

Sectorwatch: Digital Agency

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Overview

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We advise on M&A and private capital transactions and provide market assessments and benchmarking. As a close-knit team with a long history together and a laser focus on our target markets, we help our clients sell their companies, raise capital, grow through acquisitions, and evaluate new markets.

We publish our sectorwatch, a review of M&A and operational trends in the industries we focus.

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

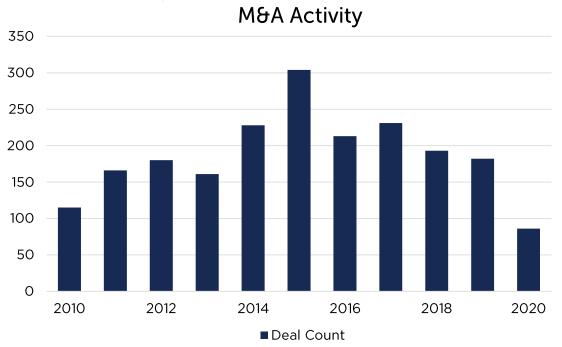
• The most recently announced deals in the sector

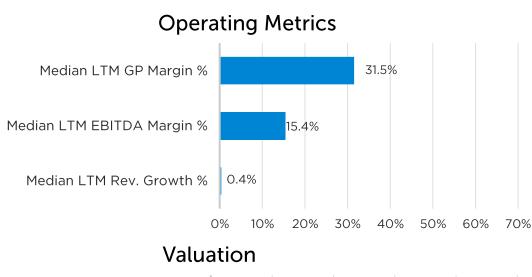


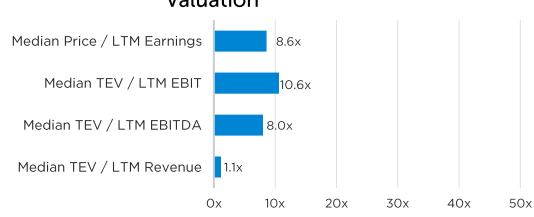
Dashboard

REVENUE GROWTH MOMENTUM ★ 2.1%

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

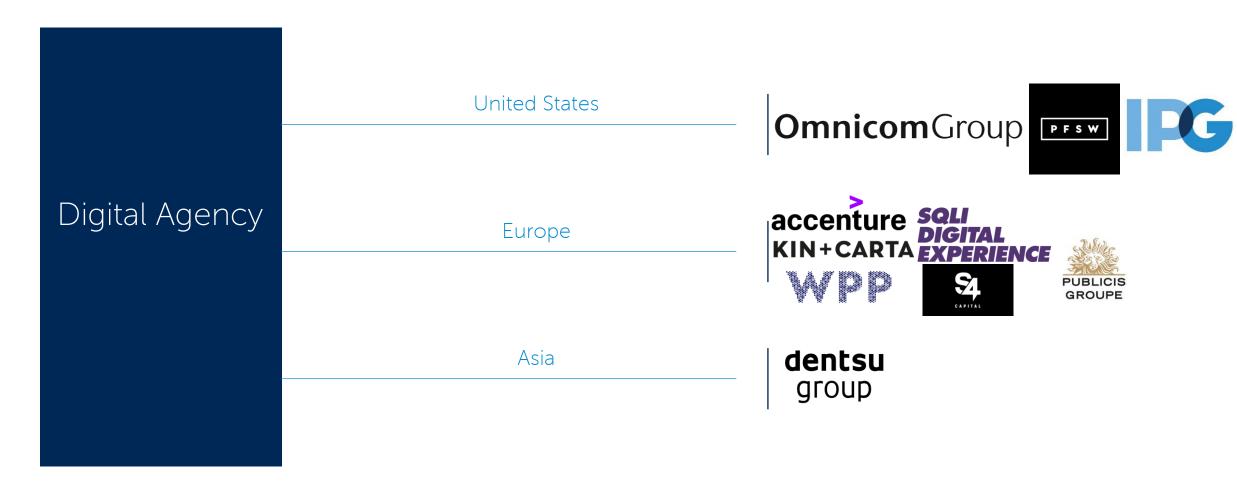








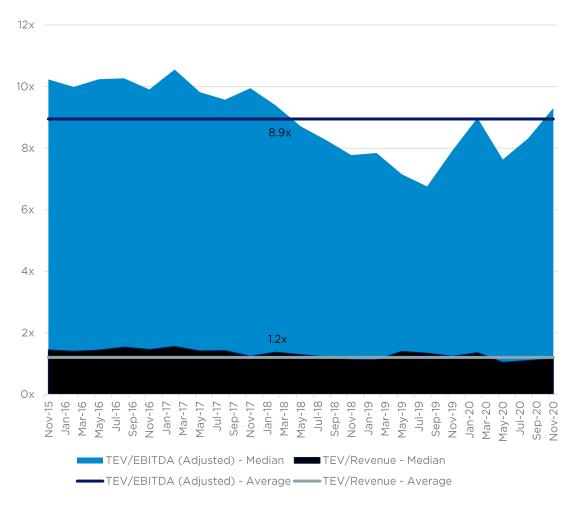
