



# Sectorwatch: Digital Agency

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# Overview

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## Dashboard

- Summary metrics on the sector
- Commentary on market momentum by comparing the most recent 12-month performance against the last 3-year averages.



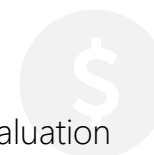
## Public Basket Performance

- Summary valuation and operating metrics for a basket of comparable public companies



## Valuation Comparison

- Graphical, detailed comparison of valuation multiples for the public basket



## Recent Deals

- The most recently announced deals in the sector



# Dashboard



## Revenue Growth Momentum

**↑ 0.8%**

1 - year revenue growth compared to revenue growth average for last 3 years

Current revenue growth rate exceeds the average of the last 3 years by this amount, indicating that market momentum is increasing

## Pricing / Gross Margin Momentum

**↑ 1.2%**

1 - year gross profit % compared to gross profit % average for last 3 years

Current gross profit margin exceeds the average of the last 3 years gross profit margin by this amount, indicating supplier pricing power

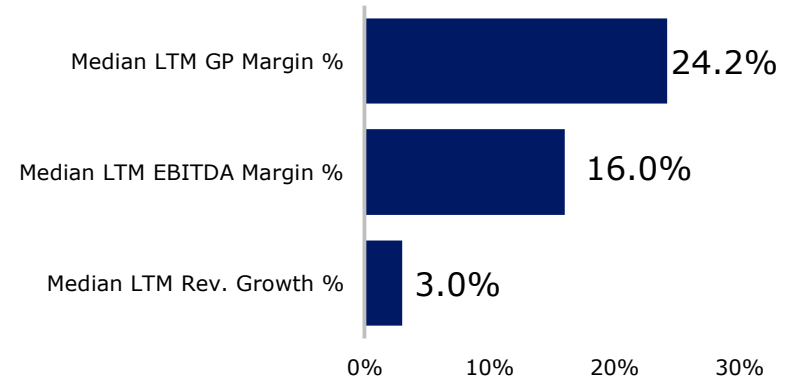
## Profitability

**↓ -1.0%**

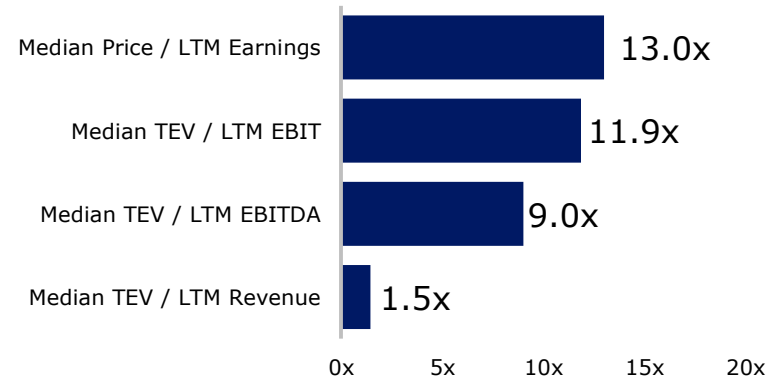
1 - year EBITDA % compared to EBITDA % average for last 3 years

Current EBITDA margin is less than the average of the last 3 years EBITDA margins, which may signal further consolidation

## Operating Metrics



## Valuation



# Public Basket

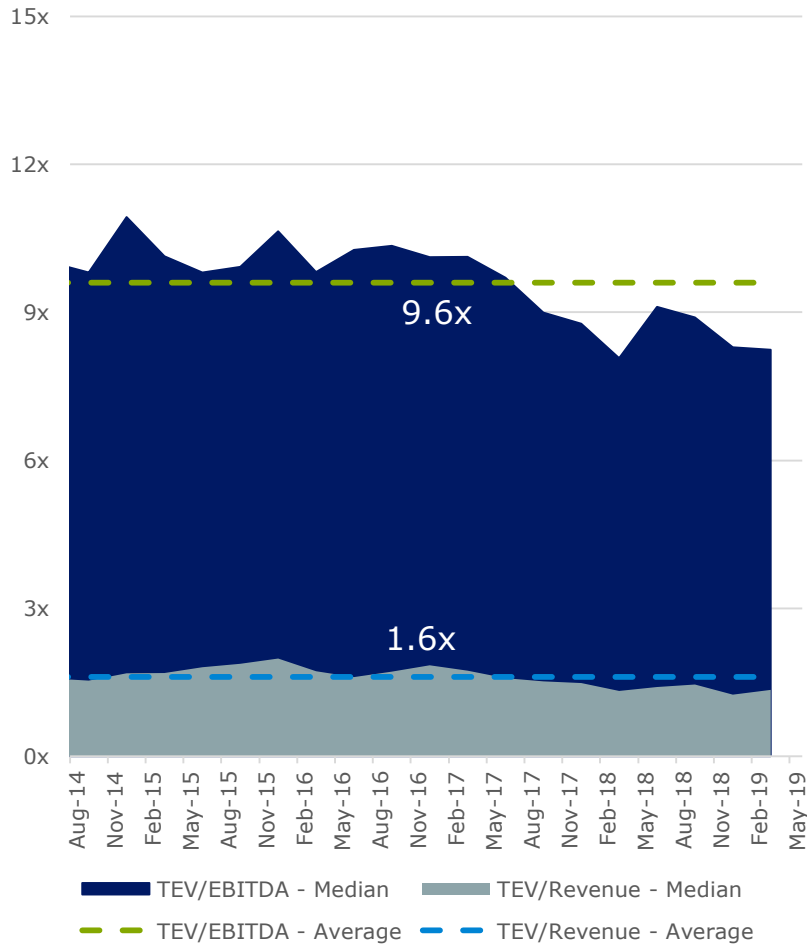


Company	TEV \$m	LTM Rev \$m	Rev Growth YoY	GP %	EBITDA %	TEV / Rev X	TEV / EBITDA X	# FTEs	Rev / FTE \$k
The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc.	12,033	8,032	7%	22%	15%	1.5	9.7	54,000	149
Dentsu Inc.	13,051	9,283	10%	92%	17%	1.4	8.4	62,608	148
Publicis Groupe S.A.	15,294	11,393	3%	43%	22%	1.4	6.3	80,000	142
WPP plc	21,104	19,886	2%	19%	12%	1.0	8.6	134,281	148
Omnicom Group Inc.	22,616	15,130	-1%	18%	15%	1.5	9.6	70,400	215
Alliance Data Systems Corporation	29,837	7,791	1%	27%	24%	3.8	16.0	20,000	390

