

## TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS SECTOR UPDATE M&A REPORT Q4 2024



## Q4 market and sector overview

The growing Greek logistics sector continues to attract foreign investors; Greek companies continue facing severe staff shortages

Multiple investments underway

Over €2b in public and private

investments are supporting the

Greece

development of logistics hubs across

Major logistics hubs such as Thriasio

and Gonos are at different stages of

planning and development, featuring

multimodal transport infrastructure

advanced warehousing facilities and

• Total investments for both projects

are expected to exceed €460m

### Macroeconomic developments

- Eurozone GDP stagnated in Q4 2024, primarily due to weaker performances from key economies like Germany and France
  - Political instability weighed heavily on the region's two biggest countries
- During Q4, the European Central Bank cut interest rates twice by 25bp each, lowering the rate from 3.65% to 3.15%
  - The weaker-than-expected GDP figures will prompt ECB to become less restrictive, reinforcing expectations of further rate cuts in 2025

#### In Q4, the Eurozone saw a decline in economic sentiment, driven by disappointing PMIs and a drop in consumer confidence, possibly due to uncertainty surrounding Trump's election

 Following Trump's victory, the US is expected to impose 10% tariffs on imported goods, which could lead to retaliatory tariffs by the European Commission, potentially reigniting inflationary pressures

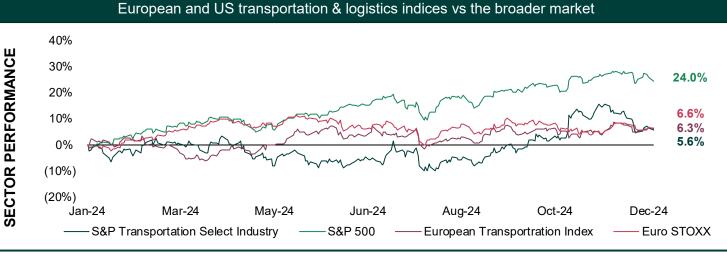
## Transportation & logistics sector trends

#### Technological advancements

- Logistic companies are increasingly leveraging AI and big data analytics to improve demand forecasting, inventory management, and transport planning
- The Port of Piraeus is considering the adoption of technologies such as blockchain, autonomous vehicles, and drones to enhance transactional transparency and operational efficiency

#### Greece as a transit hub

- Huawei launched its European logistics hub in Piraeus, establishing Greece as a strategic distribution point for Southern and Central Europe
- The U.S. International Development Finance Corporation signed a funding agreement in October 2024 to support the Thriasio Logistics Center, strengthening American investment in Greek infrastructure



## Greek transportation & logistics companies' key updates

Greek transportation & logistics companies are increasingly investing in technology to enhance efficiency

Company	Q4 2024 key updates
ACS	<ul> <li>GLS acquired 20% stake in ACS in October 2024 for €74m to expand its footprint in the Greek parcel and courier market</li> <li>Secured call option to acquire the remaining 80% by October 2025 or October 2026 for a minimum of €296m</li> </ul>
VOYATZOGLOU®	<ul> <li>Installed a new 'back-to-back' racking system to increase warehouse storage and upgraded its logistics infrastructure in a 11,000m<sup>2</sup> facility</li> <li>Enhanced storage capacity with each rack supporting up to 30 tons, while maximizing warehouse space with structures reaching 13.5 meters in height</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Initiated the construction of a new logistics hub in Aspropyrgos to enhance its warehousing and distribution capabilities</li> <li>Developing a 20+ acre facility with refrigerated storage, dry cargo warehouses, and 28 loading ramps to support increasing logistics demand</li> </ul>
SARMED	<ul> <li>Expanded logistics facilities, managing c.200,000 m<sup>2</sup> of covered storage space across Greece, including 25,000 m<sup>2</sup> dedicated to temperature-controlled storage</li> <li>Emphasis on technological advancements, integrating modern systems and certifications to enhance service quality and efficiency</li> </ul>
FDL GROUP	<ul> <li>Foodlink increased its ownership in General Transport to 75%, acquiring a 20% stake for €694,800 from Sadion Investments, reinforcing its market position, expanding its logistics and transportation capabilities within Greece</li> </ul>
ПАЕГАЕ	<ul> <li>Announced a €150m investment plan in October 2024 to expand logistics and storage capabilities</li> <li>Developing 150,000 square meters of new warehouse space in Magoula, incorporating advanced storage infrastructure and modern technologies</li> </ul>
<b>Goldair cargo</b> sa	<ul> <li>Expanded operations in Aspropyrgos with 5,000m<sup>2</sup> of new covered storage and began construction of a €20M, 50,000m<sup>2</sup> temperature-controlled logistics facility</li> <li>Entered the Romanian market by launching a subsidiary and securing a logistics contract with Sarkkrom, distributor of Tommy Hilfiger and Calvin Klein</li> </ul>

