

## **OTC Markets Group Inc.** (OTCM)

Net Income Marginally Higher And EPS Unchanged In 3Q:24; Revenue Trends Remain Mixed; Note New ATS Initiative, 4Q:24 Special Dividend; Introduce 2026 Estimates; Maintain \$63 Price Target

	<u>2023</u>	202	4 <u>E</u>	<u>202</u>	25E	<u>20</u>	26E
		<u>OLD</u>	<u>NEW</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>NEW</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>NEW</u>
Mar.	\$0.52	\$0.49A		\$0.54			0.56
June	0.57	0.56A		0.65			0.67
Sep.	0.61	0.60	0.61A	0.66			0.70
Dec.	0.58	<u>0.70</u>		<u>0.75</u>			<u>0.80</u>
EPS	\$2.28	\$2.36	\$2.40	\$2.60			\$2.74
P/E			22.5x	20.8x			19.7x

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., LLC.

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2025E
Rev.(Mil.)	\$54.7	\$59.3	\$62.8	\$71.2	\$102.9	\$105.1	\$109.9	\$110.4	\$113.3	\$117.4
GAAP EPS	\$1.06	\$1.36	\$1.25	\$1.53	\$2.52	\$2.53	\$2.28	\$2.40	\$2.60	\$2.74

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 2023. 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 (18% of 2023 revenue), Market Data (39%) and Corporate Services (43%). Headquarters are in New York, NY. OTCM trades on the OTCQX market.

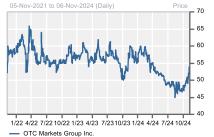
- We maintain a favorable view of OTCM's expanding product suite, subscription derived revenue, stable capital structure, and progress toward commercializing its regulatory status.
- Monetizing EDGAR Online into OTCM's product suite is a top initiative. Expanding the subscriber base and related revenue will be key to growth.
- We introduce our 2026 estimates, which reflect OTCM's role as an operator of critical market infrastructure. We forecast EPS expansion of 5% to \$2.74 in 2026, as OTCM continues to monetize its Market Data product suite and expand its data capabilities while growth in Corporate Service subscribers returns.
- OTCM generated a 1% increase in operating income in 3Q:24 with mixed revenue trends and flat expenses. EPS of \$0.61 was unchanged compared to 3Q:23.
- A conference call will be held Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. ET to discuss 3Q:24 (webinar).
- In July 2024, OTC Link filed a form ATS-N to create a new alternative trading system (ATS) for overnight trading of NMS securities, pending regulatory approval. Overnight trading in NMS securities is expected to expand OTC Link's offerings to broker-dealer subscribers.
- The balance sheet remains debt-free. OTCM announced a special dividend of \$1.50 per share for 4Q:24 in addition to its regular \$0.18 dividend.
- Our unchanged \$63 price target is now based on 23x our new 2026 EPS forecast
  of \$2.74. Previously our target reflected 24x our \$2.60 2025 EPS estimate. We find
  our multiple is justified by OTCM's strong market position, recurring and
  predictable revenue streams, and regulatory capture.

Our 2026 EPS estimate of \$2.74 represents 5% growth from 2025, supported by OTCM's expanding product suite and recovery in Corporate Services subscribers. Our estimates consider OTCM's subscription-based revenue sources that typically range from 80%-90% of revenue and help to mitigate more unpredictable transaction-based revenue

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Price Target: \$63	
Price: \$53.97	
Risk Rating: M	