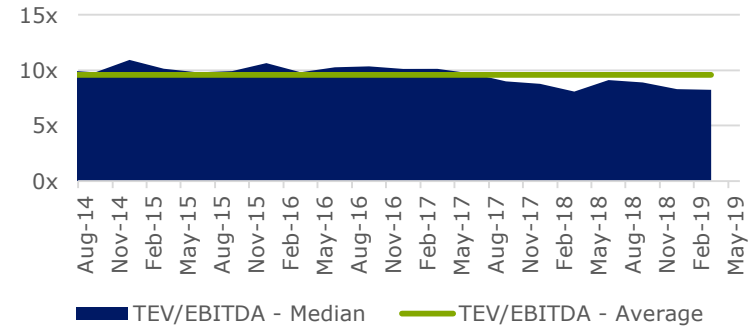
<b>Average</b>	18,989	11,919	4%	37%	18%	1.8	9.8	70,215	199
<b>Median</b>	18,199	10,338	2%	24%	16%	1.5	9.1	66,504	149

share price as of 22Apr19

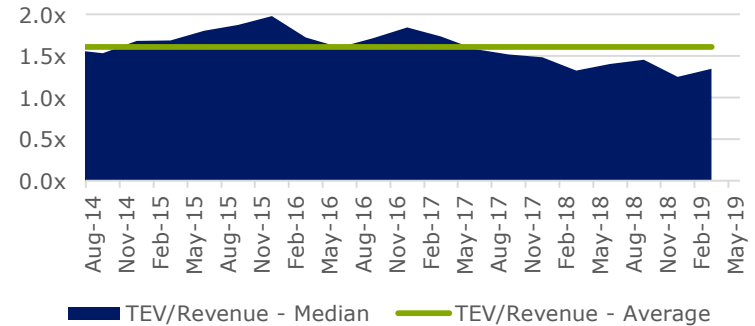
# Public Basket Valuation Trends



## Public EBITDA Multiples over Time



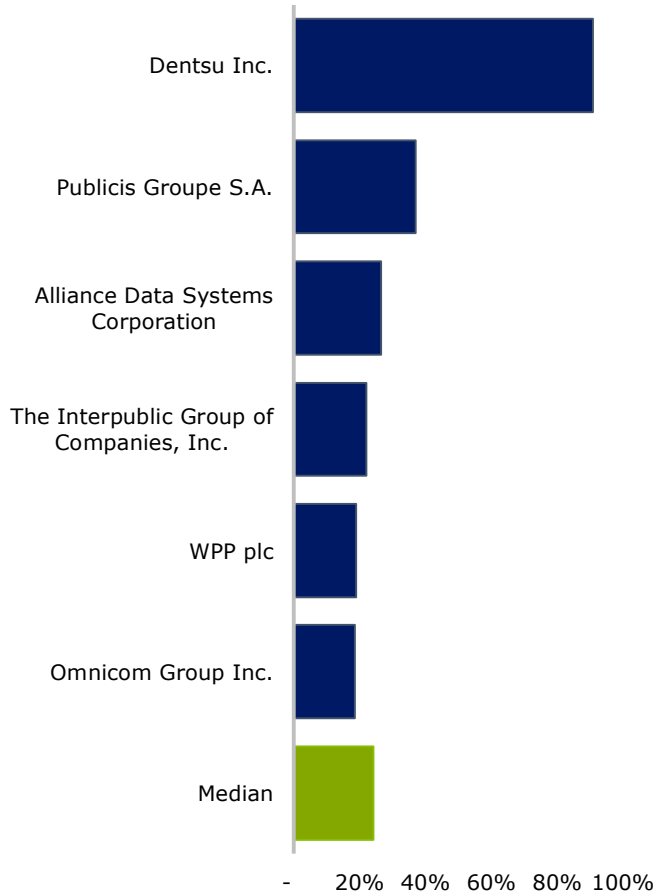
## Public Revenue Multiples over Time



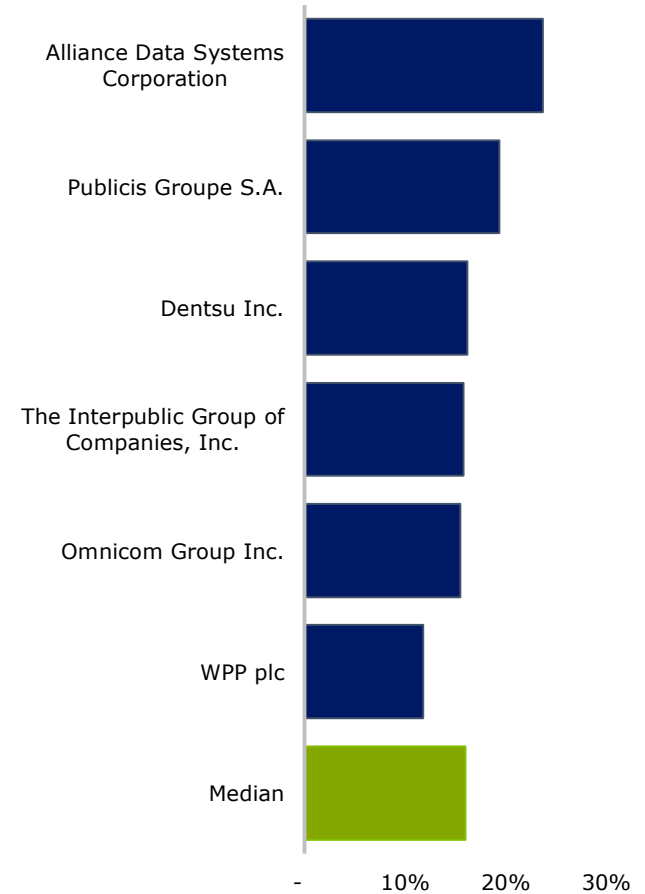
