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We are pleased to share our supermarkets industry Industry Multiples Valuation Update for Q4 2023.

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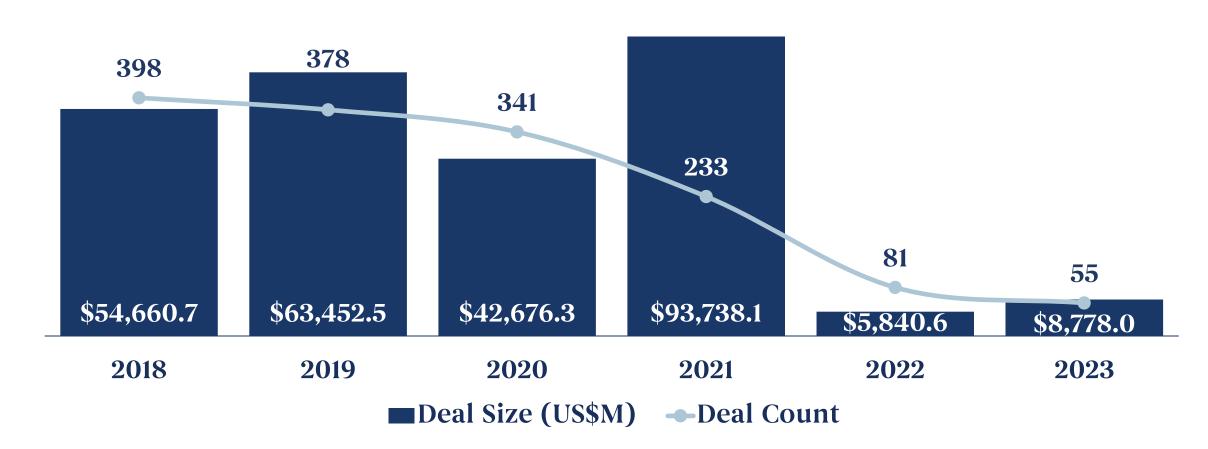
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Supermarkets Industry Overview, M&A Trends and Market Intelligence

