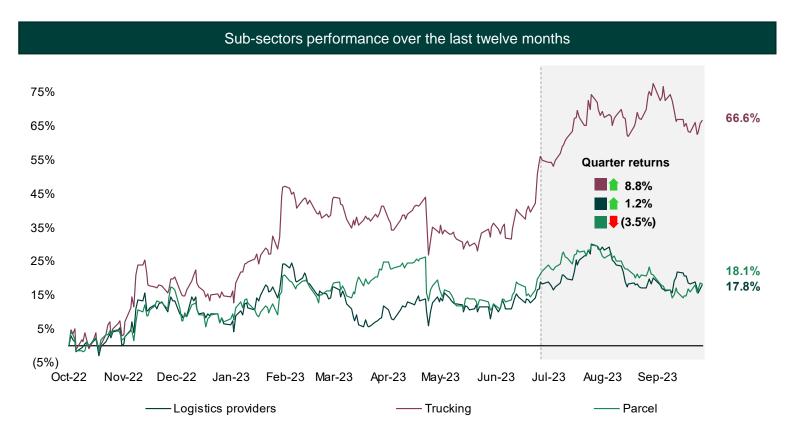


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## Publicly traded companies overview per sub-sector

Trucking continues to outperform the rest of the sub-sectors both over the LTM and during Q3 2023

- Trucking sector continues to witness the largest returns both over the LTM and during Q3 2023, recording gains of 66.6% and 8.8%, respectively
- The accelerated rate of bankruptcies by smaller trucking companies has bolstered the returns of well-capitalized sector consolidators
- Logistics providers was the only sub-sector that has witnessed losses in Q3 2023
- Global logistics providers are facing decreases in sale volumes

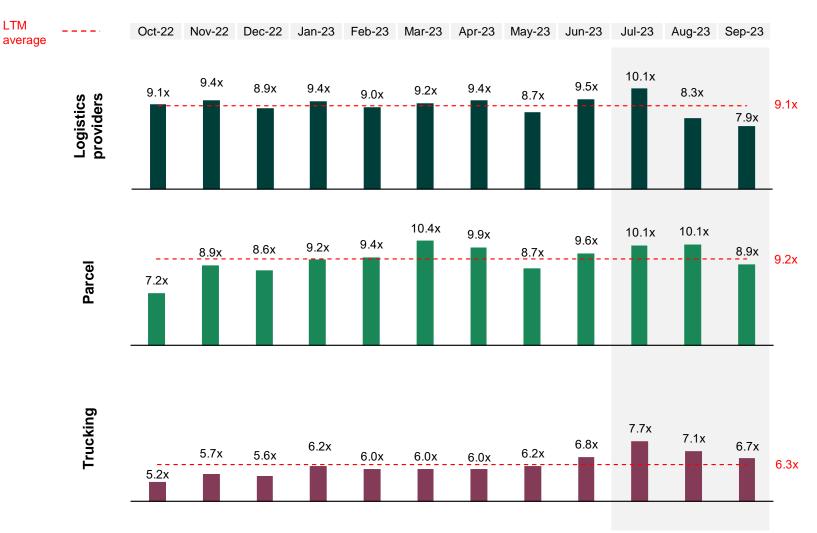


## Median LTM EV/EBITDA multiples

LTM

Transportation & logistics sub-sectors have witnessed mixed trends from a valuation perspective in Q3 2023

- All transportation and logistics sub-sectors have witnessed a decline in multiples over Q3 2023
- Trucking is the only segment facing a positive trend with its Q3 2023 multiple being 6.3% higher from its 12month average
- Logistics providers and parcel sub-sectors are facing a negative trend, with their multiples falling below their 12-month average
- Logistics providers multiple has contracted to 7.9x at the end of Q3 as the expected 2023 average decrease in sales volumes has been revised upwards

