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With the most senior dealmakers leading the most successful tech M&A process in history, Corum has sold more software and related technology companies than anyone. Is it time for you to take the next step with Corum?

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- Private Equity Panel
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# MERGE BRIEFING

- 90 Minutes
- Industry Update
- Overview of the M&A Process



### Selling Up, Selling Out





#### Half-Day

- Tech M&A Bootcamp
- The most attended tech executive conference in history





# 8 Stages for an Optimal Outcome



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# CORUM Tech M&A Monthly

# Are You Worried About Your Company's Future?

#### Welcome



#### **BRUCE MILNE, CEO, CORUM GROUP**



- Founded or owned four software companies, including AMI, an Inc. 500 firm rated by IDC as the fastest growing computerrelated company in the world
- Advisory boards for Microsoft, IBM, DEC, Comdex and Apple
- Board member/founding investor in some of the most innovative firms in their field, including Blue Coat, Bright Star and Sabaki
- Past advisor to two governors and a senator, a board member of the Washington Technology Center
- Founder of the WTIA, the nation's most active regional technology trade association
- Worked with the Canadian government to found SoftWorld
- One of the 200 most influential individuals in the IT community in Europe
- American juror for the recent Tornado 100 Awards given to Europe's top technology firms
- Graduate with Distinction from Harvard Business School





# We welcome your questions!

# Use the Q&A box during the webcast

## Email questions to info@corumgroup.com





**Field Reports** 

**Deal Reports** 

**Quarterly Global Tech M&A Research Report** 

**Special Report: Worried About Your Company's Future?** 

**5 Actions to Preserve Value Now** 

What Happens to Valuations During a Recession?

6 Questions Every Software Company Owner Has to Ask

7 Steps to a Virtual Merger

**5 Major Benefits to a Process** 

What Buyers Are Saying



# SOFTWARE INVESTMENTS

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#### Matthew Rung Director, World Financial Symposiums







## **Interested in Attending?**

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#### **DR. IVAN RUZIC, SR. VICE PRESIDENT, CORUM GROUP**



- 30+ year career in the software business, in virtually every senior executive role
- Resume spans marquee companies such as BEA Systems, Novell, and Borland
- International M&A experience United States, Europe, Africa, and Asia
- Expert in building value and realizing wealth
- Ivan joined Corum Group, the world's leading software M&A firm, with a specific focus on educating and helping prospective sellers maximize the value of their technology companies
- PhD in Chemistry, Monash University and degrees in Information Technology, Chemistry, and Biochemistry

#### Deal Reports – Ivan Ruzic







#### **DAVID LEVINE, SR. VICE PRESIDENT, CORUM GROUP**



- Dave joined Corum in 2015 and has a diverse background in technology and life sciences. As an executive and entrepreneur, Dave has been operating and investing in companies sitting at the convergence of commerce and eCommerce as well as innovative life science businesses for over 25 years.
- Recently, Dave was CEO North America for Gaxsys, an eCommerce and logistics company that is a leader in last mile logistics and fulfillment for eCommerce marketplaces.
- Dave sits on boards of numerous public and private companies, including one that recently filed for an IPO.