Public Basket Overview



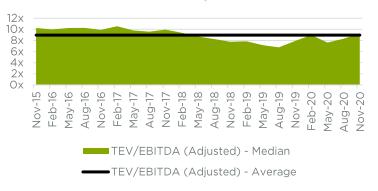


Company	TEV \$m	LTM EBITDA \$m	LTM Rev \$m	Rev Growth YoY	GP %	EBITDA %	TEV / Rev X	TEV / EBITDA X	# FTEs	Rev / FTE \$k
Accenture	132,901	8,292	44,327	2.6%	31.5%	18.7%	3.0x	16.0x	513,000	86
WPP	16,465	2,487	15,676	4.4%	17.3%	15.9%	1.1x	6.6x	101,000	155
Omnicom Group	14,496	2,069	13,555	-9.0%	16.3%	15.3%	1.1x	7.0x	70,000	194
Publicis Groupe	14,341	1,933	12,617	13.0%	-	15.3%	1.1x	7.4x	80,787	156
The Interpublic Group of Companies	11,318	1,295	9,413	-7.5%	14.4%	13.8%	1.2x	8.7x	54,300	173
Dentsu	10,840	1,739	9,337	-2.3%	89.0%	18.6%	1.2x	6.2x	66,400	141
S4 Capital	2,778	62	338	-	83.8%	18.4%	8.2x	44.7x	2,650	128
Kin + Carta	257	30	192	14.5%	49.0%	15.4%	1.3×	8.6x	1,438	134
PFSweb	194	12	312	0.4%	25.6%	3.7%	0.6x	16.8x	1,800	174
SQLI	157	28	250	-5.4%	52.2%	11.3%	0.6x	5.6x	2,161	116
Average	20,375	1,795	10,602	1.2%	42.1%	14.6%	1.9x	12.8x	89,354	146
Median	11,079	1,517	9,375	0.4%	31.5%	15.4%	1.1x	8.0x	60,350	148