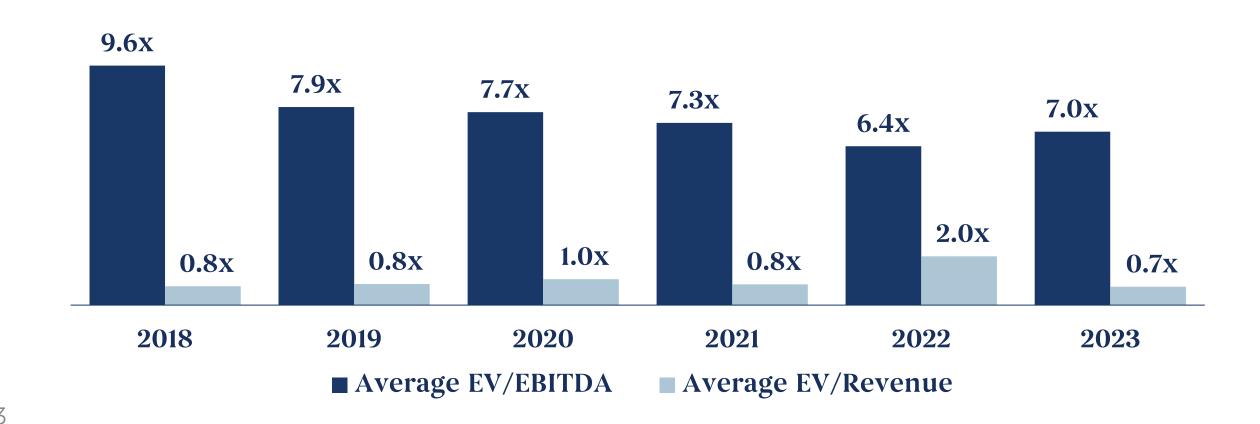
Supermarkets industry overview

- The supermarkets market size is estimated at **US\$0.9 trillion** in **2024** and is **expected** to **reach** a value of **US\$1.1 trillion** by **2029**, with a projected **CAGR** of **3.3%** from 2024 to 2029.
- The growth in the forecast can be attributed to e-commerce integration, health and wellness trends, sustainability initiatives, globalization, and innovation in store formats.
- Online grocery sales are growing rapidly and are expected to continue
 in the coming years. This is due to several factors, including the
 convenience of online shopping, the increasing availability of delivery
 services, and the growing popularity of meal kits.
- Supermarkets companies are pursuing consolidation to gain better
 access to customers and optimize portfolios and stay competitive.
 Specialty retailers, especially ethnic and specialty grocers, may see
 increased M&A activity as they operate in market niches where major
 players like Amazon and Walmart have less presence.
- Supermarkets and groceries retailers are increasingly focused on sustainability. This includes initiatives such as reducing food waste, using renewable energy and sourcing products from sustainable suppliers.
- Some supermarkets and grocery retailers are vertically integrating by acquiring their own suppliers. This gives them greater control over their supply chain and allows them to reduce costs.
- Some supermarkets and grocery retailers are expanding into new domestic and international markets. This is driven by the desire to grow their customer base and increase their market share.

Supermarkets Industry M&A Deal Size and Volume



Supermarkets Industry M&A Average EV/EBITDA and EV/Revenue



Supermarkets Industry Global Comparable Public Companies

			Market Cap. US\$M	Enterprise Value US\$M	Revenue US\$M	EBITDA Margin	Annual Average EV/EBITDA		Fourth Quarter Dec. 31, 2023	
Company	Co	ountry					2021	2022	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
Albertsons Companies, Inc.	Albertsons	USA	\$13,246	\$27,623	\$79,163	6.3%	5.3x	5.1x	5.6x	0.3x
Grupo Comercial Chedraui, S.A.B. de C.V.	CUESTA MENOS	MEX	\$5,820	\$8,332	\$15,560	7.6%	6.5x	6.9x	7.0x	0.5x
La Comer, S.A.B. de C.V.	laComer 🤝	MEX	\$2,807	\$2,804	\$2,187	11.1%	14.9x	12.7x	11.5x	1.3x
Loblaw Companies Limited	Loblaw Companies Limited	CAN	\$30,415	\$42,859	\$45,076	10.2%	8.6x	9.6x	9.3x	1.0x
Organización Soriana, S. A. B. de C. V.	Soriana	MEX	\$3,869	\$5,306	\$10,418	7.0%	5.3x	5.3x	7.2x	0.5x
Tesco PLC	TESCO	GBR	\$25,950	\$40,119	\$85,841	6.4%	7.9x	7.0x	7.3x	0.5x
The Kroger Co.	Kroger	USA	\$32,885	\$51,052	\$147,797	5.9%	7.2x	7.2x	5.9x	0.3x
Wal-Mart de México, S.A.B. de C.V.	Walmart > México y Centroamérica	MEX	\$73,857	\$75,333	\$52,438	10.4%	15.5x	15.6x	13.8x	1.4x
Walmart Inc.	Walmart >	USA	\$424,431	\$490,612	\$638,785	6.4%	10.6x	11.2x	12.0x	0.8x
Woolworths Group Limited	Woolworths	AUS	\$30,875	\$40,923	\$44,826	7.8%	12.1x	12.1x	11.7×	0.9x
						Mean Median	9.4x 8.2x	9.3x 8.4x	9.1x 8.3x	0.8x 0.7x

Hypermarkets Industry Global Comparable Public Companies

Company		Country	Market Cap. US\$M	Enterprise Value US\$M	Revenue US\$M	EBITDA Margin	Annual Average EV/EBITDA		Fourth Quarter Dec. 31, 2023	
							2021	2022	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
Almacenes Éxito S.A.	éxito	COL	\$1,184	\$2,279	\$5,492	6.7%	8.2x	6.1x	6.2x	0.4x
Aeon Co., Ltd.	ÆON	JPN	\$19,110	\$36,617	\$66,794	6.1%	9.1x	8.9x	8.9x	0.5x
BJ's Wholesale Club Holdings, Inc.	BJS Wholesale Club	USA	\$8,891	\$11,955	\$19,541	7.0%	9.1x	10.5x	8.8x	0.6x
Carrefour SA	Carrefour	FRA	\$12,802	\$31,987	\$93,852	5.5%	6.3x	6.4x	6.2x	0.3x
Costco Wholesale Corporation	COSTCC	USA	\$292,896	\$284,379	\$245,652	4.6%	20.6x	21.8x	25.1x	1.2x
J Sainsbury plc	Sainsbury	'S GBR	\$8,985	\$16,448	\$40,844	6.4%	6.5x	6.0x	6.3x	0.4x
Target Corporation	target	USA	\$65,750	\$83,383	\$106,888	7.9%	11.1x	9.5x	9.9x	0.8x
Excluded from mean and median						Mean	8.4x	7.9x	7.7x	0.6x
						Median	9.1x	8.9x	8.8x	0.5x

