# Mettler-Toledo International Inc. (NYSE: MTD)

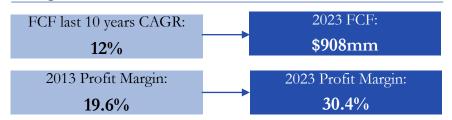
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Mettler-Toledo is a global leader within the life sciences industry through its precision instruments and value-added services.

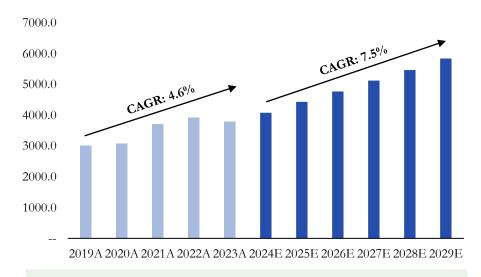
#### **Business Overview**

- Incorporated in 1991 and based in Columbus, OH
- Creates R&D, quality control, and manufacturing processes that are critical for innovation
- Its long-term track record has made Mettler-Toledo a global leader across all of its business segments
- Customers are from a diverse range of industries, such as life sciences, food, and chemicals

#### Strong Historical Financials



## Revenue Growth (\$mm) & Crucial Competitive Advantages



Mettler-Toledo has consistently grown revenue by 1-1.5% due to pricing increases alone



*Its Brains:* MTD invests 5% of net sales into R&D each year & pursues strategic acquisitions to fill the gaps of its business model



*Its Margins:* MTD is able to win because its pricing power & ability to expand its operating margins each year



*Its People:* MTD has a sticky customer base & strong management team that enables its growth into emerging markets

Product Breakdown

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Mettler-Toledo operates across its Laboratory Instruments, Industrial Instruments, and Retail Weighting Solutions segments. Through these segments, Mettler-Toledo also offers services, including calibration, certification, repairs, and spare parts supply.

#### **Laboratory Instruments**

#### 55% of 2023 Net Sales



Laboratory Balances



Laboratory Software (LabX)



Analytical Instruments



Automated Chemistry
Solutions



Pipettes



Process Analytics

#### **Industrial Instruments**

#### 39% of 2023 Net Sales



Industrial Weighting
Instruments



**Industrial Terminals** 



Transportation and Logistics



Vehicle Scale Systems



Industrial Software



Product Inspection (metal detectors, x-ray, and camera-based systems)

#### **Retail Weighting Solutions**

#### 6% of 2023 Net Sales



Counter Scales



Self-Service Scales



Wrapping and Weigh Price Labeling



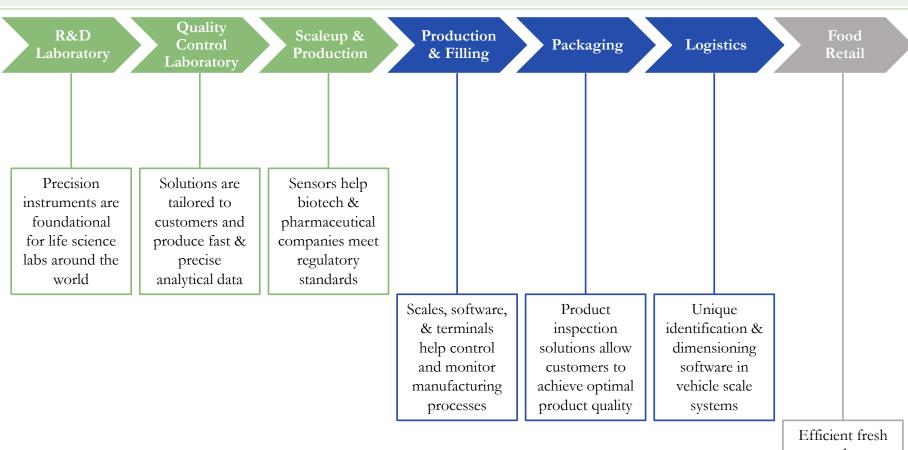
Checkout Scales



Retail Software



Mettler-Toledo is able to reach a wide array of customers through its precision instruments and services.



