OTC Markets Group Inc. (OTCM)

Trading Volume Continues On Upward Trend; We Estimate Strong 11% Growth In EPS In 2Q:25; Highlight Launch Of OTCID; Healthy Balance Sheet Supports Dividend Policy; Maintain \$63 Target

EPS EST	IMATES					
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	202	26E		
			OLD	NEW	OLD	NEW
Mar	\$0.52	\$0.49	\$0.50A		\$0.55	
Jun	\$0.57	\$0.56	\$0.62		\$0.66	
Sep	\$0.61	\$0.61	\$0.64		\$0.70	
Dec	<u>\$0.58</u>	<u>\$0.60</u>	<u>\$0.66</u>		\$ 0.75	
EPS	\$2.28	\$2.26	\$2.44		\$2.65	
P/E			23.3x		21.5x	

Note: NR = Not Rated. Risk Ratings: H = High; M = Moderate. Sum of quarterly EPS may not equal full-year total due to rounding and/or change in share count. NC=Not covered by Sidoti & Co. LTC.

change in share co	lange in share count. NC-Not covered by Sidoli & Co., ELC.									
Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E
Rev.(Mil.)	\$54.7	\$59.3	\$62.8	\$71.2	\$102.9	\$105.1	\$109.9	\$111.1	\$120.3	\$123.0
GAAP EPS	\$1.06	\$1.36	\$1.25	\$1.53	\$2.52	\$2.53	\$2.28	\$2.26	\$2.44	\$2.65

COMPANY DESCRIPTION

OTC Markets Group, Inc. (www.otcmarkets.com), operates three lines of business centered on more than 12,300 U.S. and global securities clients at the end of 2024. The company offers a cost-effective solution to penetrate the U.S. securities market, while providing a host of services that connect brokers and dealers, organize markets, and ultimately monetize OTC's vast database of information. OTC's three lines of business are OTC Link (20% of 2024 revenue), Market Data (39%) and Corporate Services (41%). Headquarters are in New York, NY. OTCM trades on the OTCQX market.

Release Date	Conference Call	Time (Eastern)	Contact	Co. Guidance	Consensus
Late July	TBD	TBD	TBD	N/A	EPS: \$0.64

- Our outlook captures OTCM's subscription-derived revenue, stable capital structure, and progress toward expanding its product suite to drive growth.
- Dollar volume traded on OTC Market platforms showed strong momentum through 1H:25, up 50% compared to the prior year period. Though largely unpredictable, the continuation of heightened market volatility and more retail trading activity should benefit OTC Link results.
- Strong results from OTC Link and price increases in the Market Data Licensing segment back our estimated 11% growth in EPS in 2Q:25 to \$0.62.
- OTCM officially launched the OTCID market as of July 1. Along with improving market quality, we think the company could see a marginal revenue uplift from subscriber transitions. Management has commented that early data on OTCID has fostered an uptrend in Corporate Service sales.
- OTCM's balance sheet remains a key strength, with no debt and ample liquidity for capital allocation priorities. Strong cash flow generation supports OTCM's shareholder returns program, which includes an annualized dividend of \$0.72 per share along with a special dividend typically payable in the fourth quarter each year.
- Our \$63 price target is based on about 23x our 2026 EPS forecast of \$2.65. Our moderate risk rating reflects OTCM's role as a provider of critical market infrastructure and its recurring, subscription-based revenue profile.