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Key Statistics	
Market Cap (Mil)	\$650
Enterprise Value	\$618
52-Week Range (US OTC)	62-45
5-Year EPS CAGR	9%
Avg. Daily Trading Volume	8,000
Shares Out (Mil)	11.975
Float Shares (Mil)	7.753
Insider Ownership	35%
Institutional Holdings	9%
Annualized Dividend	\$0.72
Dividend Yield	1.3%
FCF Per Share (2026E)	\$3.40
FCF Yield (2026E)	6.3%
Net Cash Per Share (2026E)	\$5.87
Price to Book Value	15.9x
Return on Equity (2026E)	52.0%
Total Debt to Capital	Nil
Interest Coverage Ratio	N/A
Short Interest %	N/A%
Short Interest Days To Cover	N/A
Russell 2000	2,393
Russell 2000 – Last 12 Months	37.7%
OTCM – Last 12 Months	-6.1%
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stemming from the OTC Link segment. We estimate OTC Link will continue to generate about 20% of total revenue, though visibility is relatively low. On balance, OTCM will continue to work toward commercializing its regulatory role in financial markets with respect to disclosure requirements, while delivering value to a wide range of customers. In the Market Data Licensing segment, monetizing EDGAR Online into OTCM's product suite will continue to be a key initiative as the company aims to expand the subscriber base and related revenue; we estimate mid-single digit segment revenue growth. In addition, we expect OTCM will continue to invest in enhancing current product offerings and broaden capabilities into areas like digital asset infrastructure. In the Corporate Service segment, and despite near-term economic challenges, we see growth from future international subscribers through companies that meet the listing standards of a qualified non-U.S. stock exchange in their primary market and see more value and/or cost savings in listing with OTCM than a U.S. exchange. With ongoing growth in global markets, we believe OTCM will continue to capture international companies who want to access U.S. investors through its market platforms. Roughly 77% of OTCM's 12,000-plus securities are international-company ADRs and ordinary shares, which drive about 85% of dollar volume. While our estimates reflect near-term macroeconomic headwinds weighing on subscriber growth, we think the potential for lower interest rates in 2025 and 2026 and a dampening impact of inflation could ease some of the pressure on capital structures. We estimate 4% revenue growth in 2026. We expect costs as a percentage of revenue to trend towards the low 60% range, in line with prior periods that exclude one-time acquisition-related costs. In all, we estimate operating margin to remain in the low 30% range (34% in 2026), which drives our estimated EPS of \$2.74.

Net income rose marginally in 3Q:24 while EPS was flat compared to the prior year period. Gross revenue rose 1% in 3Q:24 on mixed trends, with the bright spot being OTC Link, up 16% due to increased trading activity. The total dollar volume traded in OTCQX, OTCQB, and Pink securities increased by 20% year over year to \$112 billion during 3Q:24. Market Data Licensing saw a slight decrease in segment revenue as declines in certain products offset growth in others and Corporate Services also experienced lower revenues due to a lower number of subscribers. Operating expenses trended flat in 3Q:24 compared to 3Q:23, as OTCM continues to invest in personnel and IT infrastructure to support growth, offset by the exclusion of one-time expenses likely connected to the EDGAR Online acquisition. In total, net income rose marginally in 3Q:24 to \$7.4 million while EPS was flat at \$0.61.

OTC Link turned in another strong quarter with 16% year-over-year revenue growth while Corporate Services and Market Data Licensing revenue slightly declined. OTC Link revenues rose 16% in 3Q:24 compared to the prior year period due to a higher volume of trades and messages on its regulated ATS's. Gross revenues from OTC Link ECN and OTC Link NQB increased 24% in 3Q:24 compared to the prior year period. While OTC Link transaction derived revenue has trended favorably in recent quarters, we note future trading volumes remain unpredictable. In the Market Data Licensing segment, which provides subscribers with access to real time market data and financial information, revenue declined 1% compared to the prior year period, largely due to a decline in revenues from professional and non-professional users. Corporate Services revenues decreased 2% in 3Q:24 compared to 3Q:23, primarily due to a lower average number of companies on OTCQB, which experienced a 3% revenue decline. OTCQX had 566 companies as of 3Q:24 (595 at 3Q:23) with broad macroeconomic pressure responsible for slower sales and a lower retention rate among subscribers. Still, OTCQX revenue rose 3% in 3Q:24 due to incremental pricing adjustments. OTCQB subscribers equaled 1,062 in 3Q:24 (1,166 at 3Q:23), due to the same trends previously mentioned and amplified by financing challenges in the elevated interest rate environment which, in our view, is driving compliance downgrades. 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.