### Key takeaways

## Modern facilities replacing outdated infrastructure

- Companies are strategically constructing state-of-the-art logistics facilities instead of refurbishing existing, outdated warehouses
- Newly built facilities incorporate advanced storage solutions, such as automated racking systems and temperaturecontrolled environments, optimizing longterm operational efficiency

## Investments enhancing regional logistics efficiency

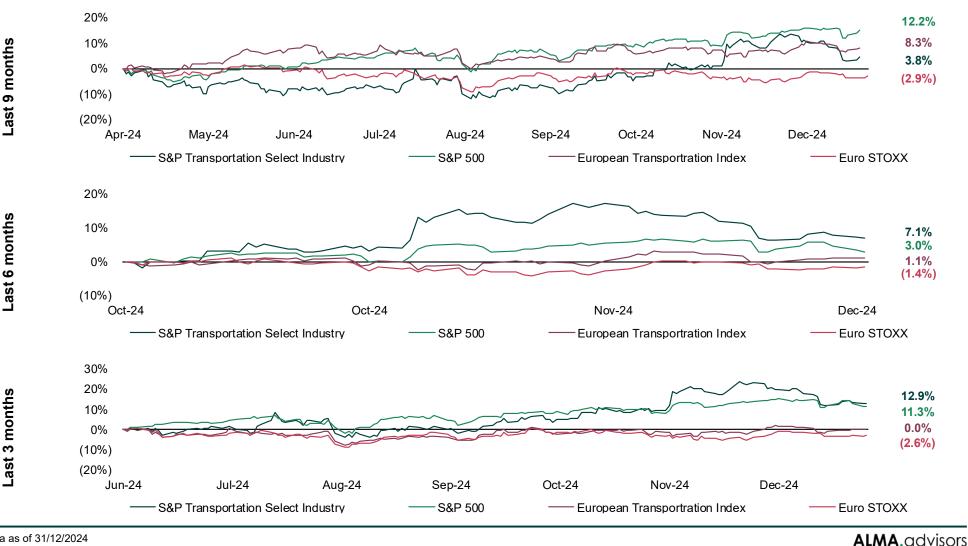
- Companies are expanding logistics hubs in high-demand areas to strengthen national distribution networks
- Strategic investments are improving delivery coverage and logistics scalability

## Technology adoption is driving operational improvements

- Logistics providers are integrating modern monitoring systems and certifications to improve service quality and compliance
- Companies are adopting advanced warehouse management systems to increase accuracy and streamline day-today operations

## Sector performance

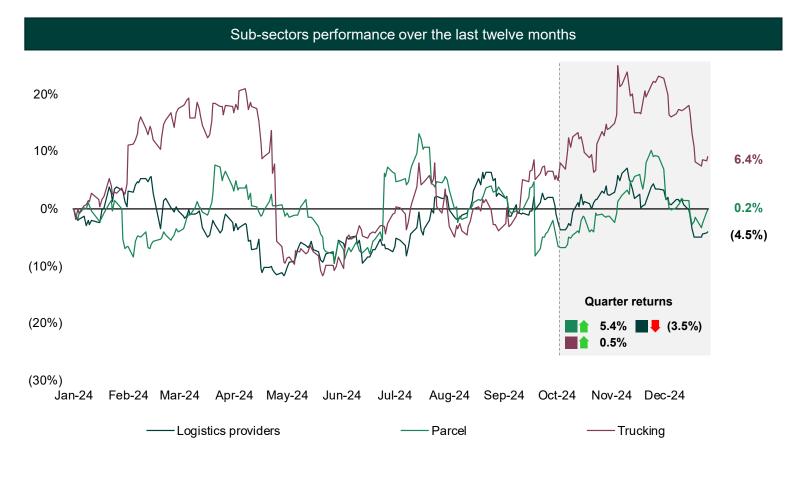
In Q4 2024 the S&P transportation index has outperformed both its European counterpart and the broader market



