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M&A FACTS – H1 2026
BASE & PETROCHEMICALS SECTOR

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BASE & PETROCHEMICALS – M&A-HIGHLIGHTS AND MARKET INSIGHTS

Overall, Base & Petrochemicals M&A activity weakened in H1 2026 amid supply disruptions and persistent oversupply.

H1 2026 Deal activity

186
Deals

Deal volume decreased slightly, falling below the three-year average of 212. Activity weakened from 104 deals in Q1 to 82 in Q2, partially reflecting the uncertainty following the Strait of Hormuz disruption in March.

€25bn
Deal value

Deal value declined in line with volume yet remained at the three-year average of €25bn. Q2 accounted for the larger share, with the five largest transactions all announced in the second quarter.

Valuations

Trading multiples recovered from the H2 2025 downturn and are now clearly above the three-year average of 7.5x, although Q2 showed a dip vs. Q1 as the temporary supply-driven uplift faded.

H2 2025	H1 2026
7.0x	**9.0x**

Trading EBITDA Multiple

The median transaction multiple declined from a near five-year high of 13.6x to 11.9x, still clearly above the three-year average of 10.8x. The drop reflects a higher share of financial investors, who transact at lower multiples.

H2 2025	H1 2026
13.6x	**11.9x**

Transaction EBITDA Multiple

Insights

The first half of 2026 was shaped by the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, which cut naphtha supply to Asian producers and triggered force majeure declarations. Tighter supply lifted product prices, margins and equity valuations in Q1, before all three faded towards the end of the period.

Strategies

In H1 2026, capacity rationalization accelerated with closures announced for more than eight million tonnes globally, while vertical integration emerged as a cost strategy, exemplified by the Olin and Huntsman merger, and M&A was used to repair portfolios rather than to pursue growth.

Trends

Europe became the largest target region in H1 2026 as portfolio pressure drove divestments, while financial sponsors gained share and transacted at lower multiples than strategics.

Persistent oversupply remains the key constraint, with capacity additions led by China and India outpacing demand growth.

Key growth areas

North America remains the most advantaged production location, while European assets face structural pressure.

The Middle East disruption exposed the dependence on concentrated feedstock supply routes, moving feedstock security and alternative feedstock routes up the investment agenda.

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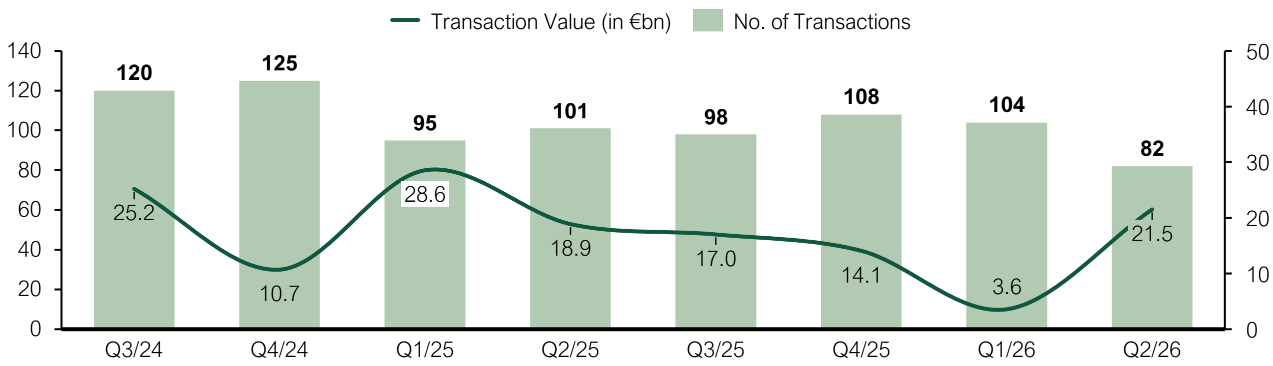
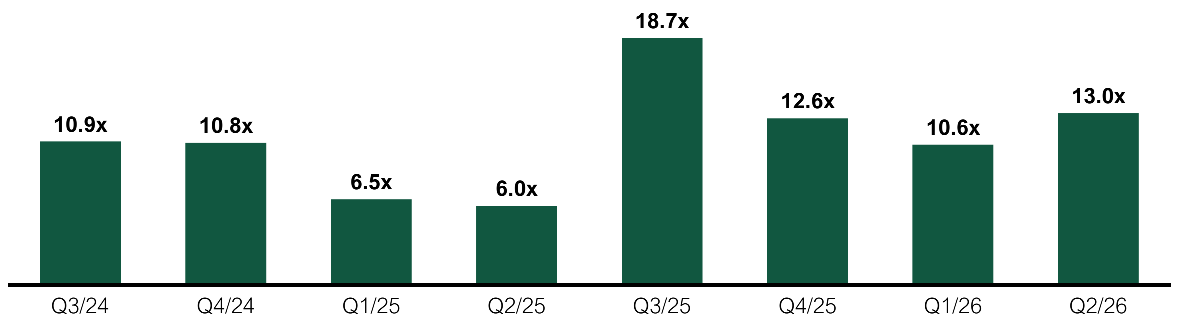
M&A SUMMARY

