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PRICING MULTIPLES

Forward Price Earnings Multiples (monthly to 30/06/2023) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Multiples in the Financial Institutions sector have remained constant over the period. At the end of June, the sector traded on a forward P/E multiple of 15.7x, compared to the ASX200 on 8.7x.



Average Values and Trading Multiples (values as at 30/06/2023) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Subsector	Market Cap (\$m)	Price / Book Value	Price / Earnings FY2023	EPS Growth
Consumer Credit Businesses	2,536	1.1x	9.6x	(37.9%)
Financial Services Providers	65,090	3.5x	17.1x	(51.8%)
Insurance & Mortgage Brokers	4,155	2.7x	16.8x	68.5%
Lending Institutions	523,363	1.3x	12.3x	19.9%
Property Developers	3,039	1.5x	16.5x	(26.2%)
REIT	109,195	0.9x	15.9x	(60.1%)
Financial Institutions	707,377	1.8x	15.2x	(39.1%)

Note: Multiples are based on the forward year of the unreported period, which for the majority of companies in the sector is FY2023. Difference in forward PE 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.

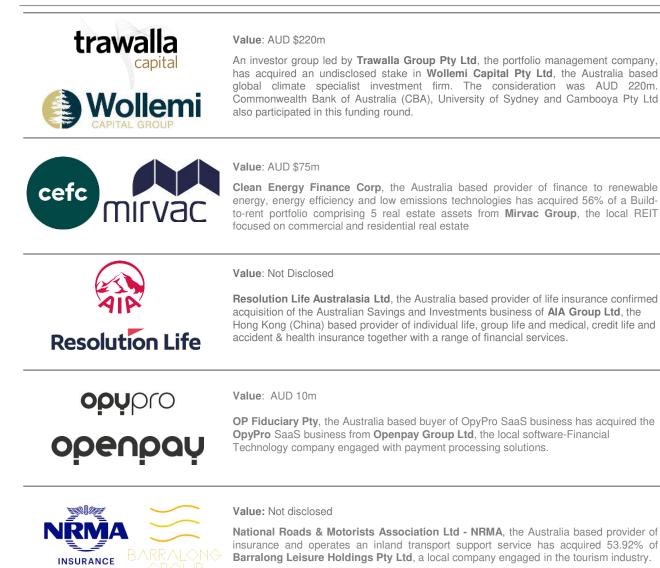
¹ The InterFinancial Financial Institutions Index set is an unweighted index comprising Financial Institutions sector related companies trading on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX). Estimates are sourced from FactSet Research Systems Inc.



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- Findi [ASX:FND], an Australia-based fintech, announced that it is pursuing inorganic growth opportunities for its ATM portfolio, according to an investment presentation. The Melbourne-based company has a market capitalization of USD 11m. In the investment presentation they outlined an intention to "Continue to pursue inorganic growth opportunities for ATM portfolio and scaling fintech platform acquisitions," and reiterated that they are the "only Australian listed company to provide direct access to the emerging Indian fintech market."
- The sale process for PT Bank Commonwealth, the 99%-owned Indonesian banking subsidiary of Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CommBank) [ASX:CBA], is now down to two suitors after Indian non-banking financial firm Bajaj Finance [BOM:500034] withdrew its bid, two sources familiar with the situation said. Japanese financial services provider J Trust [TYO:8508] is now up against Cathay Financial [TPE:2882], Taiwan's second largest financial group by assets, as the sale is almost in the home stretch, they said.
- Lumi, an Australia-based small business lender, has received a strategic investment from Harel Insurance Investments & Financial Services, an Israel-based insurance business. Harel's investment came as part of a Series C funding round last week. Harrel provided around two-thirds of the AUD 15m (USD 10m) raised in the round. The remaining funds were provided by Lumi's existing investors, Josh Liberman Investment Group and Perennial.
- Australia's Medibank [ASX: MPL] will pursue opportunities in targeted high growth markets, including virtual health, primary and community care, and short stay hospitals, to expand its health segment, a company spokesperson said. The spokesperson said the company does not comment on market speculation, when asked by this news service whether the AUD 9.8bn (USD 6.5bn) market cap health insurance company would be interested in Aurora Healthcare, an Australia-based mental health and rehabilitation provider. The spokesperson said Medibank will pursue opportunities to "grow in areas such as preventative health and our integrated care solutions across virtual health, primary and community care, and short stay settings. We are clear on what these markets are and how we will invest within them," the spokesperson said. "We are also clear on who we will partner with, and we will continue to remain disciplined in our expansion in health."
- Cromwell Funds Management (CFM), the responsible entity of the Cromwell Direct Property Fund (CDPF), has entered into a merger implementation deed with Australian Unity Property (AUPL), the responsible entity of the Australian Unity Diversified Property Fund (AUDPF), according to an announcement from Cromwell Property [ASX:CMW]. Upon completion, the merged fund will comprise a well-diversified portfolio of 15 high-quality assets, valued at approximately AUD 1.1bn (USD 732m).
- Mason Stevens, an Australia-based financial services business, is believed to be assessing the possibly of a sale as well as an IPO. Praemium [ASX:PPS] and Hub24 [ASX:HUB] are thought to be open to an acquisition, but not at the price Mason Stevens is seeking. The article said that Mason Stevens was valued at around AUD 150m (USD 102m) last year when around 40% of the business changed hands following the death of company Chairman Pat Handley. However, the group's owners are seeking twice that price.



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