#### **Deal Reports – Dave Levine**







# Tech M&A Research Report

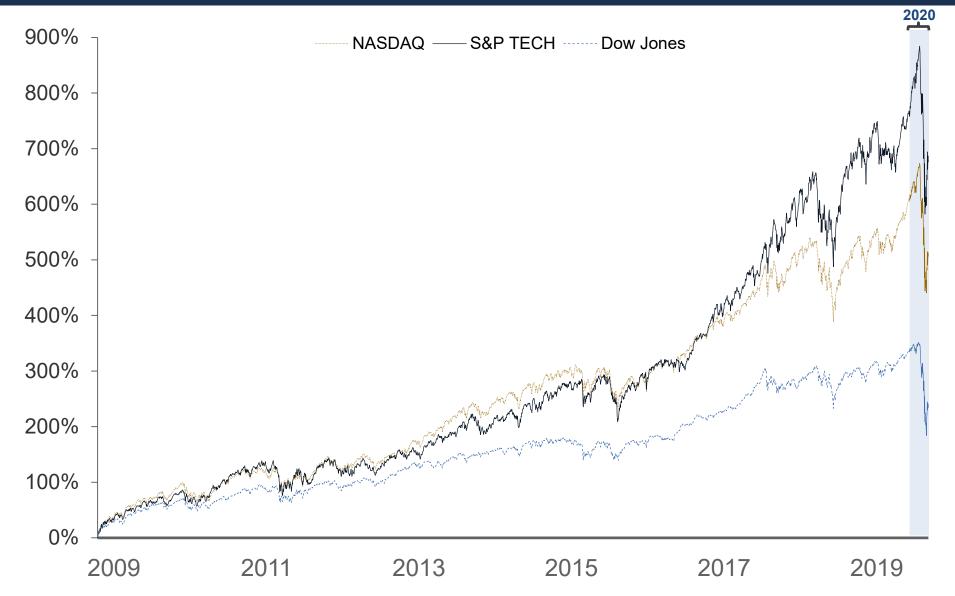




## Elon Gasper, EVP, Research

#### Public Markets 2009-2020 % CHANGE



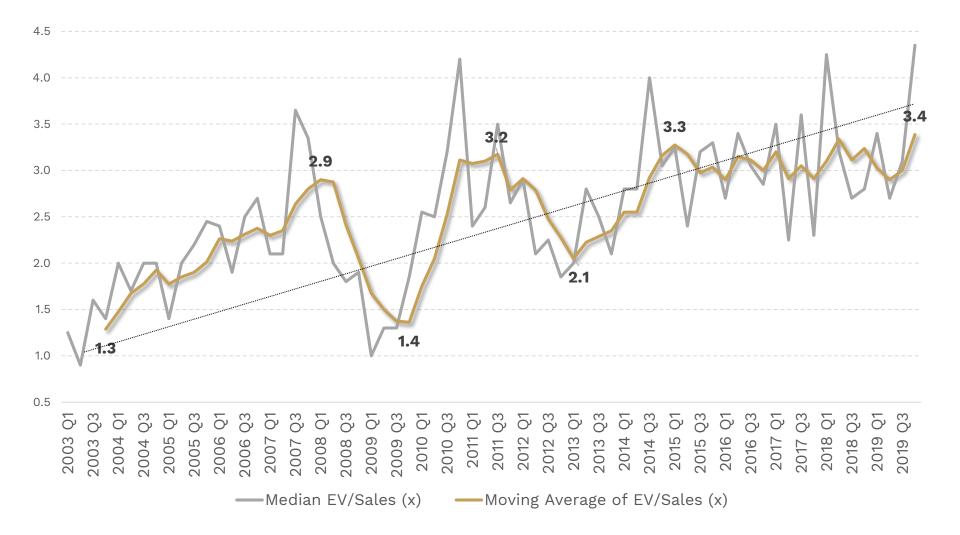




## MAY 14 Special Report: The Pandemic and Tech M&A

- 2020 Deal data and outlook
- Valuation in a changed world
- Pandemic effects on Tech M&A
- Recession effects on operations
- Sectors shuffled
- What's an optimal outcome now?