M&A market for Base- & Petrochemicals shows solid activity in H1 2026 with deal volumes reaching ~ €25bn.

Base- & Petrochemicals M&A Deal Count, Recorded Transaction Volume 2024-2026



Base- & Petrochemicals M&A Transaction Multiples 2024-2026
Implied Transaction Enterprise Value / EBITDA of announced transactions with disclosed multiple.



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"Margin pressure remained the most intense for energy-intensive commodity chemicals. Spreads widened significantly after the beginning of the Iran war, and the impact on the chemicals industry has largely been dependent on asset location – with US producers largely benefiting, Europe seeing some benefits, and APAC (ex. China) being most disadvantaged"

Dr. Uwe Nickel
Partner, Zurich

NOTABLE TRANSACTIONS IN THE BASE & PETROCHEMICALS SECTOR

Prioritizing High-Impact M&A for Market Leadership in Base & Petrochemicals.

	Announced Date	Target	Acquirer	Stake %	Total Transaction Value (EURm)	Implied EV/ EBITDA
1	**16/06/2026**	**Huntsman Corporation**	**Olin Corporation**	**100**	**3,784**	**11.9**
	15/06/2026	Holcim Technical Solutions And Products GmbH	DUBAG Investment Advisory GmbH	100	n/a	n/a
	13/05/2026	ISAB S.r.l.	Ludoil Energy S.p.A.	100	n/a	n/a
2	**30/04/2026**	**Domo Engineered Materials**	**Lone Star Americas Acquisitions Inc.**	**100**	**n/a**	**n/a**
	21/04/2026	INOVYN Produzione Italia S.p.A.	Esseco Industrial S.P.A.	100	n/a	n/a
	11/02/2026	SIDRA Wasserchemie GmbH	Kemira Oyj	100	75	n/a
	09/02/2026	Giovanni Bozzetto S.p.A.	OEP Capital Advisors L.P.	100	254	n/a
	26/01/2026	Chargeurs Films de Protection SAS	KPS Capital Partners, LP; Compagnie Chargeurs Invest	100	n/a	n/a
	13/01/2026	Venator Italy S.r.l.	Sol.Tiox	100	n/a	n/a
	12/01/2026	Zhejiang Oceanking Development Co., Ltd.	Zhejiang Expressway Co., Ltd.	100	496	15.08
3	**24/02/2025**	**RadiciGroup S.p.A. (Specialty Chemicals and High Performance Polymers Business Areas)**	**Lone Star Americas Acquisitions Inc.**	**100**	**1,000**	**n/a**

Data Source: S&P Capital IQ.

Selected Transactions in H1 2026

Olin acquired HUNTSMAN (1)

Deal Specs
Olin Corporation agreed to acquire Huntsman Corporation in a merger of equals transaction.

Details / Rationale
The transaction creates a vertically integrated chemical producer with EUR 11 billion in revenue, linking Olin's upstream chlorine and caustic soda production with Huntsman's downstream advanced materials portfolio.
Furthermore, the merger targets EUR 370 million in annual cost synergies within three years via raw material optimization, operational efficiencies, and reduced administrative costs.

Lone Star Funds acquired DOMO caring is our formula (2)

Lone Star Funds acquired RADICI GROUP (3)

Deal Specs
Lone Star agreed to acquire the Engineered Materials business of DOMO Chemicals for an undisclosed amount.

Details / Rationale
The acquisition followed Lone Star's purchase of RadiciGroup's High Performance Polymers and Specialty Chemicals business areas, announced in February 2025 and completed in April 2026, and covers European manufacturing sites, operations in Asia and the United States, and the Technyl polyamide brand.