# Operational Metrics



LTM Gross Profit Margin %



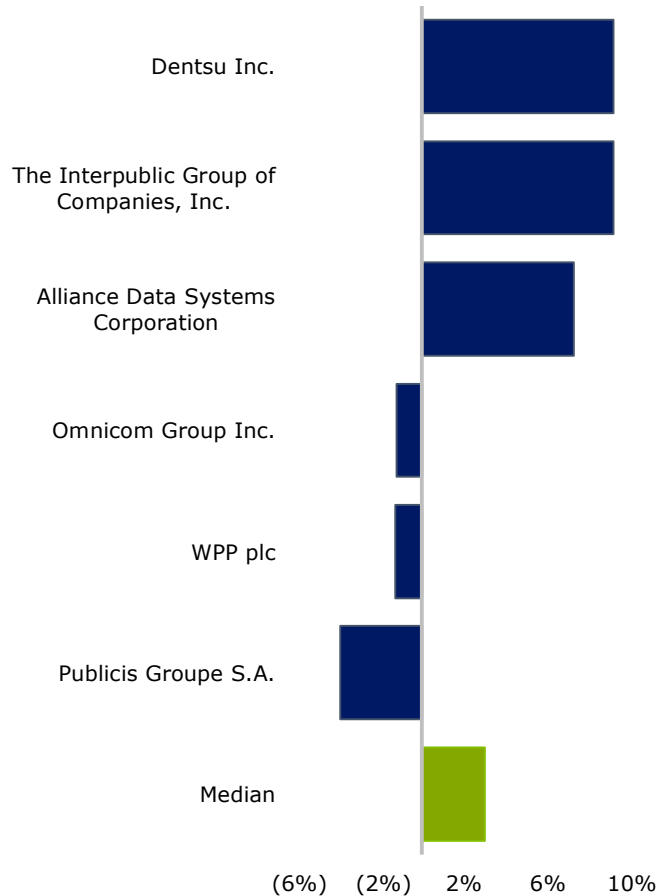
LTM EBITDA %



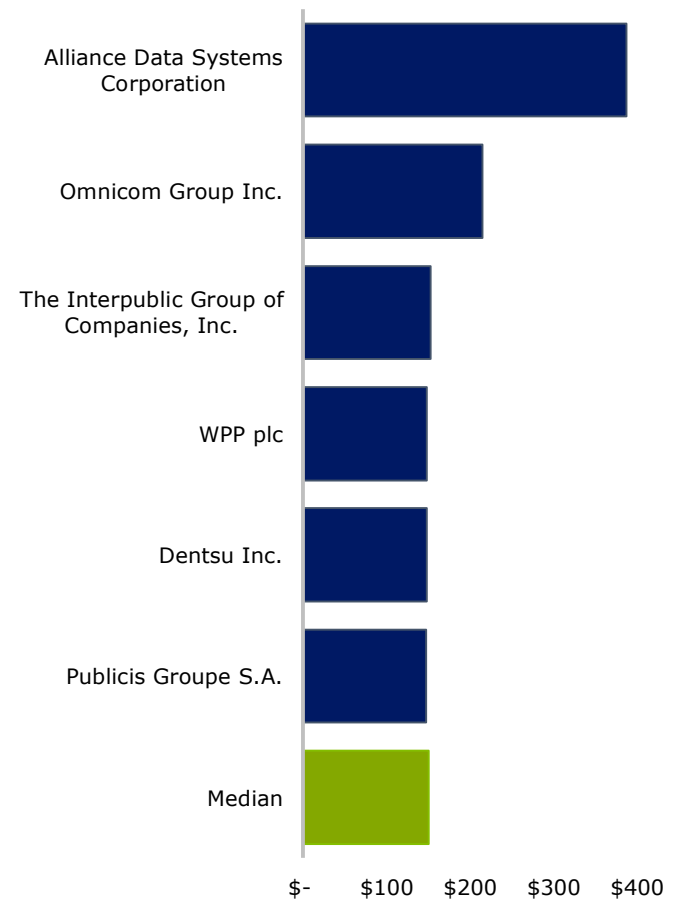
# Operational Metrics



LTM Revenue Growth %



LTM Revenue per Full Time Employee x 000's

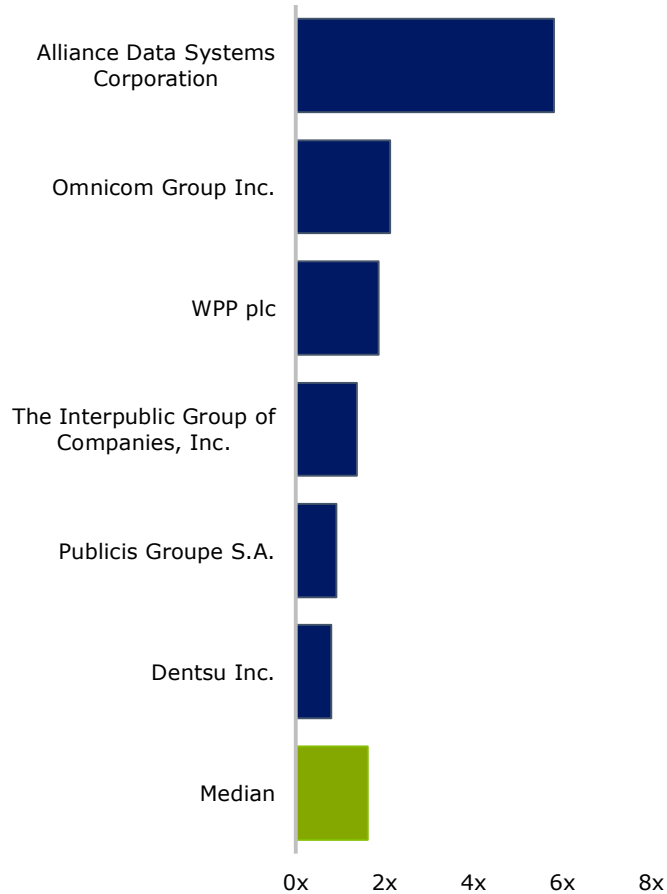




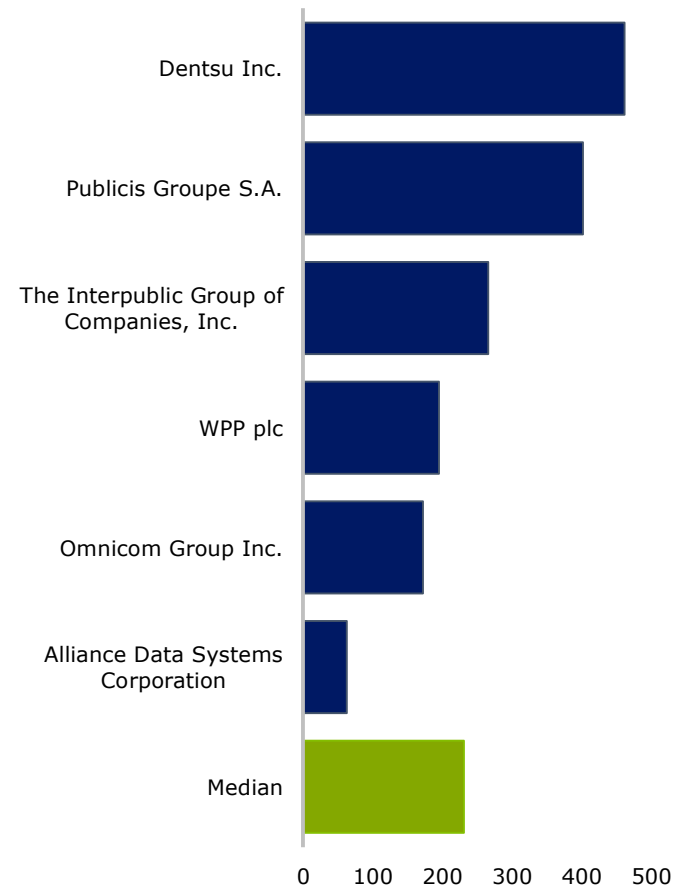
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## Accounts Receivable Turnover