Exhibit 1: OTC Markets C	Exhibit 1: OTC Markets Group Inc. 3Q:24 Variance Table									
\$ in thousands except per share dat	a									
	3Q:23A	3Q:24A	3Q:24E	% Change	\$ V:	ariance				
OTC Link	4,532	5,240	4,804	9%		436				
Market Data Licensing	11,002	10,862	11,112	(2%)		(250)				
Corporate Services	11,503	11,292	11,158	1%		134				
Gross Revenue	27,037	27,394	27,074	1%		320				
Operating Expenses	16,505	16,575	16,650	(0%)		(75)				
Operating Income	8,573	8,624	8,473	2%		151				
Operating Margin*	33%	32%	32%							
Net Income	\$7,381	\$7,428	\$6,986	6%		442				
Profit Margin*	28%	28%	27%							
EPS	\$0.61	\$0.61	\$0.60	1%	\$	0.01				
Consensus EPS			\$0.62							

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

<sup>\*</sup> Based on net revenue consistent with company operating metrics

Valuation	We maintain a \$63 price target on OTCM. Our target applies a multiple of 23x (from 24x) to our 2026 EPS forecast of \$2.74 after we shift our base valuation year to 2026. 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 liquidity could validate a discount to peers. Yet, we view the recurring, subscription-derived revenue model (85% of 2023 gross revenue), product expansion, strong balance sheet, and key regulatory role as supporting the multiple we assign the stock. We think that technology investments to increase the value of the Market Data Licensing business, while growing international Corporate Service subscribers, could warrant a higher multiple for the stock.
Key Risks	Trading liquidity Economic Regulatory

#### OTC MARKETS GROUP INC.

Table 1. OTC Markets Group Inc., Income Statement

(\$ in thousands, except where noted)

