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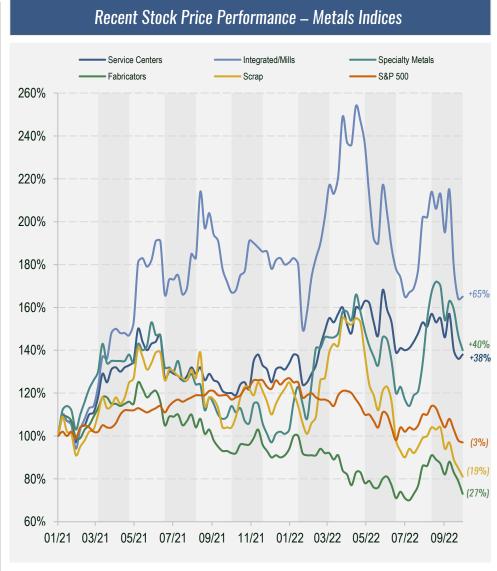
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Industry-Specific Overview of Recent M&A and Capital Markets Activity

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Recent Market Observations

- A variety of metals producers are sounding cautionary alarms as the broader economic sentiment trends increasingly in a bearish direction. U.S. Steel, for example, recently issued revised third quarter guidance, stating "accelerating market headwinds in the third quarter negatively impacted demand across most end-markets, which is expected to lower shipment volumes." As a result, the company revised its third quarter earnings estimate to a level more than 10% below the average of Wall Street estimates. Likewise, aluminum producer Alcoa recently warned of lower earnings, pointing to rising costs for energy and raw materials, along with on-going and persistent supply-chain disruptions.
- Prospects for metals market participants can vary widely depending on end-market exposure. Both Steel Dynamics and Nucor are major suppliers of steel for construction, particularly non-residential projects that include commercial buildings, warehouses, and data centers, all of which face attractive growth prospects. These companies, and others, stand to benefit from the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill that was signed into law in November, 2021. On the other hand, companies like U.S. Steel have significant exposure to end-markets that are more susceptible to inflationary pressures, and therefore, face less attractive prospects. These end-markets include automotive, appliance, residential construction, containers and packaging, among others.
- Through 2021 and into early 2022, historically high steel prices resulted in record profitability for many steel makers and provided ample resources for capital investments across the industry. A prime example is Steel Dynamics' rollout of a planned \$2.2 billion investment in an aluminum rolling mill aimed largely at supplying beverage can manufacturers and auto makers, where lightweight aluminum is rapidly replacing steel.
- It is interesting to note that metals companies are not immune to the growing influence of climate-related initiatives. In September, 2022, the Biden administration announced that the federal government (the world's largest direct purchaser of construction materials) will prioritize the purchase of construction materials, including steel, that have fewer embedded emissions associated with their production and use.



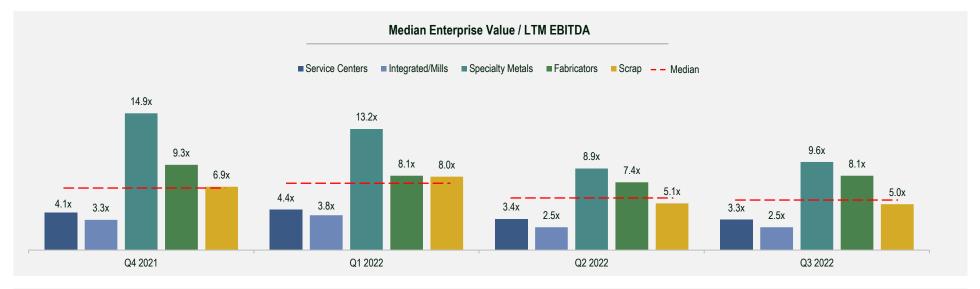
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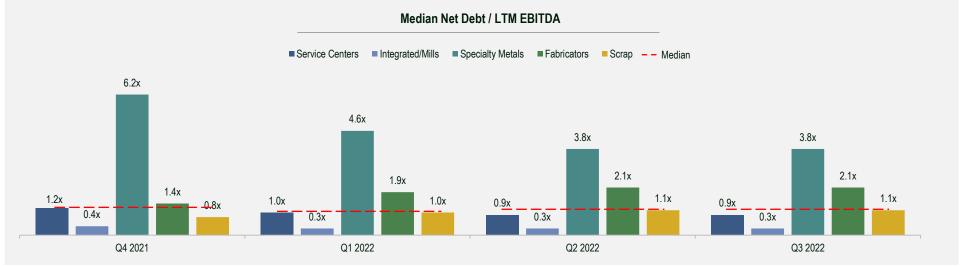
Metals Universe – Service Centers: RS, ZEUS; Integrated/Mills: CMC, NUE, STLD, X; Specialty Metals: ATI, CRS, HAYN, USAP; Scrap: SCHN, SGM; Fabricators: ROLL, TKR, WOR