OTCM officially launched its new OTCID market platform on July 1, an initiative we anticipate will drive future growth and enhance market efficiency. OTCM launched OTCID™ Basic Market, a new reporting market for companies that meet a minimum current information standard and provide management certification. Companies trading on OTCID are

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Price Target: \$63 Price: \$57.50 Risk Rating: M

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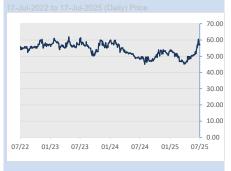
Key Statistics

Russell 2000

Russell 2000 - Last 12 Months

OTCM - Last 12 Months

Market Cap (Mil)	\$683
Enterprise Value (Mil)	\$654
52-Week Range	61-45
5-Year EPS CAGR.	13%
Avg. Daily Trading Volume	5,000
Shares Out (Mil)	11.975
Float Shares (Mil)	7.753
Insider Ownership	35%
Institutional Holdings	10%
Annualized Dividend	\$0.72
Dividend Yield	1.3%
FCF Per Share (2025E)	\$2.88
FCF Yield (2025E)	5.0%
Net Cash Per Share (2025E)	\$3.86
Price to Book Value	17.8x
Return on Equity (2025E)	61.7%
Total Debt to Capital	0%
Interest Coverage Ratio	
Short Interest %	
Short Interest Days To Cover	



Source: Factset Prices

2,227

-1.6%

17.5%

required to meet specific disclosure benchmarks, including timely quarterly and annual financials, management certifications, and updated company profile information – ensuring broker-dealers can rely on timely information. OTCID will replace the Pink Current Market and support companies that publish basic disclosures but may not qualify for OTCQX or OTCQB due to financial challenges. We think OTCM could see a marginal revenue uplift from companies eligible to subscribe to OTCID as opposed to Pink Current. Companies that fail to meet the new OTCID requirements have been downgraded to either the Pink Limited™ Market or the Expert Restricted Market. While also enhancing market structure, we expect OTCM to aim to broaden sales efforts toward companies meeting the new market eligibility standards for the OTCID market, which could drive growth in the Corporate Services business.

For 2Q:25, we forecast strong 44% year-over-year growth in OTC Link trading volume contributed to 11% growth in EPS to \$0.62. We estimate OTC Link segment revenue rose 18% in 2Q:25 compared to the prior year period, driven by an increase in the volume of shares traded on OTC Link ECN and OTC Link NQB. The total dollar volume traded across OTCM platforms increased 44% year over year in 2Q:25 to about \$175 billion, continuing to show strong momentum. Trading volume is now up 50% to \$353 billion through 1H:25 compared to 1H:24, nearly in line with the 2023 total of \$386 billion. While OTC Link ECN and OTC Link NQB generate transactional revenue based on the volume of shares traded, which is difficult to predict, we expect a degree of positive correlation between total dollar volume and OTC Link revenue, which backs our segment revenue estimate. International securities and American depositary receipts (ADRs) fared particularly well in the quarter, with volume up 53% compared to 2Q:24, as OTCM presents a viable platform to attract global investors seeking access to U.S. capital markets. In the Market Data Licensing segment, we estimate revenue rose 16% in 2Q:25, largely driven by significant price increases introduced at the beginning of 2025, which ranged from 17% to more than 40% for certain professional users. We expect favorable comparisons to continue for the remainder of 2025. We forecast 2Q:25 Corporate Services segment revenue was in line with 2Q:24, reflecting our cautious stance on economic headwinds resulting from trade policy and interest rate volatility on the subscriber base. Despite near-term economic challenges, we think the value proposition to list on OTCM market platforms continues to grow, specifically for international companies aiming to access U.S. capital markets. In 2Q:25, management commented that OTCID has seen early interest and has influenced a positive trend in Corporate Services sales. We continue to believe a lower interest rate environment would alleviate the financial stress on smaller companies facing compliance downgrades or driving lower sales. Taken together, we are looking for 10% revenue growth in 2Q:25 to \$30.2 million. OTCM continues to invest in talent and infrastructure to manage growth and product expansion, specifically on new product launches such as OTCID. Despite a forecasted 7% increase in operating expenses, we estimate an 8% increase in operating income drove an 11% gain in EPS in the quarter.

