

Sectorwatch: IT Consulting

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Overview

7MA provides Investment Banking & Advisory Services to the Business Services and Technology Industries globally.

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

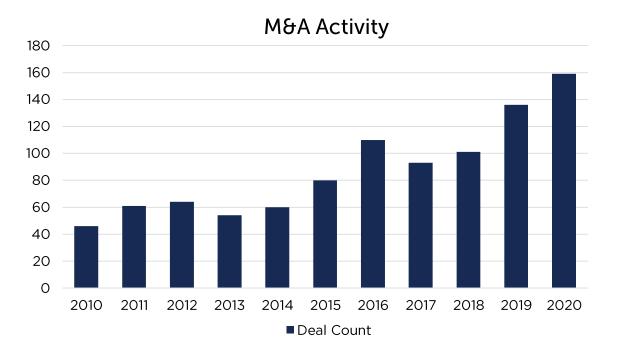


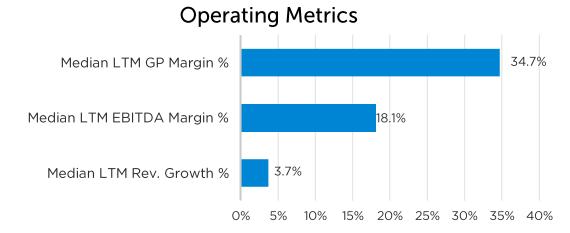
Dashboard

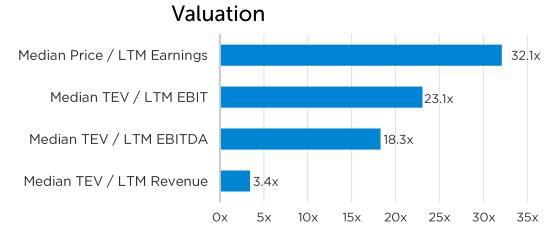
REVENUE GROWTH MOMENTUM

₹ -3.8%

1 - year revenue growth compared to revenue growth average for last 3 years - Current revenue growth rate is less than the average of the last 3 years, indicating that the market may be flattening or declining









Public Basket Overview

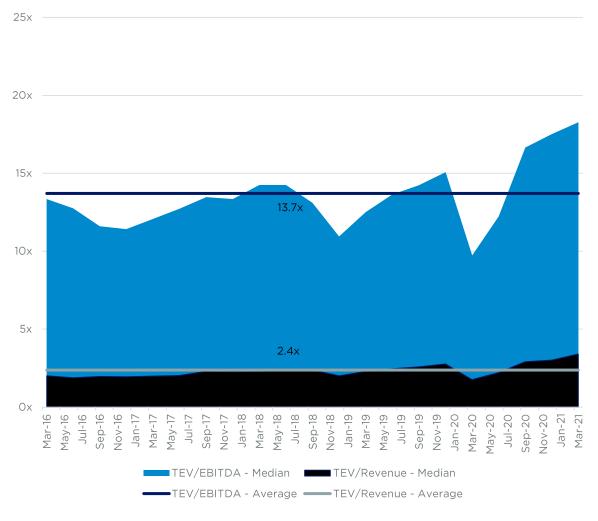




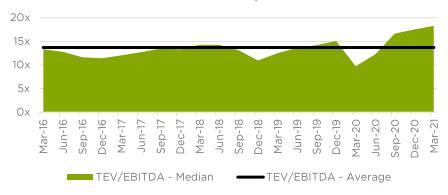
Company	TEV \$m	LTM EBITDA \$m	LTM Rev \$m	Rev Growth YoY	GP%	EBITDA %	TEV / Rev X	TEV / EBITDA X	# FTEs	Rev / FTE \$k
Accenture	172,528	7,278	45,677	2.3%	31.7%	15.9%	3.8x	23.7x	513,000	89
Tata Consultancy Services	149,907	6,014	21,577	3.5%	42.8%	27.9%	6.9x	24.9x	450,738	48
Infosys	75,467	3,826	13,145	4.0%	34.6%	29.1%	5.7x	19.7x	242,371	54
Cognizant Technology Solutions	40,454	2,749	16,652	-0.8%	35.9%	16.5%	2.4x	14.7x	281,200	59
Capgemini	35,742	2,714	18,065	12.2%	26.1%	15.0%	2.0x	13.2x	265,073	68
NTT Data	26,691	3,334	21,381	1.3%	25.5%	15.6%	1.2x	8.0x	136,464	157
CGI Group	23,185	1,774	9,039	-0.6%	22.8%	19.6%	2.6x	13.1x	77,500	117
EPAM Systems	20,125	592	2,659	15.9%	34.9%	22.3%	7.6x	34.0x	36,739	72
Reply	4,677	214	1,371	6.7%	49.2%	15.6%	3.4x	21.8x	8,157	168
Perficient	2,073	123	612	8.2%	37.8%	20.1%	3.4x	16.8x	3,454	177
Average	55,085	2,862	15,018	5.3%	34.1%	19.8%	3.9x	19.0x	201,470	101
Median	31,217	2,732	14,899	3.7%	34.7%	18.1%	3.4x	18.3x	189,418	81