Efficient fresh
produce
handling,
weighing, &
packaging for
retailers

Thesis METTLER TOLEDO

1

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2

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#### BUY

Price Target: \$1,519.21

**Upside:** 13.3%

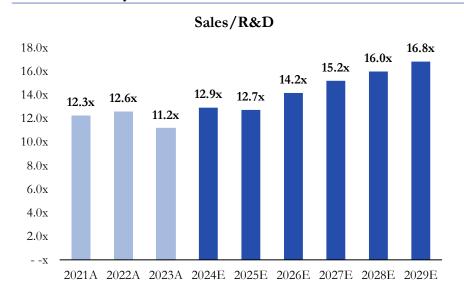
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Mettler-Toledo's business model focuses on creating the best versions of products already within its portfolio to deliver maximum value to customers.

#### Innovation is Key



#### R&D

3 Key R&D Channels:

Technology	<b>Applications</b>	Cost
Investments	Development	Reductions

MTD improved measurement performance in advanced lab balances by 30% and recognizes that it must continue to invest in R&D to facilitate long-term growth

## **Key Acquisitions**



**PendoTECH:** Manufactures & Distributes single-use sensors, transmitters, control systems & software for bioprocess applications

#### Value Added for MTD:

Increased net sales 1% in 2022 and synergies between MTD's process analytics and PendoTECH's products



### Scale-Up Systems Inc.:

Software provider of reaction and scale-up modeling for biopharma & chemical markets

#### Value Added for MTD:

MTD is now the global pharmaceutical industry's leading supplier of process development software

#### **Acquisition Strategy**

- 1. Close strategic gaps
- 2. Acquire technologies to complement product portfolio
- 3. Expand distribution channel

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Data

**Analytics** 

Mettler-Toledo is utilizing its three growth and optimization programs to increase its market share and improve global efficiency. Prices are expected to increase 2% in FY 24.

## **Margin Expansion**

Marketing

**Programs** 

#### Spinnaker

Growth strategy that allows Mettler-Toledo to **gain market share** through:

Sales	Customer	Product
Programs	Databases	Offerings
Implement	Leverage	Advanced

6<sup>th</sup> wave will further promote new digitization processes & customer experience

Installed

Base

#### **SternDrive**

Operational excellence program to improve:







Supply Chain

Manufacturing

Back Office

In 2023, launched 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of SternDrive automation to product offerings with *low unit volume and a high mix of variants* 

Reaches 20 manufacturing locations, 3 logistics hubs, and ~5000 employees

#### Blue Ocean Program



Mettler-Toledo's incitive to establish a standardized operating model that contains high levels of **global data transparency** 

More than 90% of Mettler-Toledo users are on the program, which enabled margin expansion initiatives



Releasing AI applications and other clientfacing digital solutions in '24.



"Over the past couple years, we have continued to invest strongly in next-generation products and solutions and have also enhanced our best-in-class corporate programs by launching the next waves of Spinnaker and SternDrive. This will help us further increase our competitiveness and put us in an even more favorable position, especially once our markets pick up again."

-Patrick Kaltenbach, CEO of Mettler-Toledo

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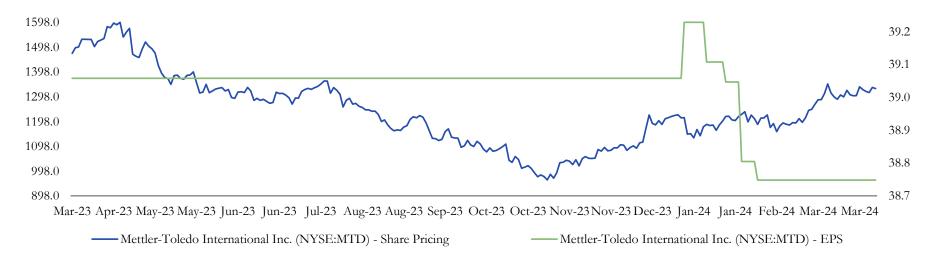
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The Perfect Storm

Mettler-Toledo's European and Asia segments were largely responsible for 2023 Q4 earnings miss; these misses led to a severe market overreaction.

