

FINANCIAL INFORMATION, DATA & ANALYTICS Q1 UPDATE APRIL 2023



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Dear Clients and Friends,

Solomon Partners is pleased to present its Financial Information, Data & Analytics Update for Q1 2023.

- During Q1, Solomon Partners advised Wilshire on the launch of Wilshire Indexes, in partnership with SGX Group and the Financial Times (for further detail, see page 3)
- Despite continued softness in the overall M&A environment, transactions in the Information, Data & Analytics sector increased in Q1 2023
 - Information, Data & Analytics M&A transactions increased from 16 transactions in Q4 2022 to 35 transactions in Q1 2023 despite a ~14% decline in overall M&A transaction volumes in the same period
 - Capital raise transactions in the Information, Data & Analytics sector were also higher, increasing from 10 transactions in Q4 2022 to 17 transactions in Q1 2023
- Public Financial Information, Data & Analytics valuations have remained steady following declines in the early part of 2022
 - The Q1 2023 weighted average EV/LTM EBITDA multiple in Solomon Partners' Financial Information, Data & Analytics Comp Set was ~25x, which represents a ~1x increase since the end of Q2 2022
- SVB's collapse and the subsequent banking crises are negatively impacting the M&A and capital raising environment, and further challenges would continue to suppress activity
 - The events preceding the banking crisis reinforce the importance of companies who provide data/information tools to inform financial risk management and decision making

We hope you enjoy this report, and please reach out if you have any questions. We look forward to staying in touch.

Regards,



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SOLOMON PARTNERS - TECHNOLOGY GROUP

SOLOMON PARTNERS TECHNOLOGY COVERAGE^(a)





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SOLOMON PARTNERS ADVISED WILSHIRE ON THE LAUNCH OF WILSHIRE INDEXES WITH SGX AND FINANCIAL TIMES





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TRANSACTION OVERVIEW

- On March 27, 2023, Wilshire announced the launch of Wilshire Indexes, a new operating entity that will hold its indexing businesses and focus on expanding adoption of the FT Wilshire Index franchise worldwide
 - Joining Wilshire in the new venture are the Financial Times ("FT") and Singapore Exchange ("SGX Group")
- Wilshire Indexes is a global index provider offering more than 30 index series, including the FT Wilshire 5000 and FT Wilshire Global Equity Markets indexes
- Wilshire, which is jointly owned by CC Capital and Motive Partners, is a provider of advanced analytics and multi-asset investment solutions to a diverse range of more than 500 leading institutional investors and financial intermediaries, with an AUA of \$1.3tn and AUM of \$83bn

DEAL COMMENTARY

CC

Capital

"This organizational change and outside capital will allow us to focus on our growth plans. We believe that, with the support of our new investors and shareholders, the newly created subsidiary will become an important player in the industry"

Mark Makepeace CEO Wilshire Indexes "This collaboration will help us provide the data, metrics and indices to support marketleading analysis in traditional and new investment sectors, serving our readers even better and strengthening our position as the leading global financial news provider"

John Ridding CEO Financial Times

TRANSACTION DETAIL

Operating Structure

Wilshire Indexes will operate as an independent and separate entity alongside Wilshire's core investment management and consulting, OCIO, alternatives and analytics businesses

Financial Times' Role

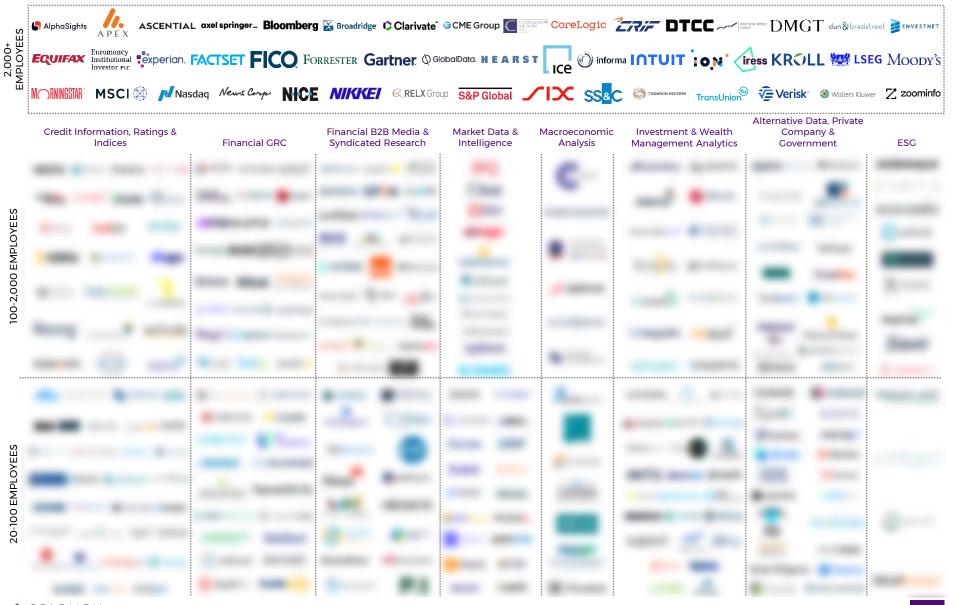
The Financial Times is committed to promoting the FT Wilshire indexes to its readership and online subscribers worldwide, providing investment professionals and thought leaders with new insights into drivers of market performance