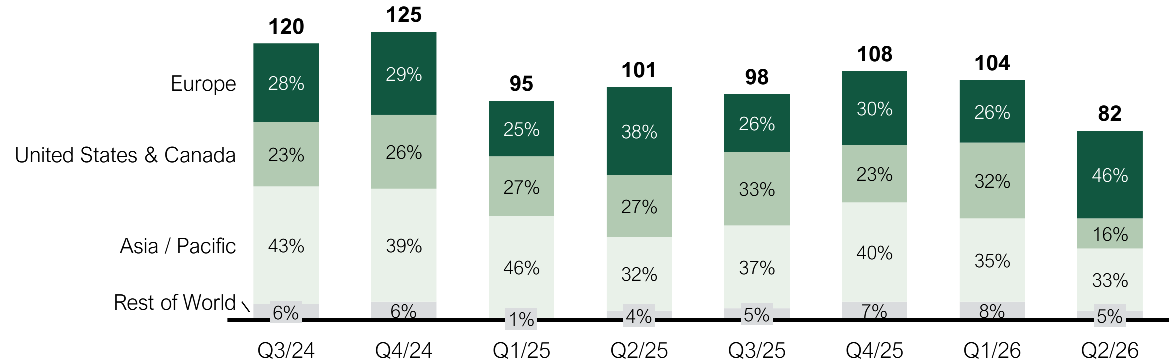
The Combined Company:
Lone Star intends to combine both businesses into a global, independent tier-1 compounder with a complementary portfolio, expanded geographic reach and enhanced capabilities across automotive, construction, consumer and industrial end markets.

BASE & PETROCHEMICALS M&A DEAL ANALYSIS[1]

Financial sponsor-backed deals gain share in H1 2026, accounting for up to 17% of total transaction activity.

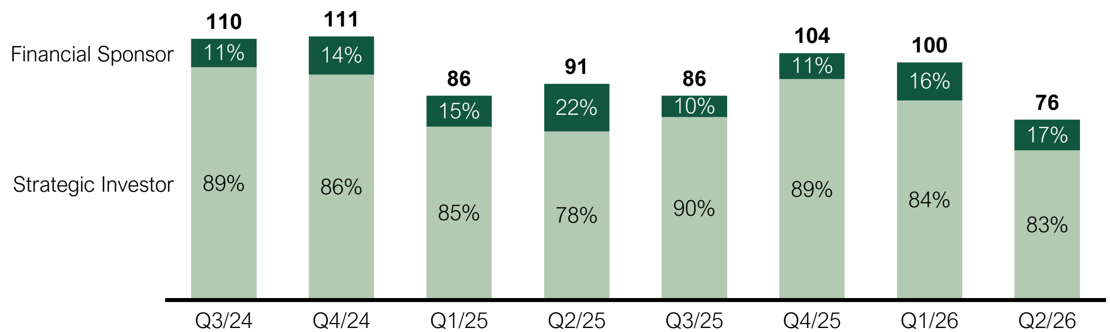
Deal Volume by Region

Deal count by Target Region

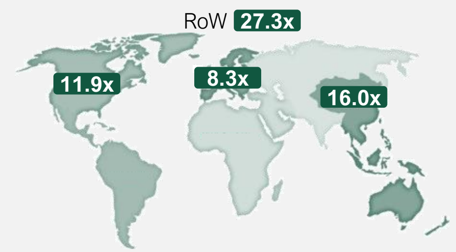


Deal Volume by Investor Type

Deal count by Investor Type
Announced transaction with identified investors.



H1 2026 EBITDA Multiple (LTM) by Target Region



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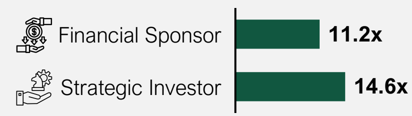
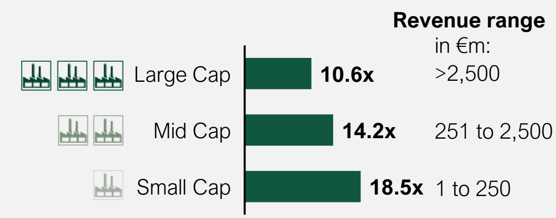