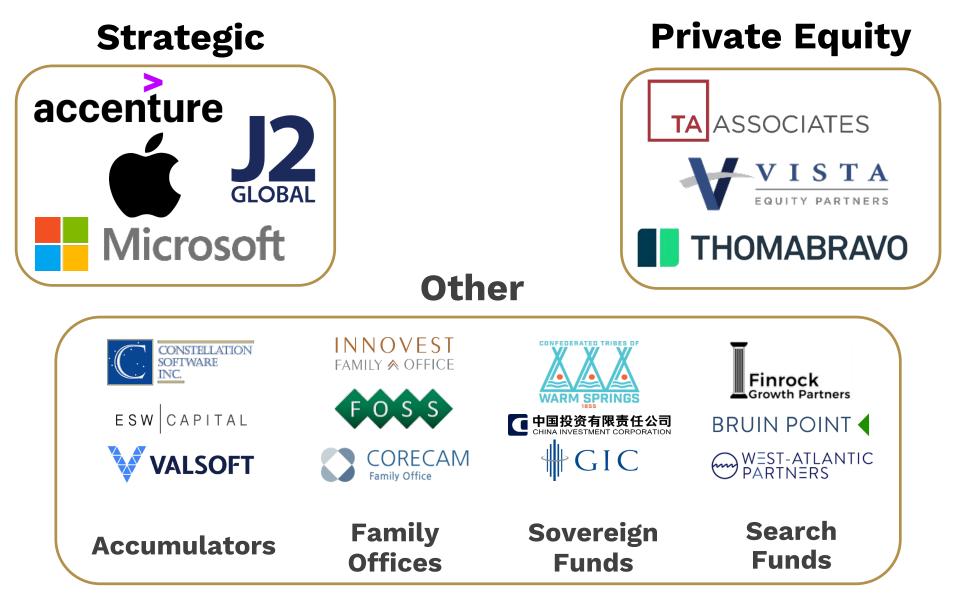
### Tech M&A Valuations 2003-2019



Source: Corum Group, 451Research, S&P CapIQ

### **Acquirer Categories**

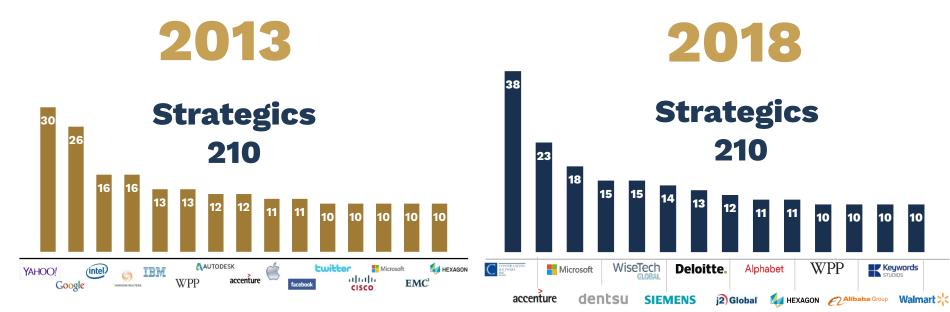


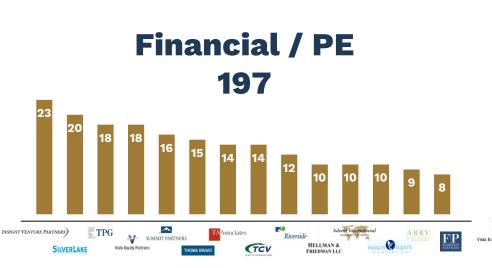


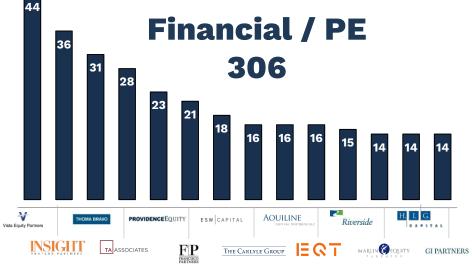
### THE NEW WORLD OF BUYERS



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# Financial Buyers in 2020

# "Buying Machines"

# **More acquisitions**

# **More money - \$3+ TRILLION**

# **Using Portfolio Companies**

**Bolt-ons** 



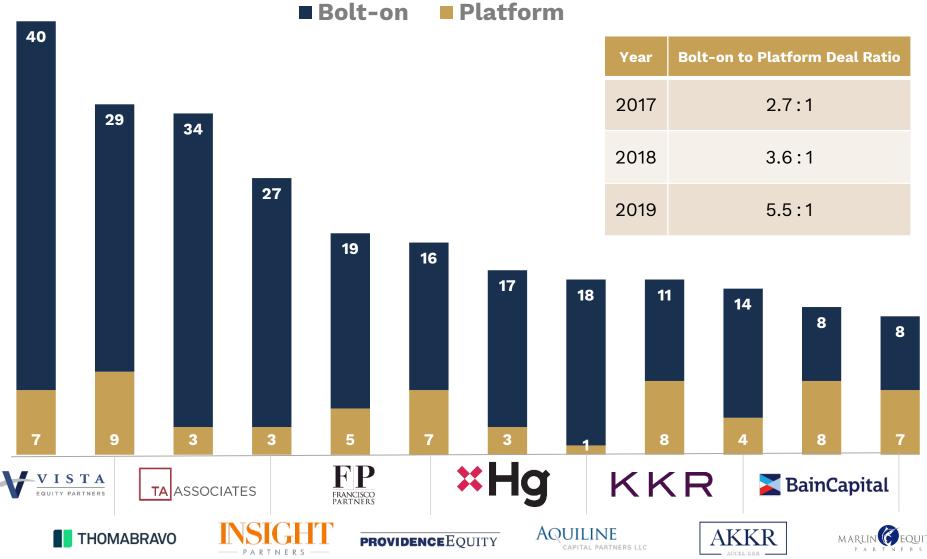


#### Patrick Eble Investment Professional

## "90% of our acquisitions are bolt-ons"

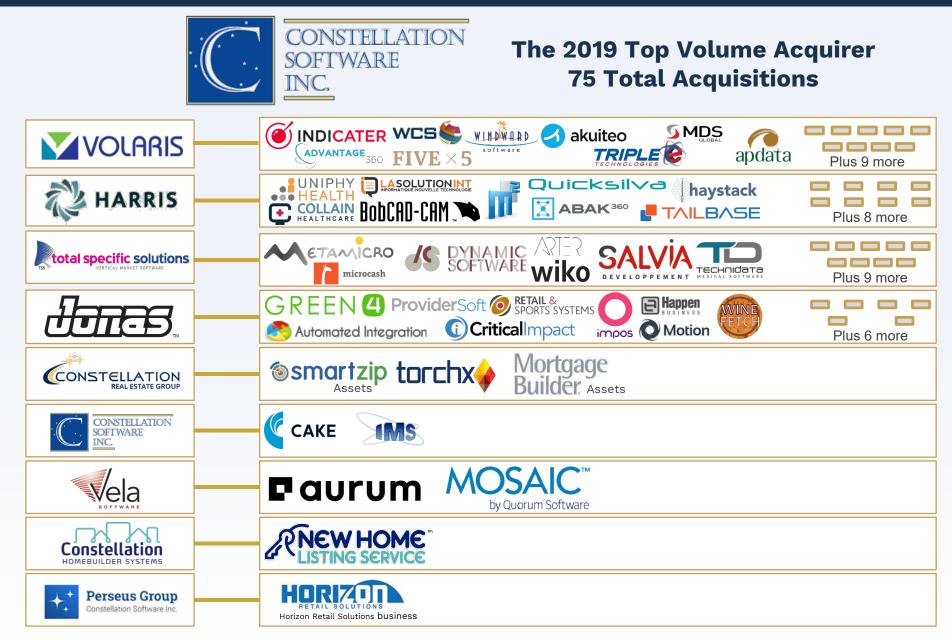
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#### **Constellation** SOFTWARE ACQUISITIONS 2019





### **Tech Giants - Then & Now**



Company	Cash THEN	Cash NOW	Stock THEN	Stock NOW	Market Cap NOW
Microsoft	\$24M	\$134B	\$20	\$165	\$1,269B
Google	\$16M	\$120B	\$314	\$1,187	\$827B
	\$22M	\$101B	\$88	\$262	\$1,165B
amazon	\$4M	\$43B	\$51	\$1,200	\$1,008B
ORACLE	\$11M	\$27B	\$17	\$51	\$164B

\*Then: Jan 2009 \*\*Now: Apr 2020

## **Valuation Rationalization**



Sector	2015	2020	Change
<b>Real Estate</b>	6.48x	3.92x	<mark>-</mark> 40%
Social Media	11.56x	5.76x	<mark>↓</mark> 50%
Energy	3.29x	2.53x	<mark>-</mark> 23%

#### The pendulum eventually swings back to "normal..."



# Special Report: Worried About Your Company's Future? You Should Be.

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# "Ride it out."