SGX Group's Role

SGX, a leading international multi-asset exchange and derivatives hub in Asia, will collaborate with Wilshire Indexes in the provision of indexing solutions and services for institutional investors and intermediaries around the world



MAPPING THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION, DATA & ANALYTICS MARKET

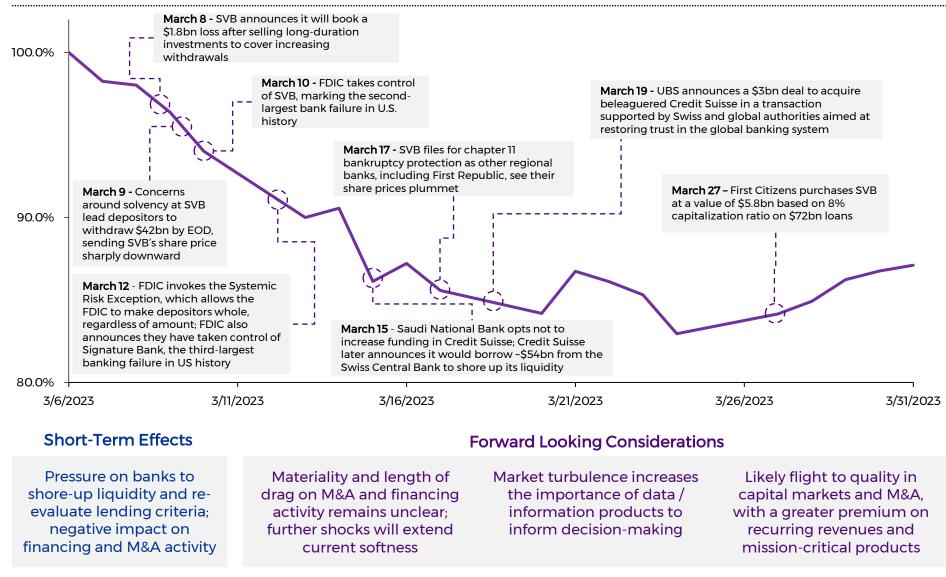




MARKET UPDATE

TIMELINE OF THE MARCH 2023 BANKING CRISIS

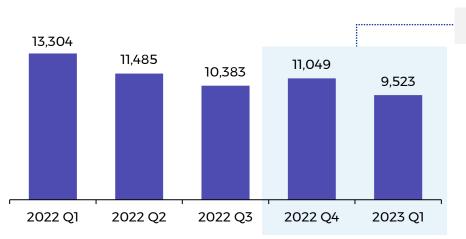
INDEXED U.S. BANK PERFORMANCE^(a)



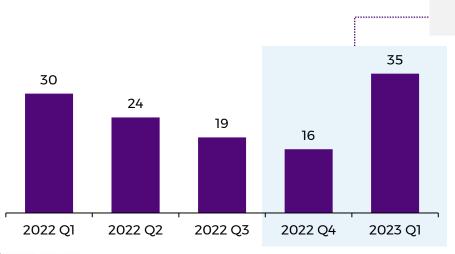


INFORMATION, DATA & ANALYTICS TRANSACTION VOLUME INCREASED IN Q1 2023 WHILST OVERALL M&A VOLUMES DECLINED

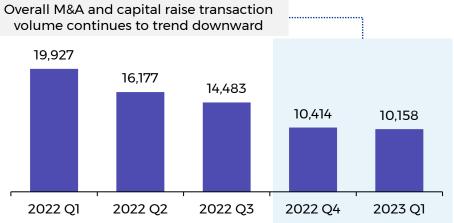
M&A TRANSACTION VOLUME^(a)



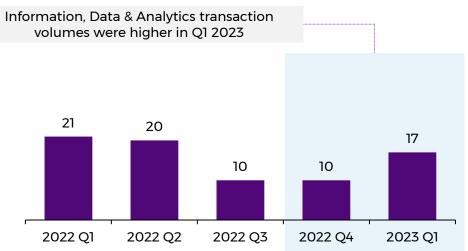
INFORMATION, DATA & ANALYTICS M&A TRANSACTION VOLUME



CAPITAL RAISE TRANSACTION VOLUME^(b)