Supermarkets Industry - Global Transactions

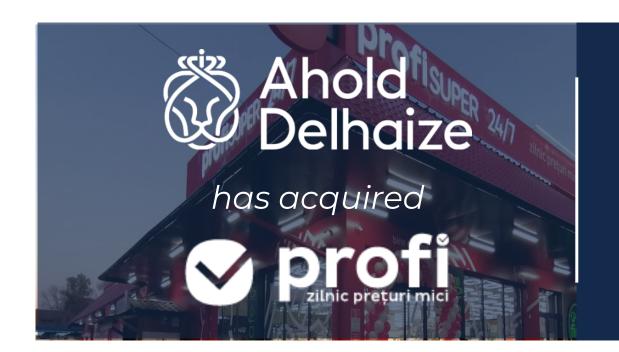
Date	Target	Country	Description	Buyer	Seller	% Acquired	Size US\$M	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
Nov-23	ELEVEN	AUS	Owns and operates a chain of convenience stores in Australia	7-ELEVEN INTERNATIONAL		100.0%	\$1,132.4	-	-
Nov-23	tuš	SVN	Operates a chain of supermarkets	Mercator	-	100.0%	\$31.8	-	-
Oct-23	PROFI	ROM	Operates a chain of supermarkets	Ahold Delhaize	IIIMidEuropa	100.0%	\$1,379.3	-	0.5x
Oct-23	éxito	COL	Operates a chain of supermarkets	selectos	Multiple Sellers	85.2%	\$2,361.1	6.2x	0.4x
Oct-23	\$ SCOTfresh	GBR	Operates a chain of food stores	CJLANG	-	100.0%	-	-	-
Oct-23	shoprite	IMN	Operates a chain of food stores	TESCO	-	100.0%	-	-	-
Oct-23	少いなけや	JPN	Operates a chain of supermarkets	/€ON	-	33.8%	\$169.8	-	0.1x
							Mean	6.2x	0.3x
							Median	6.2x	0.4x

Selected Transactions Commentary



"The acquisition of 7-Eleven Australia demonstrates our commitment to growing 7-Eleven's operations globally. We are looking forward to continuing to enhance the 7-Eleven brand in Australia, which enjoys a long-standing presence and unrivaled brand recognition with customers."

Shinji Abe and Ken Wakabayashi, Co-CEO's of 7-Eleven International



"I'd like to extend a very warm welcome to the full Profi team, we are very pleased to include them in our family. This step forwards fortifies our position in Central and Southern Europe, it also underscores our trust in the potential of the region."

Wouter Kolk, CEO of Ahold Delhaize's



"ScotFresh has an excellent reputation in the industry and is a well-recognised brand with significant customer loyalty and strong relationships with suppliers. For now, the stores will remain branded as ScotFresh, and we will run the operation as a separate business unit within our own business so we can share best practice."

Colin McLean, CEO de CJ Lang

Private Equity Transactions

INDUSTRY CLASIFICATION	PERIOD	AVERAGE ENTERPRISE VALUE (IN USD)	REVENUE (IN USD)	TTM REVENUE GROWTH	ENTERPRISE VALUE / REVENUE	EBITDA MARGIN	ENTERPRISE VALUE/EBITDA	NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS
	0000	\$	\$	\$ \$ \equiv \text{\$}		\$	\$ \frac{1}{2}	\$
Food and Beverage Store NAICS 445 – Food and Be		\$80.0M	\$60.9M	28.3%	1.3x	14.9%	8.4x	4

