

Balfour Capital Group **Eastman Chemical Company**

Eastman Chemical Company is a global specialty materials company founded in 1920 and headquartered in Kingsport, Tennessee. Originally a subsidiary of Eastman Kodak, it became an independent entity in 1994. Eastman produces a wide range of advanced materials, chemicals, and fibers used in everyday products. The company's operations are organized into four segments:

- Additives & Functional Products: Chemicals and resins for coatings, tires, and other applications.
- Advanced Materials: Specialty plastics and films for automotive and consumer markets.
- Chemical Intermediates: Basic chemicals used in various industries.
- Fibers: Cellulose acetate fibers for textiles and cigarette filters.

Eastman employs approximately 14,000 people and operates in more than 100 countries.

1. Top 5 Competitors

Eastman's primary competitors in the specialty chemicals industry include:

- 1. Dow Inc.
- 2. DuPont de Nemours, Inc.
- 3. BASF SE
- 4. Celanese Corporation
- 5. Evonik Industries AG

2. Largest Institutional Shareholders

As of the latest filings, the top institutional shareholders of Eastman Chemical are:

- Vanguard Group Inc.: 13% ownership.
- BlackRock Inc.: 6.36% ownership.
- Capital Research Global Investors: 5.11% ownership.
- Fiduciary Trust Company International: 5.02% ownership.
- State Street Corporation: 4.54% ownership.

3. Management Team:

Key executives at Eastman Chemical include:

- Mark J. Costa: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.
- Iké Adeyemi: Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, and Corporate Secretary.
- Stephen G. Crawford: Executive Vice President, Methanolysis Operations and Worldwide Engineering & Construction Transformation.
- Adrian J. Holt: Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer.

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4. Revenue

Eastman reported revenues of approximately \$9.38 billion for the fiscal year 2024, reflecting a 1.87% increase from 2023's \$9.21 billion.

5. Institutions with Buy Recommendations:

Several financial institutions have issued buy recommendations for Eastman Chemical:

- Morgan Stanley: Maintained a "Buy" rating.
- Zacks Investment Research: Assigned a Value Score of A, indicating it as a good pick for value investors.

6. Summary of Analyst Sentiment:

Analyst consensus for EMN is generally positive:

- TipRanks: Consensus rating of "Strong Buy" based on 13 analysts.
- Wall Street Zen: Out of 11 analysts, 6 recommend "Strong Buy," 1 "Buy," and 4
 "Hold."
- Simply Wall St: Forecasts earnings growth of 6.7% and revenue growth of 2.2% per annum.

7. Insider Buying and Selling Over the Last 24 Months:

Over the past 24 months, insider activity has been as follows:

- Shares Sold: 130,783 shares, totaling approximately \$13.2 million.
- Notable Insider Sales:
 - Mark J. Costa: Sold shares worth approximately \$10.3 million.
 - Stephen G. Crawford: Sold shares worth approximately \$1.1 million.
 - Adrian J. Holt: Sold shares worth approximately \$982,269.

There have been no significant insider purchases reported during this period.

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