INFORMATION, DATA & ANALYTICS CAPITAL RAISE TRANSACTION VOLUME

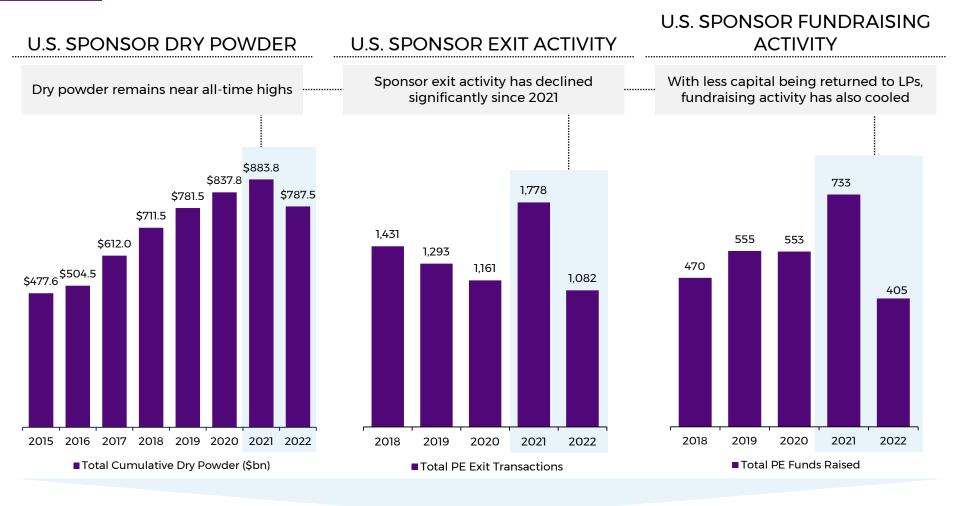


a) Source: Delogic completed/announced M&A transactions.

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b) Source: PitchBook completed/announced Growth Equity/VC capital raise transactions.

FINANCIAL SPONSOR FUND DYNAMICS INDICATE A RETURN TO INCREASED ACTIVITY

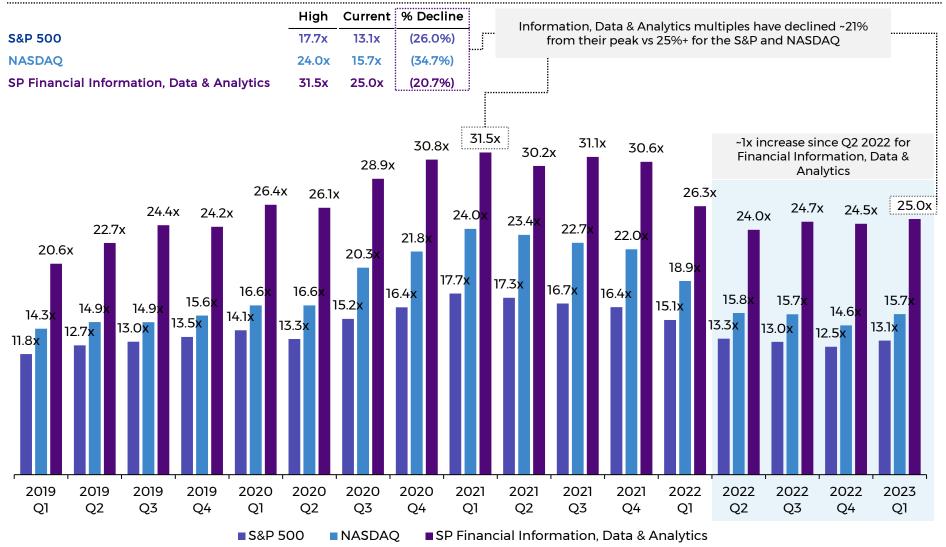


Current low transaction volumes are unlikely to be sustained given strong appetite amongst sponsors for new platforms and exits; increased activity, however, will be stymied should concerns over banking stability persist



THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION, DATA & ANALYTICS SECTOR CONTINUES TO ATTRACT A PREMIUM

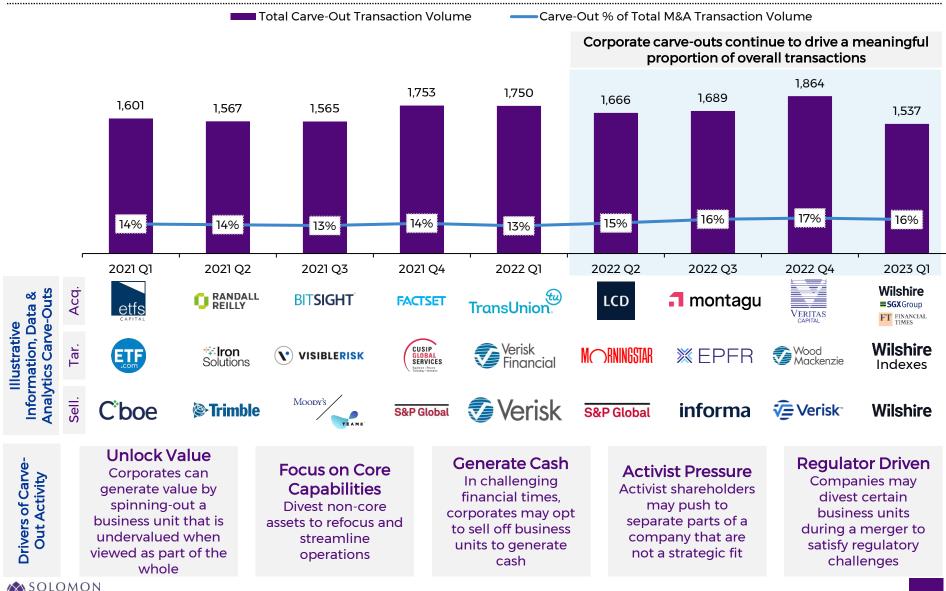
ENTERPRISE VALUE / LTM EBITDA MULTIPLE^(a)





CORPORATE CARVE-OUT ACTIVITY REMAINS STRONG

CORPORATE CARVE-OUT TRANSACTION VOLUME^(a)



a) Source: Dealogic completed/announced corporate divestitures.



RECENT TRANSACTION PROFILES

VERITAS ACQUIRES WOOD MACKENZIE



TRANSACTION OVERVIEW

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- On October 31, 2022, Veritas Capital announced the acquisition of Wood Mackenzie, a provider of data, analytics and insights to drive decision-making processes, from Verisk for \$3.1bn
- The Wood Mackenzie Lens platform enables analytics and insights to drive critical decision-making for companies operating in the energy sector
- Veritas Capital is a private equity firm investing at the intersection of technology and government in critical products, software and services

DEAL COMMENTARY

"In Veritas, we have found a strategic partner that will enable us to realize greater value for our customers, both in mature markets we have served for the last five decades, as well as in the evolving power and renewables sector which is currently driving the global energy transition"

Mark Brinin CEO Wood Mackenzie "Building on its decades of leadership and innovation in the energy industry, Wood Mackenzie is well positioned to expand and enhance the critical insights provided to its growing customer base across the entire energy and renewables value chain"

Ramzi Musallam CEO Veritas

WOOD MACKENZIE'S PRODUCT OFFERINGS

Research	Data and analysis for the global energy, chemicals, metals and mining industries	
Short-term Analytics	Real-time and historical data, forecasts, analytical insights, tools and software solutions	
Consulting	Consultants that understand competitive landscapes and resolve complex challenges	
Subscriptions	Research reports, tools and models as a subscription service	
Supply Chain Intelligence	Cloud-based software solutions provide actionable data for the energy supply chain	

Image: Power & Renewables Power & Metals & Oil & Gas Metals & Oil & Gas Minning Image: Oil & Gas </t

INDUSTRIES SERVED



LEEDS EQUITY PARTNERS **ACQUIRES TALENTNEURON**

TRANSACTION OVERVIEW

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- On February 2, 2023. Leeds Equity Partners announced the acquisition of TalentNeuron, a leading provider of human capital data and insights, from Gartner
- TalentNeuron's labor market data and analytics platform creates actionable labor market intelligence out of disparate, unstructured data
- Leeds Equity Partners is a private equity firm specifically focused on the education, training and information service industries (the "Knowledge Industries")
- Acquisition of TalentNeuron further builds upon Leeds Equity's strong sector franchise in research, data and insight businesses

DEAL COMMENTARY

"Leeds Equity has a proven track record of investing in and scaling companies that provide actionable data and analytics to large, sophisticated enterprises, as well as significant experience in corporate carve-out transactions"

Katherine Evans Chief Revenue Officer TalentNeuron

"We are thrilled to partner with the entire TalentNeuron team to deliver their next phase of expansion, through investing in new products and services to better serve its customers in addressing tomorrow's human resource challenges."