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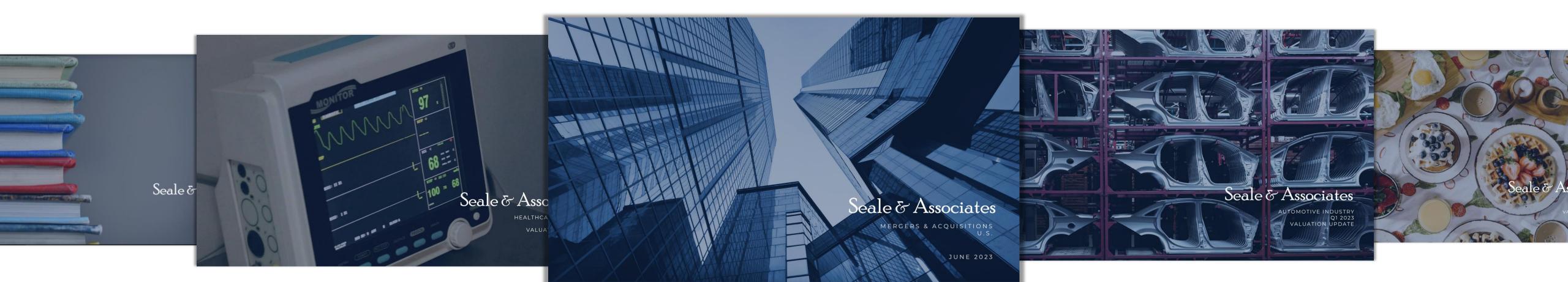
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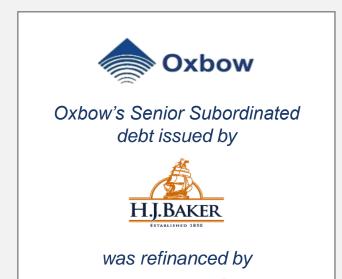




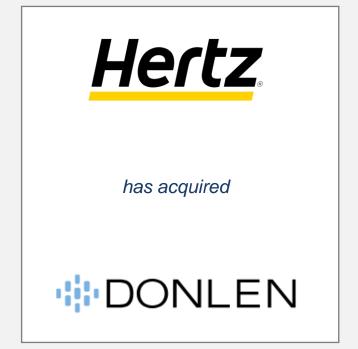








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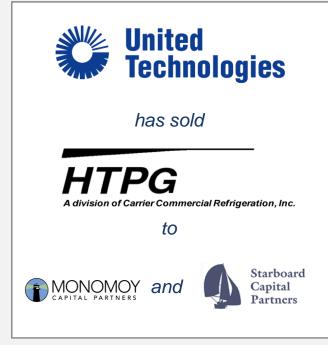


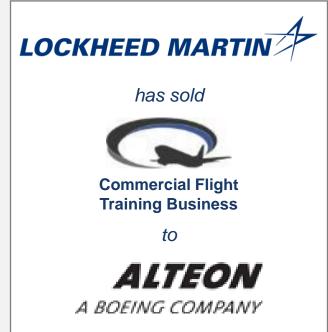


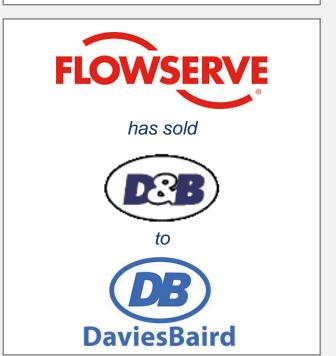






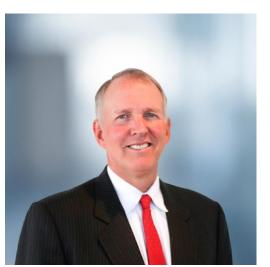












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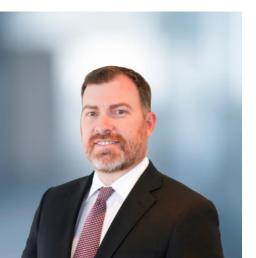


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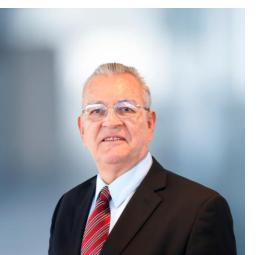
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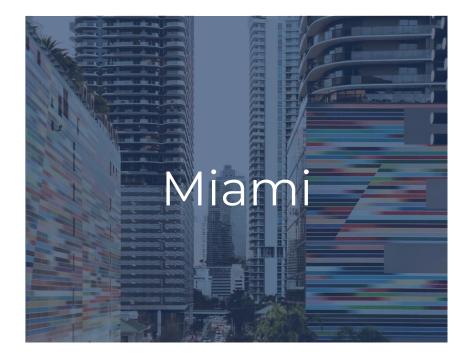
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