

Australian Business Services

INDUSTRY UPDATE – 30 November 2024

VALUATION MULTIPLES

Forward EV / EBITDA Multiples (monthly to 31/10/2024) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Multiples in the Business Services sector have decreased over the period. At the end of October, the sector traded on a forward EV / EBITDA multiple of 6.5x, compared to the ASX200 on 9.0x.



Average Values and Trading Multiples (monthly to 31/10/2024) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Subsector	Enterprise Value (\$ m)	EV/EBITDA FY2025	EV/EBIT FY2025	Price / Earnings FY2025
Business and Technical Consulting	30,552	7.3x	9.3x	12.9x
Business Process Outsourcing	4,622	9.9x	11.6x	11.9x
Education	6,011	5.4x	10.6x	14.7x
Facilities Management	746	3.5x	9.8x	8.8x
Staffing	194	5.3x	9.4x	9.9x
Transportation, Logistics & Distribution	54,635	7.1x	12.4x	13.8x
Business Services		6.5x	10.5x	12.0x

Note: Multiples are based on the forward year of the reported period, which for the majority of companies in the sector is FY2025. Difference in forward EV/EBITDA multiples between Figure and Table are representative of the timing difference between month-end result and current day result.

¹ The InterFinancial Business Services Index set is an unweighted index comprising Business Services 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...



DP WORLD

Value: \$533m

UAE port operator DP World announced further expansions into the Australian market through an acquisition of Silk Logistics Holdings, a port-to-door logistics services provider. This comes as part of DP World's global expansion plan.



MONITORING







Value: \$7m

Australian security services provider Intelligent Monitoring Group has continued its acquisition spree with the acquisition of Perth based Dataline Visual Link (DVL). The consideration consists of \$5m in cash and \$2m in deferred shares.

Value: Not Disclosed

Pemba Capital Partners has acquired an undisclosed stake in Stannard's Accountants and Advisors Pty Ltd, a local boutique accounting firm, furthering acquisitions in the Professional Services space.



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SERVING UP SOME SUPPOSITION...

- Asset Management firm Blackstone has announced an agreement to acquire AirTrunk for an implied enterprise value of over \$24B AUD, representing their largest investment in the APAC region. The transaction is yet to be approved by the Australian Foreign Investment Review Board.
- SMC Entertainment, a US-based fintech incubator company, has signed a letter of intent to acquire Australia-based boutique investment manager Bateau Asset Management, according to a press release.
- Macquarie is said to be among buyers eyeing Commonwealth Bank of Australia's ultra-high-net-worth advice business, Commonwealth Private Advice.
- Global Infrastructure Partners (GIP) has halted the sale process for a 27% stake in Australian rail freight business Pacific National, citing challenging market conditions. Sources indicated that GIP was aiming for a valuation of 14 times Pacific National's earnings; however, potential buyers were not willing to meet that price.



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