Chris Mairs Managing Director Leeds Equity Partners

TALENTNEURON'S VALUE PROPOSITION

Data Comparisons	20+ years refining a proprietary algorithm for accurate data comparisons
Verified, Global Data	Verified data covering countries that produce over 90% of global GDP
Client Team Extensions	130+ data scientists/labor market economists who act as an extension of client teams
Personalized Analytics	Personalized analytics to assess clients' overall organizational talent strategies

TALENTNEURON DATA DELIVERY METHODS









EXECUTIVE REPORTS

ONLINE PLATFORM

CUSTOM RESEARCH

ADVISORY SERVICES



COVENTURE'S GROWTH INVESTMENT IN CONSUMER EDGE



TRANSACTION OVERVIEW

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- On January 13, 2023, CoVenture announced a \$60mm growth investment in Consumer Edge, a provider of data insights and analytics on global consumer behavior
- Consumer Edge is an alternative consumer data firm providing insights as a service to the global investor community, hedge funds, private equity, venture capital, corporates and data partners
- CoVenture invests across the capital stack of tech-enabled companies, and provides the first institutional equity and/or debt financing to businesses operating in financial services, new forms of media, platform economies or industries
- Funding provides Consumer Edge with additional capital to accelerate organic growth and continue executing on accretive, tuck-in acquisitions

DEAL COMMENTARY

"CoVenture was a clear and obvious fit given their speed of execution, strong understanding of the sector, and positioning as a valueadditive and long-term partner with highly relevant industry relationships"

Bill Pecoriello, Founder Consumer Edge "It's our belief that the use of alternative data by private markets will increasingly become mission critical and that Consumer Edge in particular is well-positioned to capitalize on this secular trend towards greater reliance on data-driven decision making"

Dan Bailey Managing Director CoVenture

CONSUMER EDGE'S OFFERINGS

Competitive Intelligence

Analyze sales trends and performance drivers by named merchant and industry

Customer Intelligence Compare market share of

competitors, drill into growth drivers

to better understand customers

Promotional Intelligence

Measure effectiveness of promotions and marketing campaigns

Location Intelligence

Monitor regional and local sales trends based on true customer and merchant geography



ENDICOTT CAPITAL'S STRATEGIC **INVESTMENT IN CFRA**

TRANSACTION OVERVIEW

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- On January 12, 2023, Endicott Capital announced a strategic investment in CFRA, a leading provider of independent research, data and analytics with products covering equity research, forensic accounting, ETFs and other content
- CFRA is one of the world's largest providers of independent investment research, helping more than 2,600 global clients make sound investment decisions
- Endicott is a leading investor in the information services sector, with an exclusive focus in technology-enabled, B2B companies providing critical data and analytics to a wide range of sectors and end-markets

DFAL COMMENTARY

ENDICOTT GROUP

"Endicott's deep understanding of the information services sector and proven operational expertise makes them an ideal partner for CFRA as we continue our growth and accelerate the creation of exceptional products for our global clients"

Peter de Boer CEO **CFRA**

"CFRA's recent investments in strengthening its data and operational foundation position the Company well for growth and innovation and will allow them to better serve the investment management market."

Mike Chinn Partner Endicott

CFRA'S PRODUCT OFFERINGS

Fundamental Research	Discover new investment strategies with equity research
Forensic Accounting	Identify companies and industries believed to have poor quality of reported financial results
Fund Data & Research	Access to global ETF and Mutual Fund Data to help make informed investment decisions

CUSTOMER BASE ASSET **HEDGE FUNDS** MUTUAL FUNDS PENSION MANAGERS FUNDS

WEALTH MANAGERS



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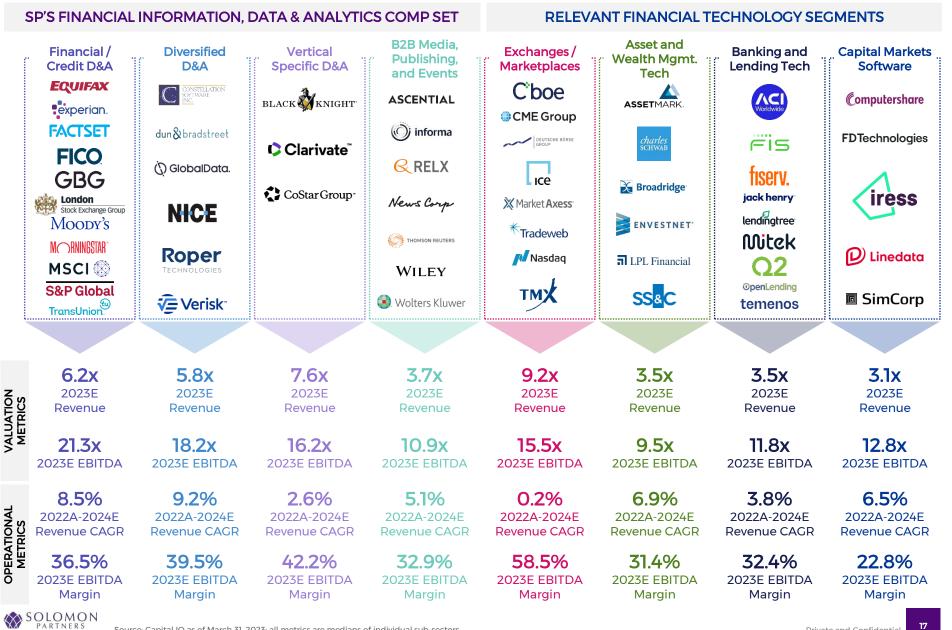
ONLINE BROKERS **D&O INSURERS**