Exhibit 1: OTC Markets	Exhibit 1: OTC Markets Group Inc. Variance Table								
\$ in thousands except per share data									
	2Q:24A	2Q:25E	% Change	\$ Variance					
Total Dollar Volume (bn)	122.3	175.3	44%	53					
OTC Link	5,408	6,369	18%	961					
Market Data Licensing	10,782	12,530	16%	1,748					
Corporate Services	11,372	11,329	(0%)	(43)					
Gross Revenue	27,562	30,228	10%	2,666					
Operating Expenses	17,082	18,305	7%	1,223					
Operating Income	8,140	8,779	8%	639					
Operating Margin*	30%	30%							
Net Income	\$6,733	\$7,313	9%	580					
Profit Margin*	25%	25%							
EPS	\$0.56	\$0.62	11%	\$ 0.06					
Consensus EPS		\$0.64							

Sources: Company reports and Sidoti & Company, LLC. estimates.

^{*} Based on net revenue consistent with company operating metrics

Valuation	our 2026 EPS forecast of \$2.65. In averaged 23x. Corporate service a consensus. OTCM's lack of trading subscription-derived revenue model and key regulatory role as supportin as an operator of critical market infravalue of Market Data Licensing and multiple, in our view. Our Moderate	on OTCM. Our price target applies in the past five years, OTCM shares to and exchange peers trade at 21x-59; liquidity could validate a discount to (85% of 2024 gross revenue), product gour multiple. We also think OTCM of astructure for smaller companies. Tech grow international Corporate Service risk rating reflects strengths in OTCM erse end markets and subscription-de	raded at 16x-29x forward EPS and x and average 30x the 2025 EPS peers. Yet, we view the recurring, at expansion, strong balance sheet, perates with a wide economic moat anology investments to increase the subscribers could warrant a higher it's business model as a provider of
Key Risks	Trading volumes	Economic sensitivity	Regulatory

OTC Markets Group Inc.

Table 1. OTC Markets Group Inc., Income Statement (\$ in thousands, except where noted)

