OTC Markets Group Inc. (OTCM)

Trading Volume Rose 45% In 2Q:25, Contributing To 7% Year Over Year EPS Growth; Corporate Services Returned To Growth; Upbeat On Impact Of New Market Tier, OTCID; Maintain \$63 Target

EPS EST	IMATES					
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>20</u> 2	25E	202	26E
			OLD	NEW	OLD	NEW
Mar	\$0.52	\$0.49	\$0.50A		\$0.55	
Jun	\$0.57	\$0.56	\$0.62	\$0.60A	\$0.66	
Sep	\$0.61	\$0.61	\$0.64	\$0.62	\$0.70	
Dec	<u>\$0.58</u>	<u>\$0.60</u>	<u>\$0.66</u>		<u>\$0.75</u>	
EPS P/E	\$2.28	\$2.26	\$2.44 22.5 x		\$2.65 20.7 x	

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.

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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	\$120.6	\$123.3
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.

- Our outlook captures OTCM's subscription-derived revenue, stable capital structure, and progress toward expanding its product suite to drive growth.
- OTCM's launch of OTCID is a significant milestone, in our view, with the potential
 to enhance Corporate Services' sales trends, by enticing companies to subscribe
 to the highest quality market platform they qualify for within OTCM's platform suite.
- Elevated trading activity continues to benefit OTCM's transaction-derived revenue, that was up 24% year over year, as total revenue outpaced our estimate. Corporate Services segment revenue returned to growth in 2Q:25, attributable to price increases and a positive impact of OTCID, in our view.
- EPS rose 7% year over year in 2Q:25, as price increases and elevated trading volume drove revenue growth that outpaced higher expenses.
- OTCM will remain focused on developing capabilities such as overnight trading through OTC Overnight and MOON ATS, meant to improve the broker-dealer experience and drive growth, in our view.
- 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.

We believe the recent launch of OTCID will drive favorable sales trends and renewed conversations with subscribers to reevaluate OTCM's market tiers. OTCM launched OTCID™ Basic Market on July 1, a new market tier for companies that meet a minimum current information standard and provide management certification. 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. At the start of 3Q:25, OTCID had 1,035 company subscribers, following an increase in the number of companies subscribing to OTCM's DNS tool in 2Q:25, which is the primary tool companies can leverage to subscribe to OTCID. We think OTCM should see a marginal revenue uplift from companies eligible to

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Price Target: \$63 Price: \$55.00 Risk Rating: M

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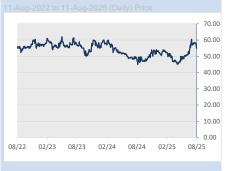
Key Statistics

Russell 2000

Russell 2000 - Last 12 Months

OTCM - Last 12 Months

Market Cap (Mil)	\$659
Enterprise Value (Mil)	\$619
52-Week Range	61-45
5-Year EPS CAGR.	13%
Avg. Daily Trading Volume	5,000
Shares Out (Mil)	11.975
Float Shares (Mil)	
Insider Ownership	
Institutional Holdings	10%
Annualized Dividend	\$0.72
Dividend Yield	1.3%
FCF Per Share (2025E)	\$2.87
FCF Yield (2025E)	5.2%
Net Cash Per Share (2025E)	\$3.86
Price to Book Value	14.7x
Return on Equity (2025E)	61.5%
Total Debt to Capital	
Interest Coverage Ratio	
Short Interest %	
Short Interest Days To Cover	



Source: FactSet Prices

2,218

6.4%

17.1%

subscribe to OTCID, as opposed to Pink Current. In addition, we believe the company's sales efforts will focus on enticing companies to subscribe to the highest quality market they qualify for within OTCM's platform suite. While OTCID also enhances market structure, we expect OTCM to aim to broaden sales efforts toward companies that meet the new market eligibility standards for the OTCID market.

