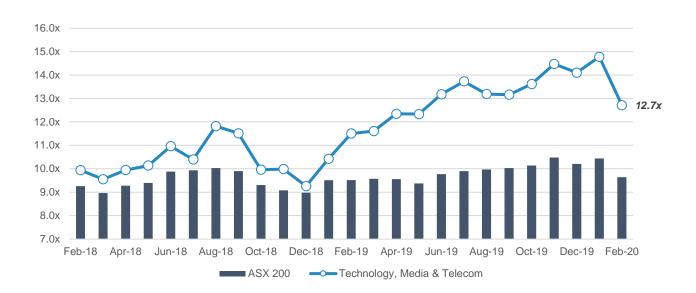


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VALUATION MULTIPLES

Forward EV / EBITDA Multiples (monthly to 29/2/2020) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Multiples in the Technology, Media & Telecom sector have decreased over the period. At the end of February, the sector traded on a forward EV / EBITDA multiple of 12.7x, compared to the ASX200 on 9.6x.



Average Values and Trading Multiples (values as at 19/03/2020) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Subsector	Enterprise Value (\$ m)	EV/EBITDA FY2020	EV/EBIT FY2020	Price / Earnings FY2020
Digital & Traditional Media	9,231	9.5x	NA	11.7x
Internet, IoT	21,140	16.8x	21.5x	32.5x
IT Services, Fintech	4,346	11.0x	14.5x	20.2x
Software (SaaS/Licence)	9,322	14.5x	18.7x	25.9x
Technological Hardware	221	5.8x	NA	NA
Telecommunications	73,886	7.3x	NA	16.6x
Emerging vs Established				
\$500m+ EV	119,528	11.4x	17.0x	19.8x
EV Below \$500m	3,199	10.0x	NA	NA
Technology, Media & Telecom	122,727	10.9x	16.1x	20.1x

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. Composition of companies in Sector Dashboards are updated every 6 months. Most recent update: February 2020.

¹ 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...





Value: Undisclosed

Sonata Software, an India-based strategic IT services firm, has acquired **GBW**, the Melbourne-based customer experience company. Sonata Software is eyeing strategic buys to help gain market access and/or add specific capabilities.





Value: Undisclosed

Criteria Corp, a Los Angeles-based employment analytics platform backed by **Sumeru Equity Partners**, has bought **Revelian**, an Australia-based provider of psychometric assessments. Financial details of the deal were not disclosed.



Value: Undisclosed

Carnarvon Communications, an Australian radio broadcaster, has been acquired by **Southern Cross Austereo** (SCA). The acquisition includes two radio stations – Classic Hits 666 and Hot Hits 997 in the Carnarvon license area.

THIRDHORIZON-



Value: Undisclosed

Publicis Sapient, the digital business transformation hub of French advertising company **Publicis Groupe**, announced that it has completed the strategic acquisition of Australia-based management consultancy firm **Third Horizon**.







BluJay Solutions, a global provider of supply chain applications, networks, and data solutions, announced it has acquired Australia-based **Expedient Software**, a provider of customs and forwarding software for the logistics market.







Accenture, an Irish professional services company, has acquired Australia-based consultancy **AlphaBeta Advisors**. This acquisition will enable Accenture to expand its analytics-led Strategy







Value: Undisclosed

Earnd, an Australian FinTech start-up, has been acquired by **Greensill**, in a move that further strengthens its mission to end payday poverty around the world and transform how businesses pay their employees.





Value: \$14m

Real Estate CRM has agreed to acquire Commerce Australia (DBA MyDesktop), an Australiabased CRM platform for real estate agents, from Domain Holdings Australia, for a total consideration of AUD 14m.



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GOING VIRAL...

- Australia's AAP Newswire will close in June, due to viability concerns in the face of increasing free online content.
- Juggle Street, an Australian online marketplace for childcare and tutoring services, is actively seeking AUD 2m on a pre-raise valuation of AUD 12m.
- MOQ, the Australian IT company, is seeking additional M&A opportunities in the digital services space.
- Pacific Knowledge Systems, an Australian healthcare informatics company providing clinical decision support, is actively
 pursuing synergistic acquisition opportunities.
- United Networks, an Australian telecommunications solutions provider, is in negotiations for one or two acquisitions.
- · Damstra, an Australia-based workforce management software business, is open to acquisitions.
- Bigtincan Holdings, the Australian SaaS firm, is eyeing accretive mergers and acquisitions in 2020.
- HiPages, an Australian tradesperson booking website, could interest Colorado-based Homeservices.
- Cheq, an Australian online payday lender, is looking for investors for a Series A that will assist in funding its growth plans.
- Spirit Telecom, a Melbourne-based Australian telco services provider, is continuing to target mergers and acquisitions.
- Infomedia, an Australian parts and service software provider for the global automotive industry, is seeking acquisitions.
- Nitro Software, the Australian and US-based software company, is eyeing potential acquisitions.
- Seven West Media is preparing to sell its Perth real estate to help reduce debt.
- · Speedcast, an Australian satellite owner, has hired Canaccord Genuity to help with its global capital restructuring effort.
- · Canstar, an Australia-based consumer finance products comparison and research business, is considering listing on the ASX.
- Yabonza, a privately held Australian online residential property management agency, is seeking up to AUD 15m in a Series B round to fund Australian growth.
- Way2VAT, an Israel-based VAT reclaim technology business, is seeking to raise AUD 12m through an initial public offering on the ASX.
- MNF Group, an Australia-based voice communications provider, is actively looking for acquisition opportunities.
- · Cirrus Networks Holdings, the Australian IT solutions provider, is continuing to review possible strategic acquisition targets.
- InsideSherpa, a privately held Australia-based virtual work experience company, is planning to raise between USD 7-10m in a Series A round to fund international growth plans.
- WPP AUNZ, the Australian media company, is eyeing acquisitions.
- Amaysim, an Australia-based telecommunications and utilities re-seller, will continue to consider bolt-on acquisitions.
- ITV Studios, a UK-based media business, is in talks to buy Seven West Media's production business Seven Studios.
- Seven West Media is believed to have discussed the potential sale of TX Australia, an Australian broadcast towers business, with its partner Nine Entertainment.
- Smarter City Solutions, an Australian provider of digital parking solutions, is considering raising external capital to help fund its growth plans.
- · Plastiq.it, a private Australian cashback rewards business, is planning a Series A fundraise in the coming months.
- Visual Domain, a privately held Australia-based video production company, could consider taking an external investor to accelerate its growth while it is currently focusing on organic domestic growth.
- Over the Wire, the Australian telecommunications, cloud and information technology solutions provider, is seeking further acquisitions.
- Seven West Media offered to sell broadcasting rights Big Bash League to Ten Network in an effort to reduce debt. Ten, owned by ViacomCBS declined the offer.
- . Medianet, an Australian press release distribution business, is anticipated to interest Isentia.
- · Pentanet, an Australia-based internet services provider, could list within the next twelve months



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