## "We felt strongly there were better values ahead."



## 5 Actions to Preserve Value Now



#### **5 Actions to Preserve Value Now**

- **1. Reduce non essential staff immediately**
- 2. Cash is king, cut all unnecessary expenses
- 3. Set up lines of credit/take down to limit
- 4. Focus on core business, triage the rest
- 5. Think long haul, recessions take awhile



#### Many took our advice.

# In the following years, we sold over 150+ of them.



## **Today is different**



## What Happens to Valuations When Markets Fall?



- 1. Denial & Isolation
- 2. Anger
- 3. Bargaining
- **4. Depression**
- 5. Acceptance



# You need to get to acceptance fast.



## Hunkering Down... Wealth to Ashes Trap

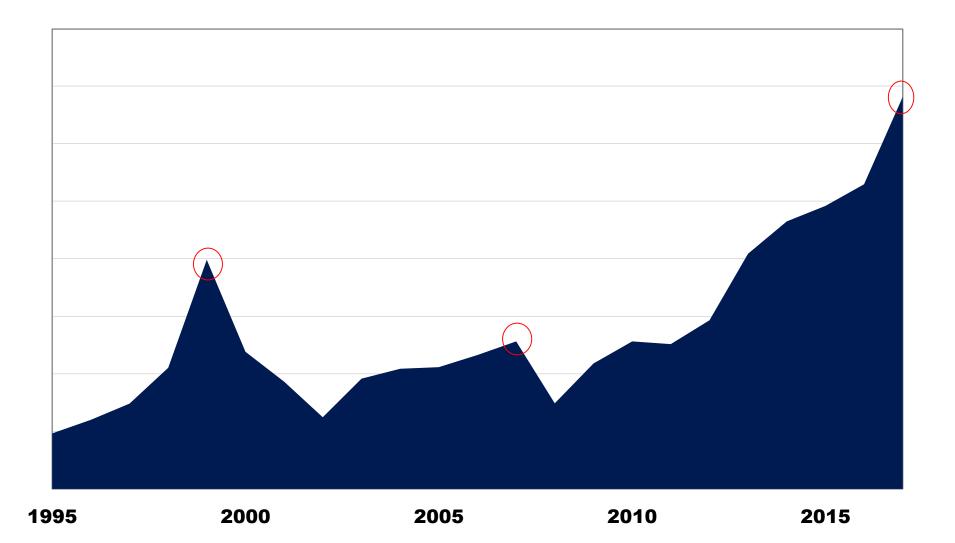
### You May Miss the M&A Window



## **Get to Market Now**

#### M&A Follows Cycles







## **18 Months After Crash**

- 40% Drop in Valuation
- 50% of Buyers Leave
- 3-7 Years to Recover



#### Seller's Market

\$70 million dollar deal

All cash at closing

#### On the Way Down...

\$50 million dollar deal

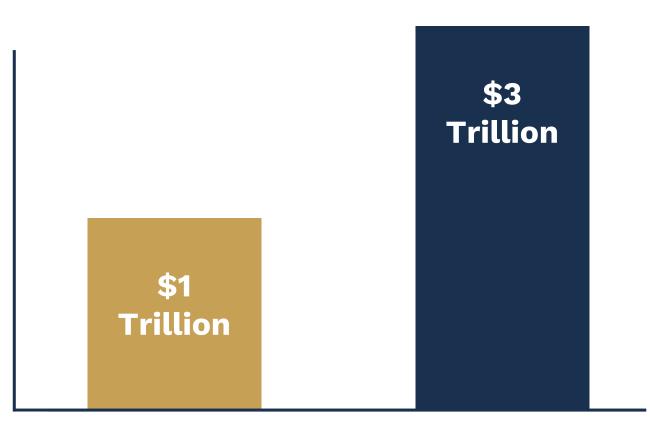
- 1/2 cash at closing
- 1/2 earn out
- ...over 4 years

#### **Market Bottom**

\$30 million dollar deal

- All divided between earnout & stock
- No cash at closing...