OTCM outperformed revenue expectations in 2Q:25 with continued momentum in trading volume. OTC Link continues to experience favorable revenue trends with increased trading volume, which increased about 45% to \$177 billion in 2Q:25 compared to the prior year period. OTC Link averaged about 63,000 daily trades in 2Q:25, compared to approximately 35,000 during 2Q:24 and 56,000 in 1Q:25. As a result, gross revenue from OTC Link ECN and OTC Link NQB rose 40% year over year from a higher volume of shares traded, driving a 19% increase in OTC Link segment revenue in 2Q:25. Looking ahead, while OTC Link transaction derived revenue has trended favorably in recent quarters, future trading volumes remain unpredictable. Market Data segment revenue rose 14% year over year, due to meaningful price increases for certain user and enterprise licenses that OTCM enacted in 1Q:25. Market Data price increases have been the primary driver of revenue growth through 1H:25 and we expect favorable comparisons to continue in 2H:25. We also expect OTCM to continue to work to develop and enhance the relevance of data products for subscribers. Notably, Corporate Services' segment revenue grew 3% in 2Q:25, returning to year-over-year growth on a quarterly basis for the first time since 4Q:23. The impact of annual price increases enacted in 1Q:25 offset the lower number of OTCQX and OTCQB subscribing companies, resulting in a 2% increase in OTCQX revenues and a 4% increase in OTCQB revenue. Subscriber variability is largely driven by new sales and voluntary non-renewals, along with the impact of compliance downgrades. Sales trends improved in 2Q:25, with OTCM adding 39 companies to the OTCQX platform in 2Q:25 (22 in 1Q:25) and 85 new OTCQB companies in 2Q:25 (47 in 1Q:25); international companies maintained a significant presence with 25 additions to OTCQX and 48 to OTCQB. Considering the economic headwinds that have impacted the Corporate Services segment for some time, the positive sales trends are notable. We also think the launch of OTCID in July prompted companies to reexamine which OTCM market tier (OTCQX, OTCQB, OTCID, Pink Current) aligns best with their strategy. We believe this had a positive impact in the quarter. In total, gross revenue rose 11%, with the subscription-based component increasing by 8% and transaction-based revenue up 24% on increased trading activity.

EPS of \$0.60 in 2Q:25 was roughly in line with our expectation and up 7% from the prior year period. Operating expenses increased 8% in 2Q:25 compared to the prior year period, due to a 6% increase in compensation and benefit expenses. We expect the company to continue to invest in talent and infrastructure to manage growth and product expansion. In addition, costs tied to regulatory compliance could require significant investment in the future. Operating income rose 8% in 2Q:25 to \$8.8 million, slightly exceeding our estimate of \$8.7 million. EPS rose 7% year over year in 2Q:25 to \$0.60 as revenue growth outpaced higher expenses.

Exhibit 1: OTC Markets	Group Inc. Va	riance Table			
\$ in thousands except per share data	-				
	2Q:24A	2Q:25A	2Q:25E	% Change	\$ Variance
Total Dollar Volume (bn)	122.3	175.3		44%	53
OTC Link	5,408	6,447	6,219	4%	228
Market Data Licensing	10,782	12,316	12,130	2%	186
Corporate Services	11,372	11,742	11,429	3%	313
Gross Revenue	27,562	30,505	29,778	2%	727
Operating Expenses	17,082	18,384	18,028	2%	356
Operating Income	8,140	8,831	8,652	2%	179
Operating Margin*	30%	30%	30%		
Net Income	\$6,733	\$7,300	\$7,211	1%	89
Profit Margin*	25%	25%	25%		
EPS	\$0.56	\$0.60	\$0.62	(4%)	\$ (0.02)
Consensus EPS			\$0.64		

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

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

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

OTC Markets Group Inc.

