

Linde plc (LIN) - ANALYST REPORT

Executive Summary with Comprehensive Analysis

\$482.74 +\$4.54 (+0.95%) AS OF 2026-08-14

Strategy: Conservative Stop Loss (Fixed ATR-based)

■ QUICK DECISION

Action: HOLD | Confidence: LOW | Signal Strength: 4/7 (last fired 2026-07-31, 14d ago)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - Essential Metrics

TECHNICAL METRICS	VALUE	FUNDAMENTAL METRICS	VALUE
Current Price	\$482.74	Market Cap	\$222.5B
Past Win Rate (Backtest)	61.5%	Forward P/E	24.7x
Past Total Return	+20.0%	Analyst Target	\$547.24
RSI / Trend Strength	38 / 21	Upside to Target	+13.4%
MACD Signal	Bearish	Revenue Growth	+9.3%
Profit Factor	1.74	Institutional Own.	89.0%
Position Entry	2025-12-08 @ \$386.85	Analyst Ratings	21 Buy / 5 Hold / 1 Sell
Open Position Past P&L	+24.8%		

■ TECHNICAL ANALYSIS SUMMARY

Indicator	Value	Signal
EMA 20	\$494.80	Bearish
EMA 50	\$503.04	Bearish
RSI (14)	38.1	Weak - potential support
Trend Strength (ADX)	20.8	Emerging trend (20-25)

■ CONSENSUS HUD

HOLD +13.4% to \$547.24 on a 3.15:1 reward-to-risk, 6-12 month horizon

SIGNAL STRENGTH 4/7 fired 14d ago	WIN RATE 62% 13 backtested trades	STREET 21/27 analysts rate buy	UPSIDE +13.4% to analyst target	RISK / REWARD 3.15:1 vs. 2x ATR stop
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Technical Confluence	4/7 (fired 14d ago)	Backtest	61.5% win rate, +20.0% total return
Analyst Consensus	21 buy / 5 hold / 1 sell	Target Price	\$547.24 (+13.4%)
Market Volatility	Beta 0.73	Valuation	24.7x forward P/E
Revenue Growth	+9.3%	Institutional Own.	89.0%
Position	Already open — +24.8%	News Sentiment	Neutral (-0.3/10)

Action Plan: Maintain position with +24.8% unrealized gain. Watch for confluence signal to add.

■ KEY INSIGHT

The fixed stop strategy has proven effective (Win Rate: 61.5%, Avg Return: +3.9%), but patience is critical. Only enter on confirmed signals with proper risk management. Current technical confluence of 4 does not meet entry threshold of 5 - remain on sidelines. Fundamental backdrop shows 11% earnings growth with 89% institutional ownership, indicating strong conviction from professional investors.

■ INTELLIGENT STOP LOSS STRATEGY

METRIC	VALUE	DETAILS
Current Price	\$482.74	Latest market price
Buy Stop Loss	\$462.26	Conservative 2.0x ATR (4.2% distance)
Position Stop Loss	\$469.94	Adaptive 1.25x ATR (2.7% distance)
ATR (14-day)	\$10.24	Volatility: 2.1% of price
ADX Strength	20.8	Emerging trend

Status: Position up +25% - Adaptive strategy adjusts for momentum

ADX: 20-25 = Emerging trend | 25-50 = Strong trend | 50+ = Very strong

■ Strategy Comparison: Conservative vs Adaptive

METRIC	CONSERVATIVE (2.0x ATR)	ADAPTIVE (Dynamic)
Past Win Rate	62%	69%
Past Total Return	+20.0%	+58.0%
Max Drawdown	-11.6%	-9.4%
Total Trades	13	16
Position	OPEN	NONE

Both strategies analyzed independently. Conservative uses fixed 2.0x ATR stops. Adaptive adjusts stops based on position profit.

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■ ANALYST RATING CHANGES - COMPLETE HISTORY

All recent upgrades, downgrades, and price target changes (last 90 days)

No recent analyst rating changes available from data source.

Analyst Price Targets

Average Target: \$547.24 (+13.4% from current)

High Target: \$612.00 (+26.8%)

Low Target: \$400.00 (-17.1%)

Current Price: \$482.74

RISK HUD - Deep Dive Assessment

Five risk axes scored LOW / MODERATE / HIGH, then the mitigation that follows from them.

CONTAINED RISK no single axis reads high

MARKET LOW beta 0.73	VOLATILITY MODERATE ATR 2.1% of price	VALUATION MODERATE fwd P/E 24.7x	EVENT LOW earnings in 77d	TECHNICAL LOW RSI 38
Mitigation - Stop	2-3x ATR = \$20.48 - \$30.72 below entry (4.2% at 2x)	Mitigation - Sizing	standard position size is supportable	
52-Week Range	\$387.78 - \$548.20, now \$482.74	Next Earnings	Oct 30, 2026 (77d away)	
Short Interest	1.2% of float - normal short activity	Sector Exposure	Basic Materials - cycle and regulatory risk specific to the group	
Backtest Edge	61.5% win rate (8W / 5L), 1.74x profit factor	Win vs. Loss Size	avg win 9.8% vs. avg loss -5.6%	
Current Setup	4/7 (fired 14d ago) - moderate	Company-Specific	Competition, Market conditions, Regulatory changes	

BUY-SIDE HUD - Portfolio Management

How much to own, what the historical edge is, and whether the position can be traded at size.

