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VALUATION MULTIPLES

Forward EV / EBITDA Multiples (monthly to 25/03/2024) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Multiples in the Technology, Media & Telecom sector have remained flat over the period. At the end of February, the sector traded on a forward EV / EBITDA multiple of 16.8x, compared to the ASX200 on 8.9x.



Average Values and Trading Multiples (values as at 25/03/2024) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Subsector	Enterprise Value	EV/Sales	EV/EBITDA	EV/EBIT	Price / Earnings
	(\$ m)	FY2021	FY2024	FY2024	FY2024
Digital & Traditional Media	5,037	1.1x	5.6x	8.0x	9.2x
Internet, IoT	39,362	15.3x	28.1x	33.4x	47.9x
IT Services	4,750	3.9x	20.5x	23.5x	29.7x
Software (SaaS/Licence)	62,954	9.9x	21.1x	26.5x	46.3x
Telecommunications	77,703	3.5x	10.9x	22.4x	44.4x
Emerging vs. Established					
\$500m+ EV	188,336	10.2x	21.7x	32.7x	45.9x
\$100m-\$500m EV	1,906	2.3x	10.2x	17.3x	22.4x
EV Below \$100m	228	0.9x	11.1x	-6.7x	8.3x
Technology, Media & Telecom	190,470	7.4x	18.0x	23.7x	37.9x

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.

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: AUD7m

CT4

Sovereign Cloud Holdings Ltd, the Australia based infrastructure service provider including cloud-based computing services is to acquire Arado business and assets from CT4 Pty Ltd, the local provider of SaaS backup solution for cloud workloads.

sesimi

Value: Not Disclosed



Arcus Partners Pty Ltd, the growth equity investment firm has acquired a majority stake in **Sesimi**, the Australia based brand management software business.





Value: AUD207m

Origin Energy Ltd, the Australia based integrated energy company primarily engaged in electricity and gas retailing, also involved in exploration and production of natural gas is to acquire 4.3% of **Superloop Ltd**, the local dark fibre infrastructure provider via share issuance.



Value: AUD236.3m

Absolutely No Nonsense Admin Ltd (ANNA), the UK based developer of bookkeeping software and tax tools, has acquired **Cape Pty Ltd**, the Australia based SaaS platform providing business spend tracking and payment solutions.







NEXTDC Ltd, the Australia based operator of data centers. Software services provider has acquired the local S6 data center from **GH Cloud Management Pty Ltd,** the local company engaged in providing cloud-based solutions and services.





Value: AUD343.13

Par Technology Corp, the US based provider of point-of-sale solutions is to acquire Task Retail Technology Pty Ltd, the Australia based company engaged in the provision of a software and web platform for transaction management.



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GOING VIRAL...

- DigitalBridge, a US-based digital infrastructure investment group, is believed to be considering an offer for AirTrunk, an Australia-based data center business. Other potential suitors include KKR, Blackstone, Brookfield, and GIP
- Aussie Broadband commenced court proceedings against Superloop and its directors seeking both permanent and interlocutory injunctions to set aside the notice directing Aussie Broadband to dispose of 37.6m Superloop shares.
- BBC Studios Productions has bought Werner Film Productions, a Melbourne, Australia-based producer of dramas airing on Australian broadcasters and Netflix
- Sovereign Cloud Holdings Ltd announced it had entered into a binding agreement to acquire PCG Cyber, a Canberra, Australia-based cybersecurity consultancy firm, for a total purchase price of AUD 15m
- Brookfield is thought to be seeking close to 20% of Optus, an Australian telecommunications company owned by Singtel. The report noted that 20% stake in Optus could be worth around AUD 3bn at a valuation of around AUD16bn
- Skeeda Holdings, an Australia-based space management and scheduling platform provider, has secured an investment from CIBC Innovation Banking
- Innodata, a New Jersey-based data engineering company, has withdrawn its confidential, NBIO to acquire all the shares of Appen, an Australia-based data sourcing business.
- EQT Partners is said to have submitted a bid for PageUp, an Australia-based human resources software business.
- Mantel Group, a Melbourne, Australia-based IT services business, is preparing to outlay at least AUD 100m on bolt-on buys
 over the coming 18 months
- · Administrators are exploring sale options for Sapien Cyber, an Australia-based tech company.
- · RAS Technology Holdings, an Australian software as a service company, is actively exploring strategic acquisitions
- Amber Infrastructure is seeking a capital partner for its data centre business iSeek.



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