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

	2023	MarA	JuneA	SepA	DecA	2024	MarA	JuneA	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	\$6,447	\$6,026	\$6,364	\$25,400	\$6,629	\$6,511	\$6,086	\$6,428	\$25,654
Market Data Licensing	43,368	11,088	10,782	10,862	10,893	43,625	12,783	12,316	12,057	12,418	49,574	12,783	12,562	12,419	12,840	50,604
Corporate Services	46,928	11,172	11,372	11,292	11,194	45,030	11,080	11,742	11,405	11,418	45,645	11,191	12,094	11,861	11,932	47,078
Gross Revenue	\$109,896	\$27,657	\$27,562	\$27,394	\$28,451	\$111,064	\$30,426	\$30,505	\$29,488	\$30,200	\$120,619	\$30,602	\$31,168	\$30,366	\$31,200	\$123,336
Redistribution fees and rebates	3,237	<u>840</u>	791	760	791	<u>3,182</u>	994	998	885	906	3,783	918	935	911	936	3,700
Net Revenue	\$106,659	\$26,817	\$26,771	\$26,634	\$27,660	\$107,882	\$29,432	\$29,507	\$28,603	\$29,294	\$116,836	\$29,684	\$30,233	\$29,455	\$30,264	\$119,636
Redistribution & Transaction fees	5,524	1,508	1,549	1,435	2,157	6,649	2,375	2,292	2,064	2,114	8,845	2,142	1,870	1,822	1,872	7,706
Revenues less transaction-based expenses	\$101,134	\$25,309	\$25,222	\$25,199	\$25,503	\$101,233	\$27,057	\$27,215	\$26,539	\$27,180	\$107,991	\$27,542	\$28,363	\$27,633	\$28,392	\$111,930
Compensation	42,467	12,522	10,934	10,506	10,160	44,122	12,906	11,573	11,264	10,991	46,734	13,679	11,969	11,326	10,920	47,894
IT Infrastructure	10,311	2,699	2,545	2,657	2,673	10,574	2,715	2,858	2,801	2,778	11,153	2,815	2,836	2,824	2,808	11,284
Professional fees	8,048	1,466	1,521	1,525	1,783	6,295	1,956	1,842	1,769	1,812	7,379	1,530	1,777	1,731	1,872	6,910
Marketing & Advertising	1,194	263	362	320	422	1,367	343	438	413	362	1,556	428	343	425	343	1,540
Occupancy costs	2,360	585	576	589	619	2,369	638	668	619	604	2,529	612	592	607	624	2,436
D&A	2,398	653	682	677	668	2,680	660	656	729	709	2,754	723	717	750	780	2,970
General and administrative	1,762	422	462	301	428	1,613	565	349	324	454	1,692	467	468	334	374	1,643
Total Operating Costs	\$68,540	\$18,610	\$17,082	\$16,575	\$16,753	\$69,020	\$19,783	\$18,384	\$17,920	\$17,711	\$73,798	\$20,255	\$18,701	\$17,998	\$17,721	\$74,675
Operating Income	\$32,594	\$6,699	\$8,140	\$8,624	\$8,750	\$32,213	\$7,274	\$8,831	\$8,619	\$9,469	\$34,193	\$7,287	\$9,662	\$9,635	\$10,670	\$37,255
Interest Income & Other income	903	175	184	270	300	929	150	216	250	250	866	300	300	300	300	1,200
Pretax Income	\$33,497	\$6,874	\$8,324	\$8,894	\$9,050	\$33,142	\$7,424	\$9,047	\$8,869	\$9,719	\$35,059	\$7,587	\$9,962	\$9,935	\$10,970	\$38,455
Income Taxes	(5,836)	(890)	(1,591)	(1,466)	(1,835)	(5,782)	(1,384)	(1,747)	(1,419)	(1,944)	(6,494)	(1,032)	(1,853)	(1,550)	(2,150)	(6,585)
Net Income	\$27,661	\$5,984	\$6,733	\$7,428	\$7,215	\$27,360	\$6,040	\$7,300	\$7,450	\$7,775	\$28,565	\$6,556	\$8,109	\$8,385	\$8,820	\$31,870
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	\$7,300	\$7,450	\$7,775	\$28,565	\$6,556	\$8,109	\$8,385	\$8,820	\$31,870
Basic EPS	\$2.32	\$0.50	\$0.56	\$0.62	\$0.61	\$2.29	\$0.50	\$0.61	\$0.62	\$0.66	\$2.45	\$0.55	\$0.66	\$0.70	\$0.75	\$2.66
FD EPS	\$2.28	\$0.49	\$0.56	\$0.61	\$0.60	\$2.26	\$0.50	\$0.60	\$0.62	\$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	11,831	11,831	11,831	11,831	11,831	11,831	11,831	11,831	11,831
