

## Food Distribution

### INDUSTRY SUMMARY

COGENT VALUATION identified **Food Distributors** publicly traded companies, IPOs, and recent M&A transactions within the Food Distributors industry, which provides a basis for market and transaction pricing that can be used by your firm in estimating market sentiment and its impact on your firm's value. Over the last year since September 30, 2017, the median 52-week share price return of the Food Distributors industry was -31.0%. Between September 30, 2016 and September 30, 2018, the median EV/EBITDA multiple decreased from 13.6 to 11.4. Furthermore, the median price-to-earnings multiple decreased from 16.8 to 11.6 over the same period.

### Public Company Key Statistics

Median 52-Week  
Return

**-31 %**

Median 3-Year CAGR  
Return

**-9%**

Median EV/Revenue  
Multiple

**1.2x**

Median EV/EBITDA  
Multiple

**11.4x**

Median Price/Earnings  
Multiple

**11.6x**

Median EV/Gross CF  
Multiple

**17.2x**

## Comparable Public Company Market Price Returns as of September 30, 2018

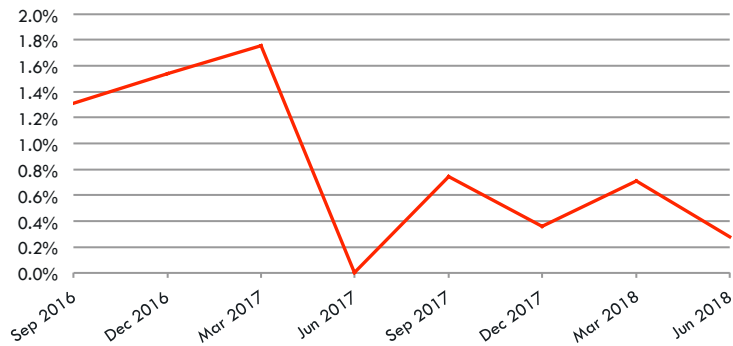
	YTD	3 Month	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	2016	2015	2014
<b>B&amp;G Foods, Inc.</b>	-21.9%	26.2%	-41.1%	0.2%	5.0%	25.1%	17.1%	-11.8%
<b>Dean Foods Company</b>	-38.6%	21.9%	-56.2%	-17.9%	-6.4%	27.0%	-11.5%	12.7%
<b>Flowers Foods, Inc.</b>	-3.4%	-4.7%	12.6%	-5.2%	0.8%	-7.1%	12.0%	-10.6%
<b>Hormel Foods Corporation</b>	8.3%	8.4%	-0.9%	-4.1%	7.7%	-12.0%	51.8%	15.3%
<b>Inventure Foods, Inc.</b>	-40.7%	4.9%	48.1%	42.5%	-28.7%	38.7%	-44.3%	62.6%
<b>Koninklijke Wessanen N.V.</b>	-66.8%	-16.0%	-44.2%	-15.1%	45.8%	38.4%	59.7%	16.0%
<b>Lifeway Foods, Inc.</b>	-41.8%	-18.2%	9.4%	18.6%	-13.7%	3.7%	-40.1%	101.8%
<b>Pilgrim's Pride Corporation</b>	9.3%	18.4%	2.7%	6.4%	-2.4%	-14.0%	-32.6%	18.9%
<b>The Hain Celestial Group, Inc.</b>	-29.7%	-7.1%	-13.8%	11.9%	-7.0%	-3.4%	-30.7%	2.6%
<b>United Natural Foods, Inc.</b>	-13.4%	-0.7%	-0.7%	-7.4%	-12.2%	21.2%	-49.1%	2.6%
<b>Median of Industry Public Companies</b>	-37.3.3%	6.0%	-0.8%	-7.4%	-6.4%	4.5%	-30.7%	15.3%

Multiple year periods are calculated as the average annual return.