OTC Link*		MarA	JuneA	SepA	DecA	2023	MarA	JuneA	SepE	DecE	2024E	2025E	2026E
Marke Duk December   10,842   10,643   11,002   10,818   43,388   11,088   11,082   10,982   11,0992   43,831   45,145   47,255   10,000   11,000	Operating Segments												
Compose Services   11,740   11,763   11,903   11,902   46,928   11,172   11,372   11,292   11,484   45,330   46,377   47,957   67,0000					. ,		1 - 1 - 1						
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Recrumes less transaction-based expenses  \$\$25,464\$ \$\$25,109\$ \$\$25,408\$ \$\$25,404\$ \$\$25,408\$ \$\$25,404\$ \$\$25,408\$ \$\$25,404\$ \$\$25,408\$ \$\$25,408\$ \$\$25,408\$ \$\$25,408\$ \$\$25,408\$ \$\$25,408\$ \$\$25,408\$ \$\$25,409\$ \$\$25,408\$ \$\$25,409\$ \$\$25													
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Tr Infrastructure	Revenues less transaction-based expenses	\$25,446	\$25,169	\$25,078	\$25,442	\$101,134	\$25,309	\$25,222	\$25,199	\$25,825	\$101,555	\$104,551	\$108,410
Professional fees   1,635   1,656   1,678   3,077   8,088   1,466   1,521   1,525   1,530   6,042   6,290   6,312     Marketing & Advertising   318   270   292   315   1,144   2,63   362   320   356   1,501   1,133   1,143     Occupany costs   579   592   599   991   2,369   885   576   889   556   2,366   2,265   2,246     Occupany costs   776   307   3336   336   1,762   422   462   301   556   1,741   1,983   1,763     Occupant and al administrative   8,023   83,257   83,608   8													
Marketing & Advertising   318   270   292   315   1,194   263   362   320   556   1,501   1,133   1,174     Cocupancy costs   579   592   599   591   2,260   585   576   589   556   2,366   2,265   2,340     D&A   650   621   572   554   2,398   653   682   677   556   2,568   2,265   2,340     D&A   776   307   376   376   376   1,762   422   462   301   555   1,741   1,983   1,763     Total Operating Costs   518,523   516,874   876,985   816,851   586,840   818,610   817,082   816,775   815,749   580,816   589,140     Interest licenume & 56,923   82,925   83,938   32,934   32,934   32,934   32,934   32,934     Interest licenume & Other income   377   82,05   833   32,741   332,333   33,841   33,947   32,843   34,941     Interest licenume & Other income   376   323   32,934   33,937   33,477   38,748   33,333   38,944   39,00   30,00   33,339   33,947     Interest licenume & Other income   376   320   320   320   320   320   320   320   320     Interest licenume & Other income   376   323   32,944   32,333   33,947   38,747   38,748   32,348   34,949   32,944     Interest licenume & 56,139   86,960   11,259   (2,064)   15,5360   (890)   (1,91)   (1,466)   (2,771)   (1,00)   (1,879)   (7,515)     Interest licenume & 56,139   86,960   57,881   57,061   52,764   58,944   58,723   57,428   58,291     Les restricted stock   50   50   50   50   50   50   50   5	IT Infrastructure												
Decampor costs	Professional fees												
DRA	Marketing & Advertising					1,194							
General and administrative   776   307   336   356   1.762   422   462   301   556   1.741   1.983   1.763   1.761   1.76101   1.985   1.8525   1.8574   1.8525   1.8574   1.8525   1.8574   1.8525   1.8574   1.8525   1.8574   1.8525   1.8574   1.8525   1.8574   1.8525   1.8574   1.8525   1.8574   1.8525   1.8575   1.8545   1.8565   1													
Poperating Costs   \$18,523   \$16,574   \$16,505   \$16,515   \$86,544   \$18,607   \$17,082   \$16,575   \$15,749   \$86,016   \$88,150   \$89,261	D&A	650			554	2,398	653	682	677	556	2,568	2,265	2,349