Strategic Tech Buyers





## Six Recession Questions Every Software Company Owner Has to Ask



## How deep is the "V" and how fast and how far down are we going?











#### How wide is the "V" and how many years will the recession last?





#### Can you make it to the other side of the "V"?





### **The Boomer Conundrum:** Most of you don't have time!



### How badly will you suffer?





### If you do not have a balance sheet that will make it through the recession...

## ...you need to partner with someone who does!



### Will your market consolidate during this recession?





### Market Consolidation You don't want to be the last man standing...

...aka "Dead Man Walking"



# Where will valuations be at the end of recession?





### Values result of 11 year bull market

#### **Market Consolidation**

#### **Price Rationalization**



## Recent recessions are NOT a guide for this one.



#### Dot.com era

- "Eyeballs on websites"
- Stock used as currency
- Few deals were cash
- Debt not a factor
- Private Equity not a factor

#### Recent Recessions Are NOT a Guide for This One



#### 2008 Crash

- Valuations not as high
- Stock prices not as high
- Strategic Buyers wanted "earnings"
- Crash financial system collapse
- Not that much cash, PE not a factor

#### Recent Recessions Are NOT a Guide for This One



#### Today

- Tech valuations were at all time highs
- Strategics have record cash (\$1T+)
- Private Equity Dominant (\$3T+)
- Record low interest rates
- Today, it's about "the story"









## What do you represent to the future of these buyers?

#### For the Strategics:

• What competitive edge do you provide in a global market?

#### For the PE firms:

• What role can you play in giving them the technology, domain expertise, teams, channels, users, etc. to help them consolidate markets?



#### In summary:

#### Where do you want to Sell...?

- 1. Near the top, heading down?
- 2. Somewhere near the bottom, after prices collapse?
- 3. Years out, post-recovery...buyers have disappeared



### If you have a good story, and are healthy...

### ...you need to at least <u>calibrate</u> the market



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#### ...not ones they have to fix



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## Virtual Merger In 7 Steps



#### JON SCOTT, CHAIRMAN, CORUM GROUP



- Jon joined Corum in 2010, originally out of their Seattle headquarters, now in the United Kingdom, serving as Chairman and overseeing the company's European operations.
- He has close to 30 years experience serving high technology companies with the last 20 mainly in chief operating and chief executive roles.
- Jon has served as President and CEO of The PowerTech Group, a security and compliance software company sold to Help/Systems in 2008, and Microserv Technology Services, a nationwide tech services company which was acquired by Halifax Corporation in 2003.
- Earlier he served as President and COO of Traveling Software, a leading developer of communications software in Seattle.
- Jon has taught in the software product management program at the University of Washington and holds a business administration degree from San Francisco State University.



"The Corum Optimal outcome process has become almost virtual over the past 10 years out of a need for efficiency by both technology buyers and sellers. Today, it is a necessity."



 Initial virtual launch meeting, document creation, review & edit, buyer list creation and review, management presentation development & review, data room development, management presentations and negotiating letters of intent

...all virtual using today's communications tools

 A majority of due diligence is also conducted virtually with buyers and third parties!



# Virtual Merger in 7 Steps



#### **Stage 1: Virtual Planning & Preparation Phase**

- Virtual meeting with Corum global staff including business analysts, writing analysts, buyer analysts & many ex-CEOs
  - Set tasks, timeline
  - Review & allocate staff resources
  - Conduct internal due diligence
  - Compile business/marketing plan
  - Ready financials/projections
  - Ready presentation materials
  - Begin collecting due diligence materials





#### **Stage 2: Virtual Research Phase**

- Prepare buyers list in virtual meeting with Corum global staff
  - Perform strategic analysis on each buyer
  - Prepare preliminary valuation
  - Determine proper contact (Execs, EA's, advisors)
  - Outside advisor/board/investor influencers
  - Prepare position statement for each buyer





#### **Stage 3: Virtual Go to Market Phase**

- Create introductory correspondence
- Conduct virtual dry-runs on company presentation
- Draft/customize executive summary
- Execute NDAs and non-solicitations
- Screen initial interest, valuation expectations
- Establish log on all communications
- Refine position/process based on feedback





#### **Stage 4: Virtual Discovery**

- Coordinate conference calls & virtual one-hour presentation meetings with buyers
- Establish conference calls and virtual technology review meetings
- Prepare formal valuation report
- Open up "Pre-LOI" virtual data room
- Develop synergy and contribution analysis
- Set up NDA with customers, contractors, etc.
- Finish due diligence on buyer