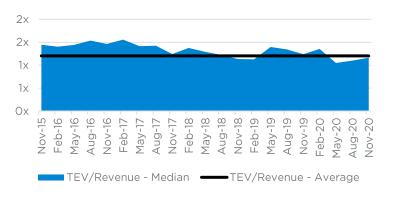




Public EBITDA Multiples over Time



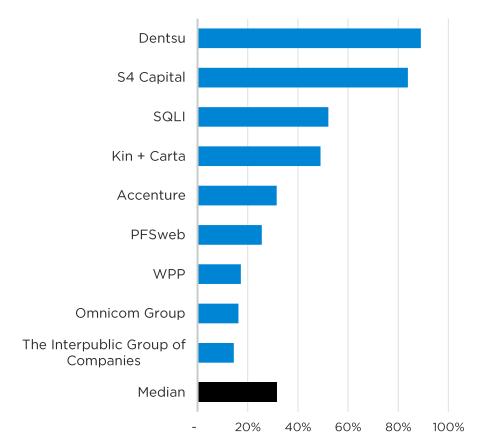
Public Revenue Multiples over Time



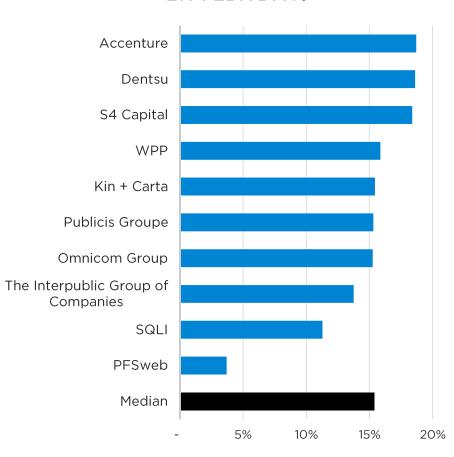


Operational Metrics

LTM Gross Profit Margin %



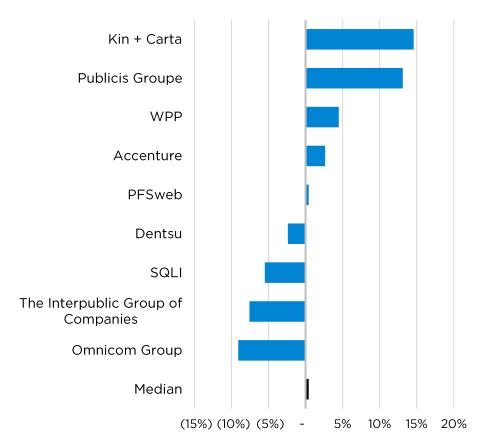
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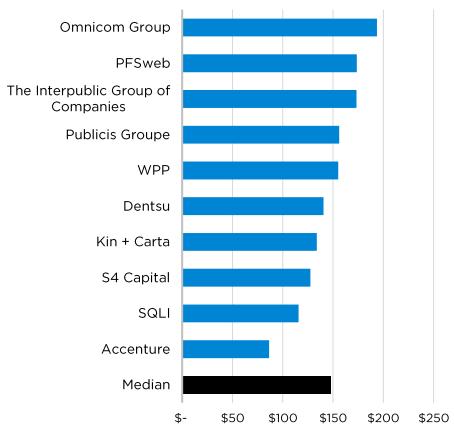


Operational Metrics

LTM Revenue Growth %



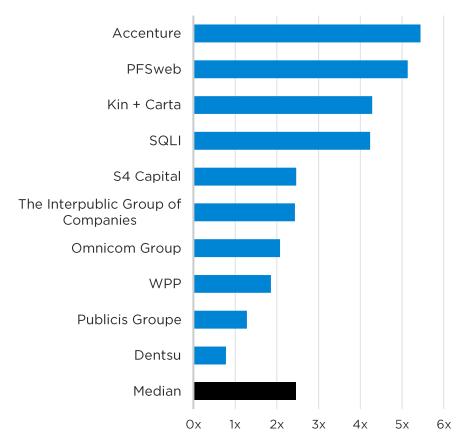
LTM Revenue per Full Time Employee x 000's