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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%	29%	257%	92%	33%	27%	26%	230%	85%
EBITDA	\$40,907	\$9,178	\$10,315	\$10,775	\$11,130	\$41,398	\$9,816	\$11,115	\$10,822	\$11,686	\$43,439	\$9,846	\$11,937	\$11,904	\$13,010	\$46,697
Growth Analysis																
OTC Link	(6.4%)	(0.9%)	12.2%	15.6%	32.5%	14.3%	21.6%	19.2%	15.0%	0.0%	13.3%	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%	14.2%	11.0%	14.0%	13.6%	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%)	3.3%	1.0%	2.0%	1.4%	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%	10.7%	7.6%	6.1%	8.6%	0.6%	2.2%	3.0%	3.3%	2.3%
Seq. Rev Growth		0.2%	(0.3%)	(0.6%)	3.9%		6.9%	0.3%	(3.3%)	2.4%		1.3%	1.8%	(2.6%)	2.7%	
Adjusted Net Income YoY Growth	(10.2%)	(5.3%)	(3.3%)	0.6%	3.1%	(1.1%)	0.9%	8.4%	0.3%	7.8%	4.4%	8.5%	11.1%	12.6%	13.4%	11.6%
Adjusted FD EPS YoY Growth	(9.8%)	(5.4%)	(1.5%)	(0.7%)	3.3%	(0.9%)	1.2%	6.9%	2.0%	9.8%	8.1%	10.7%	9.8%	12.8%	13.4%	8.6%
Adjusted EBITDA	40,909	9,178	10,315	10,775	11,130	41,264	9,816	11,115	10,822	11,686	43,408	9,846	11,937	11,904	13,010	46,670
EBITDA YOY Growth	(5.4%)	0.3%	(0.9%)	2.2%	3.1%	0.9%	7.0%	7.8%	0.4%	5.0%	5.2%	0.3%	7.4%	10.0%	11.3%	7.5%
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%	24.7%	26.0%	26.5%	24.4%	22.1%	26.8%	28.5%	29.1%	26.6%
Tax Rate	17%	13%	19%	16%	20%	17%	19%	19%	16%	20%	19%	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	\$7,300	\$7,450	\$7,775	\$28,565	\$31,870
Depreciation & amortization	2,398	653	683	677	668	2,681	660	656	624	783	2,723	2,943
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	1,627	1,474	1,510	6,492	6,473
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	\$9,583	\$9,548	\$10,068	\$37,336	\$41,285
Net Change in Working Capital	374	(8,025)	(2,019)	(3,458)	13,613	(692)	(8,955)	5,026	3,917	4,458	4,446	6,633
Net Cash Provided by Operations	\$33,036	(\$709)	\$6,175	\$5,871	\$22,339	\$32,873	(\$818)	\$14,609	\$13,465	\$14,526	\$41,783	\$47,918
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)	(519)	(354)	(362)	(1,351)	(1,850)
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	(\$519)	(\$354)	(\$362)	(\$709)	(\$1,850)
Financing Activities												
Dividends	(26,482)	(2,154)	(2,155)	(2,155)	(20,121)	(26,585)	(2,162)	(2,145)	(2,145)	(20,424)	(26,876)	(28,107)
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)	(\$20,424)	(\$29,928)	(\$28,107)
Net Cash Increase (decrease) in cash	(\$3,249)	(\$6,749)	\$2,540	\$3,529	\$2,155	(\$384)	(\$5,506)	\$11,946	\$10,966	(\$6,260)	\$11,146	\$17,961
Beginning cash balance	38,936	35,687	27,346	29,886	33,415	35,687	36,128	30,622	42,568	53,534	35,303	46,449
Ending Cash Balance	\$35,687	\$28,938	\$29,886	\$33,415	\$35,570	\$35,303	\$30,622	\$42,568	\$53,534	\$47,274	\$46,449	\$64,410
CFFO	\$33,036	(\$709)	\$6,175	\$5,871	\$22,339	\$32,873	(\$818)	\$14,609	\$13,465	\$14,526	\$41,783	\$47,918
CapEx	(1,567)	(522)	(661)	(60)	(58)	(1,301)	(116)	(519)	(354)	(362)	(1,351)	(1,850)
Free Cash Flow (excluding SBC)	\$25,611	(\$3,057)	\$4,018	\$4,337	\$20,707	\$26,005	(\$2,815)	\$12,464	\$11,637	\$12,654	\$33,939	\$39,595
FCF / Share	\$2.16	(\$0.26)	\$0.34	\$0.37	\$1.75	\$2.20	(\$0.24)	\$1.05	\$0.98	\$1.07	\$2.87	\$3.35