MARKET WEIGHT +13.4% to the \$547.24 analyst target against a 4.2% stop - favorable risk-adjusted return

UPSIDE +13.4% to analyst target	RISK / REWARD 3.15:1 vs. 2x ATR stop	WIN RATE 62% 13 backtested trades	PROFIT FACTOR 1.74x avg trade +3.9%	POSITION +24.8% open position
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Signal Strength	4/7 (fired 14d ago) - moderate setup	RSI / ADX	38 / 20.8 - emerging trend (20-25)
Stop Zone (2-3x ATR)	\$20.48 - \$30.72 below entry	Next Catalyst	Oct 30, 2026 earnings
Avg Volume	2.3M/day - lower liquidity	Execution Risk	Moderate at institutional size
Market Cap	\$222.5B - large cap	Beta	0.73 - below-market volatility
Institutional Own.	89.0% - largest: Blackrock Inc.	Short Interest	1.2% of float - moderate

SELL-SIDE HUD - Investment Research

Linde plc - Basic Materials / Specialty Chemicals. What the business is worth and where the Street stands.

MODERATE GROWTH revenue expanding - profitability the item to watch

FORWARD P/E 24.7x reasonable multiple	PEG 2.09 growth-adjusted P/E	REVENUE GROWTH +9% year over year	EPS GROWTH +26% next fiscal year	OPERATING MARGIN 28% profitability
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Analyst Consensus	Strong Buy - 21B / 5H / 1S across 27 analysts	Target Range	\$400.00 - \$612.00, avg \$547.24 (+13.4%)
Trailing P/E	31.1x	Price / Sales	6.28x - premium
Price / Book	5.69x	Enterprise Value	\$247.2B (6.97x revenue)
Revenue (TTM)	\$35.4B	Free Cash Flow	\$4.2B
Earnings Growth	+11.3%	Institutional Own.	89.0% - very high confidence
Key Competitors	Various industry players	Market Share	0% US / 0% global - competitive player
Moat	Market position, Technology, Brand	Key Products	Core products and services

■ 7-DAY NEWS SENTIMENT ANALYSIS

Market Sentiment from Recent Financial News

METRIC	VALUE	ANALYSIS
Overall Score	-0.3 / 10	Neutral
Articles Analyzed	3	Last 7 days (top 5 shown per category)
Bullish Articles	1 (33%)	Positive sentiment
Bearish Articles	1 (33%)	Negative sentiment
Neutral Articles	1 (33%)	Mixed/Neutral tone

■ TOP BULLISH HEADLINES

1. Linde Stock Barely Moved While Its Order Book Hit A Record (Trefis, Aug 03)

A record backlog of plants, led by a new electronics win, is the clearest evidence yet of how Linde keeps topping itself up, and of how slowly that sh...

Source: <https://www.trefis.com/articles/609849/linde-stock-barely-moved-while-its-order->

■ TOP BEARISH HEADLINES

1. Jim Cramer Called Linde plc (NASDAQ:LIN)'s Share Price Movement "Stupid" (Insider Monkey, Aug 07)

Industrial giant Linde plc (NASDAQ:LIN)'s shares are up by 4.30% over the past year and by 14% year-to-date. The stock closed 5.9% lower on July 31st,...

Source: <https://finance.yahoo.com/markets/stocks/articles/jim-cramer-called-linde-plc-18>

■ SENTIMENT INTERPRETATION

The news sentiment is **neutral**, indicating balanced coverage without clear directional bias. This suggests market participants are waiting for catalysts or clearer signals. Monitor for changes in sentiment that could indicate emerging trends.

REFERENCE: APPENDIX A - Complete Technical Indicators

Comprehensive Technical Data for Quantitative Analysis

Indicator	Value	Interpretation
Current Price	\$482.74	as of 2026-08-14
Volume	1.4M	avg 2.3M/day
EMA 20	\$494.80	Short-term trend
EMA 50	\$503.04	Medium-term trend
EMA 200	\$486.24	Long-term trend
Relative Strength	38.1	Weak - potential support
MACD	-8.74	Bearish
MACD Signal	-7.58	Signal line
MACD Histogram	-1.17	Bearish
Volatility (ATR 14)	\$10.24	2.1% of price
Trend Strength (ADX)	20.8	Emerging trend (20-25)
+DI	16.7	Positive directional movement
-DI	31.8	Negative directional movement
Stochastic %K	24.0	Neutral
Stochastic %D	30.0	Neutral
Bollinger Upper	\$521.97	Upper volatility band
Bollinger Middle	\$496.02	Moving average
Bollinger Lower	\$470.07	Lower volatility band
Band Position	24.4%	0% = lower band, 100% = upper
VWAP	\$481.12	Volume-weighted average