share price as of 30Mar21

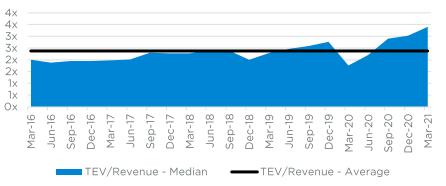




Public EBITDA Multiples over Time



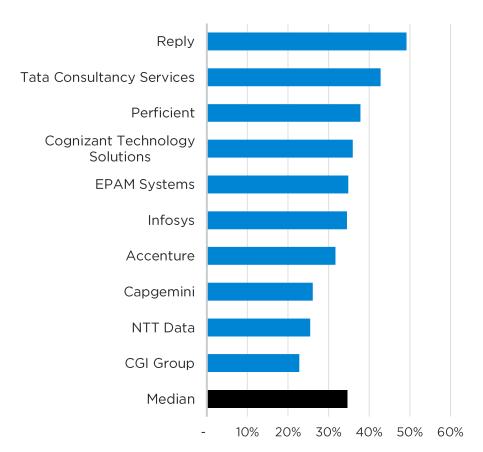
Public Revenue Multiples over Time



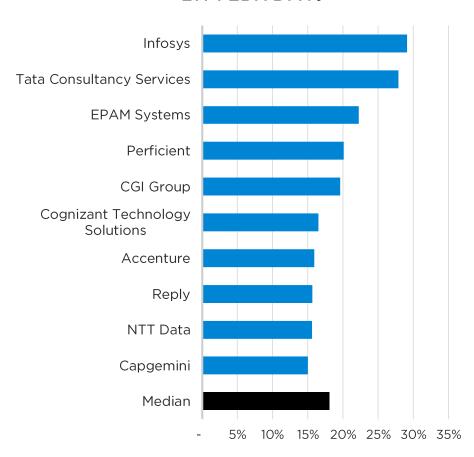


Operational Metrics

LTM Gross Profit Margin %



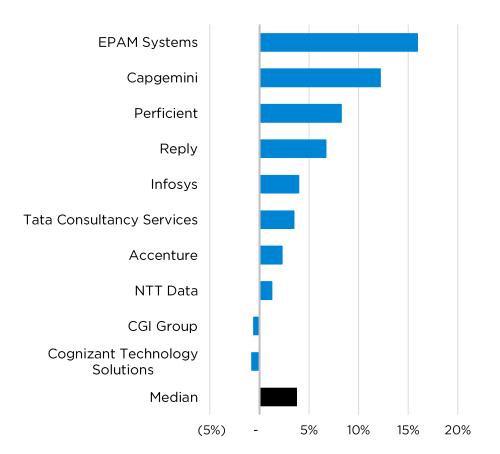
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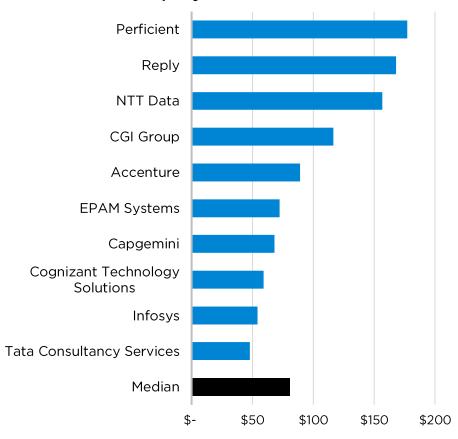


Operational Metrics

LTM Revenue Growth %



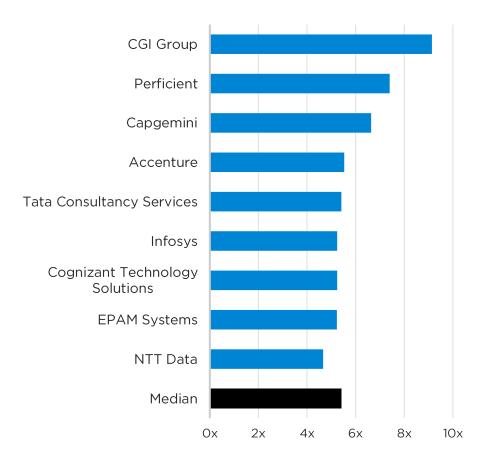
LTM Revenue per Full Time Employee x 000's