## Publicly traded companies overview per sub-sector

In Q4 2024, the logistics providers sub-sector was the only segment to record negative returns

- In Q4 2024, logistics providers underperformed, while the parcel and trucking sub-sectors delivered positive returns, driven by rising freight demand and seasonal ecommerce growth
- In Q4 2024, Logistics providers faced a highcost, labor-constrained operating environment
  - Labor shortages were a critical issue across the sector – more than half of transport and warehousing companies in Europe reported unfilled positions and difficulty in hiring
- The rise of subscriptionbased services, including Amazon Prime and grocery deliveries, has fueled doorstep delivery growth, driving the parcel sub-sector's expansion



#### Data as of 31/12/2024 Notes: Market-weighted sub-sector indices constituents can be found on slides 8-10 Sources: FactSet

## Median LTM EV/EBITDA multiples

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During the fourth quarter of 2024, parcel and trucking sub-sectors experienced an increase in valuation perspective

- In Q4 2024, logistics providers maintained stable valuations, trading near their 12-month average with strong demand for third-party logistics (3PL) services and increased M&A activity
- Parcel sub-sector valuations remained resilient but faced cost pressures, keeping multiples close to the 12month average
  - Rising doorstep delivery demand and last-mile innovations supported growth, but labor and fuel costs limited upside
- The trucking sub-sector's Q4 2024 was trading well-above its 12-month average mainly driven by tightened capacity, rising freight demand, holiday shipping peaks, and industry consolidation, enhancing profitability and investor confidence

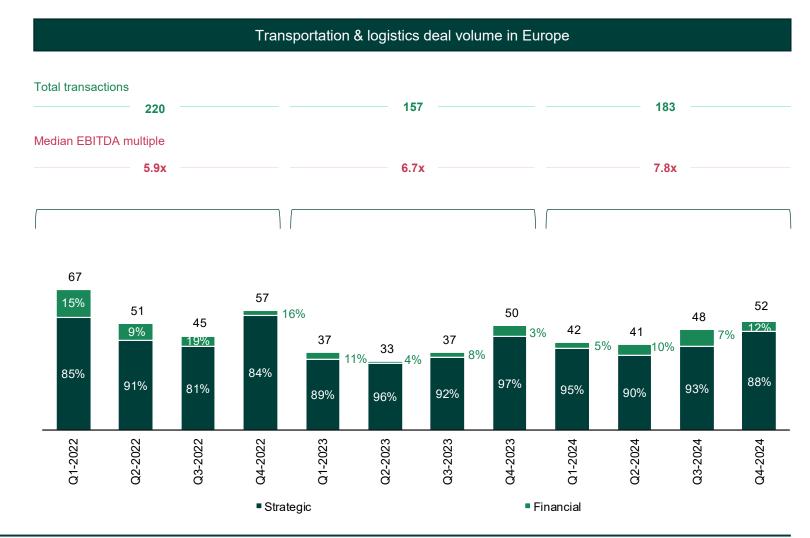


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## Europe M&A update

In Q4 2024, M&A activity in the transportation & logistics sector has reported an increase in activity compared to Q3 2024

- In Q4 2024, transportation & logistics deal volume increased, reversing the decline seen in early 2024, mainly due to improved investor sentiment, and easing interest rate environment
- Strategic acquisitions showcased strong activity compared to financial, accounting for 88% of Q4 2024 transactions, with industry leaders pursuing consolidations to optimize networks, and strengthen market positioning
- Ongoing industry consolidation, particularly in trucking and 3PL services, will likely sustain deal flow in the coming quarters