	2023	MarA	JuneA	SepA	DecA	2024	MarA	JuneE	SepE	DecE	2025E	MarE	JuneE	SepE	DecE	2026E
Operating Segments																
OTC Link	\$19,600	\$5,397	\$5,408	\$5,240	\$6,364	\$22,409	\$6,563	\$6,369	\$6,026	\$6,364	\$25,322	\$6,629	\$6,433	\$6,086	\$6,428	\$25,575
Market Data Licensing	43,368	11,088	10,782	10,862	10,893	43,625	12,783	12,530	12,057	12,418	49,788	12,783	12,780	12,419	12,840	50,822
Corporate Services	46,928	11,172	11,372	11,292	11,194	45,030	11,080	11,329	11,405	11,418	45,232	11,191	11,669	11,861	11,932	46,652
Gross Revenue	\$109,896	\$27,657	\$27,562	\$27,394	\$28,451	\$111,064	\$30,426	\$30,228	\$29,488	\$30,200	\$120,341	\$30,602	\$30,882	\$30,366	\$31,200	\$123,050
Redistribution fees and rebates	<u>3,237</u>	840	791	760	<u>791</u>	3,182	994	907	885	906	3,691	918	926	911	936	3,691
Net Revenue	\$106,659	\$26,817	\$26,771	\$26,634	\$27,660	\$107,882	\$29,432	\$29,321	\$28,603	\$29,294	\$116,650	\$29,684	\$29,956	\$29,455	\$30,264	\$119,358
Redistribution & Transaction fees	5,524	1,508	1,549	1,435	2,157	6,649	2,375	2,237	2,064	2,114	8,790	2,142	1,853	1,822	1,872	7,689
Revenues less transaction-based expenses	\$101,134	\$25,309	\$25,222	\$25,199	\$25,503	\$101,233	\$27,057	\$27,084	\$26,539	\$27,180	\$107,860	\$27,542	\$28,103	\$27,633	\$28,392	\$111,669
Compensation	42,467	12,522	10,934	10,506	10,160	44,122	12,906	11,610	11,264	10,991	46,771	13,679	11,859	11,326	10,920	47,784
IT Infrastructure	10,311	2,699	2,545	2,657	2,673	10,574	2,715	2,721	2,801	2,778	11,015	2,815	2,810	2,824	2,808	11,258
Professional fees	8,048	1,466	1,521	1,525	1,783	6,295	1,956	1,753	1,769	1,812	7,290	1,530	1,760	1,731	1,872	6,893
Marketing & Advertising	1,194	263	362	320	422	1,367	343	363	413	362	1,481	428	340	425	343	1,536
Occupancy costs	2,360	585	576	589	619	2,369	638	605	619	604	2,466	612	587	607	624	2,430
D&A	2,398	653	682	677	668	2,680	660	748	729	709	2,846	723	710	750	780	2,963
General and administrative	1,762	422	462	301	428	1,613	565	507	324	454	1,850	467	463	334	374	1,638
Total Operating Costs	\$68,540	\$18,610	\$17,082	\$16,575	\$16,753	\$69,020	\$19,783	\$18,305	\$17,920	\$17,711	\$73,719	\$20,255	\$18,529	\$17,998	\$17,721	\$74,503
Operating Income	\$32,594	\$6,699	\$8,140	\$8,624	\$8,750	\$32,213	\$7,274	\$8,779	\$8,619	\$9,469	\$34,141	\$7,287	\$9,573	\$9,635	\$10,670	\$37,166
Interest Income & Other income	903	175	184	270	300	929	150	250	250	250	900	300	300	300	300	1,200
Pretax Income	\$33,497	\$6,874	\$8,324	\$8,894	\$9,050	\$33,142	\$7,424	\$9,029	\$8,869	\$9,719	\$35,041	\$7,587	\$9,873	\$9,935	\$10,970	\$38,366
Income Taxes	(5,836)	(890)	(1,591)	(1,466)	(1,835)	(5,782)	(1,384)	(1,715)	(1,419)	(1,944)	(6,462)	(1,032)	(1,836)	(1,550)	(2,150)	(6,568)
