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Date	Target Company	Acquiror	Target Company Activity
Jan 2025	Direct Sameday Services Ltd	Westland Assets Ltd	Haulage
Jan 2025	MA & HV Medler Ltd	Freightforce Ltd	Haulage
Feb 2025	Eric Elliott Transport Ltd	Onpoint Logistics	Haulage
Mar 2025	EDS Worldwide Ltd	Nordic Transport Group (Norway)	Freight Forwarding
Mar 2025	Rolls Freight Ltd	Nordic Transport Group (Norway)	Freight Forwarding
Mar 2025	John Mitchell Transport Ltd	Gregory Group	Haulage
Apr 2025	Doree Bonner International Group	Gosselin Group (Belgium)	International removals
Apr 2025	Avon Freight Ltd	Primeline Group	3PL
Apr 2025	Cranleigh Freight Services Ltd	Ninatrans (Belgium)	3PL

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Apr 2025	Republic Cargo Systems UK Ltd	Kingscote Rojay Ltd	Freight Forwarding
Apr 2025	Quay Holdings Ltd	Denholm Good Logistics Ltd	Haulage & Shipping services
May 2025	AdvanceFirst Technologies	Pipechain (Sweden)	Supply chain software
May 2025	Evri	DHL e-Commerce	Courier
May 2025	Van Elle - heavy haulage operations	WS Specialist Logistics Ltd	Haulage
Jun 2025	Arrow XL	Perrenot Groupe (France)	Home delivery
Jun 2025	Fulfilment Crowd	Palatine Private Equity	e-Commerce fulfilment
Jun 2025	Locus Software	Kaleris (USA)	Supply chain software
Jun 2025	J Fisher & Sons Ltd	Fox Brothers Holdings Ltd	Haulage



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Earlier this year, in conjunction with Logistics UK, we published our “2025 UK Logistics Sector M&A Index” report (Link). This provided an outlook for M&A activity in the sector, and the index number was at its highest level for five years (excluding the “exceptional “ 2021 COVID related index number) at 50.2 – suggesting an optimistic outlook for continued consolidation in the sector.

Has this optimistic outlook turned into reality in the first six months of this year?

The table above shows M&A transactions in the period 1 January – 30 June 2025. In broad terms, the number of transactions was similar to H1 2024 and whilst details in many transactions are not disclosed – especially valuation – the general perception is that the overall value of H1 2025 transactions is down on the same period last year.

Consolidation continued in the haulage sector as operators seek to achieve economies of scale in an inflationary cost environment and to expand their geographic coverage– notable transactions included the Gregory Group’s acquisition of John Mitchell Transport; and Onpoint Logistics’ acquisition of Eric Elliott Transport.

Overseas interest in the UK sector remained strong with Norway’s Nordic Transport Group acquiring two freight forwarders; and the French logistics group, Jacky Perrenot, acquired ArrowXL.

This deal marks the Group’s entry into the UK market, integrating ArrowXL into the group’s B2C-focused brand, JP HOME, to expand its continental bulky-goods delivery services.

The courier sector also saw further consolidation with DHL e-Commerce’s acquisition of Evri. The deal involves Evri acquiring DHL’s UK parcel operations, with DHL Group taking a significant minority stake in the new combined business. The new business will handle over 1 billion parcels and letters pa and the transaction has recently received clearance and approval from the UK Competition and Markets Authority (“CMA”).

Despite economic and political headwinds, we remain cautiously optimistic about further consolidation and M&A activity in the sector. The sector remains fragmented; consolidation alleviates economic pressures and private equity interest in the sector remains strong – especially in companies providing specialist services and servicing sectors such as healthcare.

We will be providing further updates on M&A activity so please check in regularly for more news. In the meantime, if you are interested in learning more about our expertise and credentials in the logistics sector please contact us on 020 7870 9050.



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