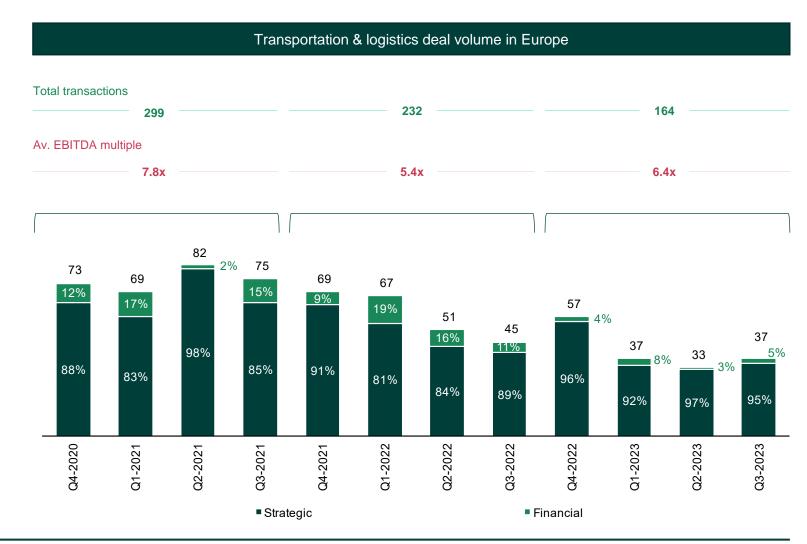


Notes: Sub-sector index constituents can be found on pages 8-10; some historic multiples may have deviations from previous reports due to restatements or differences between preliminary and final results published

## Europe M&A update

M&A activity in the transportation & logistics sector has witnessed a minor uptick in Q3 2023

- Macroeconomic headwinds continue to keep M&A activity suppressed
- 2022 and 2023 have been difficult periods for European transportation and logistics companies' due to decreasing volumes and pricing compared to 2021
- During Q3 2023, transactions increased by 12% recording 37 deals compared to 33 deals in Q2 2023
- With high interest rates challenging PE funds, strategic buyers have reasserted as the sector's dominant acquirers, looking for consolidation opportunities across all market segments



Data as of 30/9/2023

## Trading comps (1/3)

LOGISTICS PROVIDERS														
Company	HQ	Market cap.	EV	Sales	Sales	Growth	EBITDA	EBITDA margin -		EV/Sales		E	EV/EBITD	A
(figures in €m)				2023E	2022	2023E	2023E	2023E	LTM	2023E	2024E	LTM	2023E	2024E
J.B. Hunt Transport	USA	18,401	19,455	12,114	37%	(14%)	1,729	14%	1.5x	1.6x	1.5x	10.5x	11.3x	10.2x
Expeditors	USA	16,013	14,941	9,145	16%	(44%)	1,024	11%	1.2x	1.6x	1.7x	10.6x	14.5x	15.6x
C.H. Robinson	USA	9,472	11,202	16,905	20%	(28%)	672	4%	0.6x	0.7x	0.6x	13.5x	16.6x	14.8x
GXO Logistics	USA	6,589	10,066	9,334	27%	9%	703	8%	1.1x	1.1x	1.0x	11.8x	14.4x	12.8x
Agility Warehousing	KWT	4,592	7,920	4,154	97%	55%	739	18%	2.1x	1.9x	1.8x	29.3x	10.8x	10.3x
Mainfreight	NZL	3,725	4,104	2,780	9%	(18%)	394	14%	1.3x	1.5x	1.4x	8.7x	10.4x	9.2x
Hub Group	USA	2,373	2,533	4,073	42%	(20%)	380	9%	0.6x	0.6x	0.6x	4.7x	6.7x	5.9x
Sankyu	JPN	2,021	2,089	3,657	(3%)	(11%)	371	10%	0.6x	0.6x	0.6x	5.7x	5.7x	5.5x
Forward Air Corp.	USA	1,668	1,932	1,661	34%	(12%)	229	14%	1.1x	1.2x	1.1x	7.1x	8.8x	5.6x
Jiayou International	CHN	1,624	1,478	802	34%	18%	150	19%	2.0x	1.8x	1.5x	10.5x	9.7x	7.5x
ID Logistics	FRA	1,540	2,630	2,734	32%	10%	417	15%	1.0x	1.0x	0.9x	6.6x	6.4x	5.8x
Kerry Logistics	HKG	1,526	2,338	6,299	23%	(40%)	409	6%	0.3x	0.4x	0.3x	4.8x	5.7x	4.7x
CJ Logistics Corp.	KOR	1,299	3,806	8,327	7%	(7%)	662	8%	0.5x	0.5x	0.4x	5.6x	5.7x	5.6x
CTS International	CHN	1,212	1,079	1,719	(4%)	(45%)	145	8%	0.5x	0.6x	0.5x	7.9x	7.9x	6.7x
Radiant Logistics	USA	252	286	1,018	72%	(21%)	51	5%	0.3x	0.3x	0.3x	4.8x	5.6x	7.4x
Average					29%	(11%)		11%	1.0x	1.0x	1.0x	9.5x	9.3x	8.5x
Median					27%	(14%)		10%	1.0x	1.0x	0.9x	7.9x	8.8x	7.4x