Departing Income   So.923   So.925   So.573   So.791   So.2,594   So.609   So.140   So.609   So.140   So.609   So.140   So.609   So.700	General and administrative				356		422			556			
Interest Income & Other income   147   261   233   274   903   175   184   270   290   919   730   7	<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	\$18,523	\$16,874	\$16,505	\$16,651	\$68,540	\$18,610	\$17,082	\$16,575	\$15,749	\$68,016	\$68,150	\$69,261
Interest Income & Other income   147   261   233   274   903   175   184   270   290   919   730   7	Operating Income	\$6.923	\$8,295	\$8,573	\$8,791	\$32,594	\$6,699	\$8,140	\$8,624	\$10.076	\$33,539	\$36,401	\$39,149
Periss   S7,070   \$85.56   \$8,806   \$9,065   \$33,497   \$5,6874   \$8,324   \$8,894   \$10,366   \$34,458   \$37,131   \$39,879   \$10,0000   \$10,000													
Income   Taxes   C51   C1.596   C1.425   C2.044   C5.836   (890)   C1.591   C1.466   C2.073   C6.020   C6.899   C7.515     C8.0819   S6.960   S7.381   S7.091   S27.661   S5.984   S6.733   S7.428   S8.293   S28.438   S30,232   S32,264     Less restricted stock   S0   S0   S0   S0   S0   S0   S0   S				\$8,806	\$9,065				\$8,894	\$10,366	\$34,458		
Net Income    \$6,319   \$6,960   \$7,381   \$7,001   \$27,661   \$5,984   \$6,733   \$7,428   \$82,93   \$22,438   \$30,232   \$32,364     Less restricted stock   \$0													
Less restricted stock	Net Income	\$6,319	\$6,960	\$7,381	\$7,001	\$27,661	\$5,984	\$6,733	\$7,428	\$8,293	\$28,438	\$30,232	\$32,364
Basic EPS	Less restricted stock												
FD EPS 80.52 \$0.57 \$0.61 \$0.58 \$2.28 \$0.49 \$0.56 \$0.61 \$0.70 \$2.40 \$2.60 \$2.74 FD Shares Outstanding 11.867 11.855 11.866 11.874 11.863 11.863 11.838 11.833	Net Income To Common	\$6,319	\$6,960	\$7,381	\$7,001	\$27,661	\$5,984	\$6,733	\$7,428	\$8,293	\$28,438	\$30,232	\$32,364
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EBITDA \$9,153 \$10,412 \$10,542 \$10,800 \$40,907 \$9,178 \$10,315 \$10,775 \$12,027 \$42,295 \$44,611 \$47,659 \$	Dividend	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$1.68	\$2.22	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$1.68	\$2.22	\$2.28	\$2.32
Growth Analysis  OTC Link  O.2% (6.1%) (9.8%) (10.2%) (6.4%) (0.9%) 12.2% 15.6% 9.2% 8.6% 2.2% 2.2%  Market Data Lincensing  26.3% 19.6% 21.9% 10.0% 19.1% 2.3% 1.3% (1.3%) 2.0% 1.1% 3.0% 4.7%  Corporate Services  (1.6%) (1.6%) (3.0%) (1.1%) (1.8%) (4.8%) (3.3%) (1.8%) (3.3%) (1.8%) (3.7%) (3.4%) 2.3% 3.4%  Revenue YOY Growth  8.0% 4.8% 4.3% 1.1% 4.5% (1.3%) 1.2% 1.3% 0.8% 0.5% 2.6% 3.7%  Seq. Rev Growth  2.7% (2.9%) (0.7%) 2.1%  Adjusted Net Income YoY Growth  (17.0%) (6.0%) 3.0% (18.9%) (10.2%) (5.3%) (3.3%) (0.6%) 1.6%  Adjusted FD EPS YoY Growth  (15.7%) (7.0%) 1.3% (16.7%) (9.8%) (5.4%) (1.5%) (0.7%) 20.9% 5.3% 8.5% 5.0%  Adjusted EBITDA  9.153 10,412 10,542 10,800 40,909 9.178 10,315 10,775 12,027 42,187 45,130 48,315  EBITDA YOY Growth  (11.0%) (3.0%) (1.1%) (6.8%) (5.4%) 0.3% (0.9%) 2.2% 11.4% 3.1% 7.0% 7.1%  Margin Analysis  Operating Margin  25.4% 31.4% 32.7% 32.8% 30.6% 25.9% 22.3% 25.2% 27.9% 30.7% 26.5% 27.5% 28.4%  Adjusted Profit Margin	Payout Ratio	34%	31%	29%	285%	96%	36%	32%	29%	238%	92%	88%	84%
OTC Link OTC	EBITDA	\$9,153	\$10,412	\$10,542	\$10,800	\$40,907	\$9,178	\$10,315	\$10,775	\$12,027	\$42,295	\$44,611	\$47,659
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	Adjusted Profit Margin												
	Tax Rate	11%	19%	16%	23%	17%	13%	19%	16%	20%	17%	19%	19%