Net Income	\$27,661	\$5,984	\$6,733	\$7,428	\$7,215	\$27,360	\$6,040	\$7,313	\$7,450	\$7,775	\$28,579	\$6,556	\$8,037	\$8,385	\$8,820	\$31,798
Less restricted stock	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Income To Common	\$27,661	\$5,984	\$6,733	\$7,428	\$7,215	\$27,360	\$6,040	\$7,313	\$7,450	\$7,775	\$28,579	\$6,556	\$8,037	\$8,385	\$8,820	\$31,798
Basic EPS	\$2.32	\$0.50	\$0.56	\$0.62	\$0.61	\$2.29	\$0.50	\$0.62	\$0.64	\$0.66	\$2.44	\$0.55	\$0.66	\$0.70	\$0.75	\$2.65
FD EPS	\$2.28	\$0.49	\$0.56	\$0.61	\$0.60	\$2.26	\$0.50	\$0.62	\$0.64	\$0.66	\$2.44	\$0.55	\$0.66	\$0.70	\$0.75	\$2.65
FD Shares Outstanding	11,863	11,863	11,838	11,833	11,855	11,841	11,834	11,834	11,834	11,834	11,834	11,834	11,834	11,834	11,834	11,834
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Dividend	\$2.22	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$1.68	\$2.22	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$1.70	\$2.24	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$1.72	\$2.26
Payout Ratio	96%	36%	32%	29%	278%	97%	36%	29%	28%	257%	92%	33%	27%	26%	229%	85%
EBITDA	\$40,907	\$9,178	\$10,315	\$10,775	\$11,130	\$41,398	\$9,816	\$11,038	\$10,822	\$11,687	\$43,363	\$9,846	\$11,828	\$11,904	\$13,010	\$46,588
Growth Analysis																
OTC Link	(6.4%)	(0.9%)	12.2%	15.6%	32.5%	14.3%	21.6%	17.8%	15.0%	0.0%	13.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Market Data Lincensing	19.1%	2.3%	1.3%	(1.3%)	0.1%	0.6%	15.3%	16.2%	11.0%	14.0%	14.1%	0.0%	2.0%	3.0%	3.4%	2.1%
Corporate Services	(1.8%)	(4.8%)	(3.3%)	(1.8%)	(6.1%)	(4.0%)	(0.8%)	(0.4%)	1.0%	2.0%	0.4%	1.0%	3.0%	4.0%	4.5%	3.1%
Revenue YOY Growth	4.5%	(1.3%)	1.2%	1.3%	3.1%	1.1%	10.0%	9.7%	7.6%	6.1%	8.4%	0.6%	2.2%	3.0%	3.3%	2.3%
Seq. Rev Growth		0.2%	(0.3%)	(0.6%)	3.9%		6.9%	(0.7%)	(2.4%)	2.4%		1.3%	0.9%	(1.7%)	2.7%	
Adjusted Net Income YoY Growth	(10.2%)	(5.3%)	(3.3%)	0.6%	3.1%	(1.1%)	0.9%	8.6%	0.3%	7.8%	4.5%	8.5%	9.9%	12.6%	13.4%	11.3%
Adjusted FD EPS YoY Growth	(9.8%)	(5.4%)	(1.5%)	(0.7%)	3.3%	(0.9%)	1.2%	10.6%	5.2%	9.8%	8.2%	10.7%	6.7%	9.2%	13.4%	8.3%
Adjusted EBITDA	40,909	9,178	10,315	10,775	11,130	41,264	9,816	11,038	10,822	11,687	43,322	9,846	11,828	11,904	13,010	46,649
EBITDA YOY Growth	(5.4%)	0.3%	(0.9%)	2.2%	3.1%	0.9%	7.0%	7.0%	0.4%	5.0%	5.0%	0.3%	7.2%	10.0%	11.3%	7.7%
Margin Analysis																
Operating Margin	30.6%	25.0%	30.4%	32.4%	31.6%	29.9%	24.7%	29.9%	30.1%	32.3%	29.3%	24.5%	32.0%	32.7%	35.3%	31.1%
Adjusted Profit Margin	25.9%	22.3%	25.2%	27.9%	26.1%	25.4%	20.5%	24.9%	26.0%	26.5%	24.5%	22.1%	26.8%	28.5%	29.1%	26.6%
Tax Rate	17%	13%	19%	16%	20%	17%	19%	19%	16%	20%	18%	14%	19%	16%	20%	17%