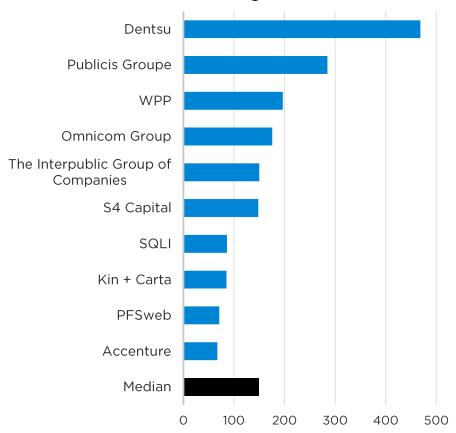


Operational Metrics

Accounts Receivable Turnover



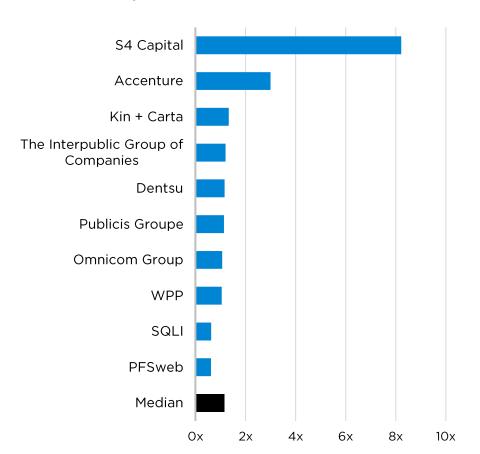
Average Days Sales Outstanding



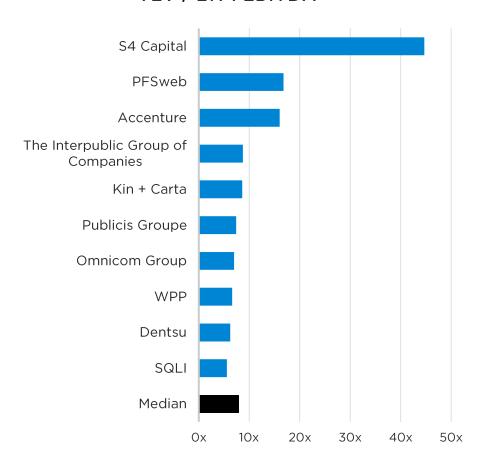


Valuation

TEV / LTM Revenue

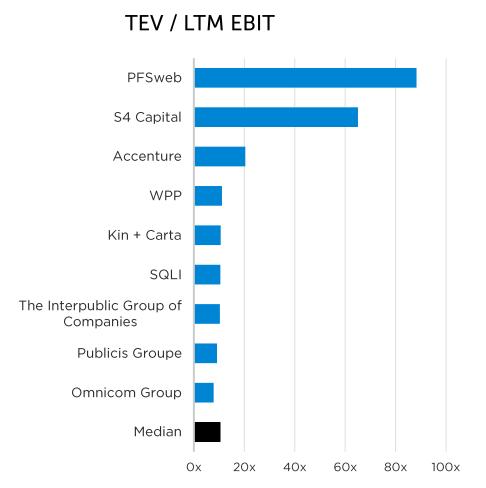


TEV / LTM EBITDA

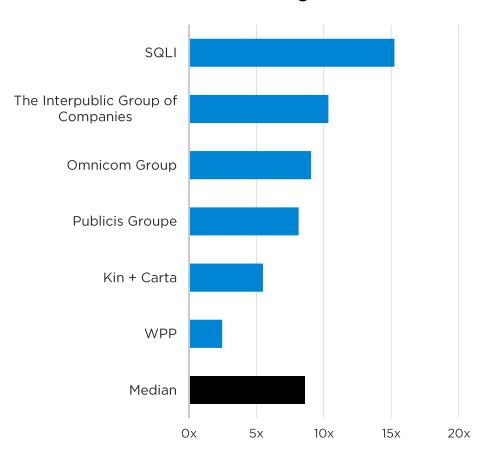




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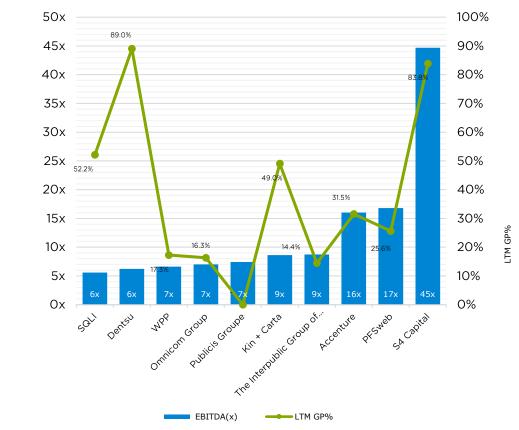
Price / LTM Earnings