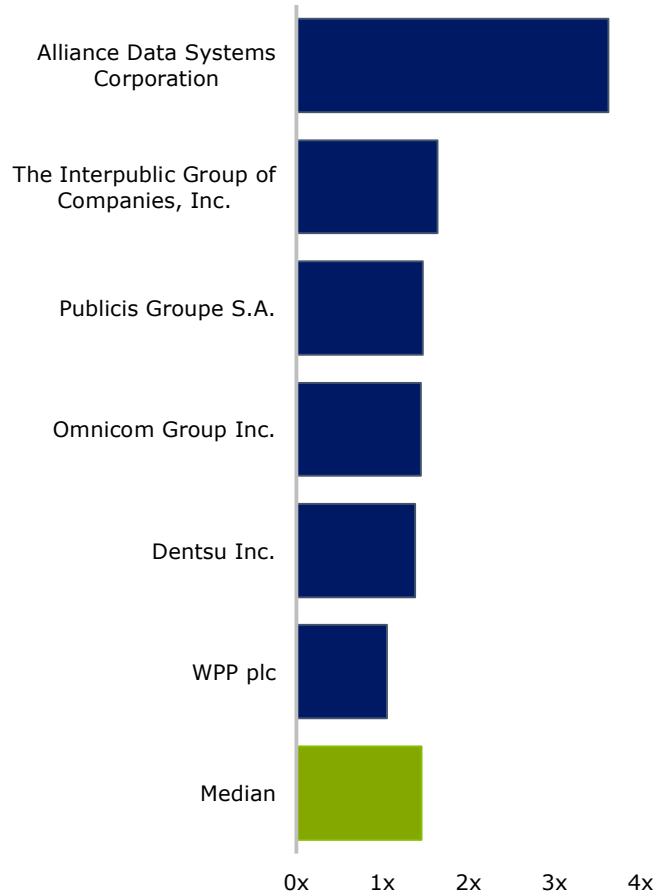
## Average Days Sales Outstanding



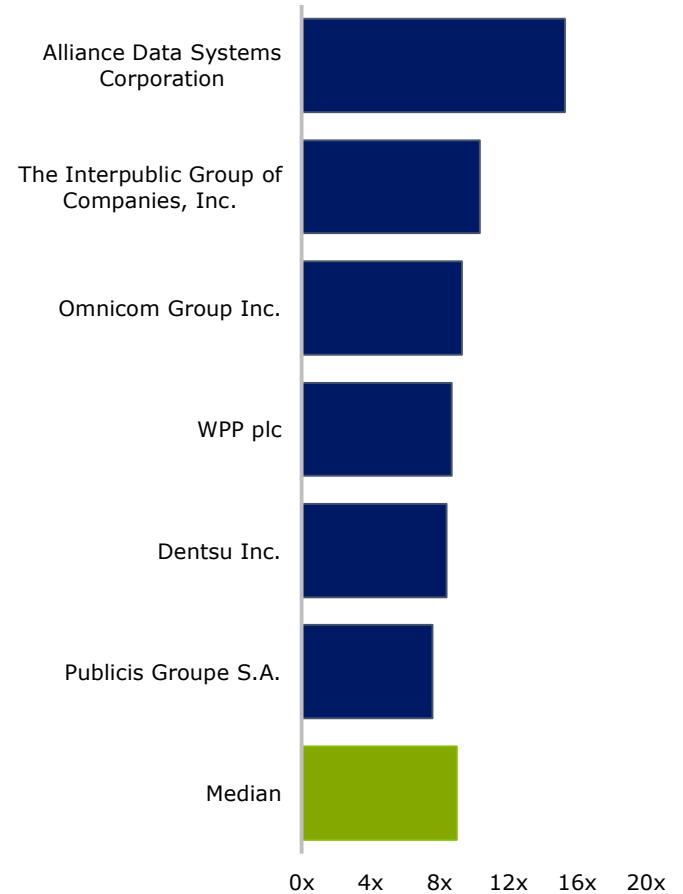
# Valuation



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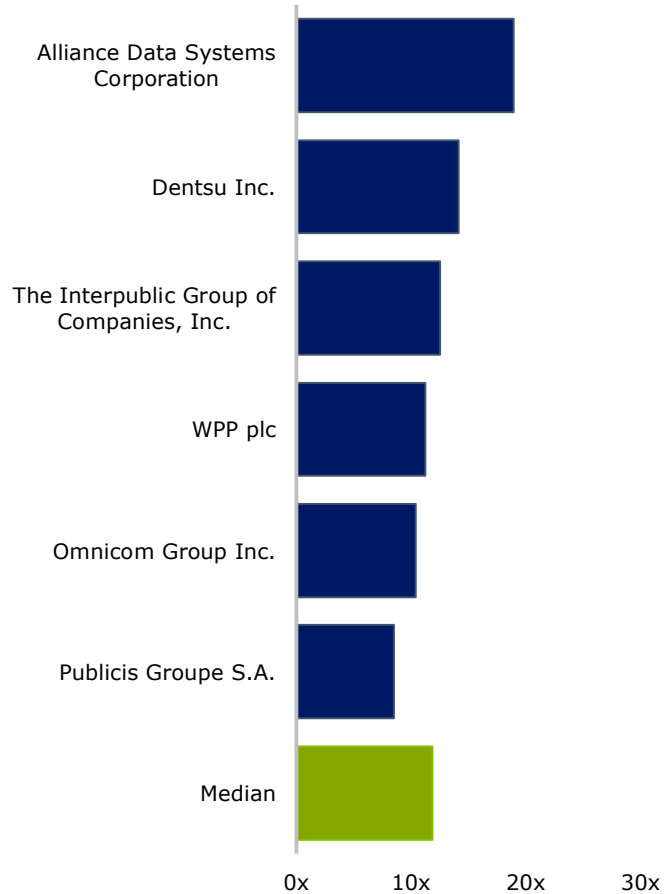
TEV / LTM EBITDA



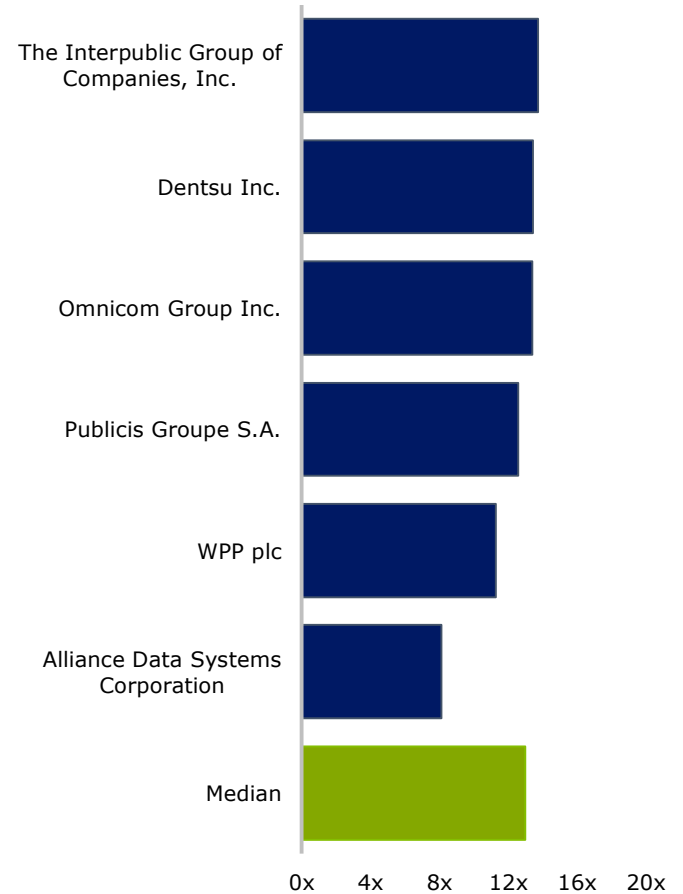
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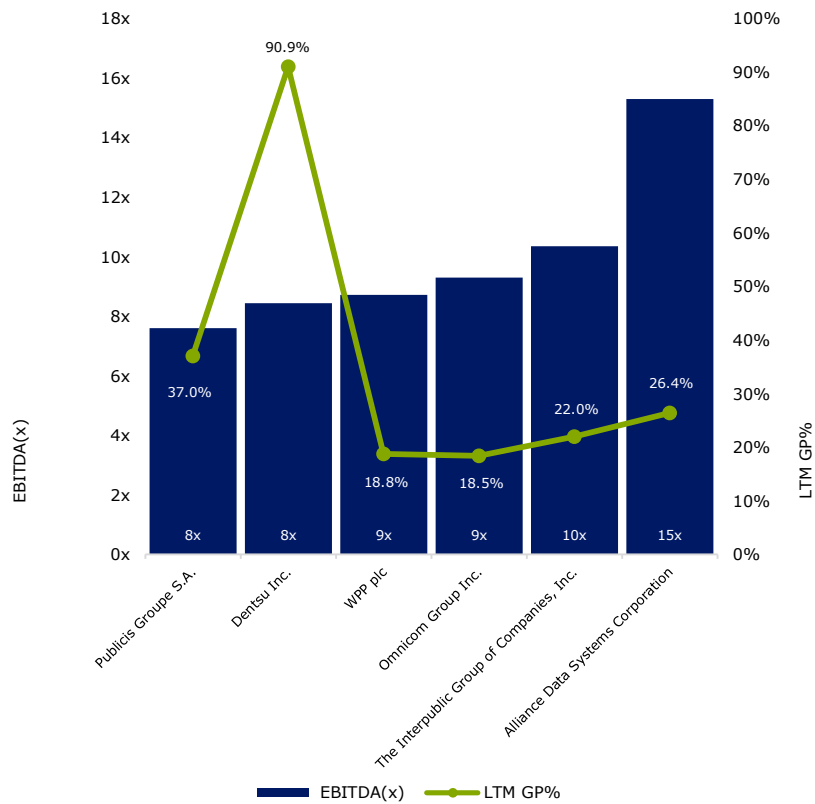
## Price / LTM Earnings



