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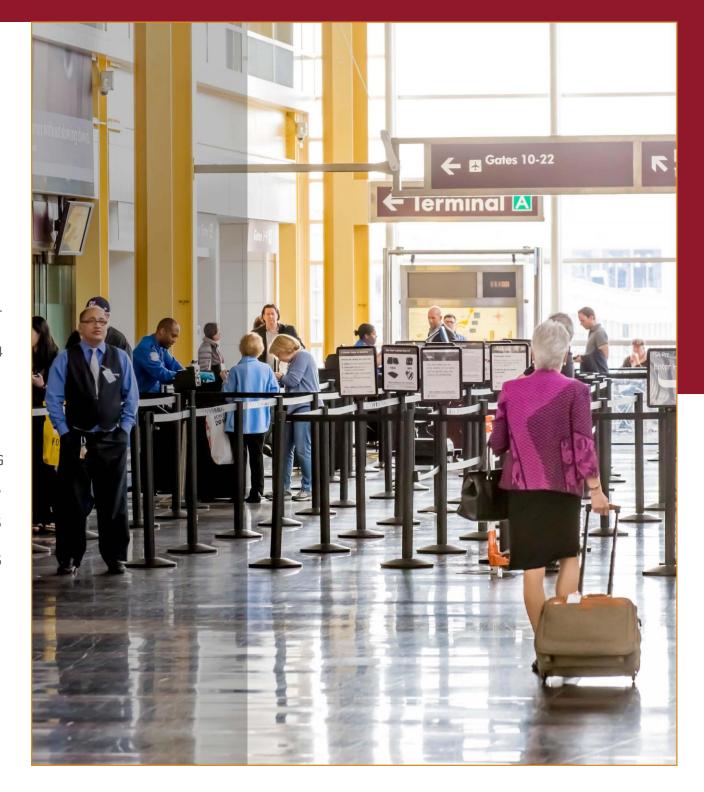




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Market Summary

Aerospace and Defense Market

In the commercial aerospace sector, a resurgence of activity is evident among suppliers of intricate connectivity subsystems and components to major aircraft manufacturers such as Boeing and Airbus. These manufacturers are gradually resuming their production ramp-up of commercial aircraft, signaling a wave of optimism throughout the commercial aerospace supply chain. This renewed optimism extends to both productionoriented and aftermarket-oriented businesses, following years of disruption. As passenger demand rebounds and more aircraft take flight in 2024, the demand for essential, recurring aftermarket services is poised to surge. Additionally, there is a widespread interest in dual-use technology, wherein innovations from commercial sectors find applications in defense and vice versa. Starlink serves as a prime example of this phenomenon, with its commercial high-speed internet capabilities revolutionizing military communication and operations. Furthermore, the ongoing privatization of space, exemplified by pioneering companies like SpaceX, continues to unlock exciting growth opportunities for both companies and investors. These opportunities range from providing high-speed internet access in remote locations to enhancing missile defense and tracking shipping vessels. The outlook for A&D products and services remains robust heading into 2024, with continued growth anticipated in both commercial and defense sectors. As commercial travel rebounds, and geopolitical tensions persist, demand for A&D offerings is poised to rise further. Emerging markets like advanced air mobility are expected to progress in testing and certification for future commercialization. However, alongside the opportunities, A&D companies will face ongoing and new challenges, including supply chain disruptions, prolonged lead times, and talent shortages. Embracing digitalization and adopting cutting-edge technologies can help mitigate these challenges while unlocking new revenue streams. By prioritizing technological advancements, A&D firms can fortify their supply chains, streamline operations, attract skilled talent, and innovate product development, ultimately enhancing profitability and competitiveness in the industry.

Public Company Valuations

The CFA Select ADG index increased by 14.5% in the fourth quarter of 2023 and the 12-month return on the index was up by 37.5%. Our index for each subsector of the industry increased in the fourth quarter of 2023 with the highest return in Actuation & Fluid Control Index at 21.7% and lowest return in Engineering & Construction Index at 6.7%. Commercial Aircraft OEM, Engines & Propulsion Index recorded the highest increase of 52.9% and Prime Defense - United States Index recorded the highest decline of 2.3% in the twelve months return. Avionics & Navigation Index had the highest median EBITDA multiple of 19.8x and Aircraft Leasing Index had the highest median revenue multiple of 8.7x. Electronic Manufacturing Services Index had the lowest median EBITDA of 7.5x and Electronic Manufacturing Services Index had the lowest revenue multiple of 0.9x.



