# Global Tech M&A Monthly Q3 Quarterly Report

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### **Agenda**

- Welcome
- Special Report: Unusual Buyers
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- Quarterly Tech M&A Report
- Closing Perspective
- Q&A

#### **Special Report – Unusual Buyers**



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### Big Data Analysis → Agriculture Giant









Target: The Climate Corporation

Buyer: Monsanto Value: \$930 million Date: Q4 2013

Weather Big Data company

- Enables the real-time pricing and purchasing of customizable weather insurance using proprietary global weather simulation modeling and local weather monitoring systems.

### **Cell Phone Company** → **Insurance Firm**







Target: Blackberry

Buyer: Fairfax Financial Holdings

Value: \$4.7 Billion Date: Q3 2013

- Wireless solutions for worldwide mobile communications market.
- Financial holdings company with operations in property and casualty insurance.

### Music Streaming → Grocery Store







Target: we7 Ltd Buyer: Tesco

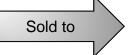
Value: \$16.8 Million

Date: Q2 2012

- Provides an advertising-supported online streaming music service for consumers globally.
- Owns and operates grocery and retail stores globally. Also provides online grocery delivery service.

#### Advertising Management → **German Post Office**







Target: intelliAd Media GmbH Buyer: Deutsche Post Ag

Value: \$18.4 Million

Date: Q3 2012

- Provides PPC advertising campaign bid management SaaS for businesses.
- Provides mail and package delivery services for businesses and consumers in Germany.

# Videoconferencing Software → Printer & Sewing Machine Maker







Target: Nefsis

**Buyer: The Brother Group** 

Date: Q4 2011

- Nefsis provides web-based remote collaboration and conferencing software.
- Manufactures printers, scanners, sewing machines, machine tools, and home appliances for businesses and consumers.

# Hosted Services Provider → Electronics Big Box Store







Target: mindSHIFT Technologies

Buyer: Best Buy Value: \$167 million

Date: Q3 2011

- Provides managed and SaaS-based Microsoft, SharePoint, and CRM software to non-profits, educational institutions, and government agencies.
- Operates retail stores that sell consumer electronics, software, computers, games, and office equipment.

# Process Management Systems -> Auto Parts Manufacturer







**BOSCH** 

Target: inubit Buyer: Bosch Date: Q3 2011

- Supplier of integrated process management systems.
- Enables Bosch to offer networked application solutions in companies and on internet platforms with future business growth, such as smart mobility, smart grids, and telehealth.

# Human Resources Software → Native Tribe







Warm Spring Ventures

**Target: Cort Directions** 

**Buyer: Warm Spring Ventures** 

Date: Q1 2003

 Provides software to medium and large sized organizations with complex payroll and HR tasks.

# Practice Management Software > Chemical & Testing Manufacturer

## Advanced Veterinary Systems





Target: Advanced Veterinary Systems

**Buyer: IDEXX Laboratories** 

Date: Q1 1997

- AVS provides practice management software targeted to the veterinary industry.
- IDEXX engages in the development, manufacture, and distribution of products for the veterinary, food, and water testing markets.

#### **Special Report – The JOBS Act**



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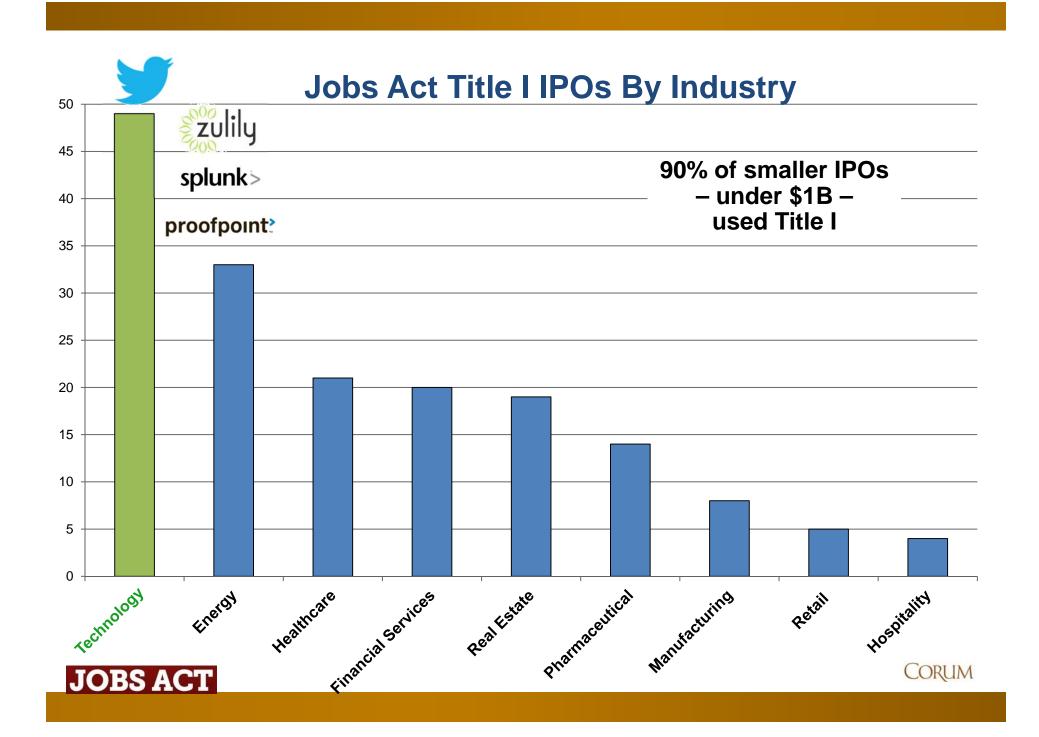
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#### **Recap of the Basics**

- April 2012 passed and analyzed by Tech M&A Monthly
- Helps smaller businesses
  - Raise private money
  - Stay private longer
  - Go public
- Profound impact on Tech M&A
- Main parts, simplified:
  - Title I: IPO On-Ramp
  - Title II: Solicitation and Safe Harbors
  - Title III: CROWDFUNDing
- Title I "IPO On-Ramp" went into effect immediately
- So did parts of other Titles





# JOBS Act Title I Helps Propel Splunk to Acquisition







Target: Bugsense Acquirer: Splunk Date: 9/16/2013

Transaction Value: Undisclosed

- The addition of BugSense will enhance the ability of Splunk customers to analyze machine data directly from mobile devices and correlate it with other machine-generated data to gain operational intelligence.
- This is the inaugural acquisition for Splunk.

# 4 ProofPoint Acquisitions enabled by Title I Capital

### proofpoint?

Date	Target	Value	Description	
10/1		\$23 Million	Provides open source software and processors that augment business messaging and email systems. Software enables policy controls, content management and security, email filtering and application integration.	
8/9	<b>Parmorize</b> Secure Your Web Applications	\$25 Million	Provides exploit-based anti-malware, online advertising and website monitoring and source-code analysis SaaS for businesses' Internet users.	
7/25	@ Abaca	\$2.5 Million	Provides email anti-spam and phishing and virus filtering software as a service (SaaS) for enterprises, small-to-medium sized businesses and government enterprises.	
4/9	moildistiller Pure Filtered Email.	\$4.5 Million	Provides anti-spam and email anti-virus software as a service (SaaS) for businesses globally.	



### What Title I (and V) Mean For M&A

- Increased pace and bids for smaller entities (sub-\$100M) – and higher valuations
- EmGroCs providing M&A competition for traditional buyers
- High IPO on-ramp activity indicative of opportunity for companies under \$250 million.