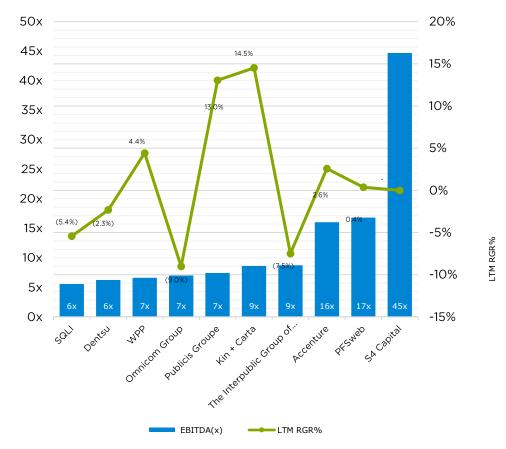


Valuation

Historical Valuation Multiples versus Gross Profit



Historical Valuation Multiples versus Revenue Growth Rate



EBITDA(x)



Recent Transactions

1	Target	Buyer	Total Transaction Amount	Target Revenue	TEV / Revenue
t-20	Lightbox OOH Video Network	Cattri	-	-	-
ct-20	Sonobi	Cohere Capital	-	-	-
-Oct-20	Delete	BGF	-	-	-
Oct-20	Clickagy	Zoom Information	-	-	-
Oct-20	Impax Media	Velocity (Holland)	-	-	-
Oct-20	Tru Optik	TransUnion		-	-
Oct-20	RedBud Partners	Source Point	-	-	-
Sep-20	Prestozon	Helium 10	-	-	-
Sep-20	Quartile	Rockbridge Growth Equity	-	-	-
Sep-20	True[x]	Gimbal	100.00	-	-
Sep-20	SuperAwesome	Epic Games	-	-	-
ep-20	Ad's Up Consulting	European Digital Group	-	-	-
Sep-20	AdSparx	Discovery (Mass Media)	-	-	-
Sep-20	Pocket Media	TradeDoubler	-	-	-
ep-20	SweetIQ	Uberall	-	-	-
ep-20	Xandr	#ENTITYNOTFOUND	-	-	-
ep-20	NinthDecimal	inMarket Media	-	-	-
ug-20	Activate (New York)	Impact Tech	-	-	-
ug-20	Prospect Consultancy & Design	Manyone	-	-	-
Aug-20	Zmags	#ENTITYNOTFOUND	5.25	-	-
ug-20	Collectively	You & Mr Jones	-	-	-
ug-20	R2B2	Genesis Capital(Czech)		-	-
I-20	Chocolate	FreeStar	-	-	-
I-20	Nautal	Click&Boat	-	-	-
ıl-20	Textmunication Holdings	-	-	1.11	-0.18





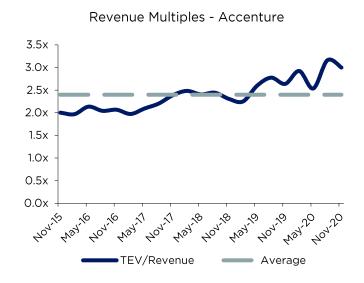
Accenture

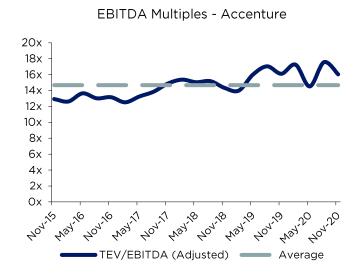
Accenture is a leading global IT services firm that provides consulting, strategy, and technology and operational services.

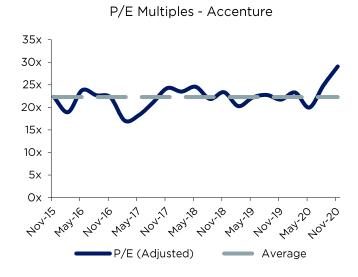
These services run the gamut from aiding enterprises with digital transformation, to procurement services, to software system integration. The company provides its IT offerings to a variety of sectors, including communications, media and technology, financial services, health and public services, consumer products, and resources. Accenture employs just under 500,000 people throughout 200 cities in 51 countries.