The public aerospace and defense market increased in the fourth quarter of 2023...

Mergers and Acquisitions

The M&A activity in the ADG industry increased in the fourth quarter of 2023. Within the aerospace, defense, and government services sector, investors are actively seeking high-quality platforms offering clear visibility into future earnings, bolstered by robust demand for distinctive, mission-critical products and services, along with credible forecasts for growth at the program or platform level. Employment and crucial metrics in the A&D sector rebounded to pre-pandemic levels, sustaining robust momentum as the new year looms. Nevertheless, optimism for the upcoming 12 months will be moderated by persistent talent shortages, economic volatility, ongoing supply chain disruptions, and escalating security threats.

Industry Trends

Growing Concerns Over the Defense Supply Chain

The Army (\$23 billion allocated in 2024 for procurement - Aircraft, Missiles, Weapons, and Ammunition) has concerns with the supply chain's ability to maintain and scale due to increased demand domestically and internationally due to Geopolitical events- Ukraine War, and countering China. CFA attended and navigated the bustling landscape of AUSA 2023, the largest post-pandemic gathering of minds focused on national security. Among the 700+ exhibitors and countless panels, one theme resonated: mergers and acquisitions (M&A) as a potential lifeline for the defense supply chain. Experts predict an M&A wave sweeping the defense industry as companies grapple with growth, technological leaps, and budgetary squeezes. These mergers will forge resilient powerhouses, capable of absorbing supply chain shocks and weathering market volatility.

Technological Innovation, Government Investment, And Strategic Consolidation, Offering Accelerated Growth for Established Players

According to Bain Capital, amidst challenging funding conditions, the ADG sector shows promise with its innovative technologies and proficient teams. Established industry giants stand to gain from advantageous pricing on technology and talent acquisitions amidst funding difficulties faced by smaller players. SpaceX's relentless drive to reduce space launch costs is reshaping the industry landscape. The recent successful test flight of its Starship launch vehicle signifies progress towards substantially lowering costs for reaching low Earth orbit (LEO). The cost reduction in



space launches will intensify competition and pressure other players to adapt swiftly or risk being left behind. Moreover, it opens up numerous business opportunities spanning communication services, remote sensing, space stations, and resource extraction ventures. Government investments and initiatives like the US Space Development Agency's funding for the Proliferated Warfighter Space Architecture underline the growing importance of space assets in national security strategies. The evolving procurement strategies of agencies like the SDA present both challenges and opportunities for industry players. Winners of contracts will likely undergo portfolio restructuring to optimize their capabilities, while losers may seek to divest non-strategic assets. Additionally, efforts to secure domestic supply chains could spur acquisitions in critical areas such as defense electronics and subsystems. As exploration ventures extend to lunar and deep space, a wave of consolidation is expected in the industry, presenting M&A teams with a chance to create enduring value by identifying synergistic deals that align with long-term space strategies.

Investments in edge computing and IoT will increase

In 2024, investments in edge computing and IoT are poised to escalate as aerospace and defense (A&D) firms embrace hybrid multi-cloud platforms, enhancing connected worker and smart factory capabilities. These technologies, combined with private 4G or 5G networks, foster interconnected ecosystems, facilitating real-time decision-making, seamless data exchange, and on-demand communication. Equipping frontline A&D workers with digital tools can elevate productivity by automating tasks and streamlining processes. Enhanced workplace experiences aid talent attraction and retention while bolstering business outcomes. Edge computing and private connectivity bolster security by embedding security features into frontline devices, upholding corporate standards. Companies can prepare by seeking newer opportunities to harness edge computing and IoT devices to modernize applications and processes, support mission-critical workloads and deliver modern work experiences. Once frontline workers are equipped with suitable tools and connectivity, companies provide training and support to ensure optimal utilization of the technology.

Significant News

Saudi Aviation records strongest year in 2023

Times Aerospace, 22 December, 2023

"Several aviation milestones were announced during the event, including 2023 being the highest-ever year in passenger traffic in Saudi Arabia's history – with 101 million passengers carried through to November 2023, surpassing the 2019 total of 99 million passengers."