#### **Title II -- Current Status**

- Delayed but effective September 23, 2013
- Small businesses can generally solicit and advertise publicly for accredited investors
- Easier to communicate and raise money
- A fundamental change for angel financings, by groups and via media

#### **Predicted Title II Implications for M&A**

- Easier to communicate and raise money
- A fundamental change for angel financings, by groups and via media
- More capital = more demand for M&A
- Higher activity and valuations
- Faster action in hot markets earlier take-outs and roll-ups, even by using quick, publicized, targeted financings

### Title III: CROWDFUNDing

"Capital Raising Online While Deterring Fraud and Unethical Non-Disclosure"

A potential game-changer overhaul of securities investment laws

Raise up to \$1 million annually

 Tap thousands of investors through the Internet for small shares of stock each

### Crowdfunding in advance of Title III

- Over 500 active crowdfunding platforms
- 9K crowdfunding-related domains registered
- Equity-based has some legal status now in the UK, Italy, others
- Creating a niche in the financial services sector and M&A

#### **Crowdfunding Sector Consolidation Now**







Target: Kapipal [Italy]

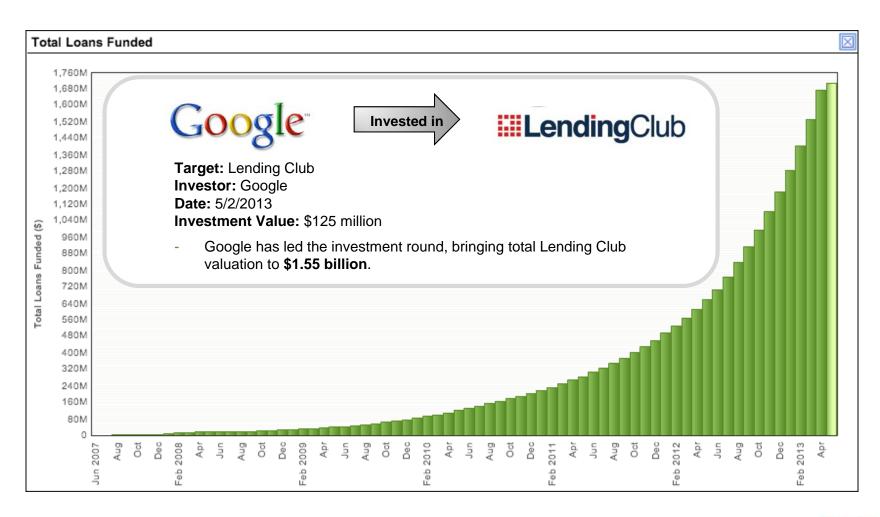
Acquirer: GrowVC [Hong Kong]

**Date:** 7/9/2013

Transaction Value: Undisclosed

- Kapipal is an international crowdfunding platform, focusing on live events and personal causes.
- The addition of Kapipal will help to expand GrowVC's offerings in the crowdfunding space.

# Google's Investment In Lending Club Grows Crowdfunding Credibility





### **Predicted Title III Impact on M&A**

- Larger, more diverse capital base creates broader range of companies
- Faster start-up formation drives quicker M&A
- New generation of corporate spinout entrepreneurs more likely to realize exit through M&A
- Increased pressure on sellers to grow or exit as more start-up competition arises

#### Beyond the JOBS ACT: what's next?



- More and faster-moving capital driving valuations and liquidity
- More varied and intricate Tech M&A
- Further securities deregulation to spark more investment?

#### **Corum Research Report**



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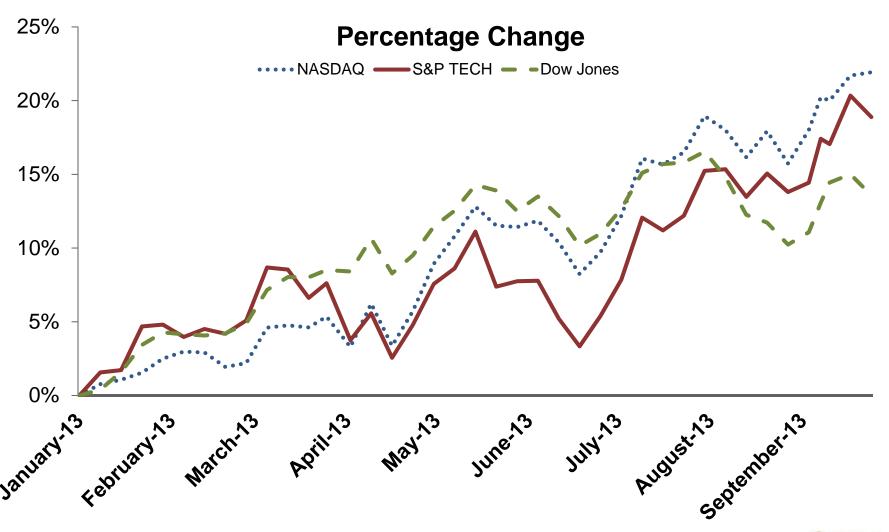




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#### **Public Markets**



#### **Corum Index**

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# of Mega Deals	8	15
Largest Deal	\$3.3B	\$9.3B
Private Equity Deals	46	53
# VC backed Exits	173	172
% Cross Border Transactions	32%	30%
% of Startup Acquisitions*	14%	14%
Average Life of Target	14	14

Buyer	Seller	Price
Applied Materials	Tokyo Electron	\$9.3B
Microsoft	Nokia	\$5.0B
Schneider Electric	Invensys	\$4.9B
Cisco	Sourcefire	\$2.7B
Baidu	91 Wireless Websoft	\$1.9B
Davis + Henderson	Harland Financial Solutions	\$1.2B
Vista Equity Partners	Active Network	\$1.0B
Thoma Bravo	Intuit	\$1.0B

\*Plus 7 more deals not shown

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#### **Corum Index**

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#### NOKIA

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Buyer

\$1.9B

\$2.7B

Price

\$5.0B

Target: Nokia (devices and services business)

mobile network operators, businesses and consumers.

Acquirer: Microsoft

Transaction Value: \$5 billion

Designs and manufactures mobile phones and provides imaging, game and media software for

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Trusteer

Sold to



Target: Trusteer Acquirer: IBM

Transaction Value: \$0.9 billion: 25.7x revenue

Provides financial anti-fraud software and SaaS including anti-malware, endpoint integrity and mobile device security software to businesses globally.







Target: Sourcefire Acquirer: Cisco

Transaction Value: \$2.7 billion: 10.7x revenue

Provides intrusion detection and prevention systems and closed- and open-source software and software as a service for businesses.

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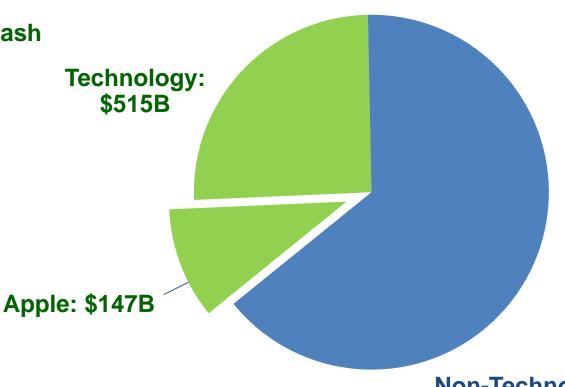
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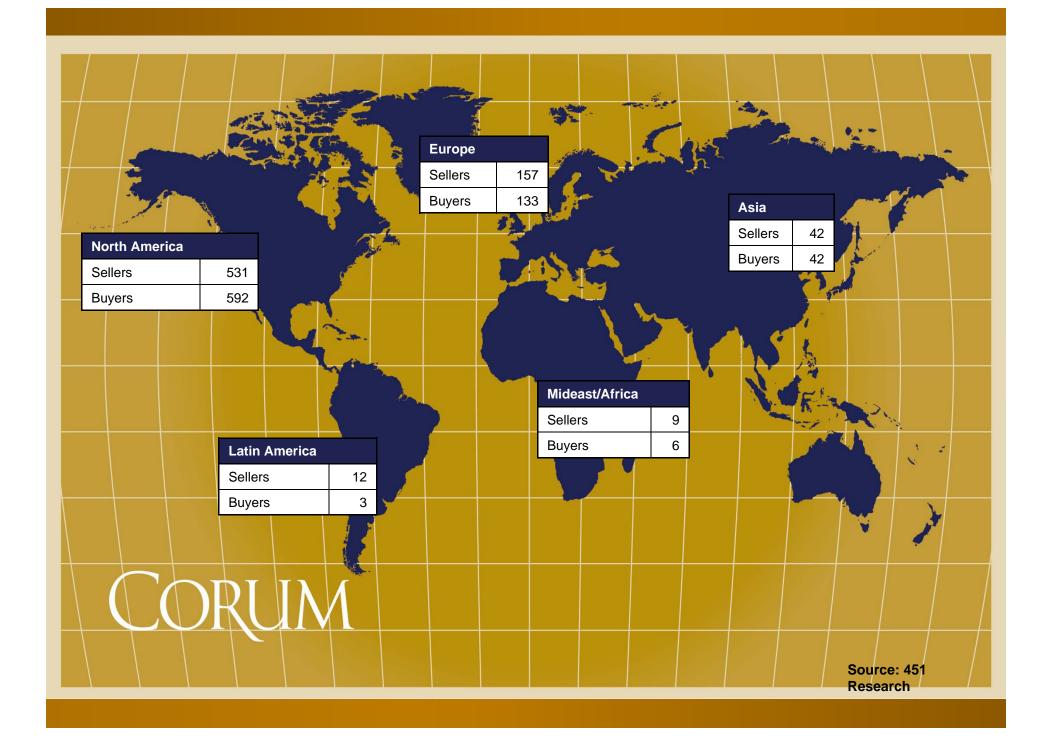
#### **Top 5 Cash Holders**

