

#### Overview

Experienced private equity investors dedicated to partnering with owners and management teams in the lower middle market to drive growth and operational improvement

### **Business Attributes**

- Market leader with a proprietary product, solid value proposition & brand value
- Above average market growth prospects
- · Serving specialty channels
- · End market / sector diversity
- · Combination of manufactured product & global sourcing
- · Barriers to entry
- · New product development engine
- Manageable customer & supplier concentration
- Strong continuous improvement & safety culture
- Attractive gross margins with "value add" EBITDA margins

## Situational / Operations Experience

- · Management succession and transition
- · Global sourcing and supply chain initiatives including operations in China, Mexico and Indonesia
- · Executed 30+ strategic add-on acquisitions
- Strategic planning development and execution
- Expansion, re-design and re-direction of sales teams
- · ERP, CRM and other critical systems implementations
- · Greenfield facility expansions as well as warehouse consolidations

# **Representative Industries**

- · Aerospace & Defense
- · Automotive Aftermarket
- · Building Products
- · Enthusiast Products
- Industrial Technology & Components
- Personal Protective Equipment & Apparel
- · Process Automation
- Test & Measurement
- · Water & Filtration

#### **Investment Criteria**

- · Manufacturers & Distributors
- Industrial & Consumer Products
- Engineered Products & Services
- · Under-Invested Companies
- Market Leaders with Clear Value Proposition & Barriers to Entry







**Other Consumer** 

North America

# **Representative Investment Experience**

**Auto Aftermarket** 

**Building Products** 

**Niche Manufacturing** 

























**Watervale Team** 

Mike Faremouth Managing Partner

Jim Guddy Managing Partner **Anthony Polizzi** Analyst

**Fric Bacon** Advisor



## **Investment Strategy**

|   | Acquisition   | Business<br>Improvement   | Organic<br>Growth  | Acquisitions                | Successful<br>Exit   |
|---|---|---|--|-----------------------------|--|
| • | <ul> <li>Smaller companies</li> <li>(&gt; \$2M EBITDA)</li> <li>Lower ingoing multiple</li> <li>Conservative capital structure</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Strategic planning process</li> <li>Organizational design and development</li> <li>Systems and processes</li> <li>Operational improvement</li> </ul> | <ul><li>Channel</li><li>Product</li><li>Customer</li><li>Other</li></ul> | Execute add-on acquisitions | <ul> <li>Company more attractive to middle market investors and strategic buyers</li> <li>EBITDA &gt; \$10M</li> <li>More credit worthy</li> <li>Higher exit multiple</li> </ul> |

## **Contact Information**

Mike Faremouth
Managing Partner
mfaremouth@watervalepartners.com
(216) 233-8855

Jim Guddy
Managing Partner
jguddy@watervalepartners.com
(216) 926-7219

Anthony Polizzi
Analyst
apolizzi@watervalepartners.com
(585) 704-3135

30100 Chagrin Boulevard, Suite 320 | Cleveland, OH 44124

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

No representation or warranty is given with respect to the information contained herein, which remains subject to amendment and updating and which may not be complete, and neither the delivery of this document nor the placing of any interests will under any circumstances create any implication that Watervale has updated the information contained herein. None of the information shall be used by the recipient in any manner other than in connection with Watervale. The recipient shall not reproduce, in whole or in part, any portion of the materials to any person.