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Sixty New Routes Starting in December 2023

Aviation Week Network, December 01, 2023

"The third of three new South Pacific services being launched by United Airlines commences in December 2023 as the carrier begins flights between San Francisco and Christchurch, New Zealand."

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VCs Fuel The Boom In Defense And Military Startups Amid Global Conflicts

Forbes, November 02, 2023

"As global tensions continue to rise across and among world powers, venture capitalists discovered a new and exciting niche - defense and military tech startups. The increasing dependence on advanced AI systems by militaries around the world has driven a surge in demand for tech-infused military products, which is starting to show in VC investments as well."

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M&A Metrics

ADG Industry

M&A activity in the ADG industry increased in the fourth quarter of 2023. The number of transactions increased from 18 in Q3 2023 to 21 in Q4 2023. The number of sub-\$50 million transactions increased from 16 in Q3 2023 to 20 in Q4 2023. The number of transactions above \$100 million remained the same at 1 transaction in Q3 2023 and Q4 2023. The total number of transactions year on year decreased by 40.0% from 35 in Q4 2022 to 21 in Q4 2023.



M&A Deal Summary Table | Count by Deal Size over Time

| Transaction Value | Q4 2022 | Q1 2023 | Q2 2023 | Q3 2023 | Q4 2023 |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Not Disclosed | 27 | 18 | 17 | 12 | 17 |
| Under \$10 MM | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| \$10 - \$25 MM | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| \$25 - \$50 MM | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| \$50 - \$100 MM | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| \$100 - \$500 MM | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| \$500 MM+ | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Transactions | 35 | 26 | 19 | 18 | 21 |

Source: Factset; target industry limited to aerospace and airlines in Q4 2023

Industry Metrics

Industry Financial Data and Ratios

NAICs 333996 - Fluid Power Pump and Motor Manufacturing

| Financial Metric | Last12 Mo | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|
| Current Ratio | 4.73 | 4.73 | 2.75 |
| Gross Profit Margin | 37.13% | 37.13% | 32.27% |
| Net Profit Margin | 17.77% | 17.77% | 11.52% |
| Accounts Receivable Days | 43.67 | 43.67 | 42.51 |
| Accounts Payable Days | 24.23 | 24.23 | 23.41 |
| Debt-to-Equity Ratio | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.51 |
| Return on Equity | 48.67% | 48.67% | 33.42% |
| Sales per Employee | | | |
| Profit per Employee | | | |
| Sales Growth | | | 39.62% |
| Profit Growth | | | 13.19% |
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NAICs 532411 - Air, Rail, Water Transport, Equipment Rental & Leasing

| Financial Metric | Last12 Mo | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------|---------|
| Current Ratio | 1.46 | 1.46 | 3.31 |
| Gross Profit Margin | 67.91% | 67.91% | 82.83% |
| Net Profit Margin | 19.61% | 19.61% | 16.90% |
| Accounts Receivable Days | 48.48 | 48.48 | 38.83 |
| Accounts Payable Days | 35.53 | 35.53 | 16.38 |
| Debt-to-Equity Ratio | 3.65 | 3.65 | 3.95 |
| Return on Equity | 28.17% | 28.17% | 36.31% |
| Sales per Employee | | | |
| Profit per Employee | | | |
| Sales Growth | | | -7.27% |
| Profit Growth | | | -14.40% |
| | | | |

Source: Profit Cents

NAICs 3364 - Aerospace Product and Parts Manufacturing

| Financial Metric | Last12Mo | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------------|----------|---------|--------|
| Current Ratio | 3.46 | 3.46 | 3.8 |
| Gross Profit Margin | 35.97% | 35.97% | 35.19% |
| Net Profit Margin | 4.56% | 4.56% | 7.91% |
| Accounts Receivable Days | 52.43 | 52.43 | 50 |
| Accounts Payable Days | 46.64 | 46.64 | 48.11 |
| Debt-to-Equity Ratio | 1.88 | 1.88 | 1.4 |
| Return on Equity | 37.68% | 37.68% | 28.00% |
| Sales per Employee | | | |
| Profit per Employee | | | |
| Sales Growth | 43.99% | 43.99% | 17.07% |
| Profit Growth | -55.42% | -55.42% | 11.09% |
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NAICs 4881 - Support Activities for Air Transportation