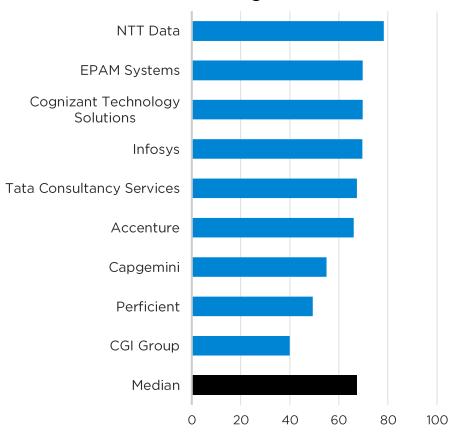


Operational Metrics

Accounts Receivable Turnover



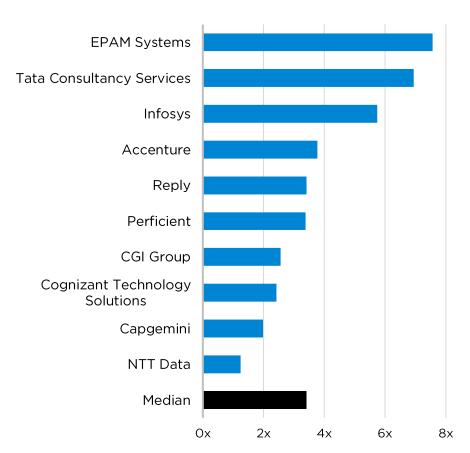
Average Days Sales Outstanding



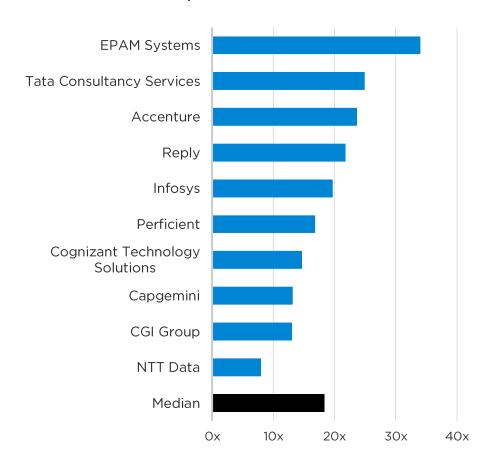


Valuation

TEV / LTM Revenue



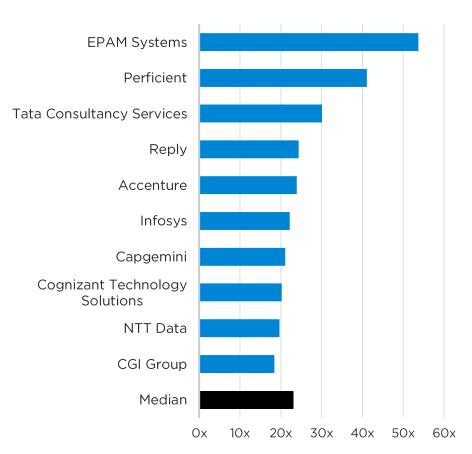
TEV / LTM EBITDA



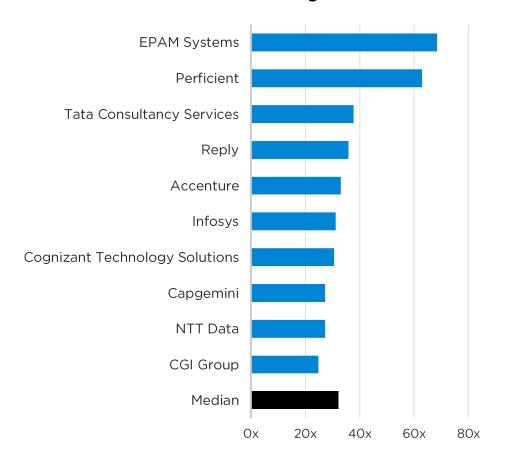


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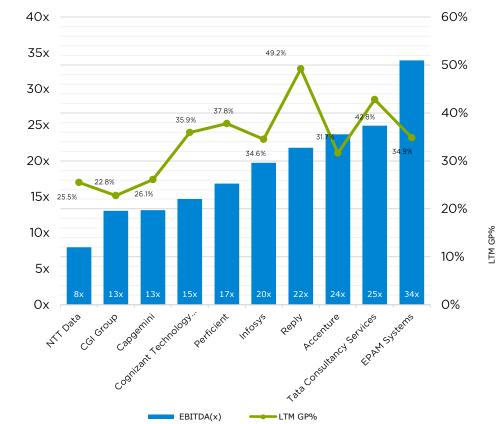
Price / LTM Earnings



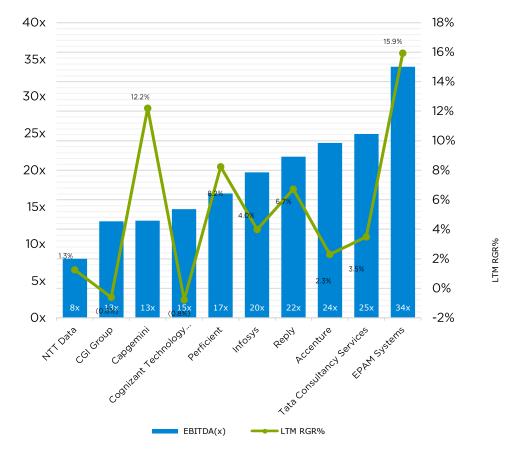


Valuation

Historical Valuation Multiples versus Gross Profit



Historical Valuation Multiples versus Revenue Growth Rate



ЕВІТDA(x)