Sources: Company reports, Sidoti & Company, LLC estimates

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

(\$ in thousands except where noted)

	2022	MarA	JuneA	SepA	DecA	2023	MarA	JuneA	SepE	DecE	2024E	2025E	2026E
Operating Activities													
Net Income	\$30,815	\$6,319	\$6,960	\$7,381	\$7,001	\$27,661	\$5,984	\$6,733	\$7,428	\$8,293	\$28,438	\$30,232	\$32,364
Depreciation & amortization	2,092	650	621	573	554	2,398	653	683	569	660	2,565	2,785	3,005
Provision for bad debts	260	439	(89)	5	12	367	29	5	0	0	34	0	0
Share based compensation	4,345	1,574	1,394	1,397	1,493	5,858	1,826	1,496	1,370	1,391	6,083	5,944	6,161
Excess tax benefit	(1,089)	(698)	(144)	(70)	97	(815)	(486)	(55)	0	0	(541)	0	0
Deferred rent & other	0	0	0	0	31	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred income taxes	(4,466)	(1,109)	(1,087)	205	(847)	(2,838)	(690)	(668)	0	0	(1,358)	0	0
Loss on fixed assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change in Operating Assets & Liabilities	\$31,957	\$7,175	\$7,655	\$9,491	\$8,341	\$32,662	\$7,316	\$8,194	\$9,366	\$10,344	\$35,221	\$38,961	\$41,530
Net Change in Working Capital	1,724	(7,591)	(2,958)	(1,582)	12,505	374	(8,025)	(2,019)	1,913	4,803	(3,329)	6,634	6,650
Net Cash Provided by Operations	\$33,680	(\$416)	\$4,697	\$7,909	\$20,846	\$33,036	(\$709)	\$6,175	\$11,279	\$15,147	\$31,892	\$45,595	\$48,180
Investing Activities													
Acquisitions	(14,950)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital expenditures	(1,443)	(1,025)	(260)	(56)	(226)	(1,567)	(522)	(661)	(329)	(334)	(1,846)	(1,697)	(1,758)
Net proceeds/purchase of short term investments	0	0	0	(2,201)	(1,421)	(3,622)	(14)	(769)	0	0	(783)	0	0
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	(\$16,393)	(\$1,025)	(\$260)	(\$2,257)	(\$1,647)	(\$5,189)	(\$536)	(\$1,430)	(\$329)	(\$334)	(\$2,629)	(\$1,697)	(\$1,758)
Financing Activities													
Dividends	(26,355)	(2,145)	(2,145)	(2,147)	(20,045)	(26,482)	(2,154)	(2,155)	(2,145)	(19,907)	(26,361)	(26,993)	(27,472)
Proceeds from stock options	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	428	0	0	428	0	0
Restricted stock issuance	1	(515)	(306)	(197)	1,019	1	(406)	(478)	0	0	(884)	0	0
Withholding taxes paid	(1,239)	0	0	0	(1,236)	(1,236)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Excess tax benefits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of treasury stock	(2,776)	(3,379)	0	0	0	(3,379)	(2,944)	0	0	0	(2,944)	0	0
Net Cash Provided by Financing	(\$30,309)	(\$6,039)	(\$2,451)	(\$2,344)	(\$20,262)	(\$31,096)	(\$5,504)	(\$2,205)	(\$2,145)	(\$19,907)	(\$29,761)	(\$26,993)	(\$27,472)
Net Cash Increase (decrease) in cash	(\$13,022)	(\$7,480)	\$1,986	\$3,308	(\$1,063)	(\$3,249)	(\$6,749)	\$2,540	\$8,805	(\$5,094)	(\$497)	\$16,905	\$18,951
Beginning cash balance	50,394	37,372	29,892	31,878	35,168	38,936	35,687	27,346	29,886	38,691	35,687	35,190	52,095
Ending Cash Balance	\$37,372	\$29,892	\$31,878	\$35,168	\$34,105	\$35,687	\$28,938	\$29,886	\$38,691	\$33,598	\$35,190	\$52,095	\$71,046
CFFO	\$33,680	(\$416)	\$4,697	\$7,909	\$20,846	\$33,036	(\$709)	\$6,175	\$11,279	\$15,147	\$31,892	\$45,595	\$48,180
CapEx	(1,443)	(1,025)	(260)	(56)	(226)	(1,567)	(522)	(661)	(329)	(334)	(1,846)	(1,697)	(1,758)
Free Cash Flow (excluding SBC)	\$32,237	(\$3,015)	\$3,043	\$6,456	\$19,127	\$25,611	(\$3,057)	\$4,018	\$9,580	\$13,422	\$23,963	\$37,954	\$40,261
FCF / Share	\$2.71	(\$0.25)	\$0.26	\$0.54	\$1.61	\$2.16	(\$0.26)	\$0.34	\$0.81	\$1.13	\$2.02	\$3.21	\$3.40