## Trading comps (2/3)

PARCEL DELIVERY														
Company	HQ	Market cap.	EV	Sales	Sales	Growth	EBITDA	EBITDA margin		EV/Sales			EV/EBITD	A
(figures in €m)		•		2023E	2022	2023E	2023E	2023E	LTM	2023E	2024E	LTM	2023E	2024E
United Parcel Service	USA	125,793	141,605	87,855	12%	(5%)	13,205	15%	1.6x	1.6x	1.5x	9.8x	10.7x	9.9x
FedEx	USA	62,910	91,621	84,435	0%	3%	10,060	12%	1.1x	1.1x	1.0x	8.0x	9.2x	8.2x
Deutsche Post	DEU	47,747	64,799	84,988	16%	(10%)	10,922	13%	0.7x	0.8x	0.7x	5.6x	5.9x	5.7x
ZTO Express	CHN	18,726	18,337	5,333	21%	10%	1,808	34%	3.6x	3.4x	3.0x	11.5x	10.2x	8.7x
PostNL	NLD	997	1,574	3,207	(9%)	2%	274	9%	0.5x	0.5x	0.5x	N.M.	5.6x	4.7x
Average					8%	0%		17%	1.5x	1.5x	1.4x	8.7x	8.3x	7.4x
Median					12%	2%		13%	1.1x	1.1x	1.0x	8.9x	9.2x	8.2x

## Trading comps (3/3)

						TRUCKIN	IG							
Company	HQ	Market cap.	EV	Sales	Sales	Growth	- EBITDA	EBITDA margin -		EV/Sales			EV/EBITD	A
(figures in €m)				2023E	2022	2023E	2023E	2023E	LTM	2023E	2024E	LTM	2023E	2024E
DSV	DNK	38,737	41,790	21,666	29%	(31%)	3,109	15%	1.6x	2.0x	1.9x	12.0x	13.4x	13.5x
Old Dominion Freight	USA	42,225	42,248	5,514	34%	(7%)	1,818	33%	7.5x	7.7x	6.9x	22.2x	23.4x	20.1x
Saia	USA	9,991	9,900	2,646	37%	(0%)	602	23%	3.8x	3.8x	3.4x	17.0x	16.6x	14.1x
XPO	USA	8,178	10,863	7,217	21%	(2%)	861	12%	1.3x	1.5x	1.4x	10.6x	12.5x	10.7x
Knight-Swift Transportation	USA	7,640	9,421	6,622	39%	(6%)	1,111	17%	1.5x	1.4x	1.2x	7.1x	8.5x	6.8x
Landstar SysteM	USA	6,007	5,755	5,191	28%	(27%)	398	8%	1.0x	1.1x	1.0x	12.1x	14.5x	13.1x
Schneider National	USA	4,628	4,547	5,276	32%	(16%)	762	14%	0.8x	0.9x	0.8x	5.5x	6.0x	5.4x
Werner Enterprises	USA	2,332	2,960	3,105	35%	(1%)	482	16%	0.9x	1.0x	0.9x	5.6x	6.1x	5.4x
ArcBest	USA	2,307	2,396	4,209	50%	(17%)	307	7%	0.5x	0.6x	0.5x	6.1x	7.9x	5.7x
Marten Transport	USA	1,514	1,440	1,088	46%	(10%)	204	19%	1.2x	1.3x	1.2x	6.7x	6.8x	6.2x
Heartland Express	USA	1,096	1,386	1,184	79%	29%	247	21%	1.2x	1.2x	1.2x	5.7x	5.6x	4.9x
Universal Logistics	USA	625	1,001	1,601	27%	(15%)	225	14%	0.6x	0.6x	0.6x	3.3x	4.5x	4.0x
Covenant Logistics	USA	536	759	826	27%	(26%)	117	14%	0.7x	0.9x	0.9x	6.8x	6.5x	5.4x
P.A.M. Transportation	USA	448	533	801	48%	(9%)	110	14%	0.6x	0.7x	0.6x	3.9x	4.8x	4.3x
Wincanton	GBR	393	608	1,611	1%	(4%)	126	8%	0.4x	0.4x	0.4x	3.9x	4.8x	4.7x
Average					36%	(10%)		16%	1.6x	1.7x	1.5x	8.6x	9.5x	8.3x
Median					34%	(9%)		14%	1.0x	1.1x	1.0x	6.7x	6.8x	5.7x

