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### **VALUATION MULTIPLES**

Forward EV / EBITDA Multiples (monthly to 31/07/2019) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Multiples in the Technology, Media & Telecom sector have increased over the period. At the end of July, the sector traded on a forward EV / EBITDA multiple of 20.1x, compared to the ASX200 on 9.9x.



Average Values and Trading Multiples (values as at 21/08/2019) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Subsector	Enterprise Value (\$m)	EV/EBITDA FY2019	EV/EBIT FY2019	Price / Earnings FY2019
Digital & Traditional Media	8,958	7.2x	11.0x	11.9x
Internet, IoT	25,172	19.4x	22.7x	30.2x
IT Services, Fintech	8,847	17.0x	22.3x	22.4x
Software (SaaS/Licence)	21,028	26.7x	34.2x	42.2x
Technological Hardware	249	5.7x	18.2x	17.7x
Telecommunications	75,002	8.2x	14.6x	19.4x
Emerging vs Established				
\$500m+ EV	141,907	21.2x	28.9x	34.3x
\$100m-\$500m EV	4,174	11.3x	12.6x	18.2x
EV Below \$100m	377	3.3x	NA	7.8x
Technology, Media & Telecom	146,457	17.5x	23.5x	28.5x

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>&</sup>lt;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...

well com

Value: \$265.8m



Wellcom Group Limited has agreed to be acquired by Innocean Worldwide for \$6.7 per share by way of scheme of arrangement, except for a 15% stake which will be held by the chairpersonrelated entity.

Value: Not Disclosed (30% Stake)

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Nexon, a managed IT services provider in Australia, is to be acquired by the Swedish PE firm, EQT. Nexon is an Australian cloud and managed service provider and has been providing dynamic IT solutions to clients across commercial, public and not-for-profit sectors since 2000.

Value: \$269m





GBST Holdings has entered into a binding Scheme Implementation Deed with FNZ Group to be fully acquired by way of a Scheme of Arrangement for \$3.85 per share. This represents an enterprise value of \$269m.

Value: Not Disclosed



Pacific Star Network's subsidiary Crocmedia has signed an agreement to acquire television broadcast satellite provider, Rapid TV and Rapid TV Broadcast. The acquisition positions Rainmaker as a leader in bespoke outside broadcast and streaming production services.



Value: Not Disclosed

Servian, an Australia-based data analytics business, is acquiring Vibrato, an Australia-based IT consultant in a multimillion-dollar transaction. Servian will also acquire a 40% stake in Hava, an Australian IT business, as part of the deal.

Value: \$28.2m





A subsidiary of QMS Media Limited, an Australia-based billboard company, will buy the Australian business of TLA Worldwide, a UK-based athlete representation and sports marketing business. QMS will acquire TLAA and TLA-ESP from TLA, for a total cash consideration of \$21.49m, on a debt-free basis. QMS will also pay earn-outs of \$6.75m, resulting in a total enterprise value of \$28.2m, and EV / EBITDA multiple of 5.4x.

Value: ~ \$13.5m





MOQ Limited has agreed to acquire Wardy IT Solutions, the Australian provider of Microsoft specialist services and solutions in data platforms and data analytics. The company has executed a binding agreement to acquire 100% of the shares in Wardy IT Solutions in an immediately EPS accretive transaction. MOQ Limited will pay a combined consideration of \$7.5m, on a debt-free cash-free basis, consisting of cash consideration of \$2.5m and equity of \$5m. The consideration equates to a multiple of 5.0x Wardy's unaudited FY19 normalised EBIT. Additionally, earn outs of up to \$6m will be paid subject to WARDY's financial results for FY20.

Value: ~\$100m





Uniti Group Ltd (UWL) has entered into binding transaction documentation to acquire 100% of LBNCo, an Australian privately-owned broadband networks builder. UWL will fund the LBNCo acquisition by launching a placement and fully underwritten 1 for 2.35 pro-rate accelerated nonrenounceable entitlement offer to raise \$100m before costs.



Value: \$168m



WPP AUNZ has entered into an agreement to sell 100% of its interests in the Kantar businesses in Australia and New Zealand. The transaction values Kantar equivalent to a multiple of 8.2x Kantar's 2019 budgeted EBITDA. The buyer of the transaction was not disclosed.







Accenture, an Ireland-based management consulting, technology and outsourcing company announced that it has entered into an agreement to acquire Analytics8, a privately held Australian big data and analytics consultancy. The terms of the transaction were not disclosed.



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#### **GOING VIRAL...**

- The Clean Collective, a privately held Australia-based online marketplace for sustainable purchases, is actively seeking seed capital to lay the foundation for global growth.
- Archer Capital is exploring options for Illion, a credit reporting and data analytics company. An official sale process is
  expected to commence in the next several months.
- NetLinkz is exploring options, including strategic acquisitions.
- Brookfield is said to be among buyers interested in a 49% stake in Telstra's telephone exchange portfolio.
- . Nine Entertainment is in talks to divest its weather forecast and meteorology business, Weatherzone.
- Prime Media's potential takeover by Seven West Media is now uncertain following the appointment of James Warburton as
- AGL Energy may revive interest in Vocus at a later date.
- Fluent Commerce, an Australia-based software company, has raised \$33m in a funding round to finance expansion in the US, Europe, and Asia.
- Cognitive View, a privately held Australian regulatory technology start-up, is on the lookout for a UK partner to help with its international expansion plans, potentially through a joint venture arrangement.
- Soprano Design, the Australian enterprise messaging software developer, could re-launch plans to conduct an IPO.
- Over the Wire Holdings, the Australian telecommunications, cloud and information technology solutions provider is planning to pursue accretive acquisitions.
- Charter Hall is said to be interested in buying a 49% stake in Telstra's \$1.5bn property portfolio.
- **6clicks**, a Melbourne-based Australian risk assessment platform developer, will look to raise \$5m \$10m in 2020 to scale its risk assessment platform and enter new markets.
- Macquarie Media is considering independent expert review to determine whether Nine Entertainment's \$275m all cash offer
  is fair and reasonable for all shareholders.
- **FINEOS**, an Ireland-based software provider, was floated on the ASX on 25 July. It was priced at \$2.50 per share, which represents the top end of FINEOS' IPO price range.



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