H1 2026 EBITDA Multiple (LTM) by Company Size



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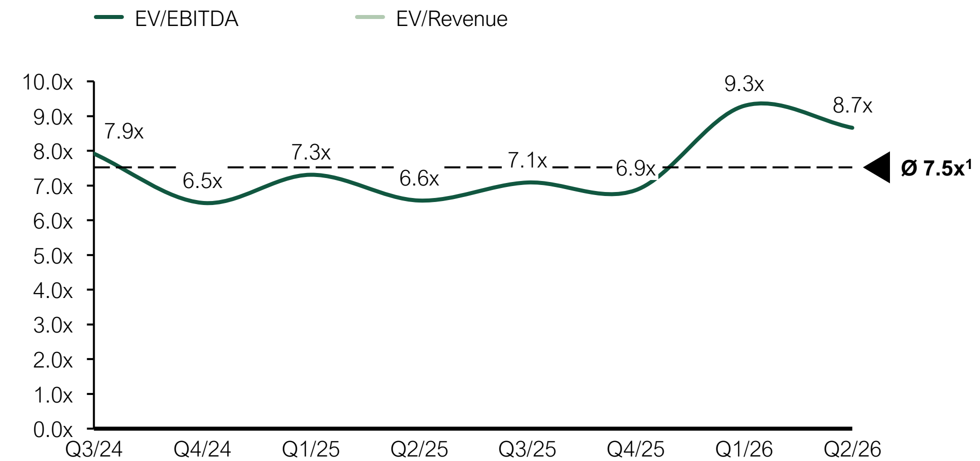
LTM TRADING MULTIPLES

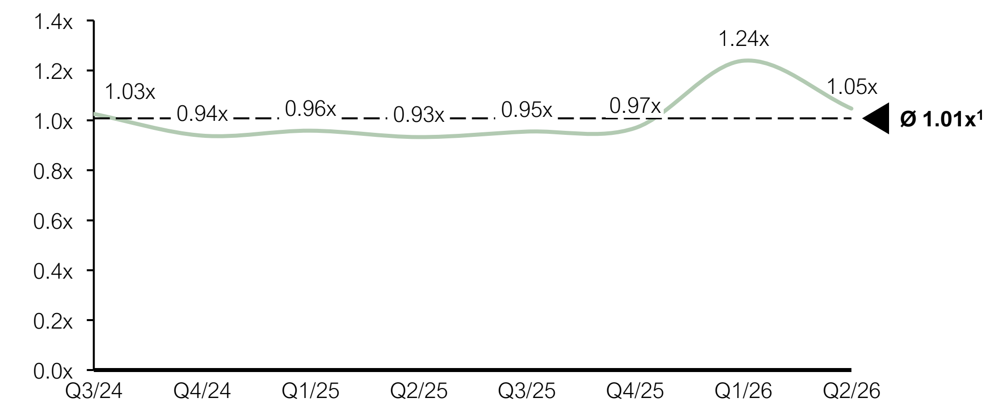
Multiples rebound sharply in Q1 2026 from Q4 2025 lows, maintaining an elevated level overall.

Enterprise value multiples (LTM) of comparable listed companies[1]

Company	EV/Revenue	EV/EBITDA
ExxonMobil	1.7x	9.0x
Reliance Industries Limited	1.8x	11.5x
TotalEnergies	1.1x	5.3x
Sinopec	0.4x	6.6x
BASF	1.0x	9.4x
SABIC	1.7x	12.1x
Dow	0.9x	9.2x
LyondellBasell	0.9x	8.1x
LG Chem	1.3x	13.0x
Mitsubishi Chemical	0.9x	9.7x
Eastman	1.4x	9.0x
Arkema	0.8x	6.4x
Solvay	1.1x	7.7x

Median LTM multiples of comparable listed companies over time





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Our Base- & Petrochemicals Team

Dr. Jan-Philipp Pfander, Partner

- 30+ years experience in the chemicals and related sectors.
- Significant experience in advising clients on a wide range of M&A and capital market transactions.
- Co-Head of the Chemicals & Materials sector of Proventis Partners.

Dr. Uwe Nickel, Partner

- 35+ years experience of management in different areas of the chemical industry.
- Long-lasting experience in M&A and integrations/divestments
- Co-Head of the Chemicals & Materials sector of Proventis Partners.

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Selected Chemicals & Materials Deals[1]

M&A Sell-Side

BASF – We create chemistry

BASF has signed an agreement to sell its Optical Brightening Agents business, to Catexel.

CATEXEL – International Chemical Investors Group

M&A Sell-Side

pontacol

LAS Holding has signed an agreement to sell Pontacol, active in thermoplastic adhesive films, to Covestro.

covestro

M&A Sell-Side

ALTANA – vonRoll

Sale of Von Roll's Industrial Composites Business, leading manufacturer of industrial composites, to The Gund Company.

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ALTANA – vonRoll

Sale of Von Roll Automotive, a leading manufacturer of solutions in electrical insulation and fire protection for battery systems, to IFH.

IFH

M&A Buy-Side

Cinven

Cinven has acquired Bayer's Environmental Science Professional business, for a total purchase price of USD 2.6 billion.