- Apple 10% of ALL cash
- Cisco
- Google
- Microsoft
- Pfizer

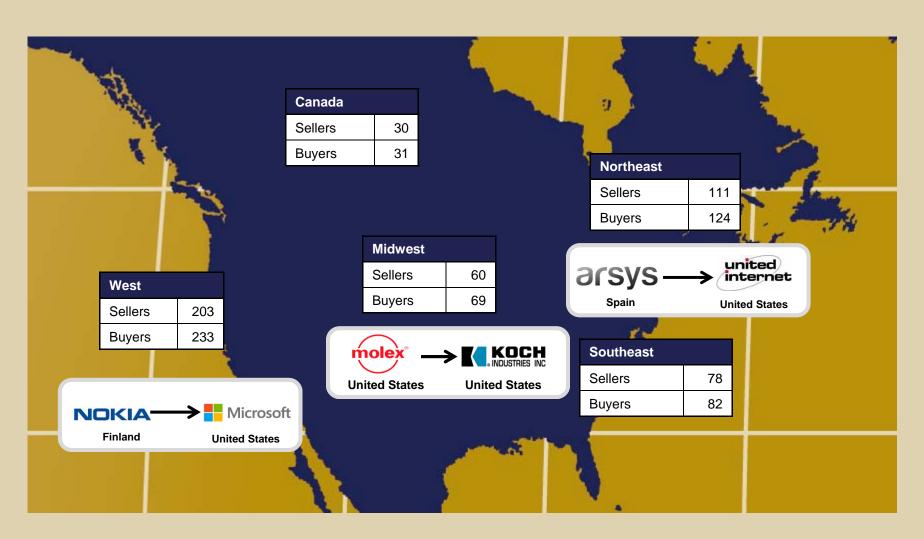
#### \$1.48 Trillion Total



Non-Technology: \$935B

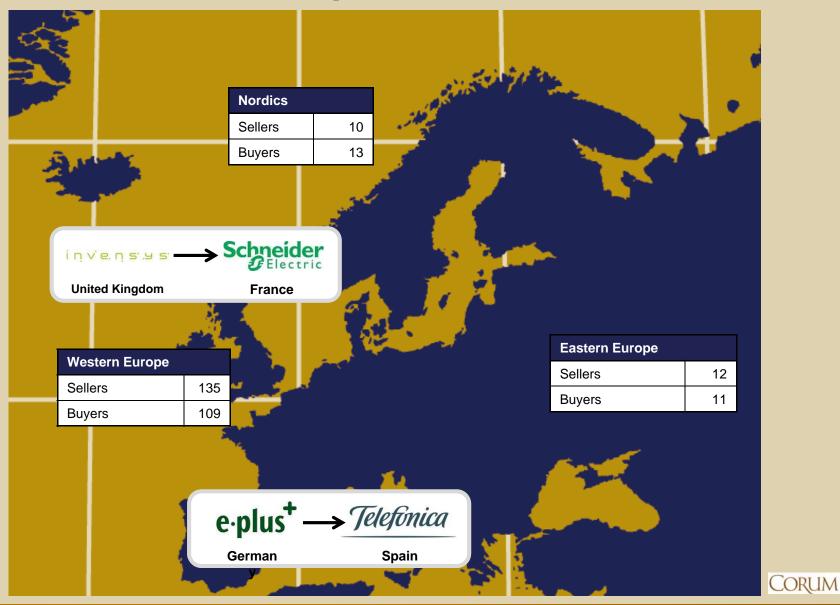


#### **North American Deals**





### **European Deals**



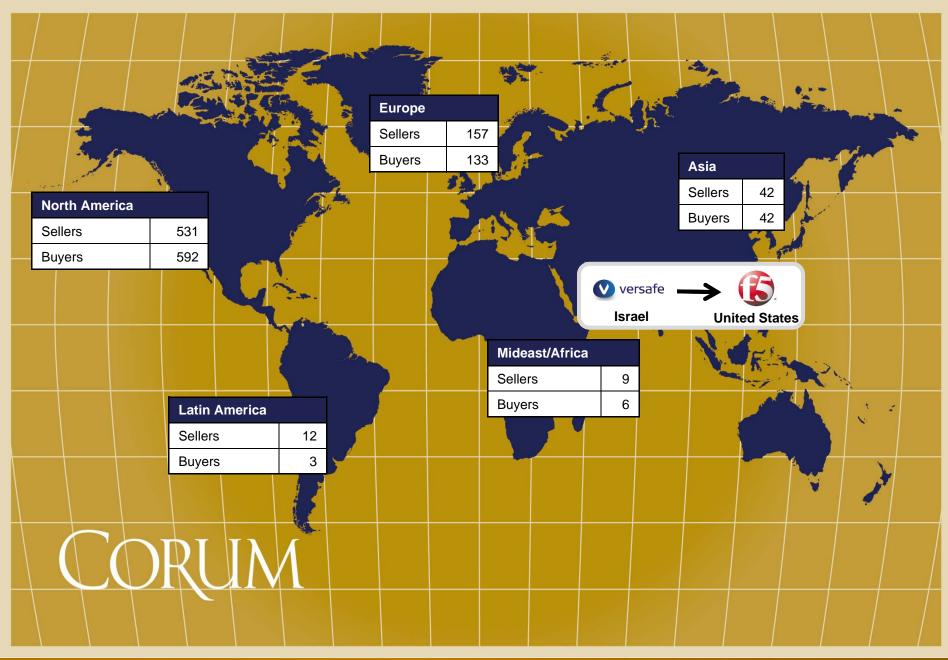
Source: 451 Research

### **Latin American Deals**



### **Asian Deals**





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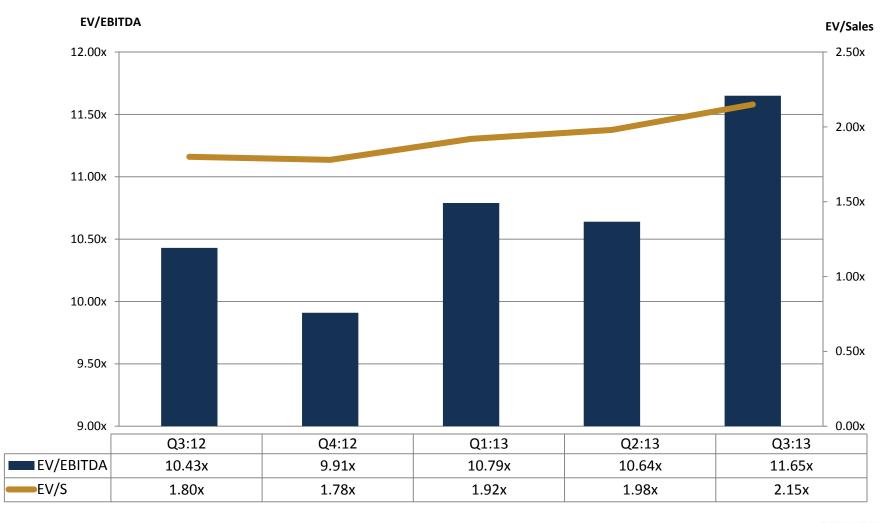