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|--------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|
| Financial Metric | Last12 Mo | 2023 | 2022 |
| Current Ratio | 3.11 | 3.11 | 2.98 |
| Gross Profit Margin | 50.28% | 50.28% | 51.31% |
| Net Profit Margin | 3.16% | 3.16% | 4.68% |
| Accounts Receivable Days | 36.8 | 36.8 | 48.74 |
| Accounts Payable Days | 28.53 | 28.53 | 89.4 |
| Debt-to-Equity Ratio | 2.43 | 2.43 | 2.27 |
| Return on Equity | 18.80% | 18.80% | 28.84% |
| Sales per Employee | | | |
| Profit per Employee | | | |
| Sales Growth | | | 17.99% |
| Profit Growth | | | 8.55% |
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Industry Metrics

Industry Financial Data and Ratios

 $NAICs\ 3345\ -\ Navigational,\ Measuring,\ Electromedical,\ and\ Control\ Instruments\ Mnfg$

| Financial Metric | Last12Mo | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------------|----------|--------|------------|
| Current Ratio | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.6 |
| Gross Profit Margin | 48.27% | 48.27% | 50.07% |
| Net Profit Margin | 5.92% | 5.92% | 7.96% |
| Accounts Receivable Days | 62.22 | 62.22 | 57.3 |
| Accounts Payable Days | 56.29 | 56.29 | 45.9 |
| Debt-to-Equity Ratio | 2.01 | 2.01 | 1.91 |
| Return on Equity | 21.62% | 21.62% | 32.44% |
| Sales per Employee | | | |
| Profit per Employee | | | (\$32,591) |
| Sales Growth | 19.08% | 19.08% | 13.47% |
| Profit Growth | 27.46% | 27.46% | -4.79% |
| | | | |

NAICs 3342 - Communications Equipment Manufacturing

| Financial Metric | Last12 Mo | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------|---------|
| Current Ratio | 1.89 | 1.89 | 3.06 |
| Gross Profit Margin | 34.66% | 34.66% | 36.47% |
| Net Profit Margin | 4.68% | 4.68% | 5.51% |
| Accounts Receivable Days | 54.89 | 54.89 | 52.03 |
| Accounts Payable Days | 51.16 | 51.16 | 47.25 |
| Debt-to-Equity Ratio | 2.8 | 2.8 | 1.77 |
| Return on Equity | 18.31% | 18.31% | 7.88% |
| Sales per Employee | | | |
| Profit per Employee | | | |
| Sales Growth | | | 6.93% |
| Profit Growth | | | -11.36% |
| | | | |

Source: Profit Cents

NAICs 3335 - Metalworking Machinery Manufacturing

| Financial Metric | Last12Mo | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Current Ratio | 4.44 | 4.44 | 3.72 |
| Gross Profit Margin | 40.91% | 40.91% | 39.79% |
| Net Profit Margin | 6.53% | 6.53% | 7.85% |
| Accounts Receivable Days | 52.14 | 52.14 | 56.21 |
| Accounts Payable Days | 34.83 | 34.83 | 35.93 |
| Debt-to-Equity Ratio | 2.34 | 2.34 | 1.8 |
| Return on Equity | 27.70% | 27.70% | 33.92% |
| Sales per Employee | \$154,026 | \$154,026 | \$187,021 |
| Profit per Employee | (\$1,925) | (\$1,925) | \$21,942 |
| Sales Growth | 2.05% | 2.05% | 15.61% |
| Profit Growth | 118.21% | 118.21% | -2.80% |
| | | | |