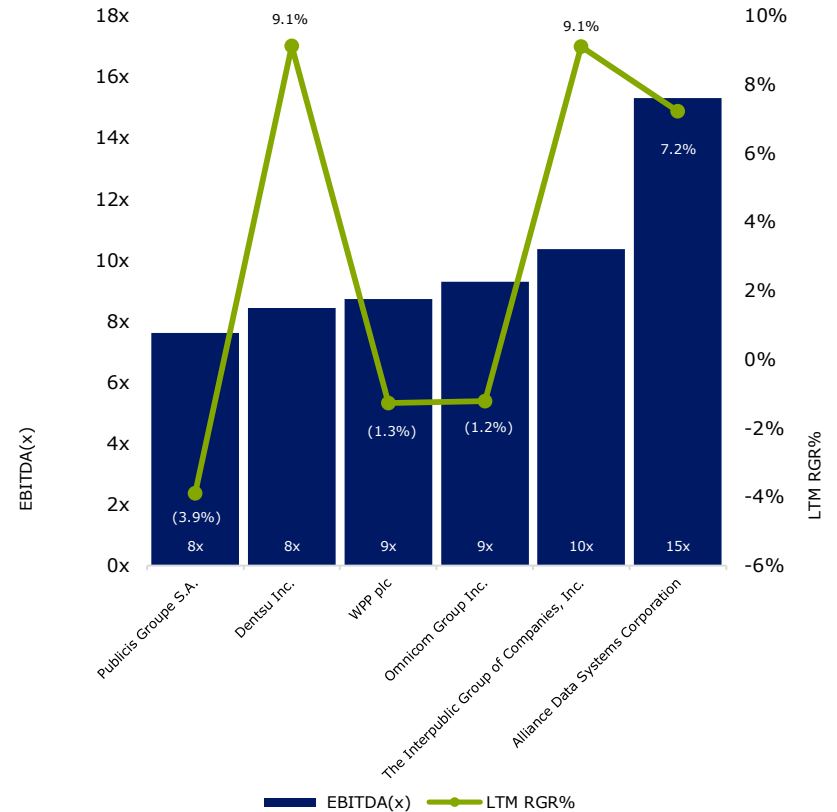
# Valuation



## Historical Valuation Multiples versus Gross Profit



## Historical Valuation Multiples versus Revenue Growth Rate



# Recent Transactions



Date	Target	Buyer / Investor	Total Transaction Value	Target Revenue	TEV / Revenue	TEV / EBITDA
13May19	Assets of Sundog Interactive, Inc.	Perficient, Inc.	14.00	-	-	-
12Apr19	Epsilon Data Management, LLC	Publicis Groupe Holdings B.V.; MMS USA Investments, Inc.	4,400.00	1,900.00	2.3x	8.2x
4Apr19	I-Cubed Holding, Inc.	Blue Acorn, LLC (nka:Blue Acorn iCi)	-	-	-	-
1Mar19	Springbox, Ltd. (nka:Springbox, a Prophet company)	Prophet, Inc.	-	-	-	-
5Mar19	NichePlus Digital	AMF Media Group	-	-	-	-
21Feb19	Happy Marketer Private Ltd.	Dentsu Aegis Network Ltd.	-	4.85	-	-
1Jan19	SpeakerBox Communications, LLC	REQ, Inc.	-	-	-	-
12Dec18	Adaptly, Inc.	Accenture plc	-	-	-	-
11Dec18	Mustache LLC	Cognizant Technology Solutions Corporation	-	-	-	-
6Dec18	We Are Friday Limited	PA Consulting Group Limited	-	-	-	-
1Nov18	Flywheel Digital LLC	Ascential plc	400.00	-	-	-
29Oct18	Elixiter, Inc.	Perficient, Inc.	11.70	6.00	2.0x	-
9Oct18	Interactive Thinking Srl	Capgemini Invent	-	-	-	-
4Oct18	We Are Vista Limited	ICF International, Inc.	-	21.36	-	-
10Oct18	June 21	Capgemini Invent	-	-	-	-
24Sep18	Emark B.V.	Wunderman Limited	-	-	-	-
6Sep18	CPC Strategy Inc.	Elite SEM Inc.	-	-	-	-
20Aug18	Amicus Digital Ventures Pty Ltd	Merkle Inc.	-	-	-	-
8Aug18	Gorilla, Inc.	Wunderman Commerce	-	40.00	-	-
2Aug18	Gencorp Technologies, Inc.	Omnicom Precision Marketing Group	-	-	-	-
16Jul18	Substantially All of the Assets of Stone Temple Consulting Corporation	Perficient, Inc.	13.82	-	-	-
12Jul18	Global Mind S.A.	Dentsu Aegis Network Ltd.	-	382.10	-	-
28Jun18	Kremsa Digital, Inc.	The Pastilla Institute of Design, Inc.	-	-	-	-
18Jun18	Smashing Ideas, Inc.	Luxoft Holding, Inc.	-	-	-	-
14Jun18	Union, LLC	Myjive, Inc.	-	-	-	-
1Jun18	GS Design, Inc.	Core Creative, Inc.	-	-	-	-
30May18	Fire Without Smoke Ltd	Keywords Studios PLC	6.87	-	-	-
23May18	HO Communication	Accenture plc	-	-	-	-

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## APPENDIX: Public Basket Constituents

# Public Basket

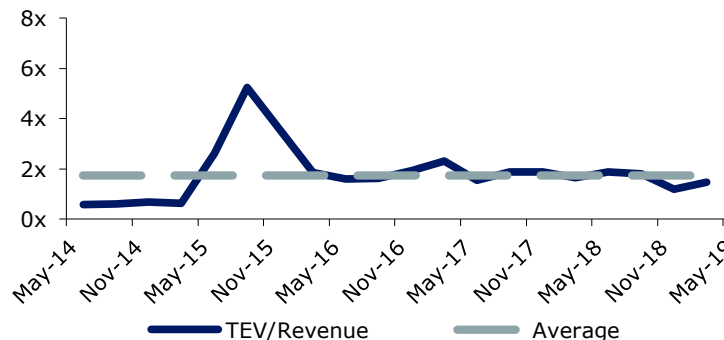


## Dentsu Inc.

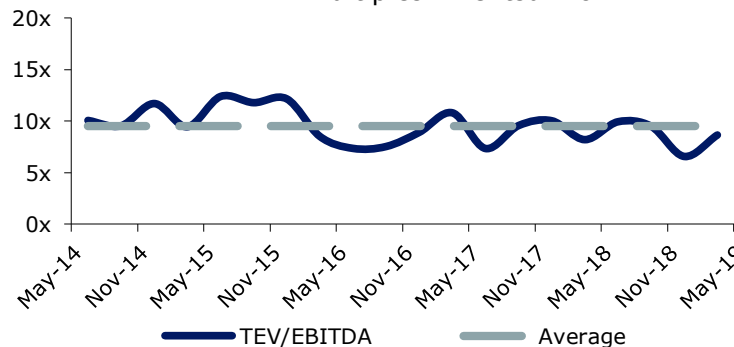
Dentsu Inc. provides advertising services in Japan and internationally. The company offers advertising through media, including newspapers, magazines, radio, television, Internet, sales promotion, movies, outdoor events, public transportation, and others; and event marketing, sports marketing, public relations, contents, creative, and other services to its clients. It also provides information services and information-related products, including information systems building and software sales and support; and other services, such as office rental, building maintenance, and computation fiduciary services. Dentsu Inc. was founded in 1901 and is headquartered in Tokyo, Japan.