# Trading comps (1/3)

					LC	DGISTICS I	PROVIDER	S						
Company	HQ	Market cap.	EV	Sales	SalesSales GrowthF		EBITDA EBITDA margin		EV / Sales			EV / EBITDA		
(figures in €m)				2025E	2024A	2025E	2025E	2025E	LTM	2025E	2026E	LTM	2025E	2026E
Expeditors	USA	14,974	14,206	9,681	16%	(47%)	961	10%	1.39x	1.39x	1.39x	13.0x	14.3x	14.3x
J.B. Hunt Transport	USA	16,618	18,255	11,349	37%	(16%)	1,556	14%	1.56x	1.49x	1.49x	11.6x	10.5x	10.5x
C.H. Robinson	USA	11,794	13,381	16,295	20%	(31%)	830	5%	0.78x	0.75x	0.75x	15.8x	14.9x	14.9x
GXO Logistics	USA	5,019	9,650	11,567	27%	7%	777	7%	0.85x	0.78x	0.78x	9.4x	10.9x	10.9x
Mainfreight	NZL	4,004	4,698	2,892	9%	(21%)	427	15%	1.75x	1.56x	1.56x	11.6x	10.6x	10.6x
Hub Group	USA	2,641	3,053	3,752	42%	(23%)	300	8%	0.80x	0.74x	0.74x	8.7x	8.8x	8.8x
ID Logistics	FRA	2,485	3,764	3,639	32%	11%	571	15%	1.15x	1.06x	1.06x	8.7x	6.9x	6.9x
Jiayou	CHN	2,502	2,348	1,666	34%	33%	316	20%	2.11x	1.41x	1.41x	10.8x	7.0x	7.0x
Sankyu	JPN	1,964	2,112	3,735	(3%)	(19%)	390	10%	0.58x	0.58x	0.58x	5.7x	5.5x	5.5x
Kerry Logistics Network	HKG	1,546	2,542	6,443	19%	(45%)	449	6%	0.44x	0.34x	0.34x	4.9x	5.6x	5.6x
CJ Logistics	KOR	1,260	3,098	8,029	7%	(8%)	722	9%	0.39x	0.37x	0.37x	4.2x	4.1x	4.1x
CTS Logistics	CHN	1,114	1,096	2,301	(4%)	(40%)	131	6%	0.44x	0.42x	0.42x	11.0x	7.6x	7.6x
Forward Air	USA	902	2,979	2,441	14%	(9%)	286	13%	1.25x	1.14x	1.14x	24.3x	8.8x	8.8x
Radiant Logistics	USA	304	349	813	72%	(21%)	35	5%	0.42x	0.42x	0.42x	8.2x	9.1x	9.1x
Average					23%	(16%)		10%	0.99x	0.89x	0.89x	10.6x	8.9x	8.9x
Median					19%	(20%)		9%	0.83x	0.76x	0.76x	10.1x	8.8x	8.8x

# Trading comps (2/3)

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Company	HQ	Market cap.	EV	Sales	Sales Growth		EBITDA	EBITDA EBITDA margin –		EV / Sales			EV / EBITDA		
(figures in €m)				2025E	2024A	2025E	2025E	2025E	LTM	2025E	2026E	LTM	2025E	2026E	
United Parcel Service	USA	103,799	122,681	81,663	12%	(9%)	11,943	15%	1.40x	1.34x	1.34x	10.0x	9.1x	9.1x	
FedEx	USA	65,436	95,892	83,712	0%	(0%)	10,842	13%	1.14x	1.09x	1.09x	8.1x	8.4x	8.4x	
Deutsche Post	DEU	40,776	57,413	86,809	16%	(13%)	11,201	13%	0.68x	0.66x	0.66x	6.7x	5.0x	5.0x	
ZTO Express	CHN	15,242	14,598	5,994	21%	2%	2,108	35%	2.57x	2.28x	2.28x	8.0x	6.5x	6.5x	
PostNL	NLD	523	1,046	3,311	(9%)	1%	262	9%	0.32x	0.32x	0.32x	4.8x	3.7x	3.7x	
Average					8%	(4%)		17%	1.22x	1.14x	1.14x	7.5x	6.6x	6.6x	
Median					12%	(0%)		13%	1.14x	1.09x	1.09x	8.0x	6.5x	6.5x	