NAICs 3344 - Semiconductor & Other Electronic Component Manufacturing

| Financial Metric | Last12Mo | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Current Ratio | 2.27 | 2.26 | 3.51 |
| Gross Profit Margin | 31.00% | 30.19% | 34.25% |
| Net Profit Margin | 2.55% | 2.32% | 5.63% |
| Accounts Receivable Days | 52.44 | 52.95 | 51.54 |
| Accounts Payable Days | 55.3 | 54.61 | 46.2 |
| Debt-to-Equity Ratio | 2.31 | 2.41 | 1.66 |
| Return on Equity | 17.71% | 15.68% | 20.31% |
| Sales per Employee | \$237,658 | \$237,658 | \$246,139 |
| Profit per Employee | (\$94,450) | (\$94,450) | (\$1,458) |
| Sales Growth | 52.84% | 52.84% | 18.10% |
| Profit Growth | 140.60% | 140.60% | 34.64% |
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Industry Metrics

Industry Financial Data and Ratios

NAICs 33661 - Ship and Boat Building

| Financial Metric | Last12Mo | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------------|----------|--------|--------|
| Current Ratio | 3.42 | 3.42 | 3.8 |
| Gross Profit Margin | 21.46% | 21.46% | 30.65% |
| Net Profit Margin | 3.65% | 3.65% | 8.40% |
| Accounts Receivable Days | 57.54 | 57.54 | 43.88 |
| Accounts Payable Days | 68.73 | 68.73 | 34.32 |
| Debt-to-Equity Ratio | 1.58 | 1.58 | 1.55 |
| Return on Equity | 44.99% | 44.99% | 47.70% |
| Sales per Employee | | | |
| Profit per Employee | | | |
| Sales Growth | | | 26.80% |
| Profit Growth | | | 26.27% |
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NAICs 541330 - Engineering Services

| Financial Metric | Last12 Mo | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Current Ratio | 4.11 | 4.11 | 4.45 |
| Gross Profit Margin | 58.17% | 58.17% | 66.11% |
| Net Profit Margin | 8.71% | 8.71% | 10.68% |
| Accounts Receivable Days | 90.54 | 90.54 | 69.23 |
| Accounts Payable Days | 78.26 | 78.26 | 46.94 |
| Debt-to-Equity Ratio | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.39 |
| Return on Equity | 30.82% | 30.82% | 48.48% |
| Sales per Employee | \$261,074 | \$261,074 | \$182,369 |
| Profit per Employee | \$46,350 | \$46,350 | \$25,991 |
| Sales Growth | 5.42% | 5.42% | 18.24% |
| Profit Growth | 9.34% | 9.34% | 7.39% |
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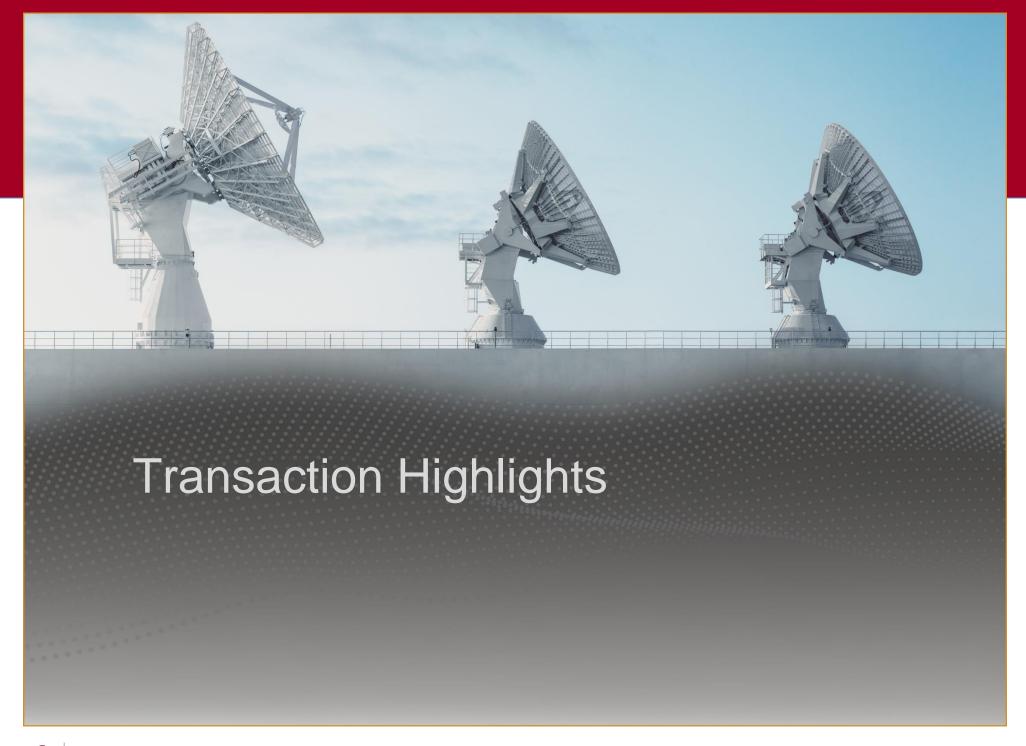
Source: Profit Cents