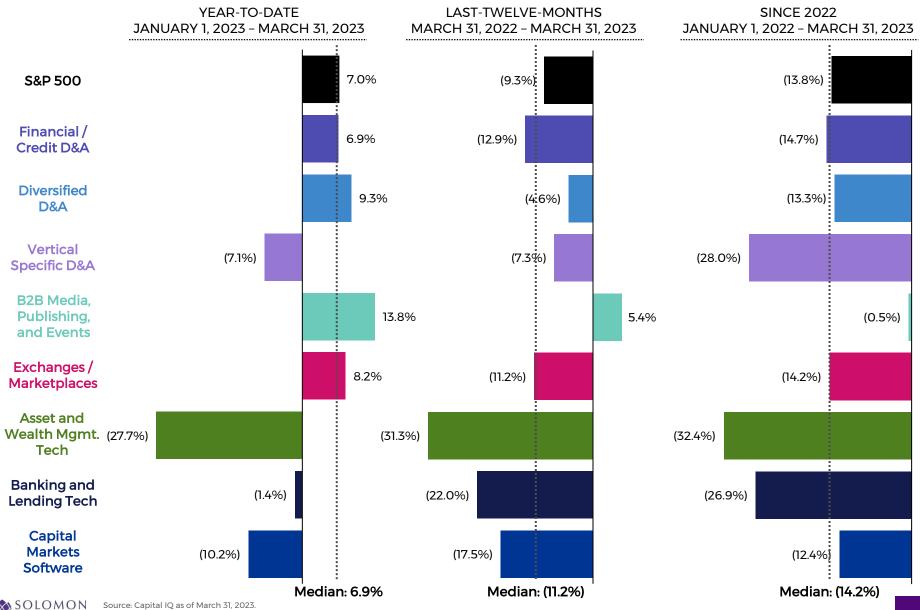
VALUATION UPDATE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION, DATA & ANALYTICS VALUATION AND OPERATIONAL BENCHMARKING



Source: Capital IQ as of March 31, 2023; all metrics are medians of individual sub-sectors.

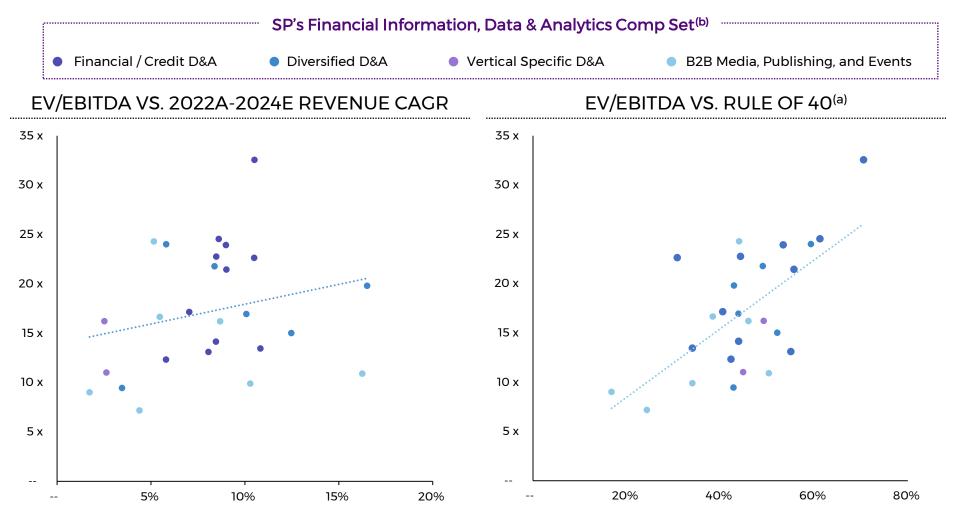
STOCK PERFORMANCE BREAKDOWN BY SUB-SECTOR



Note: Refer to page 17 for information on companies included in each sub-sector grouping; sub-sector performances weighted by market capitalization

TRADING COMPARABLES REGRESSION ANALYSIS

PROFITABLE AND HIGH GROWTH CHARACTERISTICS CONTINUE TO BE THE PRIMARY VALUATION DRIVER FOR PUBLIC COMPANIES - THIS IS DEMONSTRATED BY THE STRONG CORRELATION BETWEEN EV/EBITDA AND RULE OF 40^(a)



Source: Capital IQ as of March 31, 2023.