Date	Key Development Headline
4/11/19	Dentsu Inc. (TSE:4324) acquired CSM Sport and Entertainment New Zealand Limited.
2/14/19	Dentsu Intends To Seek Acquisitions
2/12/19	KeyHolder, Inc. (JASDAQ:4712) concluded the share exchange contract to acquire Allfuz Inc. from Dentsu Inc. (TSE:4324), Avex Digital Inc., Watanabe Entertainment Co., Ltd., Universal Music LLC, Production Ogi Co., Ltd. and Yoshihiro Akatsuka for ¥1.9 billion.

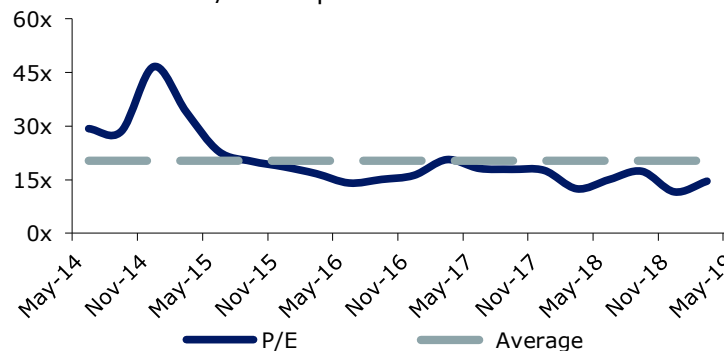
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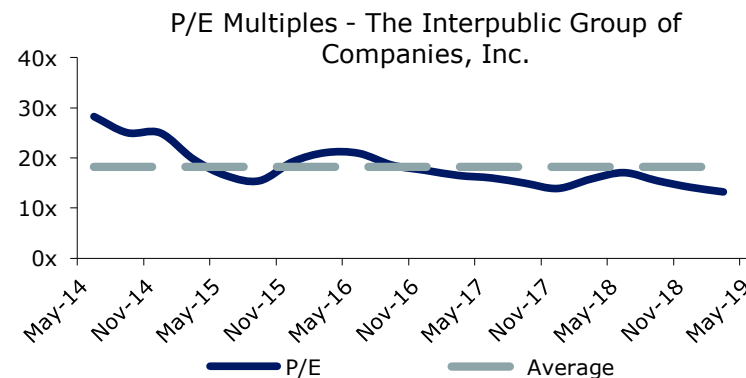
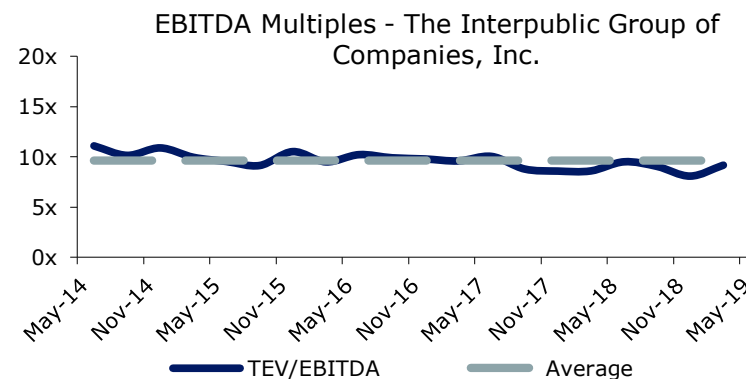
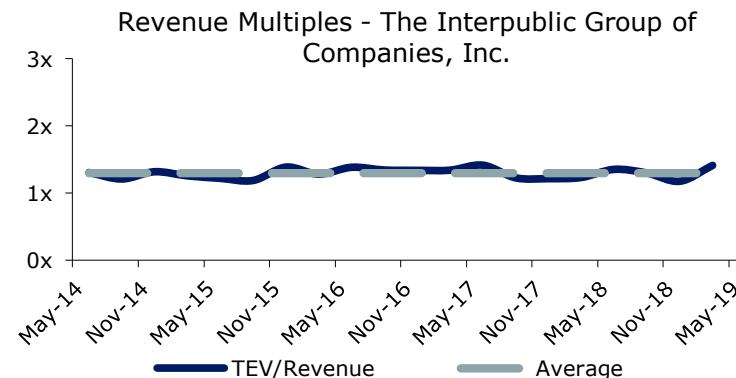
# Public Basket



## The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc.

The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. provides advertising and marketing services worldwide. The company operates through two segments, Integrated Agency Networks and Constituency Management Group. It offers consumer advertising, digital marketing, communications planning and media buying, public relations, and specialized communications disciplines. The company also provides various diversified services, including public relations, meeting and event production, sports and entertainment marketing, corporate and brand identity, and strategic marketing consulting. It offers its services under various brands comprising McCann, MullenLowe, IPG Mediabrands, Carmichael Lynch, Deutsch, Hill Holliday, and The Martin Agency, as well as Foote, Cone & Belding. The company was formerly known as McCann-Erickson Incorporated and changed its name to The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. in January 1961. The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. was founded in 1902 and is headquartered in New York, New York.

Date	Key Development Headline
9/30/18	The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. (NYSE:IPG) ( "IPG" ) completed the acquisition of membership interest in Acxiom Marketing Solutions business of Acxiom Corporation (NasdaqGS:ACXM).