Bayer – envu

M&A Sell-Side

BASF – We create chemistry

BASF has signed an agreement to sell its Silicates business, including the Düsseldorf/Holthausen site, to PQ.

PQ

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Our experience results from more than 450 completed M&A transactions with a total value of more than EUR 22 billion.

Experience from 20 years of Proventis Partners

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So far, we have closed M&A deals in **30 countries**

~30
M&A professionals

> 50%
Cross-border deals

Strong track-record on sell- and buy-side mandates

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successful deals

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> 85% closing success

We are one of the top fully independent M&A advisors in the DACH region

Extensive expertise in our six main sectors

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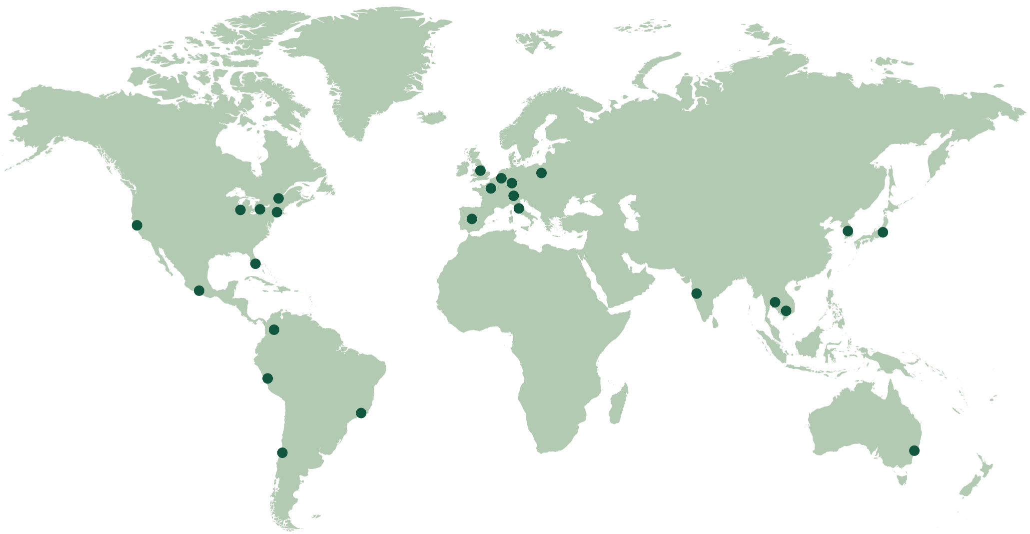
Excellent contacts with national and international strategic buyers and Private Equity firms through our worldwide network.

Overview global network Mergers Alliance



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- **India** – Singhi Advisors
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1,761	123	280+
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APPENDIX

Base & Petrochemicals Peer Group.

Company Name	Country	Market Cap (EURm)	TEV (EURm)	Total Revenue LTM (EURm)	EBITDA LTM (EURm)	TEV/EBITDA LTM H2 2025	TEV/EBITDA LTM H1 2026	Change
ExxonMobil Holdings Corporation	United States	495,971	536,096	316,036	59,465	7.7x	9.4x	△
Reliance Industries Limited	India	162,094	191,874	103,965	16,722	13.9x	11.6x	▽
TotalEnergies SE	France	151,479	183,639	171,893	34,706	4.8x	5.4x	△
China Petroleum & Chemical Corporation	China	66,446	140,300	339,280	21,201	6.8x	5.5x	▽
BASF SE	Germany	40,281	61,960	61,586	6,568	10.5x	8.7x	▽
Saudi Basic Industries Corporation	Saudi Arabia	36,030	42,531	25,159	3,505	15.2x	10.4x	▽
Dow Inc.	United States	17,260	31,982	36,167	3,469	6.9x	10.4x	△
LyondellBasell Industries N.V.	Netherlands	14,875	25,223	27,302	3,123	9.0x	10.9x	△
LG Chem, Ltd.	South Korea	11,767	33,940	25,981	2,607	10.3x	13.5x	△
Mitsubishi Chemical Group Corporation	Japan	8,256	19,114	20,611	1,962	6.3x	6.8x	△
Eastman Chemical Company	United States	6,701	10,959	7,760	1,219	6.8x	8.4x	△
Arkema S.A.	France	4,173	6,900	8,901	1,076	5.2x	5.7x	△
Solvay SA	Belgium	2,749	4,509	3,928	583	5.8x	6.0x	△
Median						**6.9x**	**8.7x**	△

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