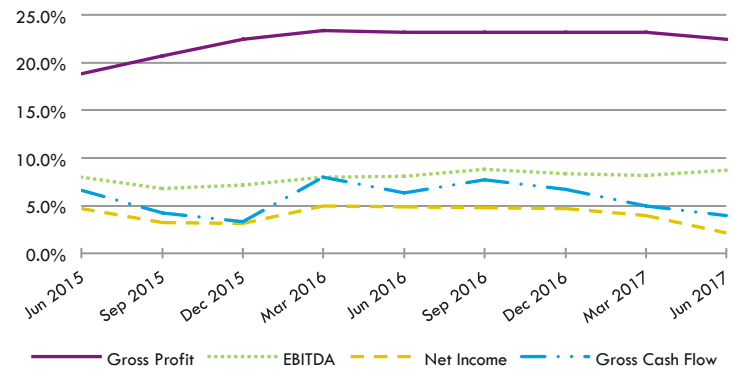
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# Industry Revenue Growth and Profit Margins for the Past Two Years

**Median Quarterly Revenue Growth of All Food Distribution Companies**



**Median Gross Profit, EBITDA, Net Income, and Gross Cash Flow Margins**



## Public Company Median Multiples by Quarter

	9/30/18	6/30/18	3/31/18	12/31/19	9/30/17	6/30/17	3/31/17	12/31/16
<b>EV/Revenues Multiple</b>	1.2x	1.2x	1.2x	1.2x	1.1x	1.1x	1.3x	1.4x
<b>EV/EBITDA Multiple</b>	11.4x	12.2x	11.8x	13.0x	14.6x	13.7x	15.2x	14.1x
<b>Price/Earnings Multiple</b>	11.6x	21.0x	22.2x	20.0x	17.7x	22.7x	21.3x	24.6x
<b>EV/Gross Cash Flows Multiple</b>	17.2x	18.8x	17.1x	17.7x	17.8x	18.8x	17.0x	24.1x

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## Industry Initial Public Offerings—Food Distribution (dollars in millions, except share prices)

Offer Date	Company Name	Offer Price	Shares Offered	Amount Raised	Total Assets	Debt	LTM Revenues	LTM EBITDA	LTM Net Income	LTM Cash Flows
7/4/18	<b>Wide Open Agriculture Limited</b>	\$0.15	62.5	\$19.0	\$43.9	\$0.0	\$0.4	\$16.8	\$11.8	\$17.9
5/31/18	<b>Everything Fresh Limited</b>	\$0.02	1.7	\$21.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3/13/18	<b>B &amp; S International Holdings Ltd.</b>	\$0.13	280.0	\$8.3	\$7.2	\$0.0	N/A	\$2.0	(\$0.2)	\$2.1
6/27/17	<b>Eagle Health Holdings Limited</b>	\$0.30	18.6	\$390.6	\$1,149.4	\$1,279.3	\$65.4	\$231.7	\$105.0	\$260.5
6/2/17	<b>BORATR CO., Ltd.</b>	\$12.79	0.4	\$3.7	N/A	\$119.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A	\$0.0
4/12/17	<b>Asia Grocery Distribution Limited</b>	\$0.03	44.4	\$1,022.2	\$9,023.6	\$5,030.0	\$1,558.4	\$892.0	\$173.7	\$1,147.6
6/15/16	<b>Nousouken Corporation</b>	\$9.92	14.5	\$275.5	\$3,404.7	\$1,506.3	N/A	\$290.7	\$62.1	\$367.0
5/25/16	<b>US Foods Holding Corp.</b>	\$23.00	29.0	\$580.0	\$4,400.0	\$2,612.8	\$23,167.0	\$391.8	\$534.5	\$447.5
6/29/17	<b>Median of all IPOs</b>	nm	nm	\$185.3	\$1,149.4	\$440.3	\$360	\$223.3	\$52.5	\$17.9

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## Recent Merger and Acquisition Transactions for a Majority Stake (dollars in millions)

Transaction Date	Target	Acquirer	Transaction Size	% Bought	LTM Revenues	EV/ Revenues
8/26/18	Marketing and Distribution Rights of Various Brands of Starbucks Corporation	Nestlé S.A.	\$7,150.0	100%	\$84.5	0.4x
8/14/18	Best Choice Food and Beverage	M Line Holdings, Inc.	\$0.3	100%	N/A	2.7x
7/31/18	China Forest Food Limited	F8 Enterprises (Holdings) Group Limited	\$1.6	100%	\$4.4	3.0x
6/8/18	Riverford Organic Vegetables Ltd.	N/A	\$8.5	100%	N/A	0.5x
5/25/18	Siam Samut Warin Co., Ltd	The Foodsource Company Limited	\$1.3	100%	\$2,231.4	1.3x
8/26/18	Sunland Volonte Agency Sdn. Bhd.	SUPERVALU INC.	\$21.3	100%	\$418.2	0.4x
8/14/18	Marketing and Distribution Rights of Various Brands of Starbucks Corporation	Pearlfield China Limited	\$2.4	70%	N/A	N/A
8/22/17	Best Choice Food and Beverage LLC	United 1 International Laboratories LLC	\$18.5	100%	N/A	N/A
12/6/16	Ohio Pizza Products, Inc.	Performance Food Group	\$50.0	100%	N/A	2.2x
9/30/16	Super Group Ltd	Jacobs Douwe Egberts	\$1,076.1	70%	\$140.0	1.2x
2/1/16	Ralcorp Holdings Inc.	Treehouse Foods, Inc.	\$12,511.1	100%	\$357.6	0.8x
1/15/16	Boulder Brands, Inc.	Pinnacle Foods Inc.	\$1,006.5	100%	\$4,120.9	1.9x