# Trading comps (3/3)

						TRUC	KING							
Company	mpany HQ Market cap. EV Sales		Sales	Sales Growth EBITDA		EBITDA	EBITDA margin	EV / Sales			EV / EBITDA			
(figures in €m)				2025E	2024A	2025E	2025E	2025E	LTM	2025E	2026E	LTM	2025E	2026E
Old Dominion Freight	USA	36,370	36,340	5,440	34%	(9%)	1,785	33%	6.47x	6.19x	6.19x	19.6x	18.9x	18.9x
DSV	DNK	49,292	48,106	27,875	29%	(36%)	3,490	14%	2.16x	2.05x	2.05x	17.1x	14.3x	14.3x
Saia	USA	11,705	11,970	3,199	37%	0%	720	23%	3.86x	3.55x	3.55x	17.6x	15.4x	15.4x
XPO	USA	14,743	18,557	7,613	21%	(2%)	1,221	16%	2.38x	2.29x	2.29x	15.5x	14.0x	14.0x
Knight-Swift Transportation	USA	8,292	10,668	7,137	39%	(7%)	1,196	17%	1.49x	1.42x	1.42x	10.8x	8.4x	8.4x
Landstar System	USA	5,864	5,473	4,604	28%	(31%)	300	7%	1.18x	1.09x	1.09x	19.5x	15.3x	15.3x
Schneider National	USA	4,954	5,385	5,435	32%	(19%)	645	12%	1.05x	0.99x	0.99x	9.5x	8.0x	8.0x
ArcBest	USA	2,109	2,346	3,920	42%	(14%)	315	8%	0.58x	0.55x	0.55x	7.2x	6.6x	6.6x
Werner Enterprises	USA	2,144	2,820	2,830	35%	(2%)	385	14%	0.96x	0.92x	0.92x	8.4x	6.6x	6.6x
Marten Transport	USA	1,228	1,212	890	46%	(13%)	145	18%	1.30x	1.26x	1.26x	9.0x	7.2x	7.2x
Universal Logistics	USA	1,168	1,871	1,591	29%	(20%)	272	16%	1.05x	1.06x	1.06x	5.9x	6.6x	6.6x
Heartland Express	USA	851	1,040	946	74%	25%	188	20%	1.03x	1.00x	1.00x	6.9x	4.6x	4.6x
Covenant Logistics	USA	632	949	1,071	27%	(10%)	150	13%	0.87x	0.82x	0.82x	7.1x	6.6x	6.6x
P.A.M. Transportation	USA	345	552	645	48%	(15%)	75	13%	0.80x	0.75x	0.75x	8.2x	5.6x	5.6x
Average					37%	(11%)		16%	1.80x	1.71x	1.71x	11.6x	9.8x	9.8x
Median					35%	(12%)		15%	1.12x	1.08x	1.08x	9.2x	7.6x	7.6x

# Selected European transportation & logistics M&A transactions (1/2)<sup>(1)</sup> Q4 2024



(Figures in €m)						
Date	Target	Buyer	Transaction value	Implied EV	EV/Revenue	<b>EV/EBITDA</b>
Dec-2024	Marians Trading	FAN Courier Express	-	-	-	-
Dec-2024	Lindbergh France	TCS	1.5	1.5	0.29x	-
Dec-2024	GDL Anläggning & Miljö	Mutares	-	-	-	-
Dec-2024	Quality Freight	Fracht	-	-	-	-
Dec-2024	Neo	Etablissements Coquelle	-	-	-	-
Dec-2024	G.E.R.P. Groupage Express	Etablissements Coquelle	-	-	-	-
Dec-2024	A TÜ Hora Express	Everwood Capital SGEIC	-	-	-	-
Dec-2024	Ducamin Transports	France Europe Transports	-	-	-	-
Dec-2024	Compañía Auxiliar al Cargo	CTT Expresso	104.0	104.0	1.19x	6.2x
Dec-2024	Shopwedo	QLS Group	-	-	-	-
Dec-2024	Combo	Heniff Transportation	-	-	-	-
Dec-2024	Dijco International Transport	AB Texel	-	-	-	-
Dec-2024	Krüger Internationale Spedition	Geis Internationale Spedition	-	-	-	-
Dec-2024	Gras, Spedition	Geis Eurocargo	-	-	-	-
Dec-2024	Spedition Huckschlag	Noerpel	-	-	-	-
Dec-2024	Kaarlaid	Baltic Maritime Logistics	-	-	-	-
Dec-2024	XR Bolagen	Skrotfrag	-	-	-	-
Dec-2024	Jakob Becker	Itelyum Regeneration	-	-	-	-
Dec-2024	Forth Holdings	OCS Group	-	-	-	-
Nov-2024	LPR	AX VI INV5	-	-	-	-
Nov-2024	Logiquanta	Freight Logistics	-	-	-	-
Nov-2024	Hurtigruten	Cyrus Capital Partners	-	-	-	-
Nov-2024	Stanton Recycling	Willshees Waste & Recycling	-	-	-	-
Nov-2024	Airtraks	Arvato	-	-	-	-
Nov-2024	Express Freight	H.I.G Capital	-	-	-	-
Nov-2024	Ekol Lojistik	DFDS	241.3	241.3	0.51x	-
Nov-2024	Vr Yhtyma	Mutares	-	-	-	-