SOLOMO PARTNERS a) "Rule of 40" is defined as 2022A-2024E Revenue CAGR + 2023E EBITDA Margin, both Capital IQ estimates.

b) Includes all corporations from subsectors on page 17 except CoStar Group. All market data and estimates pulled from Capital IQ as of March 31, 2023.

Q1 2023 FINANCIAL INFORMATION, DATA & ANALYTICS M&A TRANSACTIONS

(Amounts in Millions Except Multiple Amounts)

				Enterprise	EV / LTM	EV/LTM
Date	Acquirer	Target	Target Description	Value	Revenue	EBITDA
3/28/2023	OptionMetrics		Provides dividend forecast data for equities, American depositary receipts and ETFs	NA	NA	NA
3/27/2023	Investing.com	StreetInsider.com	Provides stock market news and analysis	\$10.0	NA	NA
3/22/2023	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	aumni	Investment analytics platform providing strategic insights related to the economic position and legal rights of investors	NA	NA	NA
3/13/2023	Bloomberg	BROADWAY	Developer of financial trading software intended to build intelligent trading systems for leading financial institutions	NA	NA	NA
3/7/2023	CONSTELLATION SOFTWARE INC.	BLACK KNIGHT EMPOWER	Developer of mortgage loan origination systems for retail, consumer-direct, home equity, correspondent, wholesale and assumption channels	NA	NA	NA
2/22/2023	👋 EURONEXT	allfunds	B2B WealthTech platforms for the funds industry, offering fully integrated solutions for both Fund Houses and Distributors	€5,396.4	(a) 10.9 x	15.4 x
2/22/2023	percayso	cazana	Provides vehicle pricing data and insights for the automotive industry	NA	NA	NA
2/16/2023	S&P Global	MARNET S CAN	Provides software & data aggregation services catering to the automotive industry	NA	NA	NA
2/2/2023	LEEDS Equity Partners	talent neuron	Subscription-based provider of labor market data and analytics for corporate human resource and talent analytics teams	NA	NA	NA
2/1/2023	EQUIFAX	Ò	Provides credit information for the food industry	NA	NA	NA



Q1 2023 FINANCIAL INFORMATION, DATA & ANALYTICS M&A TRANSACTIONS (CONT.)

(Amounts in Millions Except Multiple Amounts)

Date	Acquirer	Target	Target Description	Enterprise Value	EV / LTM Revenue	EV / LTM EBITDA
	Acquirer	Turget		Vulue	Revenue	
1/30/2023	Riverside .	EnAppSys	Provides data and analytics to the European energy market		NA	NA
1/30/2023		RIBTD PRODUCT	Provider of data integration and analysis tools NA		NA	NA
1/27/2023	PERMIRA		Provides research, analytics and automation technology services intended for financial institutions and consulting companies	NA	NA	NA
1/19/2023	FNZ	X YIELDX	Creator of digital platforms for smart workflows and AI-powered analytics for financial professionals/investors in fixed income markets	NA	NA	NA
1/18/2023	STG	O alveo	Provider of financial data management software to banks and other financial institutions	NA	NA	NA
1/17/2023	KKR	S&P Global Engineering Solutions	Provides engineering solutions for businesses & technical leaders to optimize workflows and deliver complex projects	\$975.0	3.0 x (a)	19.5 x (a)
1/9/2023	S&P Global	TruSight	Provides subscription-based deal origination, retained buy-side acquisition search and contingent deal sourcing services	NA	NA	NA
1/5/2023	S&P Global	Chart	Developer of a financial data visualization and integration platform designed to help improve end-user efficiency	NA	NA	NA
1/3/2023		G2 FINTELLIX LCI	Companies focused on data management, risk management and regulatory reporting solutions for financial institutions	\$176.0	NA	NA



Q1 2023 FINANCIAL INFORMATION, DATA & ANALYTICS FINANCING TRANSACTIONS

(Amounts in Millions)

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Date	Investor	Target	Target Description	Raised
3/28/2023	Morgan Stanley	🖋 versana	Developer of a loan platform designed to bring transparency, efficiency, and velocity to the syndicated loan market	\$40.0
3/22/2023		🛕 ADEPTIA	Developer of business integration software designed to help businesses create connections with customers and partners	\$65.0
3/1/2023	VALOR EQUITY PARTNERS	QUANTIFIND	Developer of a financial crime intelligence automation platform designed to discover risk	\$23.0
3/1/2023	CARLYLE	SESAMm	Developer of artificial intelligence-based financial software designed to detect online information useful to investors	€35.0
2/8/2023	FPRIME	CANOE	Developer of data management software designed to streamline investment document management and data extraction	\$25.0
1/31/2023	TransUnion	bud	Developer of an open banking application designed to connect people, banks, and service providers with one another	NA
1/24/2023	Asset Sacits Management	CRUX	Data engineering company intended to help organizations to scale data delivery, operations, and transformation	\$50.0
1/23/2023	Alix Partners	GSS♥	Provider of a platform that enhances and exchanges information and offers sanctions transaction screening services	£37.0
1/12/2023	ENDICOTT GROUP	CFRA	Provider of investment research to institutional investors, corporations and academic institutions and individual investors	NA