Sources: Company reports, Sidoti & Company, LLC estimates

Table 2. OTC Markets Group Inc., Statement of Cash Flows

(\$ in thousands except where noted)

	2023	MarA	JuneA	SepA	DecA	2024	MarA	JuneE	SepE	DecE	2025E	2026E
Operating Activities												
Net Income	\$27,661	\$5,984	\$6,733	\$7,428	\$7,215	\$27,360	\$6,040	\$7,313	\$7,450	\$7,775	\$28,579	\$31,798
Depreciation & amortization	2,398	653	683	677	668	2,681	660	738	624	783	2,805	3,025
Provision for bad debts	367	29	5	(75)	28	(13)	137	0	0	0	137	0
Share based compensation	5,858	1,826	1,496	1,474	1,574	6,370	1,881	1,511	1,474	1,510	6,377	6,459
Excess tax benefit	(815)	(486)	(55)	1	123	(417)	(128)	0	0	0	(128)	0
Deferred rent & other	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred income taxes	(2,838)	(690)	(668)	(176)	(895)	(2,429)	(453)	0	0	0	(453)	0
Loss on fixed assets	0	0	0	0	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change in Operating Assets & Liabilities	\$32,662	\$7,316	\$8,194	\$9,329	\$8,726	\$33,565	\$8,137	\$9,563	\$9,548	\$10,068	\$37,316	\$41,281
Net Change in Working Capital	374	(8,025)	(2,019)	(3,458)	13,613	(692)	(8,955)	5,023	3,917	4,458	4,443	6,633
Net Cash Provided by Operations	\$33,036	(\$709)	\$6,175	\$5,871	\$22,339	\$32,873	(\$818)	\$14,586	\$13,465	\$14,526	\$41,759	\$47,913
Investing Activities												
Acquisitions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital expenditures	(1,567)	(522)	(661)	(60)	(58)	(1,301)	(116)	(514)	(354)	(362)	(1,346)	(1,845)
Net proceeds/purchase of short term investments	(3,622)	(14)	(769)	(103)	(5)	(891)	642	0	0	0	642	0
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	(\$5,189)	(\$536)	(\$1,430)	(\$163)	(\$63)	(\$2,192)	\$526	(\$514)	(\$354)	(\$362)	(\$704)	(\$1,845)
Financing Activities												
Dividends	(26,482)	(2,154)	(2,155)	(2,155)	(20,121)	(26,585)	(2,162)	(2,145)	(2,145)	(20,434)	(26,886)	(28,057)
Proceeds from stock options	0	0	428	456	0	86	11	0	0	0	11	0
Restricted stock issuance	1	(406)	(478)	0	0	(825)	1	0	0	0	1	0
Withholding taxes paid	(1,236)	0	0	(480)	0	(797)	(130)	0	0	0	(130)	0
Excess tax benefits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of treasury stock	(3,379)	(2,944)	0	0	0	(2,944)	(2,934)	0	0	0	(2,934)	0
Net Cash Provided by Financing	(\$31,096)	(\$5,504)	(\$2,205)	(\$2,179)	(\$20,121)	(\$31,065)	(\$5,214)	(\$2,145)	(\$2,145)	(\$20,434)	(\$29,938)	(\$28,057)
Net Cash Increase (decrease) in cash	(\$3,249)	(\$6,749)	\$2,540	\$3,529	\$2,155	(\$384)	(\$5,506)	\$11,927	\$10,966	(\$6,270)	\$11,117	\$18,011
Beginning cash balance	38,936	35,687	27,346	29,886	33,415	35,687	36,128	30,622	42,549	53,515	35,303	46,420
Ending Cash Balance	\$35,687	\$28,938	\$29,886	\$33,415	\$35,570	\$35,303	\$30,622	\$42,549	\$53,515	\$47,245	\$46,420	\$64,431
CFFO	\$33,036	(\$709)	\$6,175	\$5,871	\$22,339	\$32,873	(\$818)	\$14,586	\$13,465	\$14,526	\$41,759	\$47,913
CapEx	(1,567)	(522)	(661)	(60)	(58)	(1,301)	(116)	(514)	(354)	(362)	(1,346)	(1,845)
Free Cash Flow (excluding SBC)	\$25,611	(\$3,057)	\$4,018	\$4,337	\$20,707	\$26,005	(\$2,815)	\$12,560	\$11,637	\$12,654	\$34,036	\$39,610
FCF / Share	\$2.16	(\$0.26)	\$0.34	\$0.37	\$1.75	\$2.20	(\$0.24)	\$1.06	\$0.98	\$1.07	\$2.88	\$3.35

Sources: Company reports, Sidoti & Company, LLC estimates

Table 3. OTC Markets Group Inc., Balance Sheet (\$ in thousands except where noted)