#### Long-term Share Price (\$) vs Adjusted EPS (\$)



#### **European Logistics Provider**

Mettler-Toledo's external European logistics provider caused a \$58mm decline in '23 reported sales

Q4 '23 revenue was hit the hardest – falling ~13% due to delays

Management initially claimed that logistics were expected to resolve itself in Q1 '24; it now looks like a majority of these issues will be resolved in Q2

#### **Chinese Demand Issues**

- 1 Weak Economic Growth
- 2 Higher Interest Rates
- 3 Increased Geopolitical Tensions

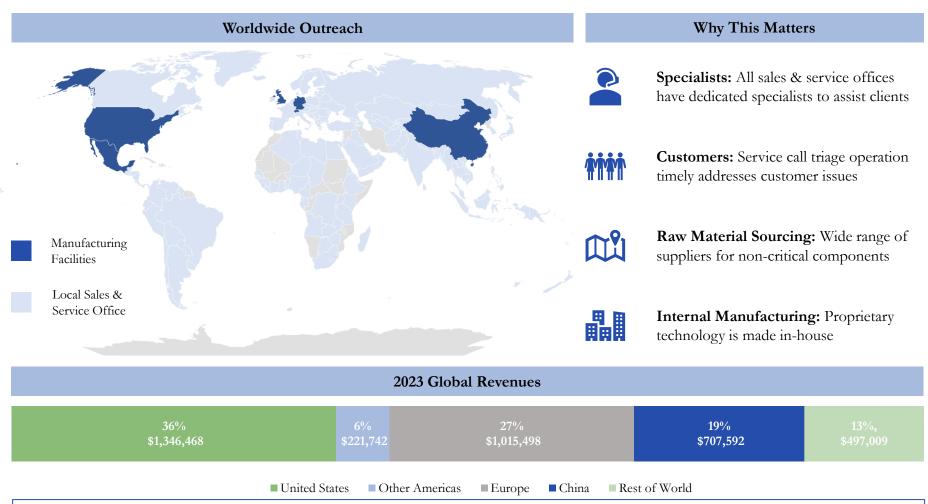
China had strong growth in '21 and '22, however, demand for life sciences has declined in Q3 & Q4 '23

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A Global Phenomena

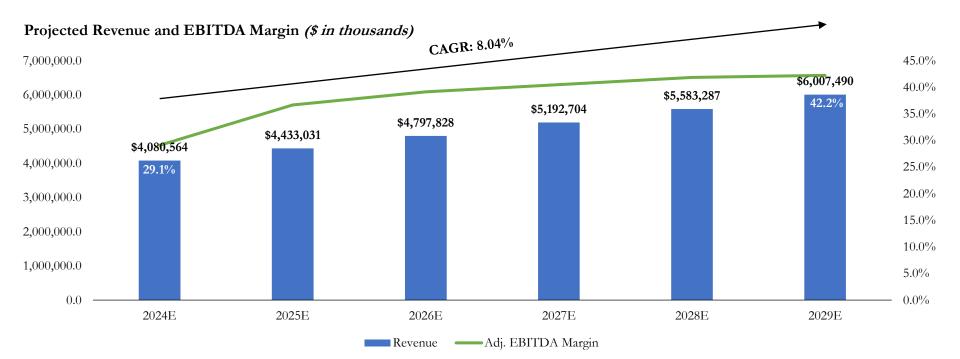
Mettler-Toledo products are sold in 140+ countries, has a direct presence in ~40 nations, and has 17,300 employees worldwide.



Mettler-Toledo manufactures its components in Switzerland, China, the UK, Germany, the US, and Mexico. Its geographically diverse presence allows it to react quickly to local situations and adapt to regional needs.

# Valuation

DCF: Base Case



WACC:

10.00%

Market Risk Premium: 4.96% Adjusted Beta: 1.23 Cost of Equity: 10.40% Cost of Debt: 3.9%

Blended Share Price	
Exit Multiple Method:	\$1,586.63
Gordon Growth Method	\$1,586.63 \$1,249.53
Exit Multiple Weight	80%
Gordon Growth Weight	20%
Blended Share Price	\$1,519.21
Upside/Downside	13.3%

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## Comparable Companies Breakdown



**Sector:** Genomics

**Product Focus:** DNA sequencing technologies

**EV/EBITDA:** 49.0x



**Sector:** Technology

**Product Focus:** Analytical tools & clinical testing

**EV/EBITDA:** 21.3x

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**Sector:** Industrial Life Science Tools