Recent Transactions

Date	Target 	Buyer / Investor	Total Transaction Amount	Target Revenue	TEV / Revenue	TEV / EBITDA
25-Mar-21	CyberTek Engineering	The Venza Group	-	-	-	-
25-Mar-21	PremierComm (Unified Communications & Collaboration Division)	Appalachia Technologies	-	-	-	-
24-Mar-21	Avanttic	Cognicase Management Consulting	-	-	-	-
16-Mar-21	Norkart	Ferd	-	-	-	-
09-Mar-21	Leansys	Object Ware Group	+	-	-	-
05-Mar-21	TiG Data Intelligence	BGF	11.11	-	-	-
04-Mar-21	The Goal	Littlejohn & Co	-	-	-	-
02-Mar-21	InfoTech Solutions (UK)	Air IT	-	-	-	-
02-Mar-21	Realm Consulting	Criterion Systems		-	-	-
25-Feb-21	Hi5 (Sweden)	Advania	-	-	-	-
22-Feb-21	Dapasoft	Calian Group	65.18	-	-	-
12-Feb-21	Accudata Systems	Converge Technology Solutions	-	-	-	-
11-Feb-21	Taos Mountain	International Business Machines	-	-	-	-
10-Feb-21	Invenio Business Solutions	BGF	88.89	-	-	-
08-Feb-21	Tempus Nova	KSM Consulting	+	-	-	-
01-Feb-21	CloudWave (Marlborough)	ABRY Partners	-	-	-	-
01-Feb-21	Magellan Partners	Capza	121.58	-	-	-
29-Jan-21	MVP Consulting Plus	Speridian Technologies	-	-	-	-
28-Jan-21	Thrive Operations	Court Square	+	-	-	-
22-Jan-21	HC Solutions	S&T (Austria)	0.85	-	-	-
21-Jan-21	Reload (IT Consulting and Outsourcing)	Heritage Ventures (Ireland)	-	-	-	-
19-Jan-21	K-Tech Solutions	NuMSP	-	-	-	-
15-Jan-21	Candid Cloud	McKinsey & Company	+	-	-	-
13-Jan-21	Enterprise Technology Services	Abacus Finance Group	-	-	-	-
13-Jan-21	IT Centric	SoConnect	-	-	-	-





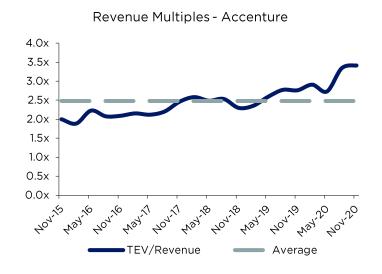
Accenture

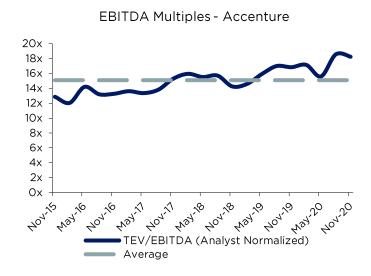
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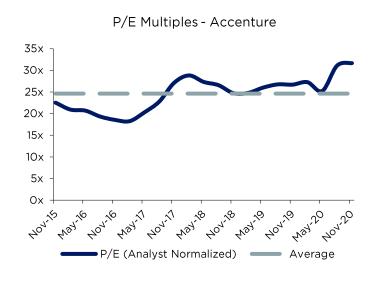
These services run the gamut from aiding enterprises with digital transformation, to procurement services, to software system integration. The company provides its IT offerings to a variety of sectors, including communications, media and technology, financial services, health and public services, consumer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



Accenture







Company Name	Date	Deal Synopsis
Cygni	29-Mar-21	The company reached a definitive agreement to be acquired by Accenture (NYS: ACN) for an undisclosed amount on March 29, 2021. The acquisition will enhance the global capabilities of Accenture Cloud First while also strengthening its ability to help clients use the cloud and technology innovation to act faster, operate sustainably and deliver exceptional new experiences.
Fable+	10-Mar-21	The company was acquired by Accenture (NYS: ACN) for an undisclosed amount on March 10, 2021. The acquisition will expand Accenture's

analytics-driven transformation and workplace culture capabilities.



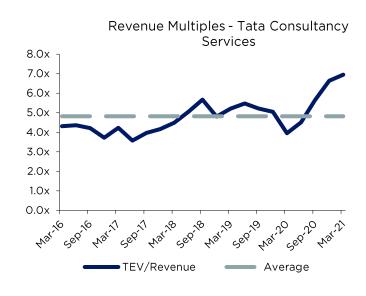
Tata Consultancy Services

Tata Consulting Services is a leading global IT services provider, with nearly 450,000 employees.

