

**INDUSTRY UPDATE - 20 December 2023** 

#### **VALUATION MULTIPLES**

Forward EV / EBITDA Multiples (monthly to 31/10/2023) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Multiples in the Technology, Media & Telecom sector have increased over the period. At the end of November, the sector traded on a forward EV / EBITDA multiple of 14.4x, compared to the ASX200 on 8.6x.



Average Values and Trading Multiples (values as at 31/12/2023) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Subsector	Enterprise Value (\$ m)	EV/Sales FY2021	EV/EBITDA FY2024	EV/EBIT FY2024	Price / Earnings FY2024
Digital & Traditional Media	5,624	1.1x	5.8x	7.9x	9.0x
Internet, IoT	33,847	13.2x	23.9x	28.2x	39.8x
IT Services	4,456	3.4x	18.4x	21.1x	31.1x
Software (SaaS/Licence)	50,136	8.6x	16.3x	17.1x	32.3x
Telecommunications	78,163	3.1x	9.6x	23.2x	30.8x
Emerging vs. Established					
\$500m+ EV	170,630	9.2x	17.6x	24.7x	34.1x
\$100m-\$500m EV	2,074	1.6x	12.3x	3.5x	16.8x
EV Below \$100m	204	0.9x	3.6x	7.7x	15.7x
Technology, Media & Telecom	172,909	6.6x	14.7x	17.6x	28.7x

Note: Multiples are based on the forward year of the unreported period, which for the majority of companies in the sector is FY2024. 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.

<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...**



Value: AUD 47 m

**Zipline Cloud**, an Australian based communication technology company, is reportedly in discussions to acquire **Whispir**, a local communications company providing cloud-based software for organizations with mobile, email, voice and digital technology.





DELCONCIVIL

Value: Not Disclosed

**Constellation Software**, a Canadian based software company, has acquired, through its subsidiary **Volaris** a local investment firm focused on technology and software companies, **Delcon** an Australian based software company engaged with SaaS software.





Value: AUD 77 m

**THG** is acquiring **Adore Beauty Group**, a local software-E-Commerce company engaged with operating an online beauty store ,from **Quadrant Private Equity**, a local private equity firm.





Value: AUD 357 m

**Telstra Corp**, an Australian based telecommunications company providing wired and wireless broadband internet and telecommunication services has acquired **110MHz** of mid-range spectrum of 5G Network from **Australian Communications & Media Authority**, the local executive Government body in charge of development & regulation of communication & media.





Australian Government

Value: AUD 84 m

**TPG Telecom**, an Australian based telecommunications company providing fixed and mobile broadband products has acquired **Mobile Telephone Licence**, a local **150MHz** of mid-range spectrum of 5G Network from **Australian Communications & Media Authority**, the local executive Government body in charge of development & regulation of communication & media.





Value: AUD 22 m

Singtel Optus, an Australian based provider of communication and telecommunication services including mobile communication, broadband internet, fixed line telephone services has acquired the license for 20MHz of mid-range spectrum of 5G Network from Australian Communications & Media Authority, the local executive Government body in charge of development & regulation of communication & media.



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



Value: Not Disclosed

iFIT">

Kayla Itsines and Tobi Pearce has acquired Bikini Body Training, an Australian based software company engaged with developing a digital fitness training platform for women from iFIT Health & Fitness, a United States based manufacturer of home fitness equipment.



Value: Not Disclosed

**Ideagen**, a United Kingdom based software company providing content and compliance software solutions, has acquired **Vortilla Technologies**, an Australian based provider of Al-powered enterprise management and compliance solutions.



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

- Whispir has received a non-binding indicative offer from Zipline Cloud, also known as Pendula, to acquire the communications software company for AUD 0.57 per share. This offer represents a 19% premium to the ongoing off-market takeover bid by Soprano Design Technology (Australia) of AUD 0.48 per share, prompting Whispir to advise its shareholders to reject the Soprano Offer.
- Atturra has announced an underwritten 1-for-4 non-renounceable pro-rata entitlement offer to raise approximately AUD 50 million at an issue price of AUD 0.80 per share. The funds raised will be used to optimize Atturra's balance sheet and finance future acquisitions aligned with its established technology and industry strategies.
- Splitit Payments has voluntarily delisted from ASX following the successful closing of the first USD 25 million tranche of a
  USD 50 million growth commitment from Motive Partners. The funds will be utilized to accelerate Splitit's growth and support
  the execution of its strategic plan, with the second USD 25 million tranche contingent on achieving 2023 full-year financial
  performance milestones.
- KordaMentha, appointed as Receiver and Manager of LiveTiles, is set to initiate the sale of assets of the New York-based employee experience software business. The process will seek potential buyers or recapitalization for LiveTiles, while the company's subsidiaries remain unaffected by the receivership appointment.
- **Crionet**, a global Sport Tech enterprise, has acquired a majority stake in **LIGR**, an Australian company known for its cloud-based live graphics solutions for sports broadcasts. The strategic move aims to position Crionet as a prominent player in the sport tech sector by expanding its product portfolio and geographical presence, particularly in Oceania and the United States.
- Melbourne's Al art copyright marketplace, Seminal, is actively seeking USD 5m at a pre-money valuation of USD 15m for commercialization, offering a platform that allows artists to protect and monetize their intellectual property. Having raised AUD 3m in April, the platform, with over 100 artists, targets investors in the US and UK, aiming for a global launch before Christmas and attracting interest from tech companies, auction houses, and players in the music and entertainment industries.
- Australian mining tech firm IMDEX is prioritizing the demonstration of Devico's performance before considering larger deals, aiming to solidify the integration and gain investor endorsement. The company is open to smaller acquisitions and stake investments in emerging tech ventures, focusing on drilling optimization, rock knowledge sensors, and cloud-based software opportunities.



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