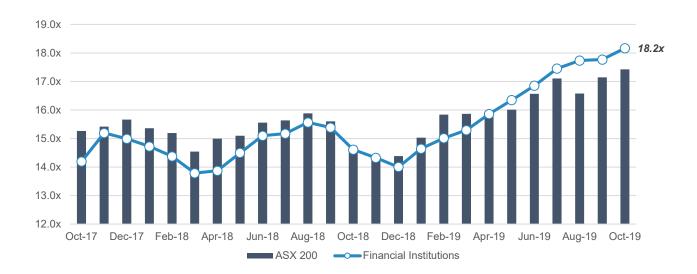


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### **PRICING MULTIPLES**

Forward Price Earnings Multiples (monthly to 31/10/2019) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Multiples in the Financial Institutions sector have increased over the period. At the end of October, the sector traded on a forward Price / Earnings multiple of 18.2x, compared to the ASX200 on 17.4x.



Average Values and Trading Multiples (values as at 26/11/2019) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Subsector	Market Capitalization	Price / Book Value	Price / Earnings FY2020	EPS Growth
Consumer Credit Businesses	2,436	2.0x	12.6x	21.7%
Financial Services Providers	84,375	3.4x	19.4x	11.4%
Insurance & Mortgage Brokers	4,521	3.1x	18.4x	15.4%
Lending Institutions	448,286	1.4x	13.7x	2.0%
Property Developers	2,137	0.9x	12.9x	22.3%
REIT	141,875	1.2x	19.2x	2.4%
Financial Institutions	683,630	2.0x	17.9x	8.2%

Note: Multiples are based on the forward year of the unreported period, which for the majority of companies in the sector is FY2020. 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 Financial Institutions Index set is an unweighted index comprising Financial Institutions 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...**

CML Group	funding group	Value: \$11m <b>CML Group Limited</b> , an Australian-based ASX-listed company engaged in providing financial management and payroll services, has acquired <b>Classic Funding Group</b> , an Australia-based non-banking company which provides financial services including equipment finance and debtor finance.
Consolidated Finance Group Aud Flower Application	CML Group	Value: \$190m Consolidated Operations Group Limited, listed Australia-based investment company, has agreed to merge with CML Group Limited, listed Australia-based company engaged in providing financial management and payroll services. Offer price is at a premium of 7.3% over CML's closing share price of AUD 0.455.
E M L	prepaid PRANCIAL SERVICES	Value: \$423m <b>EML Payments</b> , a listed Australia-based ASX-listed provider of pre-paid financial cards, has entered into a binding agreement to acquire <b>Prepaid Financial Services Limited</b> , an Ireland-based e-money payments company.

## INSTITUTIONAL INTELLIGENCE...

- **Founders First**, an Australian craft brewery investment business, has lodged a prospectus for an IPO to raise up to AUD 17.5m at AUD 0.50 per share. The business expects to list with a market capitalisation of AUD 55.9m to AUD 63.5m.
- **TPG Capital** is believed to be circling **Liberty Financial**, an Australian non-bank lender. Liberty reported an after-tax profit of AUD 39.98m.
- Afterpay Touch Group has raised AUD 200m via a private placement from Coatue Management at AUD 28.50 per share.
- Money Me, an Australia-based personal lender, is seeking to raise AUD 45m in and IPO and has Renaissance Asset Management, Ellerston Capital and Perennial Value as cornerstone investors.
- Cerberus Capital Management, Bank of Queensland, and Bain Capital are believed to be among parties interested in Westpac's equipment finance business. The equipment finance unit is believed to have a loan book worth around AUD 600m.
- Royal Automobile Club of Queensland (RACQ) and Suncorp have been subject to increasing speculation that RACQ could merge with Suncorp's banking business,.
- Private equity players are believed be monitoring the potential trade sale of National Australia Bank's MLC business.
- Cover Genius, a privately held Australian insurance fintech company, has raised AUD 14.6m in its Series B funding round, and will consider further future raisings to accelerate growth in the US.
- QSuper and Sunsuper, Australia-based superannuation funds, confirmed on 4 November that they are involved in merger discussions. The merger would create the largest pension funds in Australia with AUD 182bn in retirement savings covering almost two million people.
- Westpac, an Australia-based bank is set to announce an equity raise worth AUD 2bn to enhance its capital position.
- PIMCO is said to be considering listing an AUD 1bn-plus credit fund on the ASX.



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