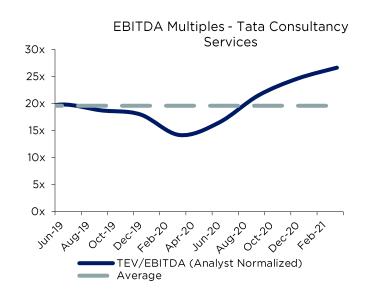
Based in Mumbai, the India IT services firm leverages its offshore outsourcing model to derive half of its revenue from North America. The company offers traditional IT services offerings: consulting, managed services, and cloud infrastructure services as well as business process outsourcing as a service, or BPaaS.

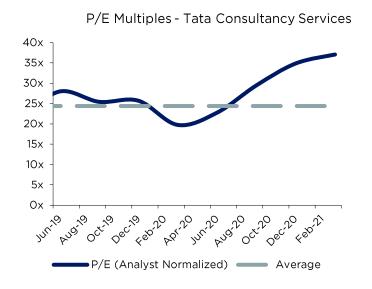


Tata Consultancy Services



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Сопірану Магне	Date	
Postbank Systems	01-Jan-21	The company, a subsidiary of Deutsche Bank (ETR: DBK), was acquired by Tata Consultancy Services (NSE: TCS) for an undisclosed amount on January 1, 2021.
Pramerica Systems	12-Nov-20	Tata Consultancy Services (NYSE: TCS) entered into an agreement with Prudential Financial to acquire its tech-services business for an undisclosed amount on November 12, 2020. The acquisition will deepen TCS's relationship with PFI and gives a new delivery capability in Ireland with specialized expertise, that significantly strengthens its ability to meet the growth and transformation needs of customers globally.

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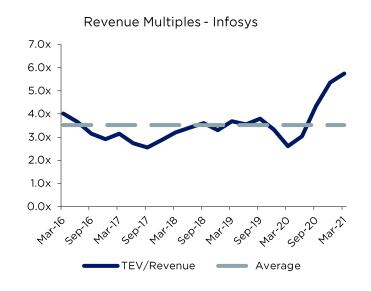
Infosys

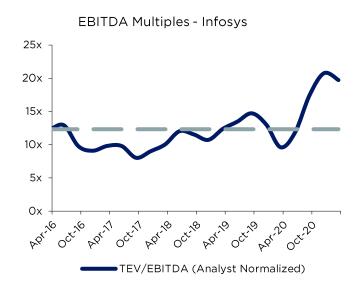
Infosys is a leading global IT services provider, with nearly 250,000 employees.

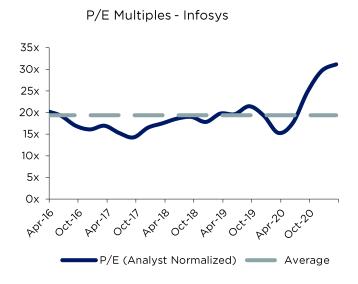
Based in Bangalore, the Indian IT services firm leverages its offshore outsourcing model to derive 60% of its revenue from North America. The company offers traditional IT services offerings: consulting, managed services and cloud infrastructure services, and business process outsourcing as a service (BPaaS).



Infosys







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ideaForge

11-Feb-21

The company received \$1 million of financing from Infosys on an undisclosed date.

Blue Acorn iCi

28-Oct-20

The company was acquired by Infosys (NSE: INFY) for approximately \$125 million on October 28, 2020.



Cognizant Technology Solutions

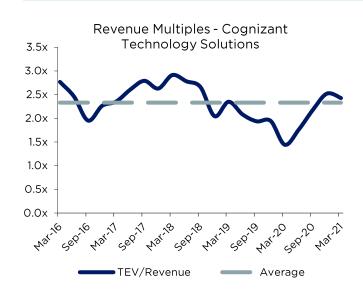
Cognizant Technology Solutions

Cognizant is a global IT services provider, offering consulting and outsourcing services to some of the world's largest enterprises spanning the financial services, media and communications, healthcare, natural resources, and consumer products industries.

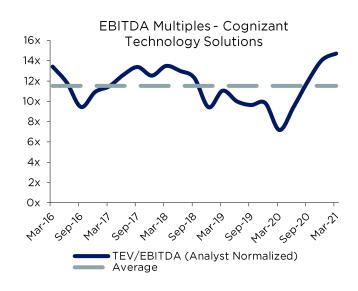
Cognizant employs nearly 300,000 people globally, roughly 70% of whom are in India, although the company's headquarters are in Teaneck, New Jersey.