## **Aggregate Six Markets**

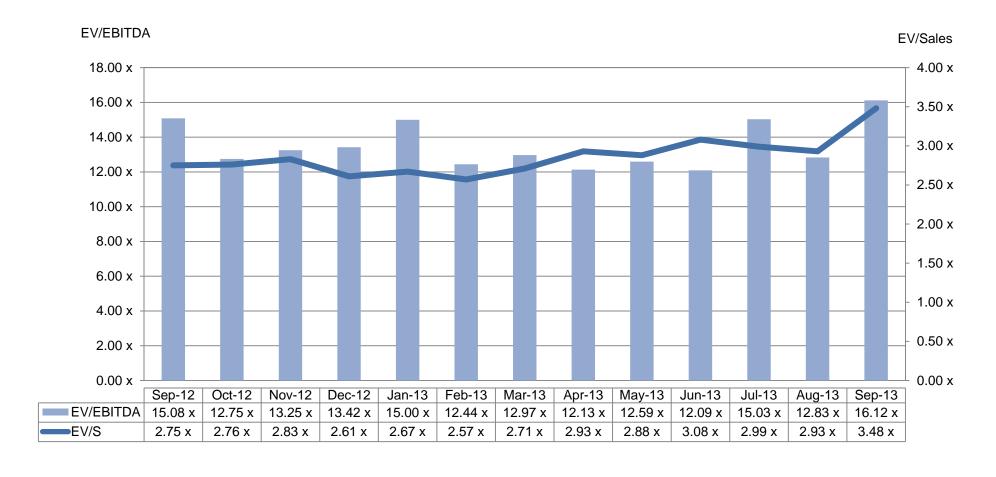






## Horizontal Application Software Market

### **Public Valuation Multiples**







## **Horizontal Application Software Valuations**

Subsector		Sales	Earnings		Examples	
Business Intelligence		3.11x	21.54x	INFORMATICA	<b>Qlik</b> Tech"	MicroStrategy
Human Resources	1	3.82x	75.81x	CALLIDUS SOFT WARE	<b>Ultimate</b> SOFTWARE	saba <sup>-</sup> \$
SCM	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	7.10x	18.78x	SPS Commerce	AMERICAN° SOFTWARE	Manhattan Associates.
Communications		1.45x	14.42x	amdocs	Constant Contact	NUANCE
ERP		2.79x	10.30x	ORACLE <sup>1</sup>	SAP	NETSUITE ONE SYSTEM, NO LIMITS:
CRM	100	2.59x	20.40x	sales <b>force</b> .com	LIVEPERSON	CONVERGYS
Content Mgmt.		3.30x	11.02x		OPEN TEXT The Content Experts	
<b>Horizontal Other</b>	1	4.28x	20.47x	<b>Trimble</b>	sciQuest,	C•ncur



## **Acquisitions**



Date	Target	Value	Description
9/10	kxen		Provides customer lifecycle predictive analytics SaaS by mining enterprise data to provide product recommendations, optimize online and social media marketing, enable customer engagement and prevent fraud.
6/5	(v) hybris	\$1.1 Billion	Provides e-commerce management software and SaaS for businesses globally that provides features for product data management, merchandising, SEO, customer support management, marketing materials publishing and order management.
5/16	KMS SOFTWARE COMPANY		Provides employee onboarding management SaaS for businesses.
3/7	CAMILION SOLUTIONS		Provides health, property and homeowners' insurance policy configuration, administration and underwriting software for insurance agencies in North America.
2/22	SmartOps*		Provides product inventory management and planning software and SaaS for businesses.
1/31	ticket-web		Provides sports and entertainment event ticketing POS, CRM and accounting software and SaaS for promoters and venues in Germany.



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## **Horizontal Application Software Market**

#### **Deal Spotlight**

kxen

Sold to



4.00 x

EV/Sales

3.50 x

3.00 x

2.50 x

2.00 x

1.50 x

1.00 x

0.50 x

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Sector: CRM

Target: KXEN, Inc.

Acquirer: SAP AG [Germany]
Transaction Value: Undisclosed

 Addition of KXEN adds powerful and easy-to-use predictive capabilities for the extensive customer base of cloud and on-premise solutions from SAP

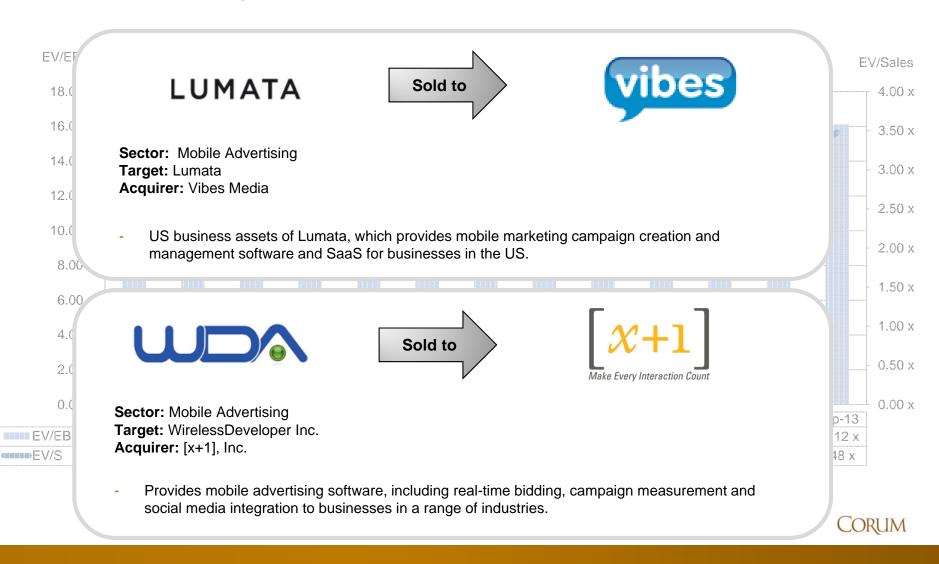
The predictive technology can be used to enhance the value of core SAP applications for managing operations, customer relationships, supply chains, risk and fraud.





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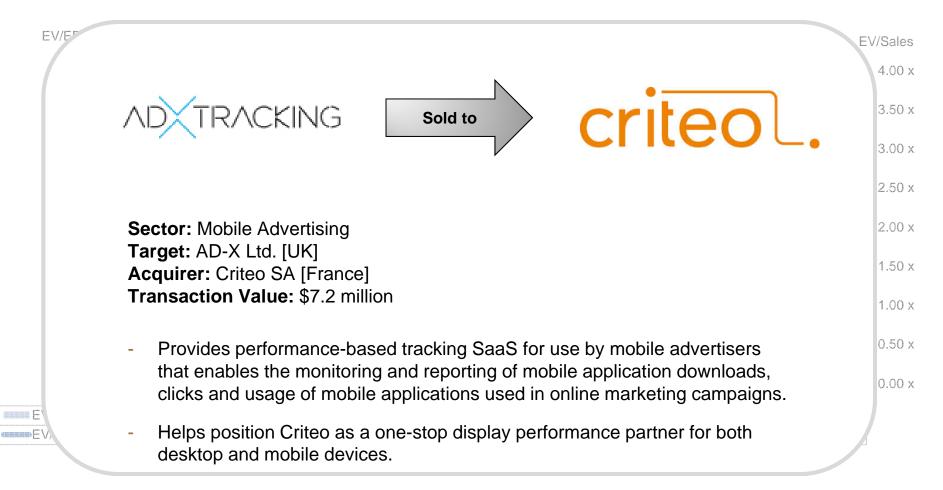
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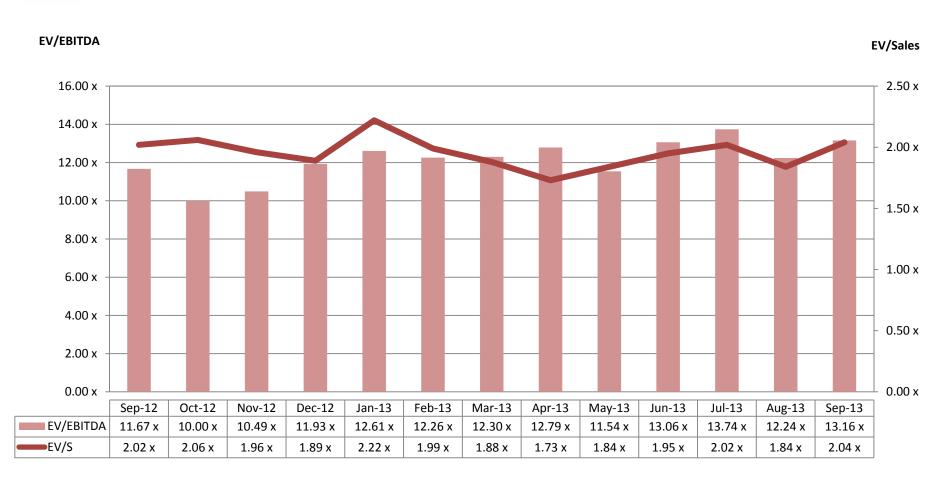
## **Horizontal Application Software Market**