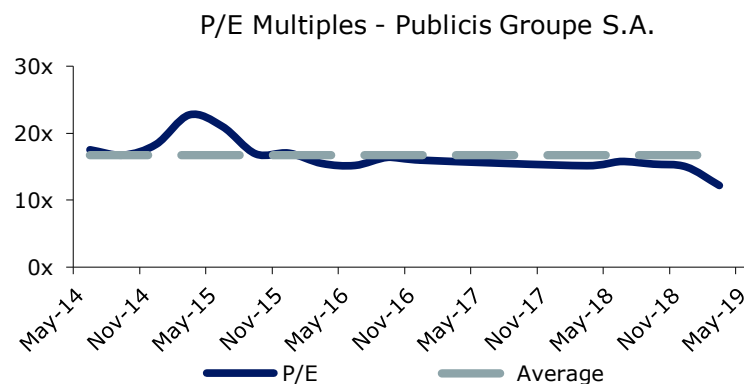
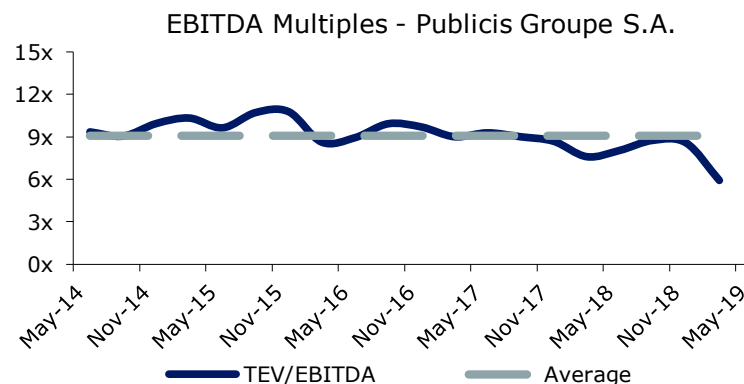
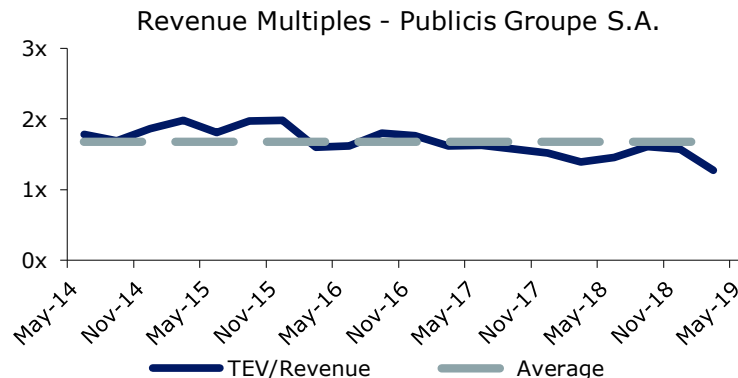
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## Publicis Groupe S.A.

Publicis Groupe S.A. provides marketing, communication, and digital transformation services worldwide. It offers creative solutions, such as direct marketing, customer relationship management, sales promotion and point-of-sale marketing, public relations, corporate and financial communication, events communication, and multicultural or ethnic communication services, as well as engages in the video production and broadcast business. The company also provides media consulting/media planning and media buying services. In addition, it is involved in the creation of corporate or commercial Websites and intranets, online direct marketing consulting, social network expertise, search engine optimization, Internet ads, and all forms of Internet and mobile communication; and provision of communications in the areas of healthcare and well-being under the Digitas Health and Publicis Health Media brands. Publicis Groupe S.A. was founded in 1926 and is headquartered in Paris, France.

Date	Key Development Headline
3/28/19	YCOR Management Sàrl agreed to acquire Proximedia from Publicis Groupe S.A. (ENXTPA:PUB) for €10 million.
1/31/19	Publicis Groupe S.A. (ENXTPA:PUB) acquired the remaining 24.9% stake in Blue 449 from M&C Saatchi plc (AIM:SAA) for £25 million.



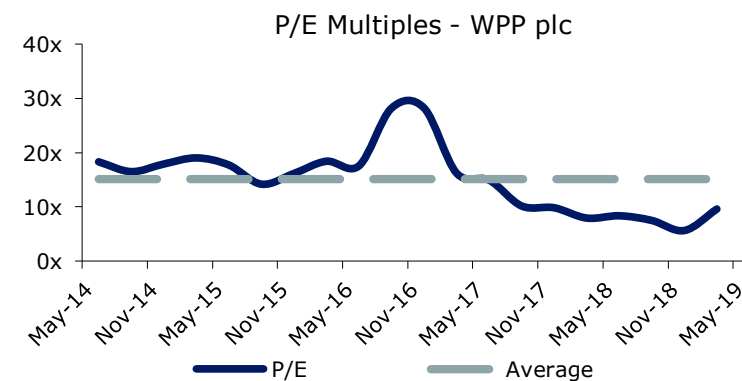
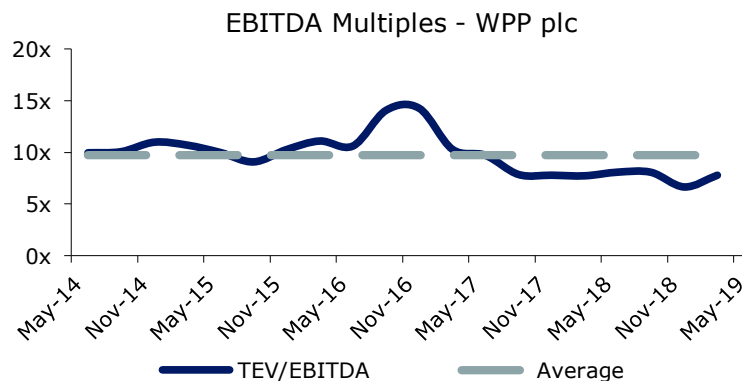
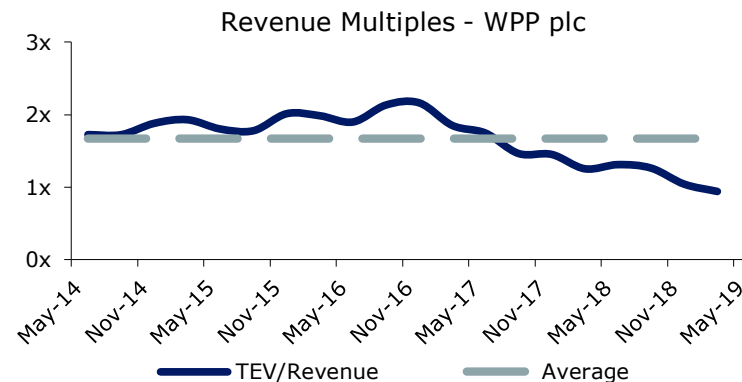
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## WPP plc

WPP plc provides various communications services worldwide. The company operates through four segments: Advertising and Media Investment Management; Data Investment Management; Public Relations & Public Affairs; and Branding Consulting, Health & Wellness and Specialist Communications. The Advertising and Media Investment Management segment provides advertising services; and media planning and buying, and specialist sponsorship, and branded entertainment services. The Data Investment Management segment offers brand, consumer, media, and marketplace insight services. The Public Relations & Public Affairs segment provides corporate, consumer, financial, and brand-building services. WPP plc was founded in 1985 and is based in London, the United Kingdom.

Date	Key Development Headline
1/29/19	Richard Attias agreed to acquire 49% stake in Richard Attias & Associates Llc from WPP plc (LSE:WPP)
10/25/18	WPP Says Open To Stake Sale In Kantar
6/25/18	WPP May Sell Minority Stakes In Some Of Its Businesses
5/2/18	Dentsu Inc. (TSE:4324) completed the acquisition of 49% stake respectively of Dentsu Young & Rubicam Inc. and Wunderman Dentsu Inc. from WPP plc (LSE:WPP).
4/30/18	Dentsu Inc. (TSE:4324) agreed to acquire 49% stake respectively of Dentsu Young & Rubicam Inc. and Wunderman Dentsu Inc. from WPP plc (LSE:WPP).