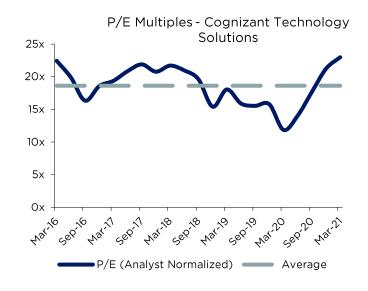


Cognizant Technology Solutions



Date





ESG Mobility	25-Mar-21	Cognizant Technology Solutions (NAS: CTSH) entered into a definitive agreement to acquire the company, a subsidiary of ESG Elektroniksystem und Logistik, for an undisclosed amount on March 25, 2021. The acquisition will expand Cognizant's automotive engineering expertise, particularly in connected vehicles.
Linium	01-Feb-21	The company, a subsidiary of Ness Technologies, was acquired by Cognizant Technology Solutions (NAS: CTSH) for an undisclosed amount on February 1, 2021.

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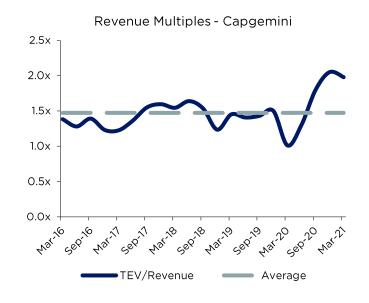
Capgemini

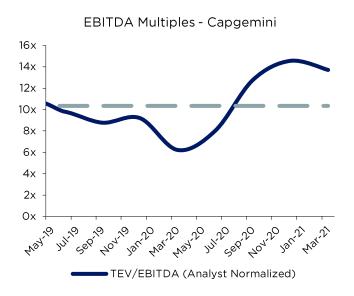
Capgemini is a French IT services company with a global presence.

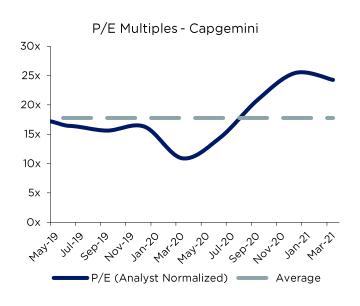
The firm has over 450 offices globally, with more than half of its employees based in India. Capgemini provides services related to IT consulting, infrastructure management, and business process outsourcing.



Capgemini







RXP Services

26-Mar-21

The company was acquired by Capgemini (PAR: CAP) for AUD 95.5 million on March 26, 2021. The acquisition will reinforce Capgemini's ability to provide end to end digital solutions to clients across the region at scale and improve its strategic partnerships with Microsoft, Service Now and Salesforce.

Health Technologies (Sanofi / Capgemini / Orange / Generali)

25-Jan-21

Capgemini, Generali CEE Holding, Orange and Sanofi have entered into an agreement to form a joint venture as of January 25, 2021. The founding partners are planning an initial investment of 24 million euros in the new entity, which will be operational from June 2021.



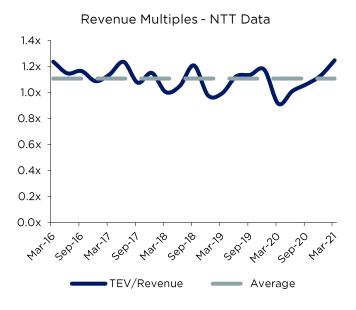
NTT Data

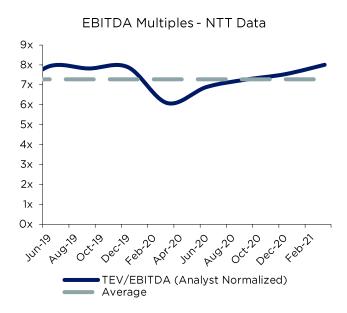
NTT Data Corp provides IT services to a wide range of business fields.

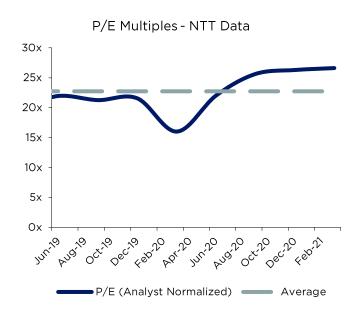
The company's operations are divided into three segments: global, public and social infrastructure; enterprise and solutions; and financial. Each segment contributes approximately an even proportion of the company's revenue. The services the company provides include system integration by constructing systems tailored to individual customer needs, multiple Internet and computer network-based information and processing services, consulting that evaluates customers' management issues, system support for large-scale systems, and new IT-based business models. The company is based in Japan but has a global presence.



NTT Data







Company Name Date	Deal Synopsis
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Hashmap 04-Jan-21

The company was acquired by NTT Data (TKS: 9613), a subsidiary of NTT DoCoMo, for an undisclosed amount on January 4, 2021. The acquisition will help NTT Data in adding deep technical expertise with modern data platforms to support analytics, artificial intelligence and machine learning.

MagicCube 15-Jun-20

The company raised \$9.9 million of venture funding from Visa Ventures, Sony Innovation Fund and CVentures (Egypt) on June 15, 2020. NTT Data, Bold Capital Partners, EPIC Ventures, Azure Capital Partners and Luqman Weise Capital also participated in the round.