Accenture







Company Name	Date	Deal Synopsis		
OpusLine	27-Oct-20	The company reached a definitive agreement to be acquired by Accenture (NYS: ACN) for an undisclosed amount on October 27, 2020. With this acquisition, Accenture would be positioned to provide health industry clients with innovations in areas such as data analytics and artificial intelligence and support the health ecosystem.		

Enimbos 26-Oct-20

The company was acquired by Accenture (NYS: ACN) for an undisclosed amount on October 26, 2020. This acquisition is a significant step forward in Accenture's growth strategy in Spain and Portugal.



WPP

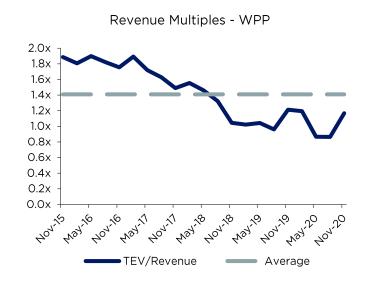
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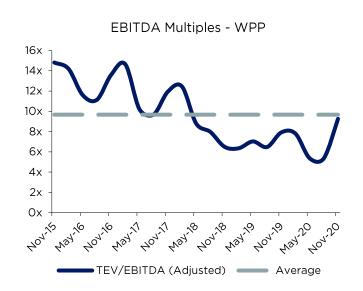
Headquartered in the U.K., WPP is the world's largest ad holding company, based on annual revenues.

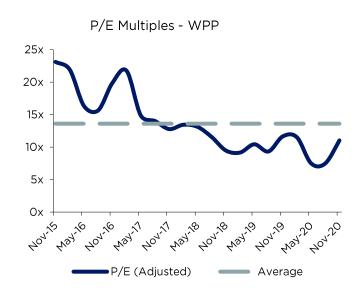
WPP's services, which include traditional and digital advertising, public relations, and consulting, are provided worldwide, with over 70% of its revenue coming from more developed regions such as the North America, U.K., and Western Europe.



WPP







Sandtable 05-Mar-20

The company was acquired by WPP (LON: WPP) for an undisclosed amount on March 5, 2020. The acquisition is in line with WPP's strategy to deepen its technology offer by further strengthening its investment and innovation in data science.

The&Partnership 12-Feb-20

The company was acquired by WPP (LON: WPP) for approximately GBP 30 million from Mr. Johnny Hornby and other senior members on February 12, 2020. With this acquisition WPP will in future be allocated a larger part of the agency's profits.



Omnicom Group

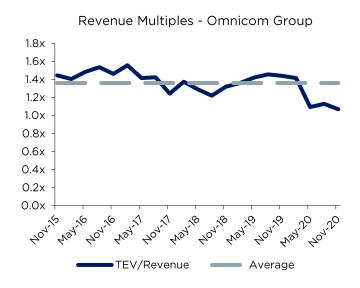
Omnicom Group

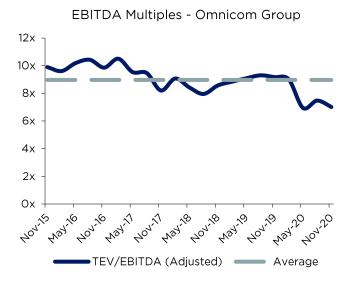
Omnicom is the world's second-largest ad holding company, based on annual revenue.

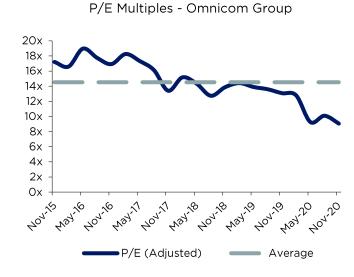
The American firm's services, which include traditional and digital advertising and public relations, are provided worldwide, with over 85% of its revenue coming from more developed regions such as North America and Europe.