	2023	MarA	JuneA	SepA	DecA	2024	MarA	JuneE	SepE	DecE	2025E	2026E
ASSETS												
Current Assets												
Cash and cash equivalents	34,101	\$27,346	\$29,881	\$33,405	\$34,522	34,522	\$29,016	\$40,943	\$51,909	\$45,639	45,639	64,018
Short-term investments	3,622	3,636	4,405	4,508	4,513	4,513	3,871	3,871	3,871	3,871	3,871	3,871
Receivables	7,680	7,535	7,443	7,950	8,097	8,097	9,268	7,643	8,150	8,297	8,297	8,497
Prepaid income taxes	1,324	942	699	1,369	244	244	430	430	430	430	430	430
Prepaid expenses	1,865	2,584	2,789	2,184	2,237	2,237	2,771	2,771	2,771	2,771	2,771	2,771
Total Current Assets	\$48,592	\$42,043	\$45,217	\$49,416	\$49,613	\$49,613	\$45,356	\$55,658	\$67,131	\$61,008	\$61,008	\$79,587
PP&E	8,429	8,538	8,105	7,573	7,096	7,096	6,697	6,473	6,203	5,783	5,783	4,235
Operating lease right-of-use assets	12,324	11,987	11,646	11,301	10,951	10,951	10,597	10,597	10,597	10,597	10,597	10,597
Non-current deferred tax asset	7,691	8,381	9,049	9,225	10,120	10,120	10,573	10,573	10,573	10,573	10,573	10,573
Goodwill	3,984	3,984	3,984	3,984	3,984	3,984	3,984	3,984	3,984	3,984	3,984	3,984
Intangible assets	7,411	7,265	7,120	6,975	6,829	6,829	6,684	6,684	6,684	6,684	6,684	6,684
Other Assets	2,094	2,543	2,418	2,295	2,149	2,149	2,159	2,159	2,159	2,159	2,159	2,159
Total Assets	\$90,525	\$84,741	\$87,539	\$90,769	\$90,742	\$90,742	\$86,050	\$96,128	\$107,331	\$100,788	\$100,788	\$117,819
Liabilities												
Accounts payable	2,152	1,684	1,510	634	1,175	1,175	854	1,398	1,423	1,444	1,444	1,477
Income tax payable	141	1,316	12	3	54	54	1,457	1,457	1,457	1,457	1,457	1,457
Accrued expenses	14,065	8,503	10,442	11,841	13,425	13,425	7,388	11,242	12,641	14,225	14,225	15,025
Deferred revenue	29,267	26,378	23,031	19,379	29,084	29,084	27,001	26,001	29,001	32,001	32,001	38,001
Current Liabilities	\$45,625	\$37,881	\$34,995	\$31,857	\$43,738	\$43,738	\$36,700	\$40,098	\$44,522	\$49,127	\$49,127	\$55,960
Operating Lease Liabilities	11,895	11,518	11,137	10,751	10,360	10,360	9,964	9,964	9,964	9,964	9,964	9,964
Income tax reserve	778	809	850	880	927	927	962	962	962	962	962	962
Total Liabilities	\$58,298	\$50,208	\$46,982	\$43,488	\$55,025	\$55,025	\$47,626	\$51,024	\$55,448	\$60,053	\$60,053	\$66,886
Shareholders' Equity Class A	127	128	128	128	128	128	129	129	129	129	129	129
Additional paid-in capital	29,469	30,888	32,334	33,784	35,127	35,127	36,889	38,400	39,875	41,385	41,385	47,843
Retained earnings	22,425	26,255	30,833	36,107	23,200	23,200	27,078	32,246	37,551	24,893	24,893	28,633
Treasury shares	(19,794)	(22,738)	(22,738)	(22,738)	(22,738)	(22,738)	(25,672)	(25,672)	(25,672)	(25,672)	(25,672)	(25,672)
Total Stockholders' Equity	\$32,227 \$90,525	\$34,533 \$84,741	\$40,557 \$87,539	\$47,281 \$90,769	\$35,717 \$90,742	\$35,717 \$90,742	\$38,424 \$86,050	\$45,104 \$96,128	\$51,883 \$107,331	\$40,735	\$40,735 \$100,788	\$50,933 \$117,819
Total Liabilities & Stockholders' Equity	\$90,525	\$84,741	\$87,539	\$90,769	\$90,742	\$90,742	380,030	\$90,128	\$107,331	\$100,788	\$100,788	\$117,819
Key Metrics										ļ		
ROA	30.4%	31.2%	31.5%	30.4%	30.1%	30.1%	31.0%	30.7%	27.5%	27.5%	27.5%	26.2%
ROE	72.6%	81.9%	72.2%	61.8%	65.9%	65.9%	74.0%	67.0%	57.8%	61.7%	61.7%	56.2%
ROIC	54.3%	59.6%	54.5%	48.7%	51.7%	51.7%	56.9%	53.1%	47.2%	49.9%	49.9%	47.1%
Cash per share	\$2.87	\$2.31	\$2.52	\$2.82	\$2.91	\$2.92	\$2.45	\$3.46	\$4.39	\$3.86	\$3.86	\$5.41