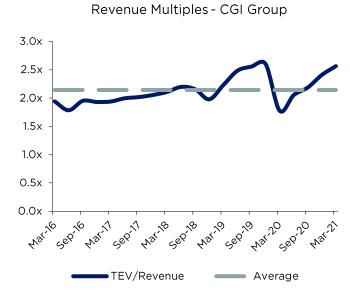
CGI Group

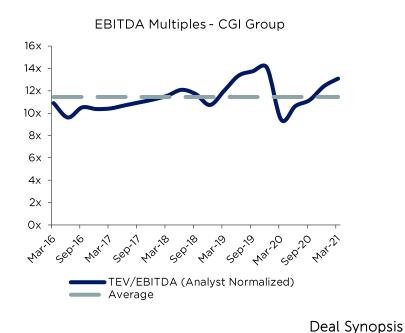
CGI Group is a Canada-based IT-services provider with an embedded position in North America and Europe.

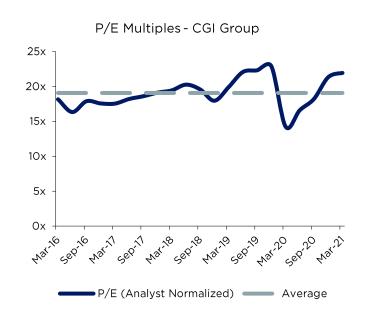
The company generates more than CAD 12 billion in annual revenue, employs over 77,000 personnel, and operates across 400 offices in 40 countries. CGI offers a broad portfolio of services such as consulting, systems integration, application maintenance, and business process outsourcing. The company's largest vertical market is government, which contributes around 33% of group revenue.



CGI Group







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Harris, Mackessy & Brennan

31-Dec-20

The professional services division of Harris, Mackessy & Brennan, was acquired by CGI Group (TSE: GIB.A) for an undisclosed amount on December 31, 2020. This acquisition expands CGI's footprint in the region and its end to end services for clients and CGI brings a robust intellectual property portfolio, a global delivery network with managed IT and business process services options and added digital insights and consulting capabilities.

InAdmin RiskCo 01-Aug-20

The company, a subsidiary of PraxisIFM Group, was acquired by Achmea, Pensioenfonds voor de Grafische Bedrijven, and CGI Group for an undisclosed amount in August 2020. With the acquisition, the consortium sets up a new software platform for pension administration services.



(Professional Services Division)

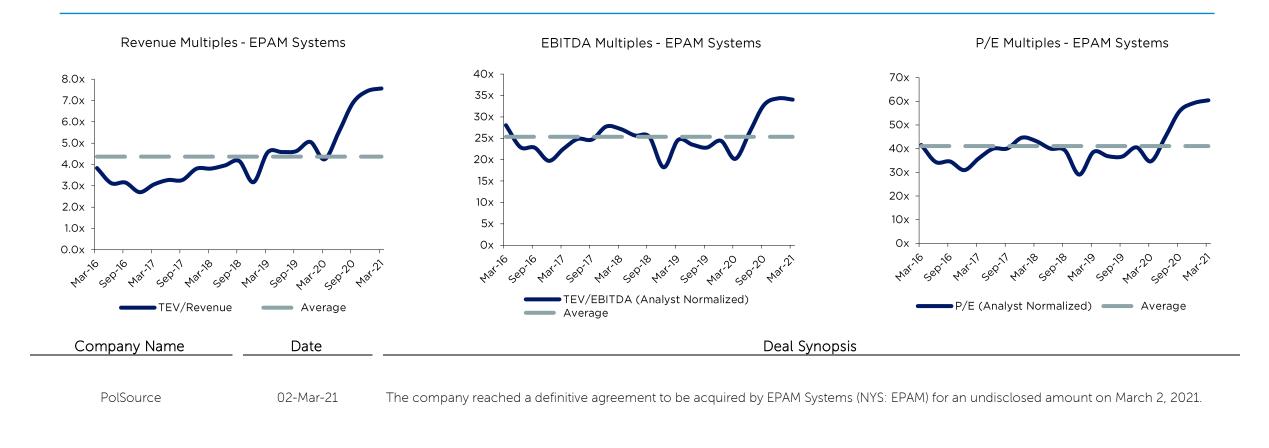
EPAM Systems

EPAM Systems Inc provides software product development and digital platform engineering services to clients located around the world.

The company offers six main services: Software Product Development, Custom Application Development, Application Testing, Enterprise Application Platforms, Application Maintenance, and Support and Infrastructure Management. The company focuses on innovative and scalable software solutions. The company uses industry standard and custom developed technology, tools, and platforms to deliver results to handle business challenges. The company primarily offers their solutions in the following industries: financial services, travel and consumer, software and hi-tech, life sciences and healthcare. The majority of revenue is generated from North American clients.



EPAM Systems



The company was acquired by EPAM Systems (NYS: EPAM) for an undisclosed amount on September 2, 2020. The acquisition helps EPAM

Systems to expand its consulting and engineering portfolio of API, microservices management and integration services.



