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PRICING MULTIPLES

Forward Price Earnings Multiples (monthly to 30/04/2024) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Multiples in the Financial Institutions sector have increased over the period. At the end of March, the sector traded on a forward P/E multiple of 15.7x, compared to the ASX200 on 17.5x.



Average Values and Trading Multiples (values as at 30/04/2024) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Subsector	Market Cap (\$ m)	Price / Book Value	Price / Earnings FY2024	EPS Growth
Consumer Credit Businesses	5,202	10.2x	13.4x	(47.7%)
Financial Services Providers	62,888	8.5x	16.4x	(40.2%)
Insurance & Mortgage Brokers	41,635	2.5x	14.0x	33.0%
Lending Institutions	571,366	1.4x	14.3x	6.4%
Property Developers	2,878	1.1x	15.9x	(36.7%)
REIT	148,543	0.9x	15.2x	616.0%
Financial Institutions	832,512	3.6x	15.2x	239.1%

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 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.



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INSTITUTIONAL INTELLIGENCE...

- London-based CFC, a specialist insurance provider and market leader in cyber, has agreed to acquire Solution Underwriting, a leading specialist insurance underwriter headquartered in Melbourne, Australia, with a focus on financial lines insurance products.
- Bank of Queensland may have opted to retain its BoQ Specialist unit after assessing potential interest in the division. BoQ was
 also reported earlier this month to be considering the sale of the company it purchased from Investec nearly ten years ago for
 AUD 440m.
- MLC Private Equity, a division of Australia-based investment manager MLC Asset Management, announced on April 17 the creation of MLC Private Equity Partners LP, a new institutional investment fund.
- Allianz Australia is thought to have considered the acquisition of ClearView, an Australia-based wealth management group. Allianz Australia considered a bid for ClearView and was undertaking due diligence as recently as March.
- Centuria Capital Group [ASX: CNI] has acquired an additional 30% stake in Centuria Bass Credit, increasing its stake in the Australian investment and alternative asset management firm to 80% for a consideration of AUD 57m.
- Marsh, a US-based global insurance broker, is believed to be considering a bid for PSC Insurance Group, an Australia-based insurance business,
- **Macquarie** and **Westpac** are being watched as potential buyers for Judo, an Australia-based banking business, According to the Dataroom column, sources said Macquarie has been recently considering a bid for Judo, while Westpac's chief executive, Peter King, has also been eyeing the operation.
- Suncorp Group has agreed to sell its New Zealand life insurance business, Asteron Life, to Resolution Life for NZD 410m, according to an announcement on 4 April.



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