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Nov-2024	Sander Logistics	Waterland Private Equity	-	-	-	-
Nov-2024	RAS Supply Chain Integrity	CERTANIA Holding	-	-	-	-
Nov-2024	Essinge Rail	Nurminen Logistics	12.9	12.9	0.53x	4.3x
Nov-2024	B+T Environnement	Kronospan	-	-	-	-
Nov-2024	Germani	Eurizon Capital Real Asset	-	-	-	-
Nov-2024	Paack Logistics	Deria Invest	-	-	-	-
Nov-2024	Viaeurope	Swissport International	-	-	-	-
Nov-2024	Jetcar Expressdienst	Xwift	-	-	-	-
Nov-2024	Moriarty	Commercial Property Partners	-	-	-	-
Oct-2024	Siemens Logistics	Vanderlande Industries	300.0	300.0	-	-
Oct-2024	Operail	Tiigi Keskus	19.0	19.0	-	-
Oct-2024	Denis Spedition	Express Euroscan	-	-	-	-
Oct-2024	Sifte Berti	Planzer Transport	-	-	-	-
Oct-2024	Arrive Environnement	Cube SARL	-	-	-	-
Oct-2024	Challenge-trg	Challenge-trg Group	-	-	-	-
Oct-2024	Aventario Services	Waldegg Equity Partners	-	-	-	-
Oct-2024	Suttons Tankers	Argos Wityu	-	-	-	-
Oct-2024	Savservice-Center	Orbico	-	-	-	-
Oct-2024	Mars-Jones	PW Gates Distribution	-	-	-	-
Oct-2024	ACS International	General Logistics Systems	74.0	370.0	2.39x	12.8x
Oct-2024	Global Feed Ecotrans	Mauffrey	-	-	-	-
Oct-2024	Menzies Distribution	InPost	72.3	103.2	0.10x	11.4x
Oct-2024	HCL Online Advertising	Wolt Enterprises	-	-	-	-
Oct-2024	Moving Forward International	Neuberger Berman	-	-	-	-
Oct-2024	DCSG	Rutali	-	_	-	-

# Notable transportation & logistics M&A transactions in Greece 2019 to Q4 2024

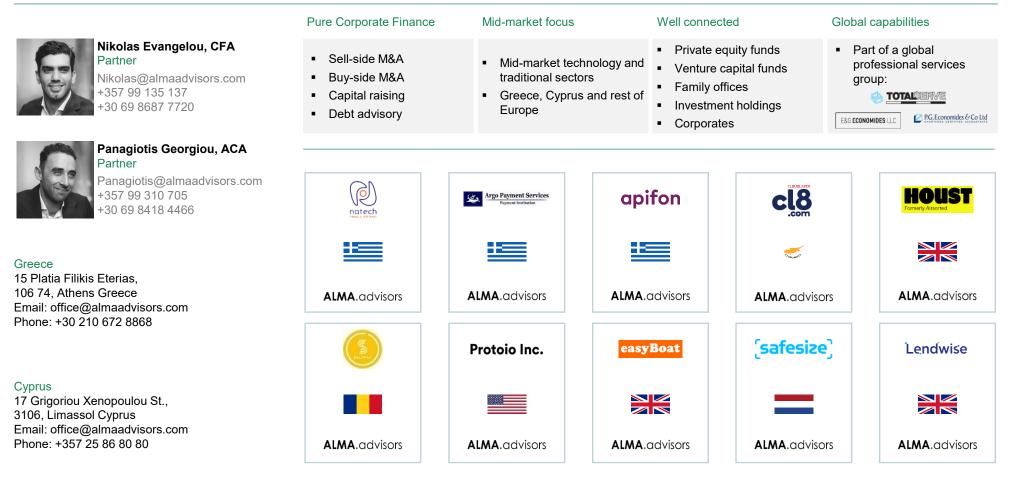


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Jan-2024	WATT Recycling	Holcim	-	-	-	-
Nov-2023	Automotive Logistics	Neptune Lines	-	-	-	-
Apr-2023	Contrade	H.I.G. Capital	-	-	-	-
Mar-2023	Med Frigo	EOS Capital; Elikonos Capital	-	-	-	-
Mar-2023	Orphee Beinoglou	H.I.G. Capital	-	-	-	-
Jul-2022	Perme 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	1.35x	10.5x
Jul-2019	Victini Logistics	Brooklane Capital	12.5	12.5	8.73x	22.7x

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