#### **Deal Spotlight**





### **Public Valuation Multiples**







### **Internet Market Valuations**

Subsector	Sales	Earnings		Examples	
Internet Infrastructure	1.86x	11.76x	inūvo	Akamai	JUNIPEC,
Internet Pure Play	2.12x	14.72x	amazon.com.	Google	<b>priceline</b> ™ Name Your Own Price™



#### **Deal Spotlight**

EV/EBITDA EV/Sales 2.50 x DATA TOTE sportech Sold to 2.00 x 1.50 x **Sector:** Internet Pure Play Target: Data Tote [UK] 1.00 x **Acquirer:** Sportech Transaction Value: \$5 million 0.50 xProvides gaming and betting software, terminals and tablet computers with a focus on the European greyhound and horse racing markets. 0.00 x Reinforces Sportech's position as one of the largest operators and providers . . of betting technologies and services in the world. (BBBBB) E'\





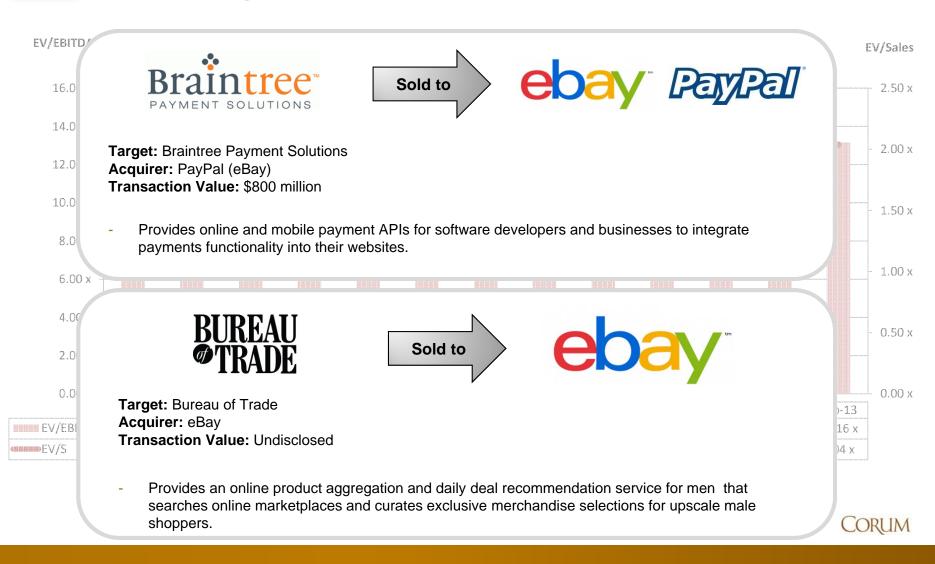
#### **Deal Spotlight**

EV/EBITDA EV/Sales 2.50 x bookmaker.com.au place your bets Ladbrokes Sold to 2.00 x 1.50 x **Sector:** Internet Pure Play **Target:** Gaming Investments Pty [Australia] 1.00 x Acquirer: Ladbrokes plc [UK] Transaction Value: \$20.2 million 0.50 xOperates as an online sports betting website for consumers in Australia through Bookmaker.com.au. 0.00 x Opportunity to establish presence in Australia and continue to extend geographic reach.





### **Deal Spotlights**





#### **Deal Spotlight**

EV/EBITDA

sidetour

**Sector:** Internet Pure Play

Transaction Value: Undisclosed

Target: SideTour, Inc.

Acquirer: Groupon Inc.

Sold to



2.50 x

EV/Sales

2.00 x

1.50 x

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0.00 x

- SideTour handpicks a growing selection of unique, hosted events that connect customers with qualified experts who help them discover more about their cities and the things they're passionate about.

Furthers Groupon's vision as the go-to place for consumers to find just about anything, anywhere, anytime.





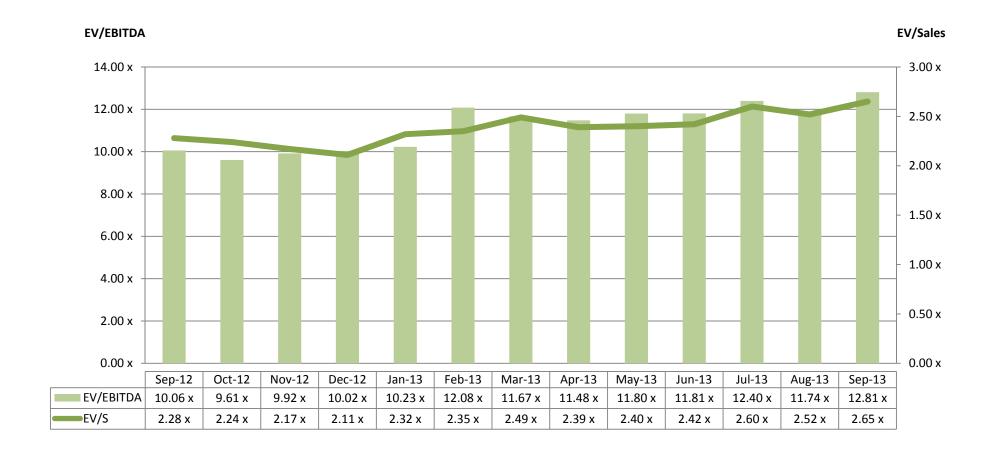
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EV/EBITDA EV/Sales 2.50 xdiscount coupons Sold to 2.00 x 1.50 x **Sector:** Internet Pure Play Target: Cloops, Inc. 1.00 x Acquirer: Discount Coupons Corp Transaction Value: Undisclosed 0.50 xOperates a coupon aggregation website for consumers primarily in the Los Angeles and South Florida markets. 0.00 x Purchase is in line with Discount Coupons Corp's strategy of acquiring companies that demonstrate consistent, strong performance and offer unique approaches to the Daily Deal industry.