Sources: Company reports, Sidoti & Company, LLC estimates

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

	MarA	JuneA	SepA	DecA	2023	MarA	JuneA	SepE	DecE	2024E	2025E	2026E
ASSETS												
Current Assets												
Cash	\$29,884	\$31,865	\$35,168	\$34,101	34,101	\$27,346	\$29,881	\$38,691	\$33,598	33,598	50,503	69,454
Short-term investments	-	-	2,201	3,622	3,622	3,636	4,405	4,405	4,405	4,405	4,405	4,405
Receivables	9,284	7,505	7,431	7,680	7,680	7,535	7,443	7,343	7,543	7,543	7,743	7,943
Prepaid income taxes	24	863	2,525	1,324	1,324	942	699	699	699	699	699	699
Prepaid expenses	2,058	2,018	2,238	1,865	1,865	2,584	2,789	2,789	2,789	2,789	2,789	2,789
Total Current Assets	\$41,250	\$42,251	\$49,563	\$48,592	\$48,592	\$42,043	\$45,217	\$53,927	\$49,034	\$49,034	\$66,139	\$85,290
PP&E	8,717	8,492	8,745	8,429	8,429	8,538	8,105	7,860	7,534	7,534	6,446	5,199
Operating lease right-of-use assets	13,313	12,987	12,657	12,324	12,324	11,987	11,646	11,646	11,646	11,646	11,646	11,646
Non-current deferred tax asset	5,962	7,049	6,844	7,691	7,691	8,381	9,049	9,049	9,049	9,049	9,049	9,049
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	7,847	7,702	7,556	7,411	7,411	7,265	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120
Other Assets	2,169	2,230	2,141	2,094	2,094	2,543	2,418	2,418	2,418	2,418	2,418	2,418
Total Assets	\$83,242	\$84,695	\$91,490	\$90,525	\$90,525	\$84,741	\$87,539	\$96,004	\$90,785	\$90,785	\$106,802	\$124,706
Liabilities												
Accounts payable	1,097	515	923	2,152	2,152	1,684	1,510	1.323	1.325	1,325	1,359	1,409
Income tax payable	1,719	2	54	141	141	1,316	12	12	12	12	12	12
Accrued expenses	7,271	9,522	12,973	14,065	14,065	8,503	10,442	11,442	13,442	13,442	14,242	15,042
Deferred revenue	27.827	23,746	20,560	29,267	29.267	26,378	23,031	24.031	27.031	27,031	33,031	39.031
Current Liabilities	\$37,914	\$33,785	\$34,510	\$45,625	\$45,625	\$37,881	\$34,995	\$36,808	\$41,810	\$41,810	\$48,644	\$55,494
Operating Lease Liabilities	12,989	12,635	12,267	11,895	11,895	11,518	11,137	11,137	11,137	11,137	11,137	11,137
Income tax reserve	681	714	718	778	778	809	850	850	850	850	850	850
Total Liabilities	\$51,584	\$47,134	\$47,495	\$58,298	\$58,298	\$50,208	\$46,982	\$48,795	\$53,797	\$53,797	\$60,631	\$67,481
Shareholders' Equity	107	107	107	107	107	120	120	120	120	120	120	120
Class A	127	127 26,993	127	127	127	128 30,888	128 32,334	128	128	128	128	128
Additional paid-in capital	25,905		28,193	29,469	29,469			33,704	35,095	35,095	41,039	47,200
Retained earnings	25,420	30,235	35,469	22,425	22,425	26,255	30,833	36,116	24,502	24,502	27,742	32,634
Treasury shares	(19,794)	(19,794)	(19,794)	(19,794)	(19,794)	(22,738)	(22,738)	(22,738)	(22,738)	(22,738)	(22,738)	(22,738)
Total Stockholders' Equity	\$31,658	\$37,561	\$43,995	\$32,227	\$32,227	\$34,533	\$40,557	\$47,210	\$36,987	\$36,987	\$46,171	\$57,224
Total Liabilities & Stockholders' Equity	\$83,242	\$84,695	\$91,490	\$90,525	\$90,525	\$84,741	\$87,539	\$96,004	\$90,785	\$90,785	\$106,802	\$124,706
Key Metrics												
ROA	34.2%	34.6%	33.2%	30.4%	30.4%	31.2%	31.5%	29.6%	30.4%	30.4%	27.6%	25.4%
ROE	96.1%	84.0%	71.8%	72.6%	72.6%	81.9%	72.2%	61.9%	67.6%	67.6%	58.9%	52.0%
ROIC	66.3%	60.4%	54.3%	54.3%	54.3%	59.6%	54.5%	48.6%	52.6%	52.6%	47.7%	43.6%
Cash per share	\$2.52	\$2.69	\$2.96	\$2.87	\$2.87	\$2.31	\$2.52	\$3.27	\$2.84	\$2.84	\$4.27	\$5.87