#### **Stage 5: Virtual Negotiations**

- Organize and host final virtual discovery meetings
- Provide structure & valuation guidance
- Create an auction environment
- Negotiate with top bidder(s)
- Negotiate & Sign Letter of Intent (L.O.I.)
- Inform other bidders of No Shop





#### **Stage 6: Virtual Due Diligence**

- Creation & population of a virtual data room
- Verification of financial statements/projections
- Determine if outside advisors/opinions needed
- Technical/Legal/Ownership due diligence
- Written explanation of business model/methodologies
- Complete definitive agreement/attachments





#### **Stage 7: Closing**

- Final reps & warranties
- Determine escrow hold-backs
- Final opinion(s)
- Sign contracts virtually in counterpart
- Arrange payment/distribution
- Regulatory filings
- Disclosure schedules





### 20 experts online, from seven different countries



### 5 Major Benefits To a Process

#### **5 Major Benefits of a Professional Process**



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Exit

The preparation process will help forge a better business model for your firm

Model

Your strategic position will improve from the research/ positioning process

Research

Market Feedback

3

Buyer contact will provide invaluable data/insights to help improve your value Relationships

4

Not everyone is a buyer, but you open many doors which will yield business

The merger, asset sale, or financial recap of your company

ANY OF THESE BENEFITS WILL JUSTIFY THE TIME AND EXPENSE OF A GLOBAL PARTNER SEARCH.





#### TIM GODDARD, EVP CORPORATE STRATEGIES, CORUM GROUP LTD.



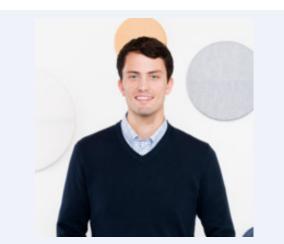
- Timothy keeps his finger on the pulse of the technology M&A market from Corum's Seattle headquarters, working with Corum's global team of dealmakers to ensure the company's clients are properly positioned and prepared for the M&A process, and overseeing the annual development of Corum's "Top Disruptive Technology Trends" that drive technology acquisitions. Timothy also serves as on the Editorial Advisory Board of Software Executive Magazine.
- Worked for a US Senate campaign and taught science in Rio de Janeiro.
- Graduated Magna Cum Laude from Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota, with degrees in History and Biology.



#### **Corum's Unique Positioning**







Patrick Eble Investment Professional

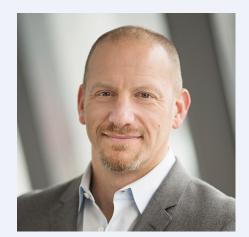
Patrick sources new investment opportunities in the software, healthcare services, and business services sectors. Prior to Alpine, he was based in New York as a member of the Infrastructure Advisory team at Ernst & Young, providing commercial and financial advisory to public sector clients in the energy, environmental, and transportation sectors.

Patrick is a current member of the US Senior National Rowing Team that trains in Oakland. Patrick received a Master's degree from the University of Cambridge and a Bachelor's degree from Princeton University.

# ALPINE







Jon Lemelman Partner

Jon brings 22 years of experience in private equity, software, and financial services and has worked closely with numerous middle market companies prior to joining the Riverside team in 2004. He currently manages the firm's intermediary relationships and new investment evaluation.

Prior to joining Riverside, Jon was an investment professional at Fidelity Strategic Investments, the private equity investment division of Fidelity Investments, where he worked on investments in the software, manufacturing, and healthcare industries.









Rafael "Rafa" Baron is a Vice President with OpenGate Capital and responsible for leading all global origination, research and deal qualification for the firm's Technology practice. Rafa is actively involved in OpenGate's investments in Mersive Technologies, InRule and CoreMedia.

Rafael "Rafa" Baron Vice President









Michael McNamara Investment Director Potentia is the only Australian private equity fund focused exclusively on investments in software, techenabled services and technology businesses.

Potentia invests in businesses that are headquartered in Australia and New Zealand with corridors of growth into Asia, and that operate in the mid-market with an EV of A\$50mm to \$300mm.