NAICs 5416 - Management, Scientific, & Technical Consulting Services

| Financial Metric | Last12 Mo | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Current Ratio | 4.03 | 4.02 | 4.1 |
| Gross Profit Margin | 69.42% | 69.29% | 73.09% |
| Net Profit Margin | 12.38% | 12.33% | 13.13% |
| Accounts Receivable Days | 53.7 | 53.78 | 54.29 |
| Accounts Payable Days | 33.59 | 33.54 | 32.29 |
| Debt-to-Equity Ratio | 1.75 | 1.75 | 1.87 |
| Return on Equity | 51.48% | 51.25% | 55.78% |
| Sales per Employee | \$331,400 | \$331,400 | \$260,222 |
| Profit per Employee | \$26,114 | \$26,114 | \$33,429 |
| Sales Growth | 6.43% | 6.43% | 22.70% |
| Profit Growth | 3.97% | 3.97% | 13.01% |
| | | | |

NAICs 5415 - Computer Systems Design and Related Services

| Financial Metric | Last12Mo | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Current Ratio | 2.99 | 2.99 | 3.64 |
| Gross Profit Margin | 58.84% | 58.84% | 60.74% |
| Net Profit Margin | 5.83% | 5.83% | 5.80% |
| Accounts Receivable Days | 68.16 | 68.16 | 51.62 |
| Accounts Payable Days | 36.61 | 36.61 | 29.71 |
| Debt-to-Equity Ratio | 2.79 | 2.79 | 2.14 |
| Return on Equity | 40.32% | 40.32% | 46.35% |
| Sales per Employee | \$213,777 | \$213,777 | \$238,544 |
| Profit per Employee | \$129,486 | \$129,486 | \$24,512 |
| Sales Growth | 4.52% | 4.52% | 18.78% |
| Profit Growth | 16.75% | 16.75% | 3.06% |



Notable Transactions



In November 2023, **TransDigm Group** Incorporated (TDG-NYSE, market cap \$57B USD), a global designer, producer and supplier of original equipment manufacturer and aftermarket commercial and military aerospace components based in Cleveland, OH, has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire the assets and operations related to the Electron Device Business of **Communications & Power Industries LLC**, ultimately owned by CPI International LLC, for US\$1.4 billion in cash. With locations in United States and United Kingdom generating 2023 revenues of approximately \$300M USD with approximately 900 employees, the acquired business develops components and products used in generation, transmission and reception of microwave signals. TDG recently reported another strong quarter and released strong guidance for the fiscal year 2024.





In November 2023, **TJC**, **L.P.** ("**TJC"**), announced an affiliate of the Resolute Fund VI, L.P. (The Resolute Fund VI is a limited partnership established by TJC Group – registered in Delaware.) has entered into a definitive agreement with **L3Harris Technologies** to acquire its Commercial Aviation Solutions (CAS) business for \$700 million cash plus a contingent earnout payment of up to \$100 million based on the Company's Avionics business unit hitting performance targets in 2023 and 2024. CAS has two operating business units; the Avionics unit designs and manufactures mission critical, IP-driven avionics products, and the Commercial Training Solutions ("CTS") unit provides an integrated suite of aircraft training solutions. The announcement is line with large Aerospace and Defense companies' recent strategy in looking to create value through portfolio-shaping—driving divestitures of noncore businesses.





