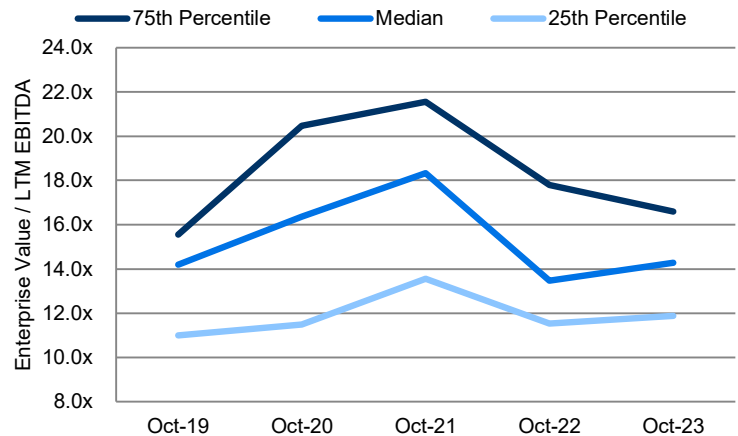


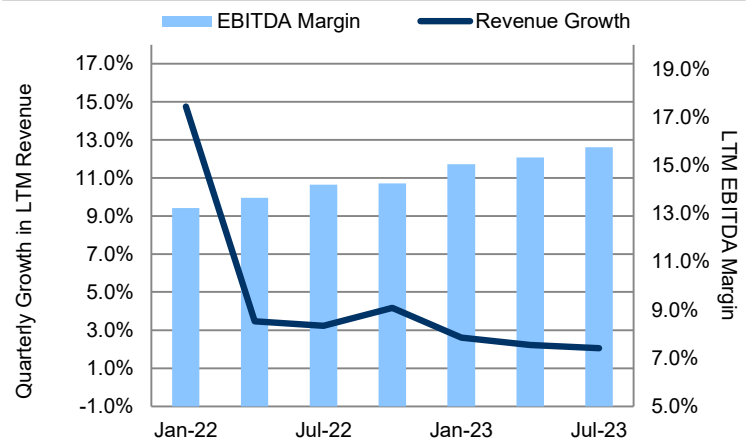
M&A Activity

- 2023's M&A environment has witnessed modest pullback from Q1 2023's peak activity with month-over-month declines during the spring and early summer, though activity remains relatively strong when compared to 2022. Forecasts for the remainder of 2023 suggest cautious optimism despite pressures from equity markets, geopolitical tensions, and questions around interest rates. The United States remains an attractive market with strong consumer spending, low unemployment, and recent GDP growth of 4.9% providing an economic boost. Corporate and private equity buyers are likely to continue their search for deals to deploy their war chests and are expected to continue to target digital transformation and distressed opportunities across North America and Europe.
- Demand for construction and industrial machinery is expected to remain relatively strong in the near future amid the Biden administration's infrastructure project, nonresidential construction demand improving (CHIPS Act), residential construction, domestic oil & gas investment and broader economic demand as conditions stabilize, lowering the costs of materials such as steel.
- On October 23, 2023, Watts Water Technologies, Inc., through its subsidiaries, one of the world's leading manufacturers and providers of plumbing, heating and water quality products and solutions, announced that it completed the previously announced acquisition of Bradley Corporation ("Bradley") for \$303 million.
- On September 25, 2023, Enovis announced a definitive agreement to acquire LimaCorporate. The acquisition has an enterprise value of approximately \$744 million, comprising a €700 million cash payment at closing and \$106 million in shares of Enovis common stock. Lima is a global orthopedic company with diversified revenues that has grown at a high single-digit CAGR over the last 10 years.
- On July 6, 2023, Modine, a diversified global leader in innovative thermal management and ventilation solutions, announced that it acquired Napps Technology, a manufacturer of air- and water-cooled chillers, condensing units and heat pumps for the K-12 school market and other similar applications, for approximately \$5.3 million.

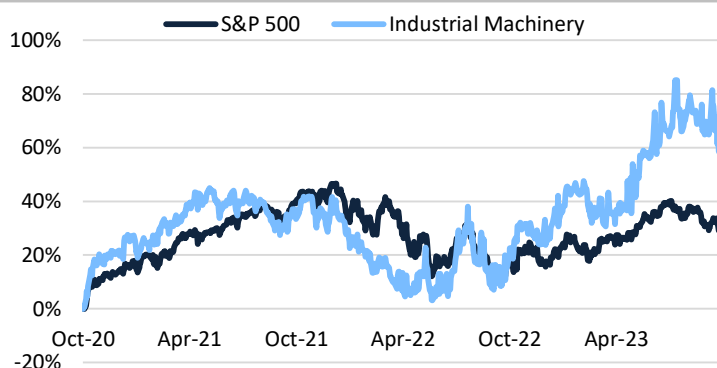
Trend in Industry EBITDA Multiples¹



Trends in Revenue Growth and EBITDA Margins¹



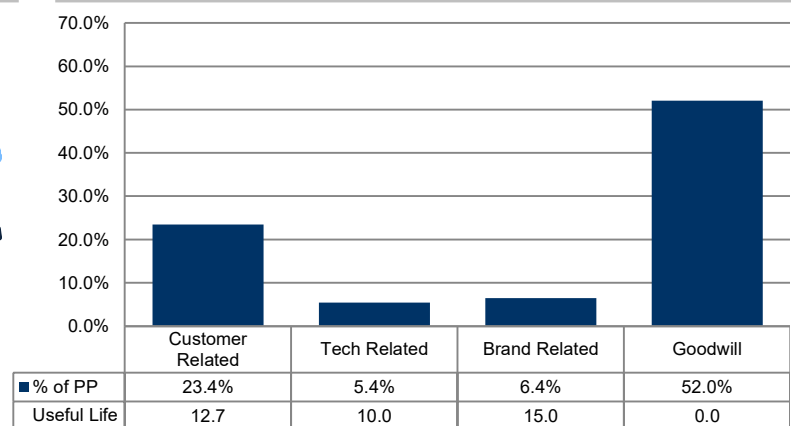
Relative Stock Price Returns²



¹ Calculated using aggregated data for GGG, MOD, DCI, ITW, IR, FTV, SWK, ITT, WTS, FLS, FLOW, NDSN, HSC, SPXC, IEX, FELE, RXN, PNR, LECO, CFX.

² Industrial Machinery is a custom, equal-weighted index constructed with the aforementioned companies.

Purchase Price Allocation (PPA) % from Recent Transactions



Notable M&A Deals



On October 23, 2023, Fortive Corporation announced that it entered into a definitive agreement to acquire EA Elektro-Automatik Holding GmbH, a leading supplier of high-power electronic test solutions for energy storage, mobility, hydrogen, and renewable energy applications, for \$1.45 billion in cash, net of \$215 million of tax benefits from Bregal Unternehmernkapital.



On August 24, 2023, Nordson Corporation completed the \$1.05 billion acquisition of the ARAG Group and its subsidiaries. ARAG is a global market and innovation leader in the development, production and supply of precision control systems and smart fluid components for agricultural spraying. This acquisition will expand Nordson's core dispense capabilities into the precision agriculture end market.