### **Public Valuation Multiples**







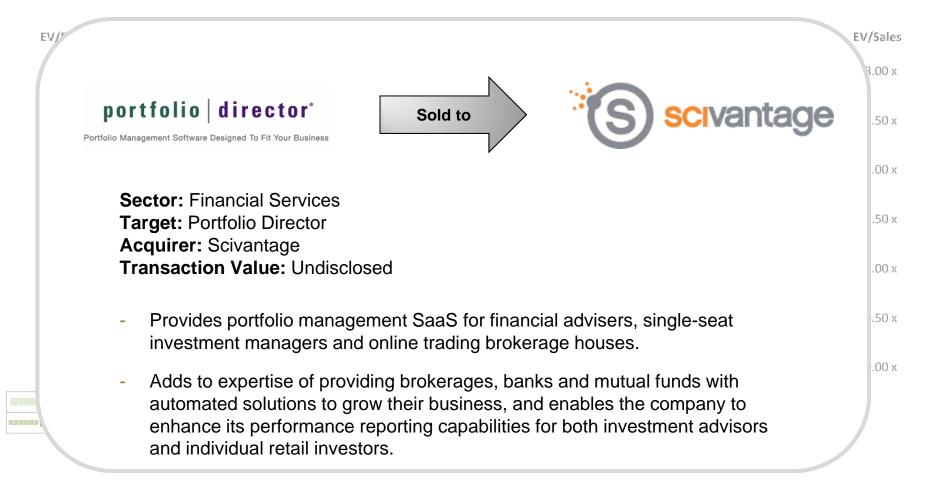
## **Vertical Application Software Valuations**

Subsector	Sales	Earnings		Examples	
A/E/C	2.68x	13.61x	AUTODESK	PTC*	DASSAULT SYSTEMES
Government	0.93x	7.29x	LOCKHEED MARTIN	communications	HARRIS
Healthcare	4.28x	30.91x	<b>Cerner</b>	MCKESSON Empowering Healthcare	
Financial Services	3.61x	14.80x	ADV Advent	payment systems	fiserv.
Energy & Environment	2.81x	10.74x	Itrón	IHS	Schlumberger
Vertical Other	1.84x	12.67x	Rockwell Automation	Sensata Technologies	



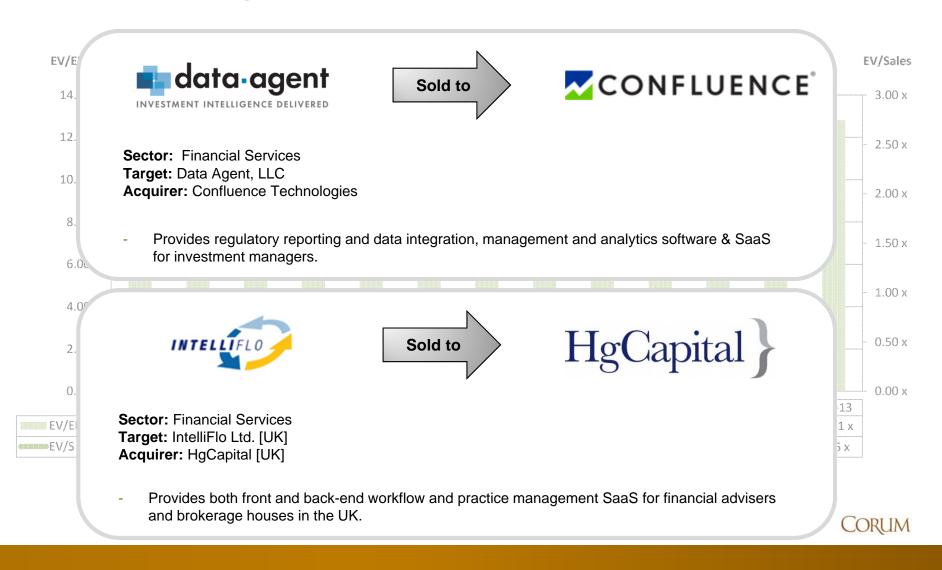


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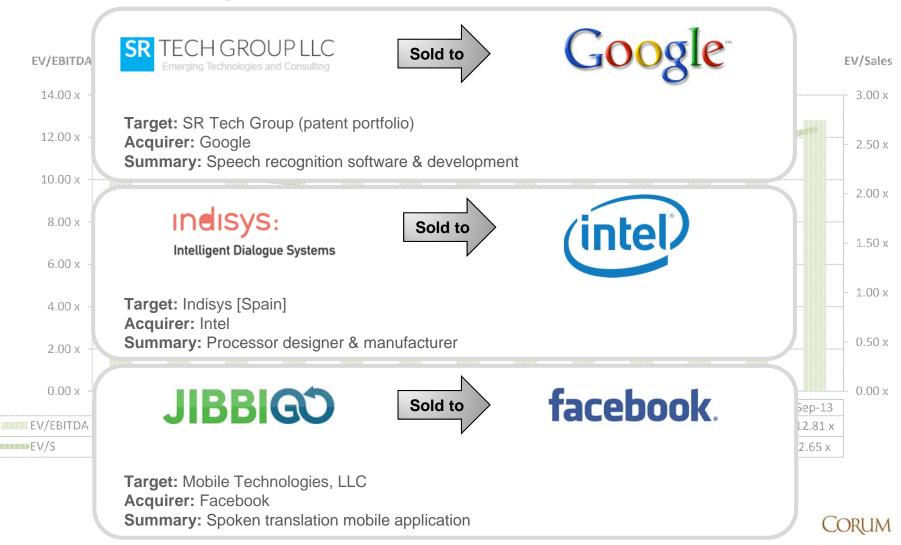


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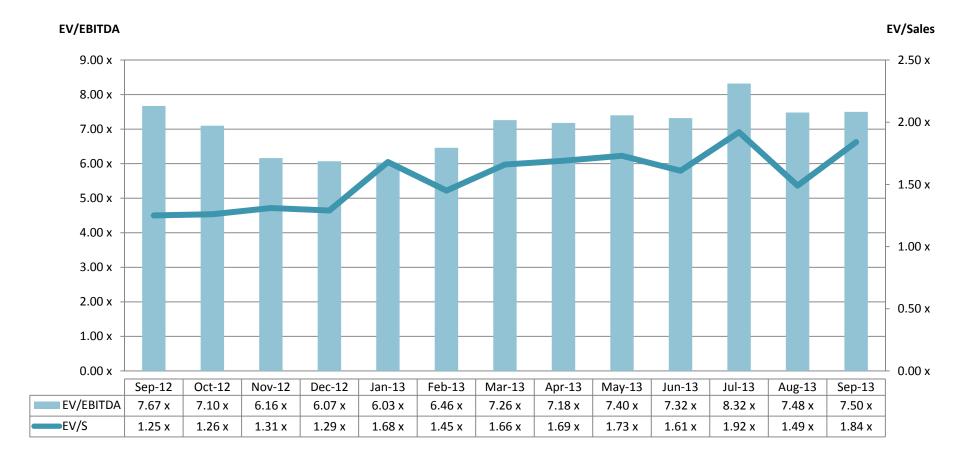


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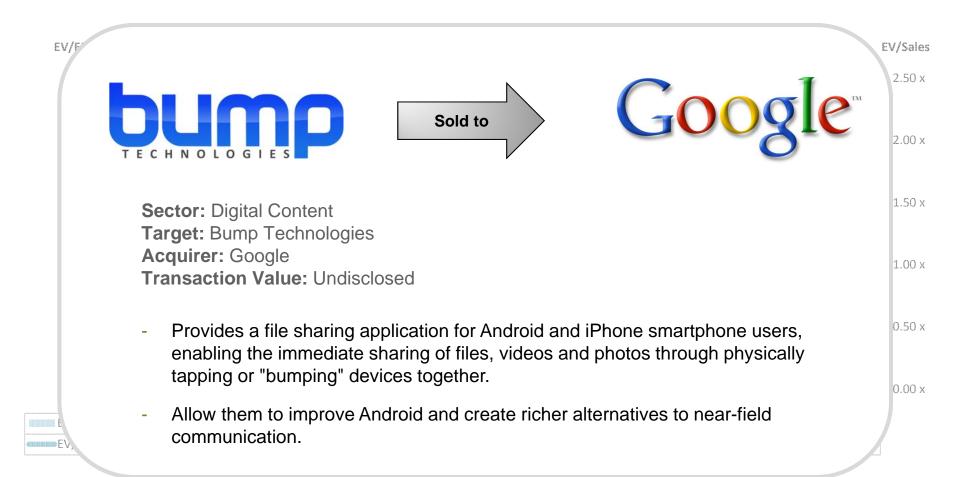


# **Consumer Application Software Valuations**

Subsector	Sales	Earnings		Examples	
Digital Content	0.89x	7.29x	Adobe	<b>6</b>	DETFLIX
Video Games	1.91x	7.52x	<mark>網 多 NETEASE</mark> W W W . 1 6 3 . c o m		ACTIVISION.