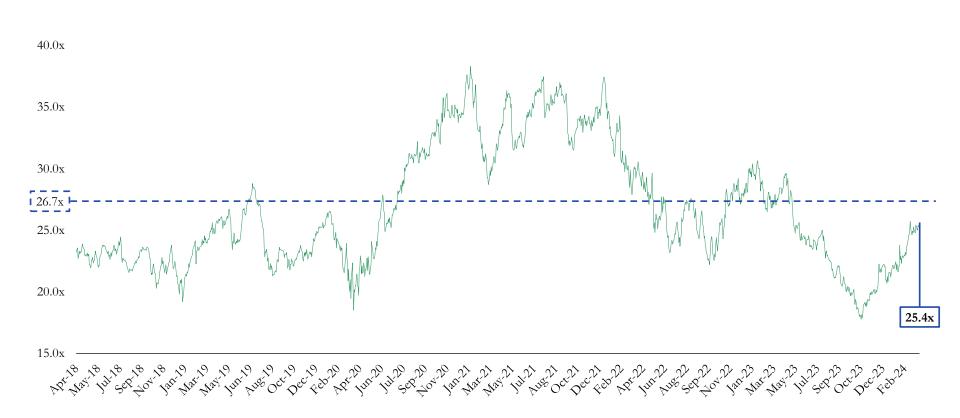
## **Product Focus:**

Chromatography supplies and analytical tools

**EV/EBITDA:** 20.7x

Median EV/EBITDA: 21.24x

Mettler-Toledo is currently trading below its historical EV/EBITDA multiple.



Conclusion

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# Appendix

Mettler-Toledo's business model has enabled their stance as a strong player within the life sciences industry.



#### Research & Design

Mettler-Toledo prides itself on its innovation capabilities to create premium products



#### Weight Instruments

Global market leader in laboratory weighing; scales range from one-ten millionth g to 64 kg



#### **Customer Relations**

No single-end consumer accounts for more than 1% of 2023 net sales



#### **Market Position**

Top market share in 75% of markets it operates in & top 3 position in all markets



#### **Global Brand**

Mettler-Toledo has a reputation for its product quality, which drives consumer loyalty



## Typical Low Backlog

Manufacturing turnaround time is typically not longer than 1-2 months Mettler-Toledo's key growth strategies differentiates the company from its competitors.



Its Brains



Its Margins



Its People



Research & Development Initiatives: R&D grew 3% in 2023 to support innovation and product development



**Cost Cutting:** Continuously improving cost structure and pricing through automation & digitalization



Expanding Presence in Emerging Markets: Growing in these markets by leveraging low manufacturing costs



Pursuing Strategic Acquisitions: "bolt-on" acquisitions to leverage its brand



**Selling Service:** MTD is looking to expand selling service @ the point of sale & attaching service and product quotes



Enhance Customer Experience: investing in digital optimization programs

# **Comparable Companies**

\*in billions unless otherwise noted

Company	Market Capitalization	Enterprise Value	NTM Forward P/E	TEV/Forward EBITDA NTM
Agilent Technologies	42.64	43.62	25.7x	21.3x
Waters Corp	20.38	22.44	28.9x	20.7x
Illumina	21.82	23.03	140.4x	49.0x
Avantor inc	17.34	22.73	25.4x	18.5x
Bruker Corp	12.93	13.82	34.1x	21.2x

MTD 28.47B 30.6B	33.4x	24.9x
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<b>Summary Statistics</b>				
Low	12.93	13.82	25.43	18.49
Mean	23.02	25.13	50.90	26.14
Median	20.38	22.73	28.93	21.24
High	42.64	43.62	140.4	48.96

DCF: Bull Case

#### Gordon Growth Method

Terminal Value		
2034 FCF	3,749,304	
PGR	3,749,304 3.00%	
Terminal Value	53,560,822	
Period	10.75	
PV of Terminal Value	19,230,350	
Implied Exit Multiple	<b>19,230,350</b> 6.6x	

Value Distribution		
PV of Period Cash Flows	13,652,330 19,230,350	
PV of Terminal Value	19,230,350	
Total	32,882,680	
Period Cash Flows	<b>32,882,680</b> 41.52%	
Terminal Value	58.48%	
Total	100.00%	

Implied Share Pa	rice
Enterprise Value	32,882,680
(-) Total Debt	(1,888,620) 69,807
(+) Cash	69,807
Equity Value	<b>31,063,867</b> 21478.605
Shares Outstanding	21478.605
Share Price	\$1,446.27
Upside/Downside	7.8%

#### Exit Multiple Method

Terminal Value	
2029 FCF	2,116,384
Exit Multiple	24.89
Terminal Value	52,676,802
Period	4.75
PV of Terminal Value	33,505,609