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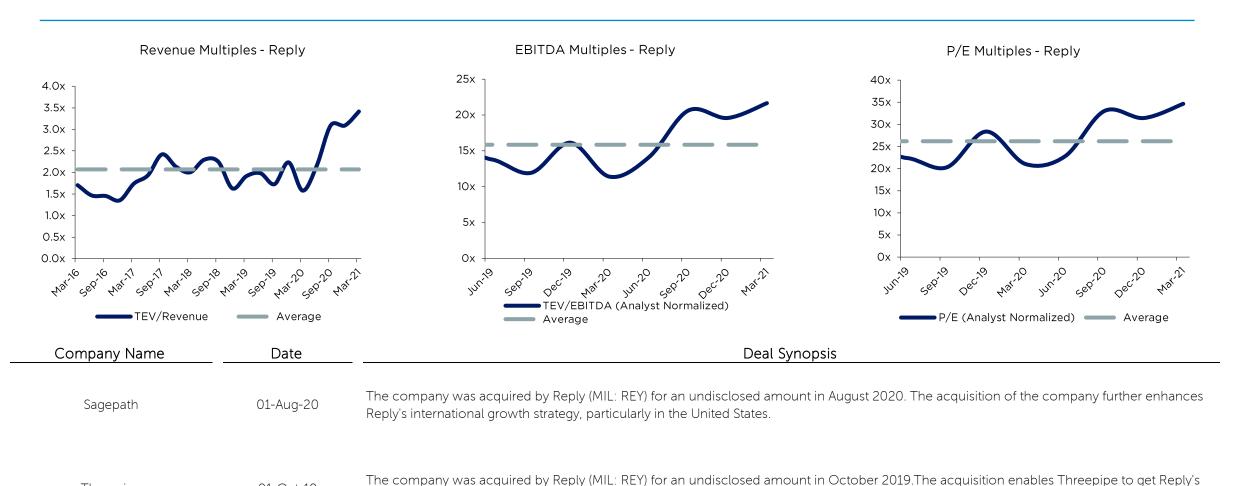
02-Sep-20

Reply

Reply SpA specialises in consulting, digital services, and the integration of processes, applications and devices.

The company primarily operates in Germany, Italy, and the UK. Reply serves clients in the telecommunication and media, banking, insurance and financial, industry and services, energy and utilities, and public administration industries. The company provides its services mainly through platforms such as Click Reply, Discovery Reply, Gaia Reply, TamTamy, and SideUp Reply. Reply researches, selects, and markets solutions through channels such as data analysis, digital communication, e-commerce, mobile, and social media.





CRM, Artificial Intelligence, Augmented Reality and Blockchain technology.



Threepipe

01-Oct-19

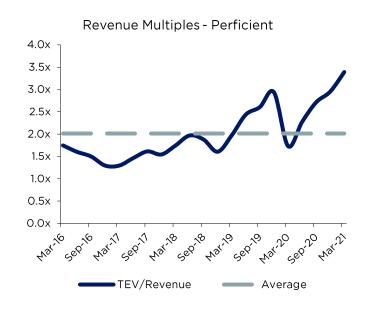
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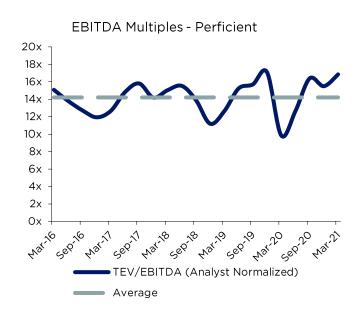
Perficient Inc provides a variety of information technology, consulting services that focus on digital experience, business optimization, and IT solutions.

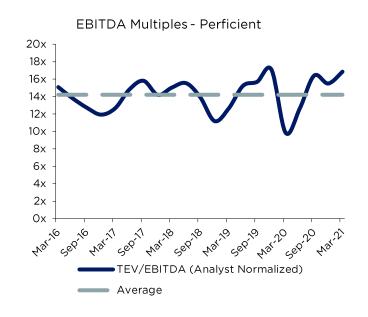
The company's services include big data analytics, technology platform implementations, enterprise content management, portals and collaboration, management consulting, custom applications, business integration, business process management, and customer relationship management. It serves healthcare, financial services, retail, and electronics industries. The vast majority of the company's revenue comes from the United States.



Perficient







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PSL Software 17-Jun-20

The company was acquired by Perficient (NAS: PRFT) for \$83.1 million. The acquisition will enable Perficient to strengthen its global delivery capabilities complementing its nearshore offering and custom software development, testing, and customer support capabilities and expand its presence in Latin America.

Catalyst Networks 23-Mar-20

The company was acquired by Perficient (NAS: PRFT) for \$21.2 million on March 23, 2020. The acquisition broadens and deepens Perficient's Sitecore capabilities, bringing strategic skills and expertise in web and content management platform development.



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