REFERENCE: APPENDIX B - Complete Fundamental Metrics

Comprehensive Fundamental Data for Financial Analysis

Category	Metric	Value	Interpretation
Valuation	Market Cap	\$222.5B	Total market value
Valuation	Enterprise Value	\$247.2B	Total company value
Valuation	Forward P/E	24.7x	Price to forward earnings
Valuation	Trailing P/E	31.1x	Price to trailing earnings
Valuation	PEG Ratio	2.09	P/E relative to growth
Valuation	Price/Sales	6.28x	Market cap to revenue
Valuation	Price/Book	5.69x	Price to book value
Valuation	EV/Revenue	6.97x	Enterprise value to revenue
Valuation	EV/EBITDA	17.9x	Enterprise value to EBITDA
Performance	Revenue (TTM)	\$35.4B	Trailing 12-month revenue
Performance	Revenue Growth	+9.3%	Year-over-year growth
Performance	Earnings Growth	+11.3%	Earnings growth rate
Performance	EPS Growth (Next Yr)	+26.3%	Forward EPS growth estimate
Performance	Gross Profit	\$17.1B	Revenue minus COGS
Performance	Operating Income	\$10.5B	EBIT
Performance	Net Income	\$7.2B	Bottom line profit
Performance	Free Cash Flow	\$4.2B	Cash after capex
Performance	Operating Cash Flow	\$10.5B	Cash from operations
Profitability	Gross Margin	48.3%	Gross profit margin
Profitability	Operating Margin	28.1%	Operating efficiency
Profitability	Profit Margin	20.4%	Net margin
Profitability	ROE	18.4%	Return on equity
Profitability	ROA	7.2%	Return on assets
Profitability	ROIC	N/A	Return on invested capital
Balance Sheet	Total Assets	\$0.0B	Total assets
Balance Sheet	Total Liabilities	\$0.0B	Total liabilities
Balance Sheet	Total Debt	\$28.0B	Total debt outstanding
Balance Sheet	Cash & Equivalents	\$4.9B	Liquid assets
Balance Sheet	Book Value/Share	\$84.78	Net worth per share
Balance Sheet	Current Ratio	0.88	Current assets/liabilities
Balance Sheet	Quick Ratio	0.68	Liquid assets/liabilities
Balance Sheet	Debt/Equity	0.69	Leverage ratio
Market	Beta	0.73	Market correlation
Market	52-Week High	\$548.20	Annual high
Market	52-Week Low	\$387.78	Annual low

Market	Avg Volume	2.3M	Average daily volume
Market	Shares Outstanding	0.5B	Total shares
Market	Float	0.5B	Tradeable shares
Market	Short Interest	1.2%	Shares sold short
Market	Institutional Own.	89.0%	Institution held
Analysts	Coverage Count	25	Number of analysts
Analysts	Average Rating	1.7	1=Strong Buy, 5=Sell
Analysts	Buy/Hold/Sell	21/5/1	Rating distribution
Analysts	Target Price	\$547.24	Average price target
Analysts	Target High	\$612.00	Highest target
Analysts	Target Low	\$400.00	Lowest target
Other	Next Earnings	Oct 30, 2026	Earnings report date
Other	Dividend Yield	1.33%	Annual dividend rate
Other	Ex-Dividend Date	1788393600	Next ex-div date

REFERENCE: APPENDIX C - Complete Trade History

Detailed Backtesting Results and Trade Log

Entry	Exit	Type	Entry \$	Exit \$	Past P&L %	Past P&L \$
2019-08-15	2020-01-02	CONFLUENCE	\$168.65	\$192.13	+13.9%	+\$681
2020-02-27	2020-03-02	CONFLUENCE	\$177.73	\$180.65	+1.6%	+\$73
2020-06-05	2020-06-16	CONFLUENCE	\$203.65	\$191.68	-5.9%	\$-239
2020-09-01	2020-09-23	CONFLUENCE	\$236.46	\$215.38	-8.9%	\$-506
2020-10-15	2021-02-17	CONFLUENCE	\$212.10	\$231.14	+9.0%	+\$400
2021-05-06	2021-10-05	CONFLUENCE	\$276.01	\$279.26	+1.2%	+\$78
2021-10-20	2022-01-25	GOLDEN_CROSS	\$291.81	\$295.02	+1.1%	+\$74
2022-02-24	2022-06-16	CONFLUENCE	\$268.36	\$274.66	+2.4%	+\$82
2022-08-11	2022-08-29	GOLDEN_CROSS	\$289.97	\$272.57	-6.0%	\$-313
2022-09-27	2023-05-01	CONFLUENCE	\$252.46	\$356.99	+41.4%	+\$1777
2023-11-06	2024-05-02	GOLDEN_CROSS	\$379.45	\$407.60	+7.4%	+\$535
2025-01-07	2025-04-08	CONFLUENCE	\$406.78	\$406.54	-0.1%	\$-4
2025-05-27	2025-10-29	CONFLUENCE	\$460.27	\$427.63	-7.1%	\$-490
2025-12-08	OPEN	CONFLUENCE	\$386.85	OPEN	+24.8%	+\$1630

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