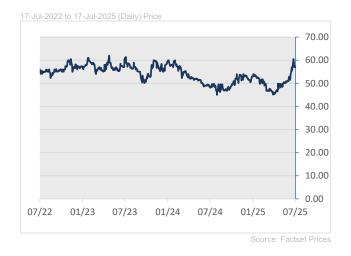
Sources: Company reports, Sidoti & Company, LLC estimates

Required Disclosures

OTC Markets Group Inc. (OTCM-\$57.00) NR Price Target: \$63

Rating and Price Target History Table

Action	Date	Px	Rating	PT	Risk
					Rating
PT	06/29/2022	<u>-</u>	NR	68.0	Н
Risk Rating	3/8/2024	57.5			M
PT	08/08/2024	48.0		63.0	



Valuation	We maintain our \$63 price target on OTCM. Our price target applies an unchanged multiple of 23x to our 2026 EPS forecast of \$2.65. In the past five years, OTCM shares traded at 16x-29x forward EPS and averaged 23x. Corporate service and exchange peers trade at 21x-59x and average 30x the 2025 EPS consensus. OTCM's lack of trading liquidity could validate a discount to peers. Yet, we view the recurring, subscription-derived revenue model (85% of 2024 gross revenue), product expansion, strong balance sheet, and key regulatory role as supporting our multiple. We also think OTCM operates with a wide economic moat as an operator of critical market infrastructure for smaller companies. Technology investments to increase the value of Market Data Licensing and grow international Corporate Service subscribers could warrant a higher multiple, in our view. Our Moderate risk rating reflects strengths in OTCM's business model as a provider of critical market infrastructure with diverse end markets and subscription-derived revenue of 80%-90%.
Key Risks	Trading volumes Economic sensitivity Regulatory

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Rating	Industry	Interpretation
BUY	All, except Utilities	Capital appreciation of at least 25% over the next 12 months
NEUTRAL	All, except Utilities	Capital appreciation of less than 25% over the next 12 months
BUY	Utilities(a)	Capital appreciation of at least 15% over the next 12 months
NEUTRAL	Utilities(a)	Capital appreciation of less than 15% over the next 12 months
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(RISK)		following characteristics:

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⁽a) those with at least 75% of operations derived from regulated state and federal businesses

<u>Percentage of Covered Companies with Each Rating and Realization of Investment Banking Income from Covered Companies Over the Past 12 Months:</u>

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Rating	# of Companies	% (b)	Realized Investment Banking Income (# of companies with rating)	Realized Investment Banking Income (% of companies with rating)			
BUY	37	25.2%	1	2.7%			
NEUTRAL(a)	12	8.2%	0	0.0%			
NOT RATED	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			
NR - CSRs Moderate Risk (c)	81	55.1%	0	0.0%			
NR - CSRs High Risk (c)	16	10.9%	0	0.0%			
TOTAL	147	100%	1	0.7%			
(a) Of the NEUTRALS 4 trade above our price target.							
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(c) 83.5% of our CSRs are moderate risk, while 16.5% are high risk.							

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Conferences	NDR Days	

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