Omnicom Group







Company Name	Date
Waymo	3/23/20
Lime	1/6/20

Deal Synopsis

The company raised \$3 billion of venture funding in a deal led by Silver Lake Management, Canada Pension Plan Investment Board and Mubadala Investment Company on May 12, 2020, putting the company's pre-money valuation at \$27.75 billion. Magna International, AutoNation, Perry Creek Capital, Andreessen Horowitz, Fidelity Management & Research, Alphabet, T. Rowe Price and other undisclosed investors also participated in the round. The funding raised will be used to invest in the company's workforce, product development and operating its Waymo One ride-hailing service, as well as its Waymo Via cargo and goods transportation service.

The company raised \$170 million of venture funding in a deal led by Uber on May 7, 2020, putting the company's pre-money valuation at \$340 million. GV, Bain Capital Ventures, Alphabet, Ajax Strategies and other undisclosed investors also participated in the round. The funds will be used to reaffirm the company's market strength and position the company to build a long-lasting business that empowers people with sustainable, safe and affordable transportation options.



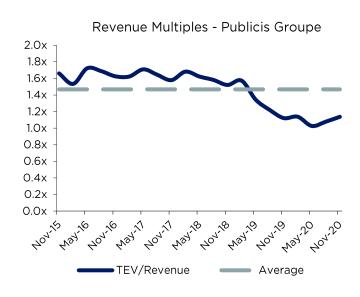
Publicis Groupe

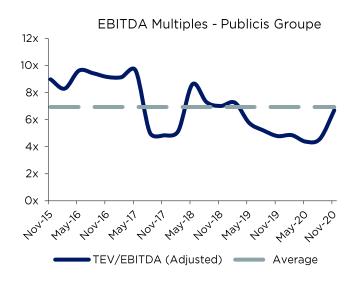
Founded in 1926 and headquartered in France, Publicis is the world's third-largest ad holding company based on revenue.

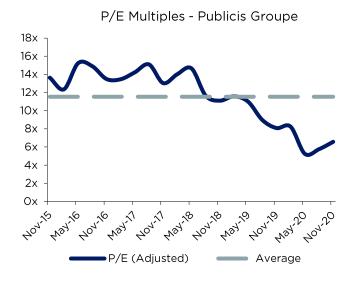
Publicis' services, which include traditional and digital advertising, public relations, and consulting, are provided worldwide, with over 80% of its revenue coming from more developed regions such as North America and Europe.



Publicis Groupe







Company Name	Date	Deal Synopsis
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Duel (Business/Productivity Software)

27-Oct-20

The company raised GBP 1.8 million of venture funding in a deal led by Downing Ventures on October 27, 2020. Publicis Groupe, London Co-Investment Fund and University of Bristol Endowment also participated in the round. The funds will be used to develop the company's suite of brand advocacy tools, advance its patented curation Al and rapidly hire more community and brand experts to support the growing number of brand builders pioneering the Brand Advocacy category.

Rauxa

18-Aug-19

The company was acquired by Publicis Groupe (PAR: PUB) for an undisclosed amount on August 18, 2019. The acquisition complements Publicis Groupe's expertise in delivering data-driven creativity offerings in the US, specifically across CRM and personalized creative.



The Interpublic Group of Companies

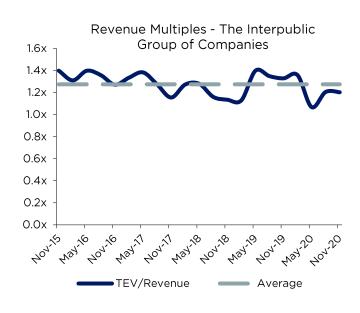
The Interpublic Group of Companies

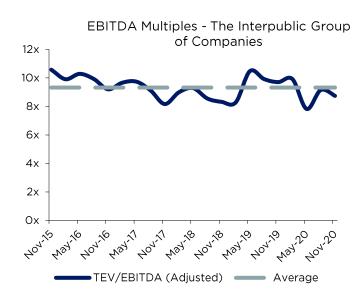
Interpublic Group is the world's fourth-largest ad holding company, based on annual revenue.