SOLOMON PARTNERS OVERVIEW

ABOUT US

Solomon Partners is an independently operated investment bank with proprietary access to global financing capabilities and international coverage through our parent company, Natixis

- Founded in 1989, we are a leading financial advisory firm with a legacy as one of the first independent investment banks
- We offer unmatched industry knowledge in the sectors we cover, providing comprehensive strategic solutions tailored to generate long-term shareholder value
- We offer the "best of both worlds": the experience of a boutique culture with the international reach and capabilities of a global institution

New York Headquarters

Additional Offices in Chicago and Miami

180+ Employees

150+ Investment Bankers 29 Partners & Managing Directors **11** Senior Advisors



OUR SECTORS



Our team brings a differentiated approach to our M&A processes and has developed a reputation for consistently delivering high watermark valuations and results to middle market companies across the business services landscape.

Consumer Retail

We provide strategic and financial advisory services to public and private companies in retail, apparel, beauty & personal care, health & wellness, household products & consumer durables, and automotive & powersports industries.

Financial Sponsors

Our experienced team works with all sector bankers to provide alternative investment managers with access to quality deal flow and investment ideas. We marshal firm resources to offer creative solutions to our clients, which include M&A, financing and restructuring advisory services.

FinTech

We partner with clients to provide differentiated financial and strategic advisory services across the Financial Services and FinTech ecosystems.

Grocery, Pharmacy & Restaurants

Grocery, pharmacies and restaurants are experiencing significant change, driven by a variety of emerging factors. We have advised our clients, many family-owned, on some of the largest and most significant food retail M&A transactions in the past two decades.

Healthcare

We provide advisory services to healthcare clients across the ecosystem with core coverage including Medical Devices / Technology, Outsourced Device & Pharma Services, Healthcare Tech & Tech-Enabled Services, Pharmacy & Pharmacy Services, and Consumer Health.

Industrials

We provide a full suite of advisory services, including buy-side and sell-side M&A, special committee and fairness opinions, activist and takeover defense, restructuring, and capital raising and financial advisory services.

Infrastructure, Power & Renewables

Our clients range from specialized infrastructure, power and renewables private equity funds to municipal entities, corporates and pension funds. We support highprofile and historic projects across Europe and the Americas.



We provide M&A, capital markets, restructuring and financing advisory services to private and publicly traded clients ranging from multi-billion-dollar global media companies to growth-oriented private companies and investment funds across the media, entertainment, and communications subsectors. Technology

We cover sectors and businesses that provide vital data, analytics, software, or tech-enabled services to global markets. Within our covered subverticals, we differentiate ourselves by providing sector-specific advice, combining superior endmarket knowledge and deep industry relationships.

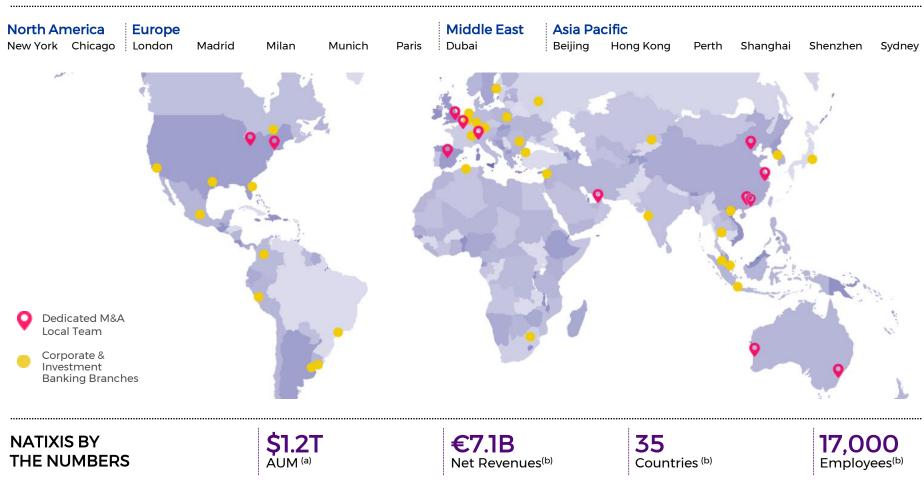
Telecommunications

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THE NATIXIS GLOBAL NETWORK

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DEDICATED M&A TEAMS IN THE NATIXIS NETWORK



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 b) Figures at 12/31/22

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