Sources: Company reports, Sidoti & Company, LLC estimates

## **Required Disclosures**

## OTC Markets Group Inc. (OTCM-\$53.97) NR Price Target: \$63 Risk Rating: M

Rating and Price Target History Table

Action	Date	Px	Rating	PT	Risk Rating
PT	11/12/21	56.5		60	
PT	3/11/22	55		68	
Rating	6/8/22	0	Suspended	68	
Initiation	6/29/22	55.8	NR	68	H
ACHG	1/9/23	57.3	NR	68	
Risk Rating	3/8/24	57.5			M
PT	8/8/24	47.2		63	

## **OTC Markets Group Inc. (OTCM)**



Source: FactSet Prices

Valuation	forecast of \$2.74 after we sat 16x-29x forward EPS an average 30x the 2025 EPS view the recurring, subscripstrong balance sheet, and technology investments to	hift our base valuation year to 20 d averaged 23x. Corporate service consensus. OTCM's lack of liquition-derived revenue model (85% key regulatory role as supporting	is a multiple of 23x (from 24x) to our 2026 EPS 026. In the past five years, OTCM shares tradice and exchange peers trade at 21x-59x and dity could validate a discount to peers. Yet, w 6 of 2023 gross revenue), product expansion the multiple we assign the stock. We think the Data Licensing business, while growing a higher multiple for the stock.
Key Risks	Trading liquidity	Economic	Regulatory

# (IF A COMPANY SPONSORED RESEARCH ("CSR") REPORT, ALSO REFER TO ADDITIONAL CSR-SPECIFIC DISCLOSURES PROVIDED BELOW)

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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
HIGH (RISK)	All in CSR program	Companies/equities with among others, one or more of the following characteristics:  • significant potential for loss of principal;  • significant share price volatility;  • limited revenue or cash flow and/or high unpredictability associated with revenue and cash flow;  • short and/or unprofitable operating history;  • potentially significant issues regarding operational and/or financial success;

		<ul> <li>problematic financial, liquidity, legal, regulatory or political issues;</li> <li>upcoming need for additional capital when availability is questionable;</li> <li>significant related party transactions which could lead to a conflict of interest;</li> <li>any other factor that the analyst believes could materially and adversely impact the subject company and/or the value of its securities.</li> </ul>
MODERATE (RISK)	All in CSR program	Companies which have many of the same risks as described under the HIGH risk rating, but which risks are mitigated (on a relative basis and in the opinion of the analyst) due to, among others, one or more of the following:  • more stable and predictable revenue, profits and cash flow;  • more established operating history;  • more favorable operating or business environment  • lower potential for financial, liquidity, regulatory or political issues; or  • less onerous upcoming capital needs.

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

#### Percentage of Covered Companies with Each Rating and Realization of Investment Banking Income from Covered Companies Over the Past 12 Months:

With reference to the information described in the header immediately above please refer to the table below, which is as of, and reflects information immediately prior to, the publication of this report:

Rating	# of Companies	% (b)	Realized Investment Banking Income (# of companies with rating)	Realized Investment Banking Income (% of companies with rating)
BUY	37	25.5%	3	8.1%
NEUTRAL(a)	15	10.3%	0	0.0%
NOT RATED	1	0.7%	0	0.0%
NR -CSRs Moderate Risk (c)	83	57.2%	2	2.4%
NR -CSRs High Risk (c)	8	5.5%	0	0.0%
TOTAL	145	100%	5	3.4%

- (a) Of the NEUTRALS 9 trade above our price target.
- (b) Numbers may not add due to rounding or because of a pending drop of coverage.
- (c) 90.2% of our CSRs are moderate risk, while 8.7% are high risk.

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Date	Role	Transaction	Security

#### Sidoti Non-Investment Revenue Realized from the Subject Company in the Last 12 Months

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Conferences	NDR Days

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None.

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