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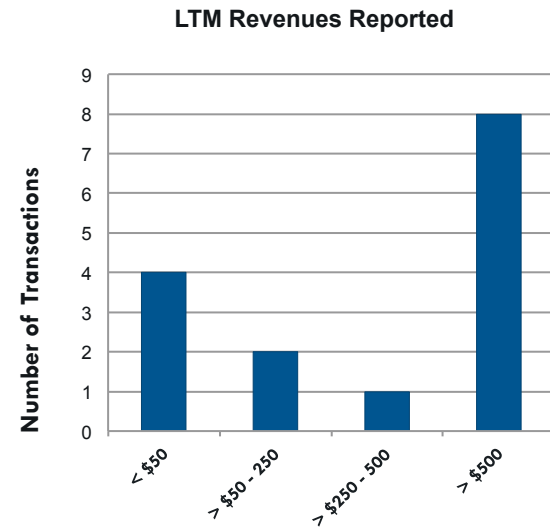
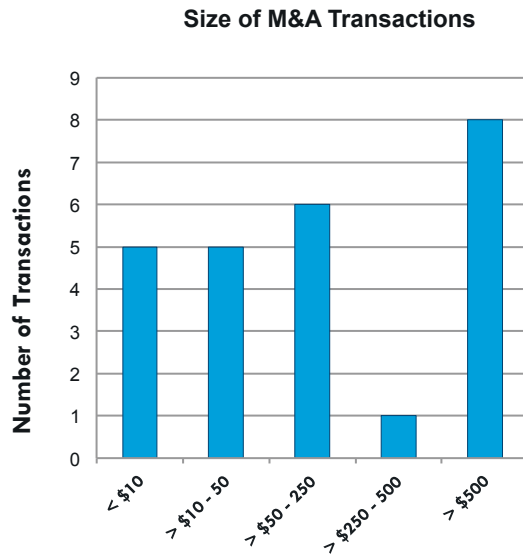
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5/13/16	<b>FineFrance UK Limited</b>	<b>Vestey Group Limited</b>	\$5.9	100%	N/A	N/A
3/31/16	<b>Alpine Valley Bread</b>	<b>Flowers Bakeries, LLC</b>	\$217.5	100%	N/A	N/A
2/29/16	<b>Jacks International Limited</b>	<b>N/A</b>	\$68.6	66%	\$10.8	1.5x
2/25/16	<b>Goodman Fielder Ltd.</b>	<b>First Pacific Company</b>	\$1,949.6	90%	\$2,076.7	0.8x
5/13/16	<b>La Sirena Alimentación</b>	<b>OpCapita LLP</b>	\$56.2	100%	N/A	0.8x
11/30/14	<b>Associated Wholesalers</b>	<b>C&amp;S Wholesale Grocers</b>	\$256.6	100%	\$1,100.0	N/A
10/24/14	<b>Abatewood Limited</b>	<b>Zeno Capital Ltd.</b>	\$3.8	100%	\$10.3	0.2x
10/21/14	<b>Annie's, Inc.</b>	<b>General Mills, Inc.</b>	\$68.6	100%	\$208.1	0.4x
<b>Median of the 20 M&amp;A Transaction Targets</b>			<b>\$1,788.8</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$508.2</b>	<b>0.9x</b>

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## Recent Merger and Acquisition Transactions for a Majority Stake (dollars in millions) as of September 30, 2018





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**Enterprise Value (EV):** Market Value of Equity + Market Value of Debt —Cash

**Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization (EBITDA):** Profitability metric sometimes also referred to as operating profit or operating earnings.

**Gross Cash Flows:** Net Income + Depreciation and Amortization Expense

**Latest Twelve Months (LTM):** Financial information is as of the latest twelve months through the date of this Quarterly Industry Update.

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