

INDUSTRY UPDATE – 18 January 2019

## VALUATION MULTIPLES

Forward EV / EBITDA Multiples (monthly to 31/12/2018) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Multiples in the Technology, Media & Telecom sector have increased over the period. At the end of December, the sector traded on a forward EV / EBITDA multiple of 11.8x, compared to the ASX200 on 8.9x.



Average Values and Trading Multiples (values as at 18/01/2019) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Subsector	Enterprise Value (\$m)	EV/EBITDA FY2019	EV/EBIT FY2019	Price / Earnings FY2019
Digital & Traditional Media	7,965	7.8x	11.3x	10.0x
Internet, IoT	20,650	16.1x	18.7x	22.9x
IT Services, Fintech	4,154	11.7x	13.8x	46.1x
Software (SaaS/Licence)	10,974	18.8x	23.8x	23.2x
Technological Hardware	313	6.2x	14.2x	11.9x
Telecommunications	63,658	8.5x	13.7x	14.6x
Emerging vs Established				
\$500m+ EV	104,059	16.0x	21.5x	38.4x
\$100m-\$500m EV	3,169	8.4x	13.2x	13.7x
EV Below \$100m	486	7.8x	3.7x	11.4x
Technology, Media & Telecom	112,771	12.3x	16.1x	24.9x

Note: Multiples are based on the forward year of the unreported period, which for the majority of companies in the sector is FY2019. Difference in forward EV/EBITDA multiples between Figure and Table are representative of the timing difference between month-end result, and current day result.

<sup>1</sup> The InterFinancial Technology, Media & Telecom Index set is an unweighted index comprising Technology, Media & Telecom sector related companies trading on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX). Estimates are sourced from FactSet Research Systems Inc.



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# **MERGER & ACQUISITION NEWS...**

norbis	Value: not disclosed				
TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	<b>Orbis Technologies</b> has completed the acquisition of <b>Turn-Key Systems</b> , an Australian software company. <b>Turn-Key</b> has over 20 years of experience in the content management market and holds an impressive client list of companies located in Australia, Europe, the United States, and Canada.				
Turn-Keysystems <sup>®</sup>					
<u> </u>	Value: \$4.5m				
S Swift NETWORKS MEDICAL MEDIA	<b>Swift Networks Group</b> has announced the planned acquisition of <b>Medical Media</b> , the Australian digital-out-of-home media network. <b>Swift</b> will purchase all the outstanding shares in <b>Medical Media</b> for an upfront consideration of \$4.5m, entirely through the issue of 14.95m Swift shares at \$0.301 per share, via a Share Purchase Agreement (SPA) on a cash-free, debt-free basis.				
Contemport	Value: Not Disclosed				
	<b>Telstra</b> has entered into agreed terms to purchase a 25% stake in <b>Southern Cross Cable</b> <b>Network</b> (SCCN), an Australian and New Zealand undersea cable company. The expected cost of the <b>Southern Cross NEXT</b> cable project is \$418m.				
	Value: \$5.35m				
adapt IT	Adapt IT, a South Africa-based software company, has agreed to acquire Australia- based Wisenet Group. Adapt IT will pay \$2.95m in cash on completion for the Wisenet Group and \$2.40m in cash on completion for Wisenet SG. The deal complements Adapt IT's Education Division growth strategy and provides access to key proprietary software, customers, and markets in the Australian higher education sector.				
	Value \$7m				
CLOUD HR & PAYROLL HR Onboard	<b>ELMO Software</b> , an Australian-based human resources (HR) software business, has announced the acquisition of <b>HROnboard</b> , the Australian-based provider of cloud-based employee onboarding software. The onboarding process is an essential function of an employee's lifecycle within an organization and the acquisition of <b>HROnboard</b> strategically strengthens <b>ELMOS's</b> position as the leading provider of SaaS onboarding solutions in the Australian and New Zealand market.				

## **GOING VIRAL...**

- Nine Entertainment is anticipated to begin the sale of Stuff, a New Zealand-based media company, before the close of March. Stuff reported that the formal sale process for the business and the Australian regional publications previously owned by Fairfax will begin in the coming months.
- **irexchange**, an Australian company to help retailers and suppliers build more profitable and sustainable businesses, is seeking to raise as much as \$17.5m through an initial public offering. The company is offering 19.444m shares at \$0.90 per share. The indicative market capitalization upon the completion of the offer will be \$74.27m, with 82.52m shares on issue.
- Private equity firm **Adamantem** may still be considering an offer for Australian telecommunications company **Amaysim.** The company has a market capitalization of \$204m.
- AltoStratos Holdings, an Australian developer of supply chain delivery technologies, is seeking to raise \$16m through an initial public offering, according to a prospectus lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December.
- EscaVox, an Australian agricultural products supply chain tracking services provider, is looking to raise up to \$6m in an equity deal.



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