Vista Outdoor Inc. announced in October a definitive agreement to sell its Sporting Products business to **Czechoslovak Group** a.s. ("CSG") for an enterprise value of \$1.91 billion in an all-cash transaction - subject to customary closing conditions. Brands in the Sporting Products business include Remington, Alliant Powder, CCI, Estate Cartridge, Federal, Hevi Shot, and Speer. Interesting enough, Vista Outdoor received an unsolicited bid by another Czech company, Colt CZ Group (who itself had acquired US-based Colt Holding only in 2021) for the equity of all of Vista Outdoor of \$1.9 billion. Vista Outdoor promptly rejected the offer. Both companies stay acquisitive: Colt CZ Group acquired ammunition manufacturer Seiler & Bellot in December and the Mk47 Striker system from General Dynamics in January 2024. CSG acquired Italian shotgun manufacturer Armi Perazzi in December.





Manufacturer of military uncrewed aerial vehicles **Kratos Defense & Security Solutions**, **Inc.** (NasdaqGS:KTOS) acquired competitor **Sierra Technical Services**, **Inc.** from Roger Hayes and Debra Hayes for \$27.3 million on October 3, 2023. Pursuant to the purchase agreement, Kratos Defense & Security Solutions issued 866,026 shares of common stock upon consummation of the acquisition and agreed to issue up to an additional 979,038 future shares pursuant to certain holdback and earn-out provisions to the selling stockholders.



Select M&A Transactions

Transaction Value disclosed

| Announcement Date | Target | Acquirer | Enterprise Value (MM) | Revenue - Target (LTM) (MM) | EV/ EBITDA |
|----------------------|--|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 31-Dec-2023 | Yuchai Remanufacturing Services (Suzhou) Co., Ltd. | Beijing Liandong Jinyuan Management Technology Co. Ltd. | 25.4 | - | - |
| 22-Dec-2023 | ICOR Technology, Inc. | Cadre Holdings, Inc. | 45.1 | 19.5 | - |
| 21-Dec-2023 | Silixa Ltd. | Luna Innovations, Inc. | 38.0 | - | - |
| 21-Dec-2023 | Triumph Group, Inc. /Product Support Business | AAR Corp. | 725.0 | 268.0 | - |
| 18-Dec-2023 | Sellier & Bellot as | Colt CZ Group SE | 350.0 | - | - |
| 08-Dec-2023 | Ghost Robotics Corp. | LIG Nex1 Co., Ltd. | 395.5 | - | - |
| 05-Dec-2023 | ESG Elektroniksystem-und Logistik-GmbH | HENSOLDT AG | 789.5 | - | - |
| 04-Dec-2023 | Geonix Pty Ltd. | Guideline Geo AB | 0.8 | - | - |
| 28-Nov-2023 | Pioneer Aerospace Corp. | Space Exploration Technologies Corp. | 2.2 | - | - |
| 27-Nov-2023 | L3harris Technologies, Inc. /Commercial Aviation Soln Bus | TJC LP | 800.0 | - | - |
| 09-Nov-2023 | Astra Space, Inc. | Astra Space, Inc. /Management/ | 32.2 | 1.0 | NM |
| 09-Nov-2023 | Communications & Power Industries LLC /Electron Device Bus | TransDigm Group, Inc. | 1,385.0 | 300.0 | - |
| 08-Nov-2023 | Mikroponent AB | Scandinavian Astor Group AB | 3.7 | 4.0 | - |
| 23-Oct-2023 | Industrio GmbH | A.L.A. SpA | 1.2 | - | - |
| 16-Oct-2023 | Vista Outdoor, Inc. / Sporting Products | Czechoslovak Group as | 1,910.0 | - | - |
| 13-Oct-2023 | PCTEL, Inc. | Amphenol Corp. | 105.8 | 86.9 | 16.7 |
| 03-Oct-2023 | Sierra Technical Services, Inc. | Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, Inc. | 27.8 | - | - |
| 02-Oct-2023 | KC Machine LLC | Butler National Corp. | 2.9 | - | - |
| 20-Sep-2023 | Intrinsix Corp. | Cadence Design Systems, Inc. | 27.5 | - | - |
| 31-Aug-2023 | SatixFy Space Systems UK Ltd. | MDA Ltd. | 40.0 | - | - |
| 05-Jun-2023 | CIRCOR International, Inc. | Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. LP | 1,625.6 | 804.4 | 13.5 |
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Select M&A Transactions