Sources: Company reports, Sidoti & Company, LLC estimates

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

Γ	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	\$40,962	\$51,928	\$45,668	45,668	63,997
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	\$55,677	\$67,150	\$61,037	\$61,037	\$79,566
PP&E	8,429	8,538	8,105	7,573	7,096	7,096	6,697	6,560	6,290	5,869	5,869	4,409
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	\$96,233	\$107,437	\$100,903	\$100,903	\$117,972
Liabilities												
Accounts payable	2,152	1,684	1,510	634	1,175	1,175	854	1,401	1,426	1,447	1,447	1,480
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	\$40,101	\$44,525	\$49,130	\$49,130	\$55,963
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	\$51,027	\$55,451	\$60,056	\$60,056	\$66,889
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	38,516	39,990	41,500	41,500	47,973
Retained earnings	22,425	26,255	30,833	36,107	23,200	23,200	27,078	32,233	37,538	24,889	24,889	28,652
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	\$34,533	\$40,557	\$47,281	\$35,717	\$35,717	\$38,424	\$45,206	\$51,986	\$40,847	\$40.847	\$51.083
Total Liabilities & Stockholders' Equity	\$90,525	\$84,741	\$87,539	\$90,769	\$90,742	\$90,742	\$86,050	\$96,233	\$107,437	\$100,903	\$100,903	\$117,972
Total Enginees & Stockholders Equity	\$70,323	904,741	307,557	\$70,707	\$70,742	370,742	900,030	\$70,255	\$107,457	3100,705	\$100,702	\$117,572
Key Metrics												
ROA	30.4%	31.2%	31.5%	30.4%	30.1%	30.1%	31.0%	30.7%	27.5%	27.4%	27.4%	26.3%
ROE	72.6%	81.9%	72.2%	61.8%	65.9%	65.9%	74.0%	66.9%	57.6%	61.5%	61.5%	56.2%
ROIC	54.3%	59.6%	54.5%	48.7%	51.7%	51.7%	56.9%	53.1%	47.1%	49.8%	49.8%	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

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OTC Markets Group Inc. (OTCM-\$55.00) NR Price Target: \$63 Risk Rating: M

Rating and Price Target History Table

Action	Date	Px	Rating PT	Risk Rating
Risk Rating	03/08/2024	11.1		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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(RISK)		following characteristics:

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BUY	32	22.7%	1	3.1%		
NEUTRAL(a)	8	5.7%	0	0.0%		
NOT RATED	0	0.0%	0	0.0%		
NR - CSRs Moderate Risk (c)	85	60.3%	0	0.0%		
NR - CSRs High Risk (c)	16	11.4%	0	0.0%		
TOTAL	141	100%	1	0.7%		
(a) Of the NEUTRALS 2 trade above our price target.						
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Conferences	NDR Days	

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