## Selected European transportation & logistics M&A transactions (1/2) (1)

Q3 2023



(Figures in €m)						
Date	Target	Buyer	Transaction value	Implied EV	EV/Revenue	EV/EBITDA
Sep-2023	Circle Express	Winever Industrial Enterprises (UK)	2.4	2.4	0.8x	-
Sep-2023	ESBOLogistics Systems	Agencias Universales	-	-	-	-
Sep-2023	Nelson Distribution	Kinaxia Logistics	-	-	-	-
Sep-2023	Dillinger Hafen-Umschlags	SHS-Stahl-Holding-Saar	-	-	-	-
Sep-2023	Economic Skips	Powerday	-	-	-	-
Sep-2023	Flink	Yassir; Flink France	-	-	-	-
Sep-2023	ITS Logistics Hungary	Rhenus	-	-	-	-
Sep-2023	DX (Group)	H.I.G. European Capital Partners	437.4	437.4	0.8x	6.7x
Sep-2023	Ship Spares Logistics	Global Transport Solutions Holding	-	-	-	-
Sep-2023	LBH Group / Rotterdam	Rhenus	-	-	-	-
Aug-2023	Prigmore Haulage	Explore Transport	-	-	-	-
Aug-2023	Tramo	Nippon Express Italia	-	-	-	-
Aug-2023	Pallet Plus	Expect Distribution	-	-	-	-
Aug-2023	Kramer Holding	QTerminals	-	-	-	-
Aug-2023	ASCO Group	Endless	-	-	-	-
Aug-2023	Celeritas Transporte y Logística	Citibox Smart Services	20.0	20.0	-	-
Aug-2023	Leiv Sand Transport	Litra	-	-	-	-
Aug-2023	cargo support	proLogistik Holding	-	-	-	-
Aug-2023	Aitken & Merry Contractors	AB Transport Group	-	-	-	-
Aug-2023	Transportes el Mosca	Compañía de Distribución Integral Logista Holdi	1 -	-	-	-
Aug-2023	ECU Worldwide (Nordicon)	Allcargo Belgium	18.9	75.5	-	-
Aug-2023	Anymore Transport	Atitlán Grupo Empresarial	-	-	-	-
Jul-2023	Portman Logistics	Challenge-trg Group Ltd.; Praetura Ventures	-	-	-	-
Jul-2023	LogBATT	Lagermax Lagerhaus und Speditions	-	-	-	-
Jul-2023	Menzies Distribution	Greenberg Traurig	57.4	191.3	-	-

Notes: (1) Transactions also include non-EU European countries Sources: FactSet

## Selected European transportation & logistics M&A transactions (2/2) (1)

Q3 2023



(Figures in €m)						
Date	Target	Buyer	Transaction value	Implied EV	EV/Revenue	EV/EBITDA
Jul-2023	MNG Kargo Yurtici ve Yurtdisi Tasimacilik	Deutsche Post	-	-	-	-
Jul-2023	Menzies Distribution Group	InPost	57.4	191.3	-	-
Jul-2023	CBW Resources	Super Group	35.3	44.8	-	4.2x
Jul-2023	Gramma Farmaceutici	Compañía de Distribución Integral Logista Holdi	1 -	-	-	-
Jul-2023	Estron	DFDS	-	-	-	-
Jul-2023	L.T.L.D.	TLW Group	-	-	-	-
Jul-2023	Rusak Business Services	Customs Support Group; Castik Capital Partners	-	-	-	-
Jul-2023	Rufus Logistik	KS	-	-	-	-
Jul-2023	TSI Bortesi & C.	Trasporti Internazionali Agenzia Marittima	-	-	-	-
Jul-2023	Mannheimer Transport-Gesellschaft Bayer	Rhenus	-	-	-	-
Jul-2023	Portmann Gestion	Die Schweizerische Post	-	-	-	-
Jul-2023	John Wade (Haulage)	Ashcourt Group	-	-	-	-

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## Notable transportation & logistics M&A transactions in Greece

2019 to Q3 2023



(Figures in €m)						
Date	Target	Buyer	Transaction value	Implied EV	EV/Revenue	EV/EBITDA
Apr-2023	Contrade	H.I.G. Capital	-	-	-	-
Mar-2023	Med Frigo	EOS Capital; Elikonos Capital	-	-	-	-
Mar-2023	Orphee Beinoglou	H.I.G. Capital	-	-	-	-
Jul-2022	Perme Hellas	Polygreen	-	-	-	-
Jan-2022	Mantis	Ecovium	60.0	-	-	-
Jan-2022	Anchor Shipbroking	Simpson Spence Young	-	-	-	-
Apr-2021	Tenberco	Eurobank	27.1	-	-	-
Jan-2021	MAKIOS Logistics	HIG Capital	-	-	-	-
Dec-2020	Sarmed Warehouse	BriQ Properties	23.6	29.5	1.4x	10.5x
Jul-2019	Victini Logistics	Brooklane Capital	12.5	12.5	8.7x	22.7x
Nov-2019	Pearl	Ocean Rail Logistics	-	-	-	-
Dec-2018	Irina Ktimatiki	Prodea Investments	-	-	-	-

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