	(\$ in millions, other than stock price)		9/30/2022 Quarterly		Market	Total LTM		Gross	EBITDA	Net Debt /	Enterprise V	alue / LTM	
	Company		Stock Price	$\mathbf{Price}\ \Delta$	Сар.	EV ⁽¹⁾	Revenue	EBITDA	Margin	Margin	EBITDA	Revenue	EBITDA
Service Centers	OLYMPICSTEEL	Olympic Steel	\$22.81	(12%)	\$254	\$563	\$2,699	\$225	21%	8%	1.3x	0.2x	2.5x
	RELIANCE STEEL'S ALLIMINUM CO.	Reliance Steel & Aluminum	174.41	2%	10,516	11,889	17,003	2,872	32%	17%	0.5x	0.7x	4.1x
		Median							26%	13%	0.9x	0.5	3.3x
Integrated/Mills	CHG Commercial Metals	Commercial Metals Company	\$35.48	5%	\$4,275	\$5,541	\$8,537	\$1,348	20%	16%	0.9x	0.6x	4.1x
	NUCOR'	Nucor Corporation	106.99	1%	28,031	34,247	42,965	13,320	34%	31%	0.4x	0.8x	2.6x
	Steel Dynamics*	Steel Dynamics	70.95	7%	12,956	14,607	22,182	6,221	32%	28%	0.3x	0.7x	2.3x
	USS	United States Steel Corporation	18.12	1%	4,299	5,452	23,110	6,535	30%	28%	0.2x	0.2x	0.8x
		Median							31%	28%	0.3x	0.7x	2.5x
Specialty Metals	 ₩ATI	Allegheny Technologies	\$26.61	19%	\$3,457	\$5,049	\$3,285	\$453	17%	14%	3.1x	1.5x	11.1x
	CARPENTER'	Carpenter Technology	31.14	14%	1,504	2,094	1,836	100	8%	5%	5.2x	1.1x	21.0x
	HAYNES	Haynes International	35.12	10%	433	479	442	63	21%	14%	0.7x	1.1x	7.5x
	UNIVERSAL	Universal Stainless & Alloy Prod.	7.12	(1%)	64	148	180	18	12%	10%	4.6x	0.8x	8.1x
		Median							14%	12%	3.8x	1.1x	9.6x
Fabricators	RRC BEARINGS	RBC Bearings	\$207.81	12%	\$5,965	\$7,459	\$1,141	\$300	39%	26%	4.9x	6.5x	24.9x
	TIMKEN	The Timken Company	59.04	10%	4,336	6,028	4,323	748	27%	17%	2.1x	1.4x	8.1x
	WORTHINGTON INDUSTRIES	Worthington Industries	38.14	(13%)	1,889	2,798	5,540	362	12%	7%	2.0x	0.5x	7.7x
		Median							27%	17%	2.1x	1.4x	8.1x
Scrap	Schnitzer 🚱	Schnitzer Steel Industries	\$28.46	(12%)	\$781	\$1,220	\$3,437	\$287	14%	8%	1.4x	0.4x	4.3x
	SIMS LIMITED	Sims Limited	8.62	(8%)	1,620	1,900	6,392	353	12%	6%	0.7x	0.3x	5.4x
		Median							13%	7%	1.1x	0.3x	4.8x