Michael Garland Director

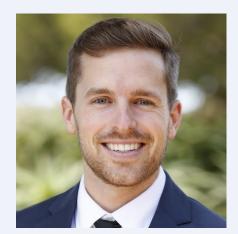
Michael Garland is a Director of Diversis Capital and responsible for identifying, originating, and qualifying new investment opportunities. Prior to Diversis, Michael spent several years working in a variety of corporate finance roles in private equity and M&A.

Michael graduated from Loyola Marymount University with dual majors in finance and marketing. In his free time, Michael enjoys being active outdoors, spending time with his family, and working with charitable organizations.









Kellen Haines Vice President

Kellen Haines is a Vice President at K1 and focuses on growth capital and buyout investments in enterprise software. Kellen has worked alongside companies in cybersecurity, fintech, government, collaboration, healthcare, real estate, and IT.

He received his MBA from UCLA Anderson and BS at the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business.









Puneet Soni Director, M&A Senior Counsel

Volaris Group, headquartered in Ontario Canada with a global presence on nearly every continent, acquires, strengthens, and grows vertical market software companies, enabling them to be clear leaders within their focused industries.









Louis Roberts Vice President

Louis Roberts is a Vice President at Greater Sum Ventures. Prior to joining GSV, Louis was the Director of Giving Sales at Ministry Brands, a market leader of software solutions for churches.









Shaw McMorran Founding Partner

A Partner in Marlin Equity Partners from 2012 until 2018, Shawn was responsible for leading the firm's European office and investment activities. He has been involved in all aspects of acquiring and managing investments, including deal sourcing and qualification, conducting due diligence, transaction execution and portfolio monitoring.

Shawn has served as Chairman, Board Director and Investment Committee member of a number of highly successful businesses including Solarsoft, Vivonet, Asset Control, Longview, IBS-Iptor, BlueGarden, Qualitest, TalkWalker, ABIT-Collenda, Hospedia, Medius and Marlin Equity Partners Limited.









**Peter Coffee** VP, Strategic Research

Peter is VP of Strategic Research at Salesforce, where he has spent time with customers and partners to predict what's next in technology since 2007. Prior to Salesforce, Peter spent 18 years with eWEEK (formerly PC Week), where he reviewed software development tools and methods and wrote columns on emerging technologies and professional community issues.

Peter holds an engineering degree from MIT and an MBA from Pepperdine University. He has held teaching appointments in computer science, business analytics, and information systems management at Pepperdine, UCLA, and Chapman College.









**Frédéric Leridon** 

**CorpDev M&A** 

Frédéric worked for 30 years in IT industry, in Hardware (8 years at Compaq) and Software (10 years at Microsoft + 10 years at SAP - current) and always in indirect models and global teams.

He has solid experience with all partner types (SI, VARs, Distribution) and spent the last 15 years to manage the relationship with all the biggest ISVs in the world (Siebel, SAP, Sage, OpenText, Exact, Cegid, DocuSign).

The key skill are: Business Development with global partners, defining and structuring strategic engagement, defining new models and complex negotiations at CEO level.









Chris Barnes SVP, Corporate Development

Experienced Senior Vice President Of Corporate Development with a demonstrated history of working in the information technology and services industry.

Strong information technology professional skilled in Ecommerce Optimization, Sales, Market Research, Management, and Master Data Management.









Todd Crick Co-Founder

Todd Crick is a Co-Founder of Astra, a mid-market private equity firm focusing on growth buyouts in the Communications and Technology Services industries.

Prior to Co-founding he held executive positions at Ericsson, Verisign, and Alien Vault. He started his strategy consulting career with Deloitte Consulting and then became CEO of inCode, a boutique strategy consulting company.

He has held Boards of Directors positions with Positioning Universal (IoT device manufacturer), and Global Cloud Fleet (fleet management solutions).









**Global Growth Director** 

# David VanderHe has

David Vander is global business and technology leader having worked 16 years for Microsoft in various global leaderships roles based in the US and Asia. He has led businesses that have been either large, incubation or turnarounds.

Prior to that he worked for Cap Gemini in their global FSI strategy practice.

He has four degrees (B Eng, M Eng, M IT, MBA) and is currently undertaking a PhD in Business Strategy.









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