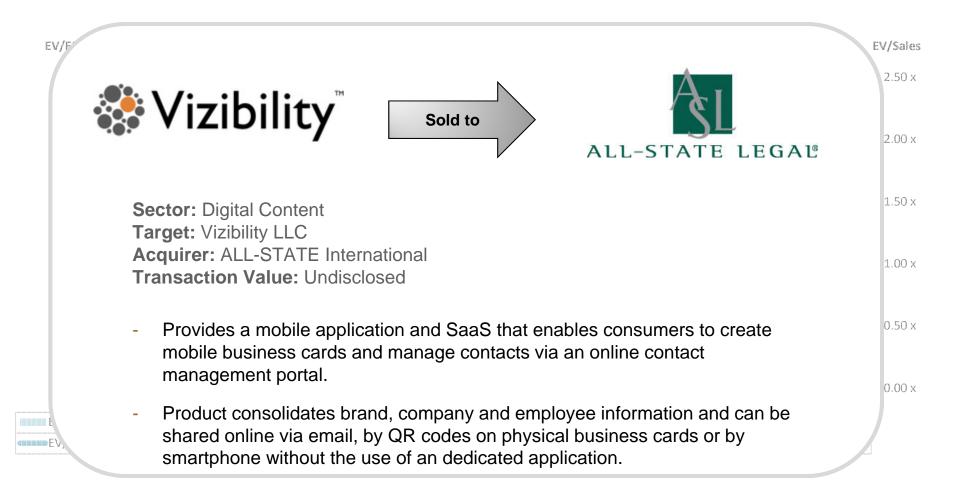
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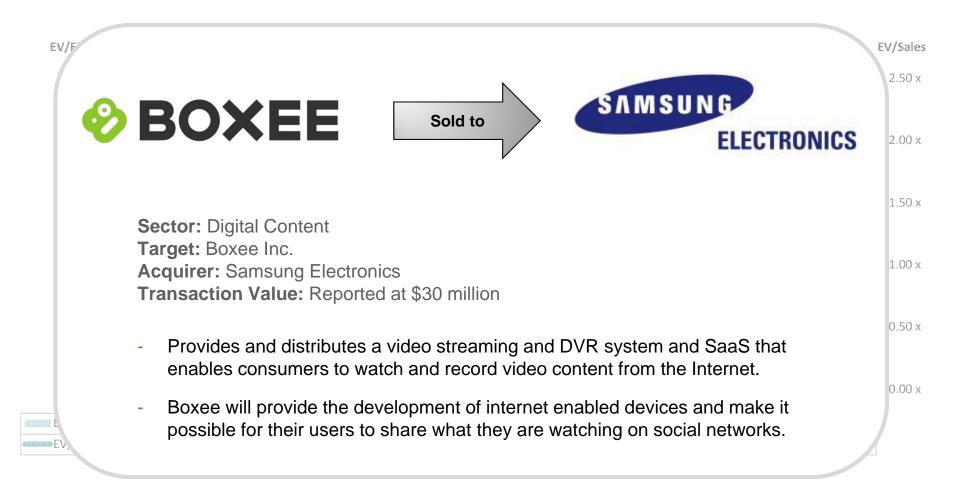
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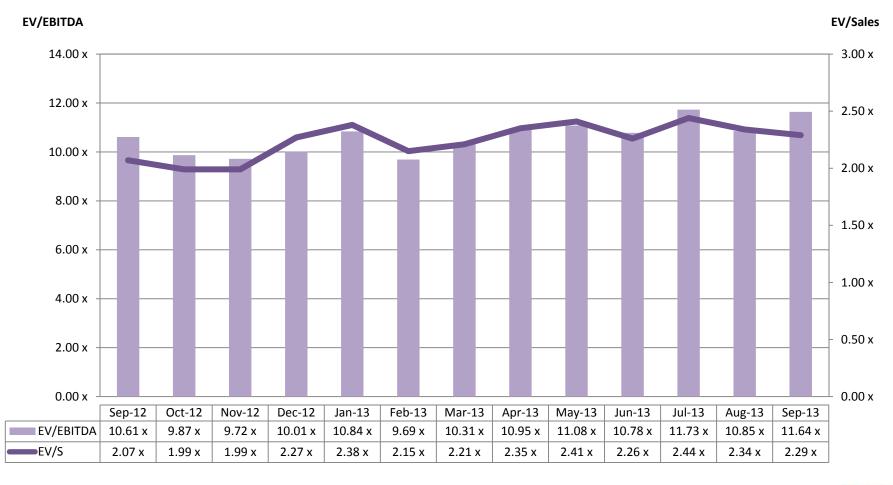


#### **Deal Spotlight**





### **Public Valuation Multiples**







## **Infrastructure Software Valuations**

Subsector		Sales	Earnings		Examples	
Infrastructure Communications	1	1.80x	17.76x	BR&ADSOFT Innovation calling.	NOKIA	eGain <sup>®</sup> Trusted by Leaders **
Network Management	1	2.55x	11.03x	• NETSCOUT.	solarwinds	cisco
Storage	1	1.38x	10.19x	EMC <sup>2</sup>	commvault sing feast	φιοgic.
<b>Development Tools</b>	1	2.47x	16.22x	Compuware, several of sub-	(intel)	PROGRESS SOFTWARE
Security	1	4.89x	12.05x	symantec.	Check Point SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGIES LTD.	√eriSign <sup>*</sup>
Virtualization	1	4.08x	22.42x	<b>CİTR</b> İX°	LogMeth	wmware
Legacy/SOA	1	3.82x	20.45x	BLUEPHOENIX The Legacy Modernization Company	jacoda	The Power of Now*
Systems Mgmt.	•	2.45x	8.03x	<b>  dbmc</b> software	IBM.	Ca.



#### **Deal Spotlight**

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**Sector:** Systems Management

Target: Daeja Image Systems [UK]

Acquirer: IBM

Transaction Value: Undisclosed

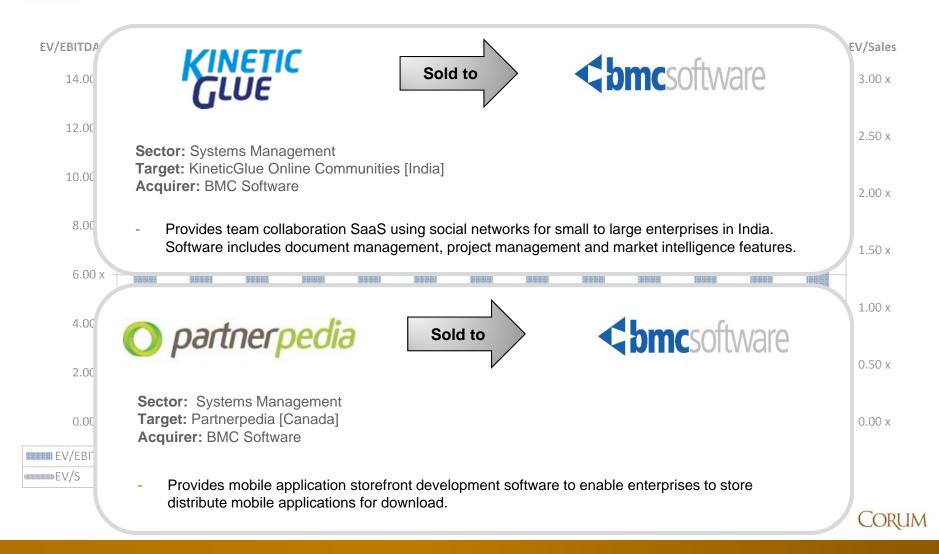
- Added a technology that allows corporate users to access, annotate and share documents through a Web-based viewer.
- The interactive features of Daeja software complement IBM's ability to mask and annotate documents and images to anonymize or protect sensitive data.