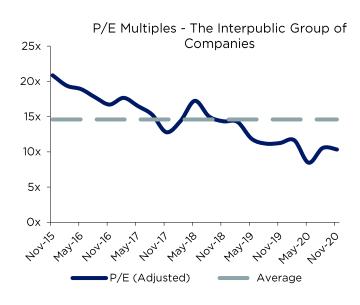
It provides traditional advertising services along with digital and other services such as public relations through various acquisitions. IPG has made these services available in over 100 countries. The company generates more than 75% of its revenue from developed regions such as the United States and Europe.



The Interpublic Group of Companies







Company Name

Date

Deal Synopsis

Acxiom

01-Oct-18

Acxiom, a division of LiveRamp Holdings was acquired by The Interpublic Group of Companies (NYS: IPG) for \$2.32 billion on October 1, 2018. he deal brings together IPG's media, creative, marketing services and analytics capabilities, global scale and consumer insights, with the company's unrivalled expertise in identity, data, integrations and data stewardship.

Acxiom (Marketing Solutions Division)

01-Oct-18

The Marketing Solutions unit of Acxiom (NASDAQ: ACXM) was acquired by The Interpublic Group of Companies (NYSE: IPG) for \$2.32 billion on October 1, 2018. The acquirer has a fully committed \$2.3 billion bridge facility and expects to obtain long-term financing to fund the transaction in the debt capital markets before closing. The acquisition enables IPG to better compete in an industry where clients increasingly expect advertising companies to offer data-driven insights.

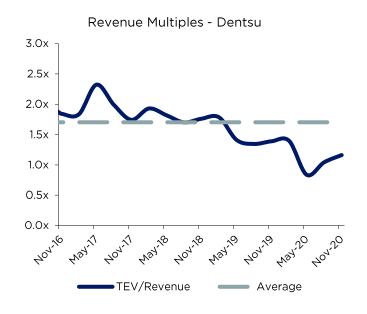


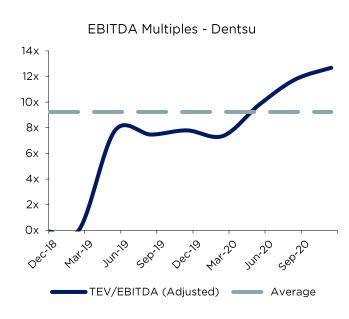
Dentsu

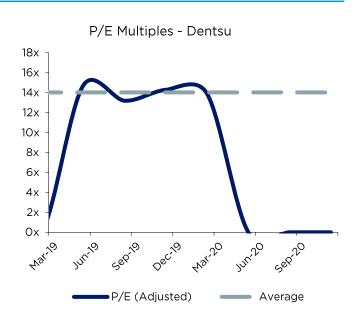
Dentsu Group Inc is a Japanese international advertising and public relations company that provides communication-related solutions and services such as management and business consulting.

Dentsu is one of the world's largest advertising agencies. The company operates through its nine global network brands--Carat, Dentsu, Dentsu media, iProspect, Isobar, mcgarrybowen, MKTG, Posterscope and Vizeum--as well as through its specialist/multi-market brands. It is also active in the production and marketing of sports and entertainment content on a global scale. The company earns a majority of its revenue in Japan, followed by Europe and the Americas, while operating in over 100 countries around the world.









Date

Deal Synopsis

SmartNews 18-Nov-19

The company raised \$92 million of Series E venture funding in a deal led by Japan Post Capital and ACA Investments on November 18, 2019, putting the company's pre-money valuation at \$1.11 billion. Development Bank of Japan, Dentsu, GMO VenturePartners, SMBC Venture Capital, Globis Capital Partners, Japan Co-Invest Limited Partnership and D.A.Consortium also participated in the round. The funds will be used to continue the expansion of the company's global engineering teams for mobile, backend and machine learning development, accelerating the growth in the U.S. and worldwide.

Botify 05-Nov-19

The company joined Fast-Track on November 5, 2019 and received \$300,000 in funding. Concurrently, Dentsu invested in the company. The funding was received in the form of grant.



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