

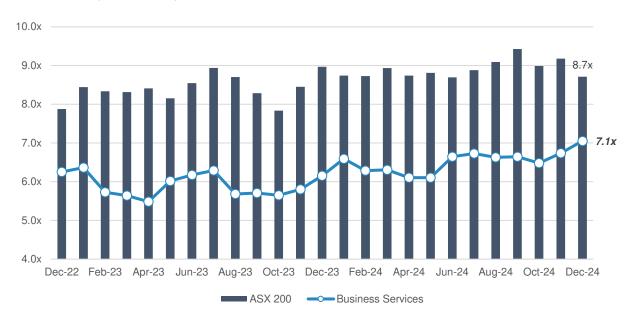
Australian Business Services

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VALUATION MULTIPLES

Forward EV / EBITDA Multiples (monthly to 31/12/2024) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Multiples in the Business Services sector have increased over the period. At the end of December, the sector traded on a forward EV / EBITDA multiple of 7.1x, compared to the ASX200 on 8.7x.



Average Values and Trading Multiples (monthly to 31/12/2024) Source: FactSet Research Systems Inc.

| Subsector | Enterprise Value (\$ m) | EV/EBITDA FY2025 | EV/EBIT FY2025 | Price / Earnings FY2025 |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Business and Technical Consulting | 33,027 | 8.0x | 11.3x | 14.0x |
| Business Process Outsourcing | 4,946 | 9.4x | 12.4x | 13.1x |
| Education | 5,732 | 5.3x | 11.7x | 16.4x |
| Facilities Management | 740 | NA | NA | NA |
| Staffing | 209 | 5.9x | 10.5x | 11.6x |
| Transportation, Logistics & Distribution | 54,670 | 7.1x | 12.3x | 14.5x |
| Business Services | 322,122 | 11.1x | 17.0x | 22.2x |

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...





Value: Undisclosed

Arthur J Gallagher & Co, a U.S. provider of insurance, brokerage and risk management, has acquired **Wealth Management Partners**. The target offers services for wealth accumulation, retirement, and wealth protection.





Value: \$101.4m

E3 Advisory, an infrastructure advisory firm, has been acquired by U.K. based **Ricardo**, as a part of the disposal of Ricardo's defense business.





Value: Undisclosed

Macquarie Group Limited, has acquired an undisclosed stake in Australian payments technology provider, **Next Payments**. This purchase increases Macquarie's total shareholding over 50%.



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SERVING UP SOME SUPPOSITION...

- Singapore Post cautions investors that there is no certainty over monetization of non-core assets. Singapore Post has previously deployed this strategy to recycle capital, increase efficiency in the core business, and deliver value to the shareholders.
- ASX-listed payment services company Findi is set to acquire Banklt Services, and Indian-based digital financial product distributor for around \$27m using cash from their balance sheet.
- StoreLocal, Australian-based self storage company is reported to be seeking an equity partner to continue its growth and portfolio of assets.



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