**W/Sales** 



### **Deal Spotlights**





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**Sector:** Visualization

Target: Byte Squared Limited [UK]

**Acquirer:** Citrix Systems

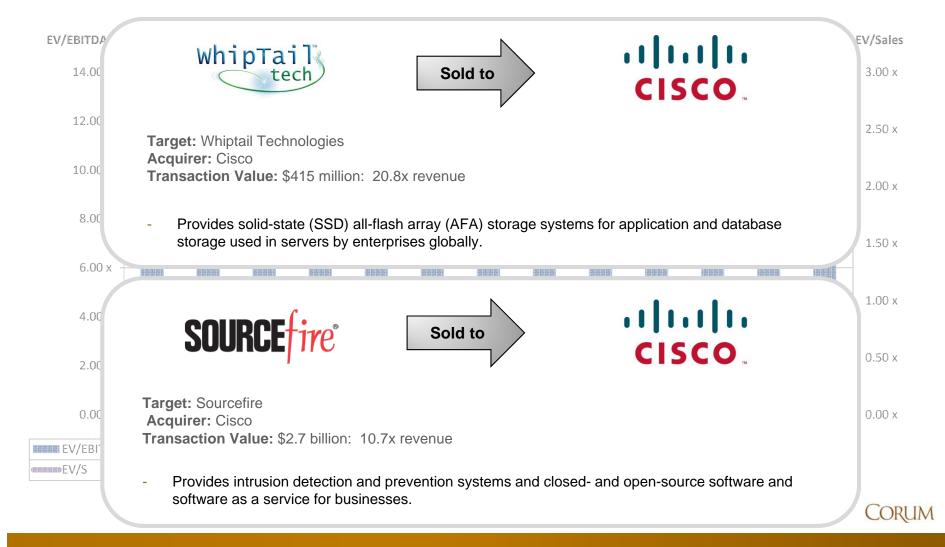
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- Provides mobile software that enables users to edit office files, primarily Microsoft Office documents, including Word, PowerPoint and Excel files, on iOS mobile devices.
- Will integrate it into its ShareFile enterprise platform, acquired in 2011.



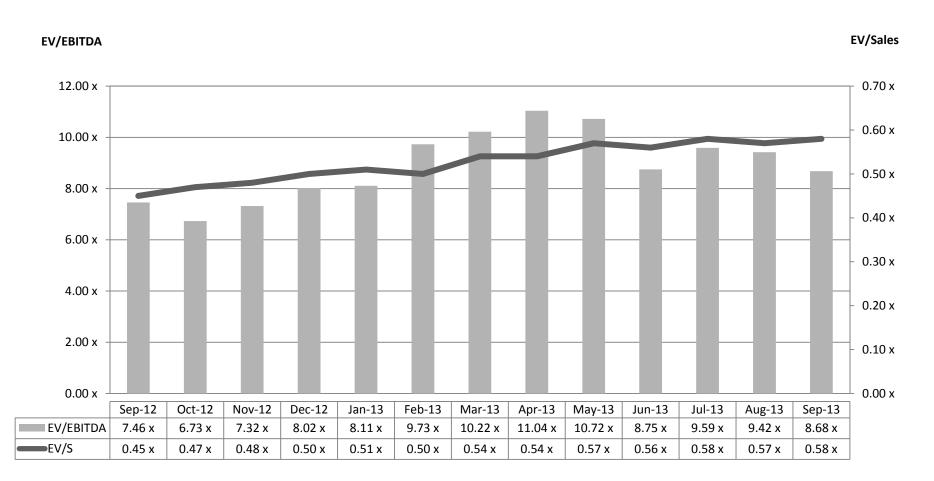


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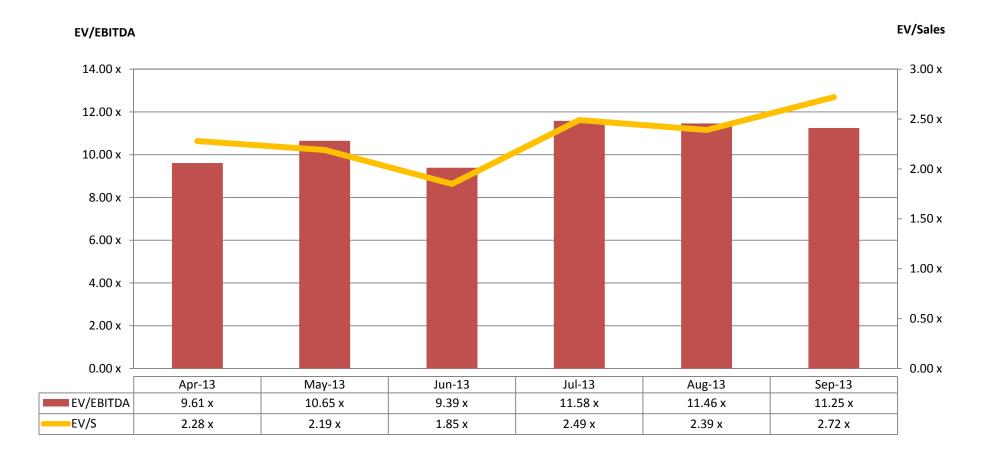






### **Asian IT Services Market**

### **Public Valuation Multiples**







#### **Deal Spotlight**

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Target: IBM (CRM BPO business)

Acquirer: SYNNEX Corp.

Transaction Value: \$505 million

- IBM's worldwide customer care services business, which provides outsourced BPO customer help services for businesses globally.
- This acquisition will make Concentrix a global Top 10 player in a growing market, and add up to 45,000 staff.

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#### **Deal Spotlight**

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**Target:** RCG Global Services (IT Staffing Division)

Acquirer: Stefanini IT Solutions [Brazil]

Transaction Value: Undisclosed

- The IT staffing division of RCG Global Services, which provides offshore and US-based IT staffing services to businesses globally.
- Will strengthen Stefanini's recruiting capability by adding a second offshore recruiting center in the Asia-Pacific region. They will also gain a direct presence to additional U.S. geographies, especially in the northeast and southern states



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**Target:** SoftCom Inc. [CAN] **Acquirer:** Ingram Micro

Transaction Value: Undisclosed

- A cloud marketplace and global service provider offering domain name management, web hosting and cloud infrastructure services, among other SMB-focused solutions.
- Gives Ingram its own hosted infrastructure product, giving it the improved margin over a resold product, as well as a product it can actively steer in the direction of its user and partner needs.





#### **Deal Spotlight**

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**Target:** Computerlinks AG [Germany]

**Acquirer:** Arrow Electronics

Transaction Value: \$307.7 million

- Distributes business management, security and consumer software and mobile devices and computer systems to businesses in Europe, as well as provides related IT training, installation and support services.
- Part of long-term strategy of consolidation in the distribution channel.



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## **Corum Research Report**



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## **Closing Perspective**



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After Morgan Stanley, Nat co-founded Postcard Software, a creator of advertiser-driven bilingual (English and Japanese) Internet content. At Activision, Nat led the company's on-line business development.

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### Q&A

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## **Upcoming Conference Schedule**

**Selling Up Selling Out (SUSO) -** Ready to go to market? During this half-day workshop, learn to prepare, position, research, value, negotiate, and execute due diligence for maximum price and structure. This is the most attended Tech M&A event ever – participants have done over \$1 trillion in transaction value.

**Merge Briefing (MB) -** The Merge Briefing is a 90-minute executive briefing providing a current M&A market update (trends, valuations, etc.), as well as a brief overview of the Tech M&A process: "8 Steps To An Optimal Outcome."

Oct	15	Nashville – MB	Nov. 14: Reston -	- SUSO
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Oct. 15: Sacramento – MB Nov. 14: Zurich – MB

Oct. 24: Amsterdam – SUSO Nov. 18: Rio de Janeiro – MB

Oct. 24: Salt Lake City – SUSO Nov. 18: San Antonio – MB

Oct. 30: Calgary – MB Nov. 19: Austin – SUSO

Nov. 11: Charlotte – MB Nov. 19: Sao Paulo – MB

Nov. 12: Raleigh – SUSO Nov. 20: Boston – SUSO

Nov. 13: Richmond – MB Nov. 21: Buenos Aires – MB

Nov. 13: Vienna – MB Nov. 21: Dallas – SUSO