Value Distribution		
PV of Period Cash Flows	7,533,497	
PV of Terminal Value	33,505,609	
Total	41,039,106	
Period Cash Flows	18.36%	
Terminal Value	81.64%	
Total	100.00%	

Implied Share Price	
Enterprise Value	41,039,106
(-) Total Debt	<b>41,039,106</b> (1,888,620)
(+) Cash	69,807
Equity Value	<b>39,220,293</b> 21478.605
Shares Outstanding	21478.605
Share Price	\$1,826.02
Upside/Downside	36.1%

Blended Share Price	
Exit Multiple Method:	\$1,826.02
Gordon Growth Method	\$1,446.27
Exit Multiple Weight	80%
Gordon Growth Weight	20%
Blended Share Price	\$1,750.07
Upside/Downside	30.5%

DCF: Bear Case

#### Gordon Growth Method

Terminal Value	
2034 FCF	2,758,318 3.00%
PGR	3.00%
Terminal Value	39,404,057
Period	10.75
PV of Terminal Value	14,147,539
Implied Exit Multiple	6.9x

Value Distribution		
PV of Period Cash Flows	9,032,171 14,147,539	
PV of Terminal Value	14,147,539	
Total	23,179,710	
Period Cash Flows	<b>23,179,710</b> 38.97%	
Terminal Value	61.03%	
Total	100.00%	

Implied Share Price		
Enterprise Value	23,179,710	
(-) Total Debt	(1,888,620) 69,807	
(+) Cash	69,807	
Equity Value	<b>21,360,897</b> 21478.605	
Shares Outstanding	21478.605	
Share Price	\$994.52	
Upside/Downside	(25.8%)	

#### Exit Multiple Method

Termin	al Value
2029 FCF	1,556,999
Exit Multiple	24.89
Terminal Value	38,753,694
Period	4.75
PV of Terminal Value	24,649,676

Value Distribution		
PV of Period Cash Flows	4,530,619	
PV of Terminal Value	24,649,676	
Total	29,180,295	
Period Cash Flows	15.53%	
Terminal Value	84.47%	
Total	100.00%	

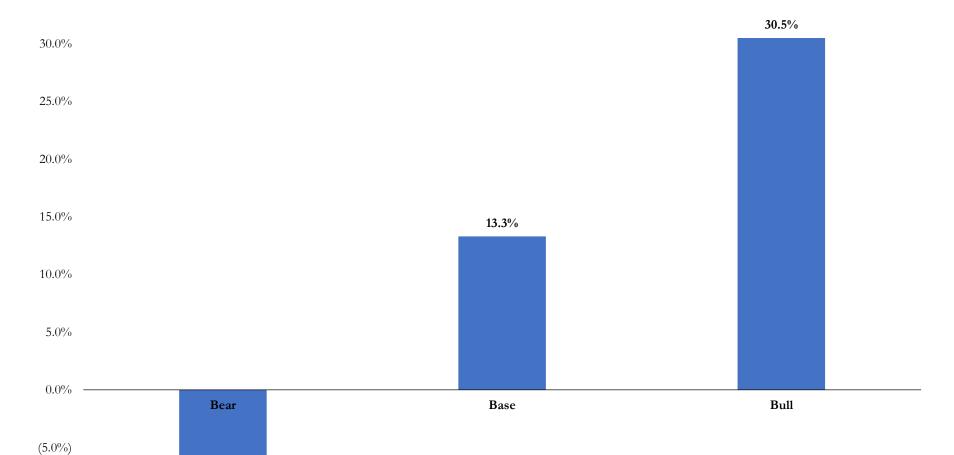
Implied Share	Price
Enterprise Value	29,180,295
(-) Total Debt	<b>29,180,295</b> (1,888,620)
(+) Cash	69,807
Equity Value	<b>27,361,482</b> 21478.605
Shares Outstanding	21478.605
Share Price	\$1,273.89
Upside/Downside	(5.0%)

Blended Share Price	
Exit Multiple Method:	\$1,273.89
Gordon Growth Method	\$994.52
Exit Multiple Weight	80%
Gordon Growth Weight	20%
Blended Share Price	\$1,218.02
Upside/Downside	(9.2%)

# Potential Upside







(15.0%)

(10.0%)

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(9.2%)