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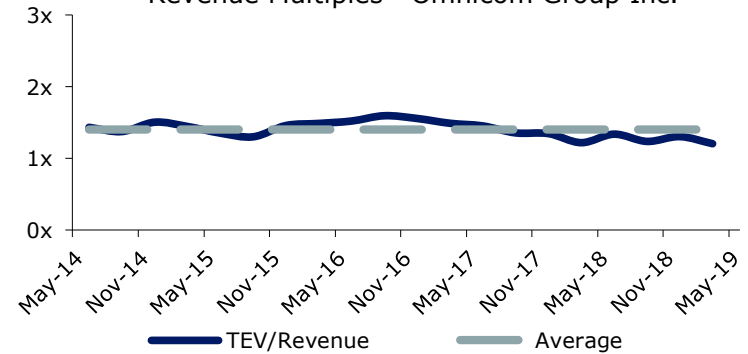


## Omnicom Group Inc.

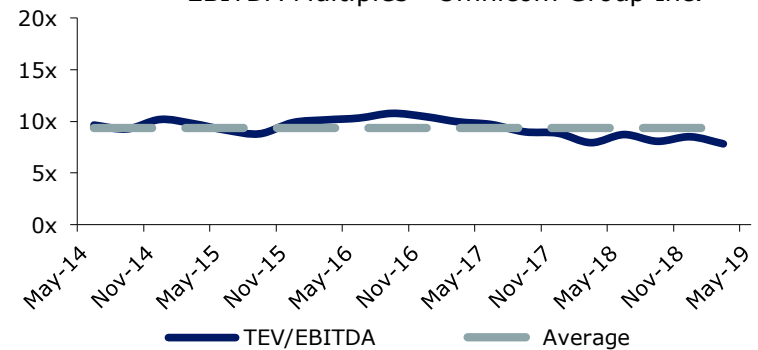
Omnicom Group Inc., together with its subsidiaries, provides advertising, marketing, and corporate communications services. The company offers a range of services in the areas of advertising, customer relationship management, public relations, and healthcare. Its services comprises advertising, branding, content marketing, corporate social responsibility consulting, crisis communication, custom publishing, data analytics, database management, digital/direct marketing, digital transformation, financial/corporate business-to-business advertising, graphic arts/digital imaging, healthcare marketing and communications, and instore design services. The company's services also include direct, entertainment, experiential, field, interactive, mobile, multi-cultural, non-profit, shopper, promotional, retail, search engine, social media, and sports and event marketing services. Omnicom Group Inc. was founded in 1944 and is based in New York, New York.

Date	Key Development Headline
2/12/19	Omnicom Group Seeks Acquisitions
9/12/18	Gryt Health and Omnicom Group Announce Strategic Partnership to Increase Collaboration and Innovation Between the Cancer Community and Industry
8/31/18	Webhelp SAS completed the acquisition of SELLBYTEL Group GmbH from Omnicom Group Inc. (NYSE:OMC).
7/17/18	Omnicom Group Seeks Acquisitions
6/18/18	Webhelp SAS signed an agreement to acquire SELLBYTEL Group GmbH from Omnicom Group Inc. (NYSE:OMC).

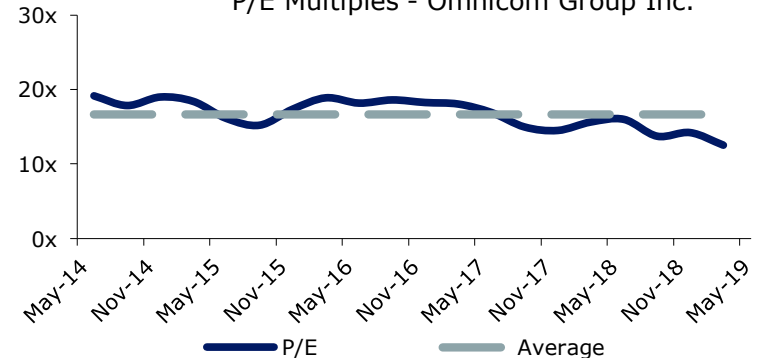
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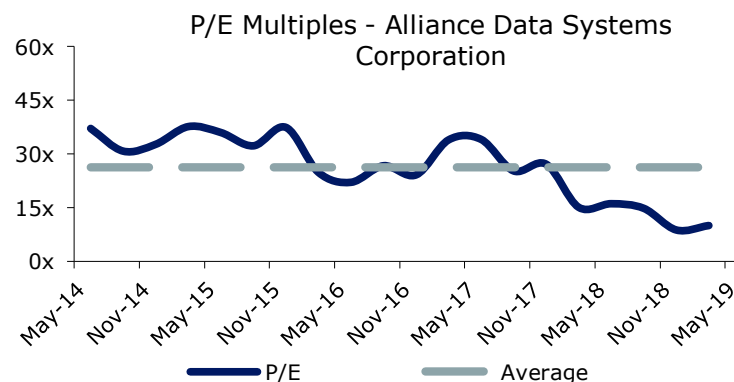
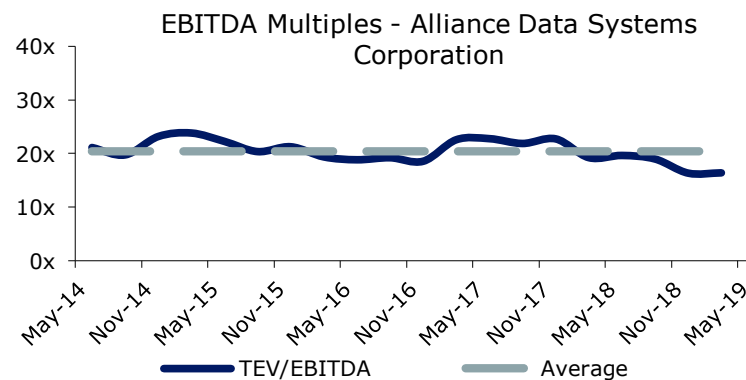
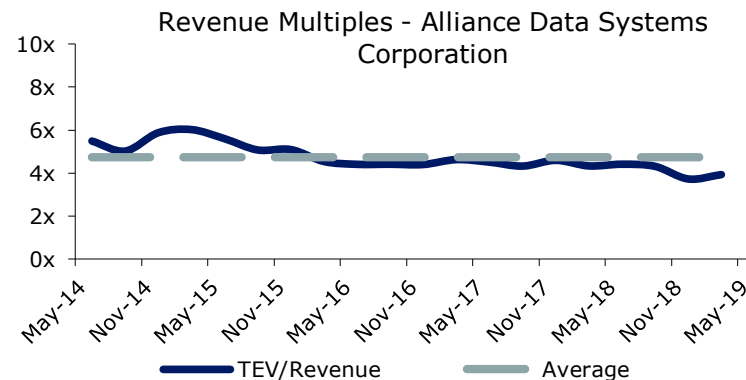
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## Alliance Data Systems Corporation

Alliance Data Systems Corporation provides data-driven marketing and loyalty solutions worldwide. It operates through three segments: LoyaltyOne, Epsilon, and Card Services. The company offers a portfolio of integrated outsourced marketing solutions, including customer loyalty programs, database marketing services, end-to-end marketing services, analytics and creative services, direct marketing services, and private label and co-brand retail credit card programs. It also focuses on facilitating and managing interactions between its clients and their customers through various consumer marketing channels, including in-store, online, email, social media, mobile, direct mail, and telephone. The company captures and analyzes data created during each customer interaction, leveraging the insight derived from that data to enable clients to identify and acquire new customers and to enhance customer loyalty. Alliance Data Systems Corporation was founded in 1996 and is headquartered in Plano, Texas.

Date	Key Development Headline
5/5/19	Alliance Data Systems Corporation (NYSE:ADS) acquired certain assets of blispay inc. for \$7.7 million.
4/13/19	MMS USA Investments, Inc. and Publicis Groupe Holdings B.V. entered into an agreement to acquire Epsilon Data Management, LLC from Alliance Data Systems Corporation (NYSE:ADS), ADS Alliance Data Systems, Inc. and Alliance Data Lux Financing S.A R.L. for \$4.4 billion.
7/30/18	Alliance Data Systems Seeks Acquisitions



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