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Although valuation multiples in the sector have seen some fluctuations over the past year, median valuation multiples and debt levels in the sector have remained relatively stable over this period





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Deal volume has remained relatively steady in recent quarters, with 22 Metals reported deals in Q3 2022



Recent Transaction Activity

Date	Target	Acquiror	Enterprise Value (\$M)	Target Description
08/22		BEHRMANCAPITAL	Undisclosed	Engages in the machining and fabrication of products for various industries
08/22	INTEX*	AZEK building Products	\$15	Designs and fabricates custom trim and millwork
08/22	BARGOLD storage systems	ExtraSpace Storage	\$179	Provides storage locker systems
07/22	Fabrication Concepts Corp.	TIDEROCK	Undisclosed	Operates as a precision sheet metal fabricator and contract manufacturer
07/22	ACCU-FAB INC.	TIDEROCK	Undisclosed	Precision sheet metal fabrication and contract manufacturer and full solutions provider
07/22	BAKER® manufacturing company, LLC	Blue Sage Capital	Undisclosed	Manufactures water well equipment and accessories for various end-markets
06/22	KINETIC'	♦ PRECISION MARSHALL	\$26	Manufactures industrial knives and hardened wear products
06/22	Barrette OUTDOOR LIVING	CRH	\$1,890	Manufactures and distributes vinyl, aluminum, and steel outdoor products
05/22	PRS	GUARDIAN CAPITAL PARTNERS	Undisclosed	Manufactures industrial rolls, plates, sleeves, and machined components
05/22	BENADA ALUMINIM PRODUCTS LE	SHADOWBRIAR CAPITAL PARTNERS	Undisclosed	Operates as an aluminum extrusion company
04/22	voestalpine one stepahead.	ArcelorMittal	Undisclosed	Manufactures steel sheets and heavy plates
04/22	an aronas sources	NUCOR°	\$75	Operates as a storage and material handling system integrator
03/22	CAVEN	3RC 3/RIVERS CAPITAL	Undisclosed	Manufactures, designs, and installs radio frequency and magnetic shielding
02/22	CORNERSTONE BUILDING BRANDS	CLAYTON DUBILIER 6. RICE	\$5,027	Provides metal roofing, metal wall systems, metal accessories, and various other building products
02/22	R&B Grinding.	WILLIS + SMITH	Undisclosed	Engages in machining, grinding, welding, and fabricating precision components
02/22	R & M	TRI-W GROUP	Undisclosed	Designs, engineers, and produces sheet metal components
02/22	PLASMA PROCESSES	BLUE SEA CAPITAL	Undisclosed	Manufactures and supplies high temperature materials, coatings, and components
01/22	ASSOCIATED MATERIALS*	SVPGLOBAL EXPERIENCE-INSIGHT-VALUE	\$950	Manufactures residential building products, including aluminum and steel siding and accessories

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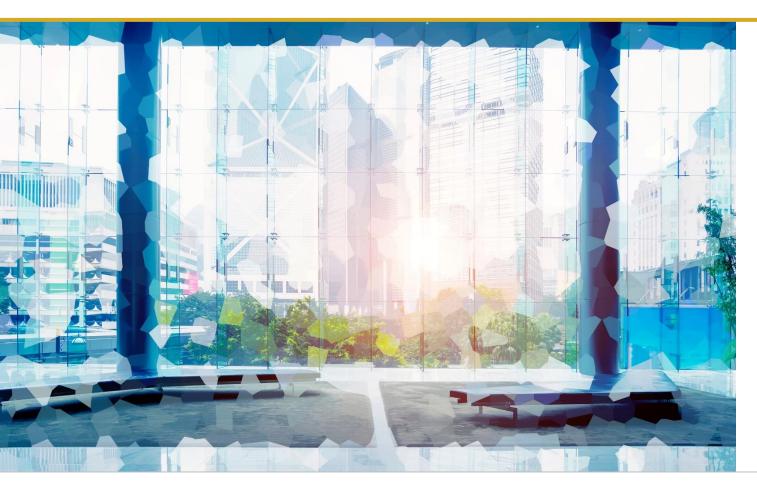
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