

PACKAGING

M&A INSIGHTS: 2025/6

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KEY M&A THEMES

KEY SECTOR TAKEAWAYS

SUSTAINABILITY IMPERATIVES, REGULATORY PRESSURES, AND EVOLVING CONSUMER EXPECTATIONS ARE RESHAPING THE PACKAGING INDUSTRY.

Global market size: Valued at approximately USD 1.18 trillion in 2025 and is projected to expand further in 2026 and beyond as demand continues to grow.

UK packaging M&A: 28 deals in 2025 highlight continued sector consolidation.

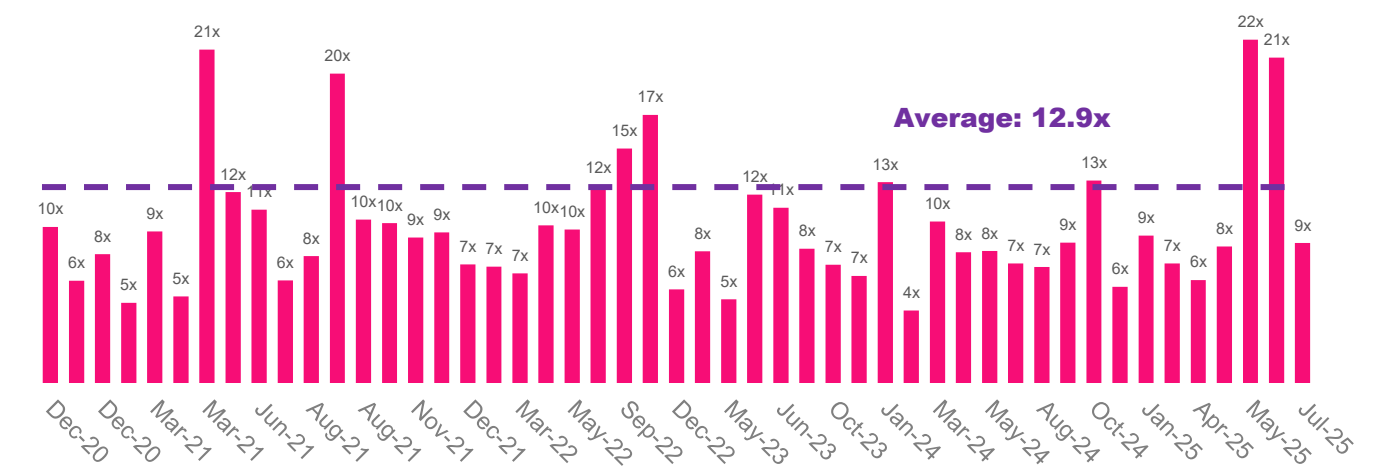
Europe & North America deal counts: Packaging M&A reached **257 deals in 2025**, reflecting strong cross-Atlantic momentum.

Factors fuelling dealmaking: Rising demand for sustainable packaging, improving financing conditions, strategic portfolio moves, and strong private equity interest are supporting deal activity.

Sector Coverage: Deal activity spans the full range of packaging sectors, with buyer interest evident across materials, formats, and end markets, reflecting the breadth and resilience of the packaging industry.

PACKAGING M&A TRANSACTION MULTIPLES

DIGITAL AND INNOVATIVE PACKAGING SOLUTIONS ARE FUELING M&A VOLUMES AS BUYERS TARGET TECH-ENABLED AND SUSTAINABLE PLAYERS.



Source: 1st December 2020 – 1st December 2025, Mergermarket, Cooper Parry analysis, *excludes outliers

PACKAGING VALUATION DRIVER DIAGNOSTIC

SPECIFIC BUSINESS CHARACTERISTICS THAT DRIVE PREMIUM MARKET VALUATIONS.

	Lower multiple		Higher multiple
Cutting-Edge Innovation	Standard packaging, limited R&D	➡	Patented materials, high R&D
Sustainable Leadership	Minimal ESG	➡	High recyclability, strong ESG
Strategic Customer Partnerships	Spot contracts	➡	Long-term contracts, co-development
Operational Excellence	High costs, low automation	➡	Well invested machinery, efficient, low scrap, high margins
Market & Scale Advantage	Small or local, low share	➡	Multi-region, niche/ segment leader

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Connor joined our team initially as a placement student whilst at Loughborough University, and after has now returned in our London Corporate Finance team. Connor has experience across a variety of sectors both carrying out execution work with management teams and private equity as well as carrying market-focused research work.

OUR RECENT CREDENTIALS INCLUDE:


Across our team and our international network, we have extensive experience in the sector.



Duncan Print Group



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PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTMENTS




Carton Group


Sale of Duncan Print Group to Waterland Private Equity

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KaizenPrint.




NWNG.


Sale of Kaizen Print to North-West News Group

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RIBBLE



vpk

Sale of Ribble Packaging to VPK UK Holding

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Lasercomb Group
Every Impression Counts



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Sale of Lasercomb Dies to Arden Dies

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Advisor to the Buyer



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