Transaction Value undisclosed

| Announcement Date | Target | Acquirer |
|----------------------|---|---|
| 22-Dec-2023 | PYI Technology Pvt Ltd. | DroneAcharya Aerial Innovations Ltd. |
| 21-Dec-2023 | Aero Centers/Aircraft Maintenance Business | Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. |
| 20-Dec-2023 | Salt River Aviation LLC | Weinberg Capital Group, Inc. |
| 19-Dec-2023 | Johnson Precision Products, Inc. | Emko Capital LLC; AEFP Group |
| 15-Dec-2023 | Armi Perazzi SpA | Czechoslovak Group AS |
| 08-Dec-2023 | DCM Aéronautique, Inc. | Thrust Capital Partners |
| 08-Dec-2023 | Porkchop AB /High-Performance Propulsion Assets | Smallspark Space Systems Ltd. |
| 08-Dec-2023 | Technic Aviation SASU | IRDI Capital Investissement SAS; Galiena Capital SASU; Domusa-Group |
| 01-Dec-2023 | laero Thrust LLC | FTAI Aviation Ltd. |
| 29-Nov-2023 | Orion Space Solutions (US) | Arcfield Acquisition Corp. |
| 27-Nov-2023 | Kelly Aerospace, Inc. | Hartzell Engine Technologies LLC |
| 21-Nov-2023 | RO-RA Aviation Systems GmbH | NMB-Minebea UK Ltd. |
| 17-Nov-2023 | Panasonic Automotive Systems Co. Ltd. | Apollo Global Management, Inc. |
| 16-Nov-2023 | Nemo Industrie SpA | Fondo Italiano d'Investimento SGR SpA; Armònia SGR SpA; Quick SpA |
| 09-Nov-2023 | MPE Ltd. | ESCO Technologies, Inc. |
| 08-Nov-2023 | Mahindra Aerospace Australia Pty Ltd /6 Subsidiaries (Gipps Aero Pty Ltd, GA8 Airvan Pty Ltd, GA200 Pty Ltd, Nomad TC Pty Ltd, Airvan 10 Pty Ltd and Airvan Flight Services Pty Lt) | A Private group led by George Morgan |
| 07-Nov-2023 | Unitech Holdings, Inc. | Charger Investment Partners LP |
| 06-Nov-2023 | Data Collection Ltd. (New Zealand) | Moog, Inc. |
| 06-Nov-2023 | Meeker Aviation | Arcline Investment Management LP; Signia Aerospace Holdings, Inc. |
| 02-Nov-2023 | Filton Systems Engineering Ltd. | Element Materials Technology Group Ltd. |
| 01-Nov-2023 | SR Technologies, Inc. | Arlington Capital Partners LLC; Eqlipse Technologies |
| 01-Nov-2023 | Terra Schwartz Pty Ltd. | APP Corp. Pty Ltd. |
| 27-Oct-2023 | International Transactions Industrielles SAS | ACI Groupe SAS |
| 19-Oct-2023 | Waypoint Aerotec Ltd. | JetMS Copletions Ltd. |
| 18-Oct-2023 | STS Defence Ltd. | Cicor Technologies Ltd. |
| 17-Oct-2023 | BP Aero Services LLC | Industría de Turbo Propulsores SA; Bain Capital Private Equity LP |
| 17-Oct-2023 | Penetone Corp. /Military & Aerospace Division | OpenGate Capital Management LLC; Integrity Partners Group LLC (VA) |
| 16-Oct-2023 | Airspace Experience Technologies, Inc. | ShoulderUp Technology Acquisition Corp. |
| 16-Oct-2023 | Hartzell Aviation | Arcline Investment Management LP |
| 10-Oct-2023 | E.I.S. Aircraft Products & Services GmbH | Demgy Group SAS |
| 09-Oct-2023 | Lake City Heat Treating Corp. | Bodycote Plc |
| 09-Oct-2023 | Stack Metallurgical Services, Inc. | Bodycote Plc |
| 09-Oct-2023 | XENTA Systems Srl | Fondo Italiano d'Investimento SGR SpA; Armònia SGR SpA; Quick SpA |
| 07-Oct-2023 | Pax Aero Solutions LLC | Airtec, Inc. (Maryland) |
| 03-Oct-2023 | SailGP Technologies Ltd. | Rocket Lab USA, Inc. |
| 03-Oct-2023 | Xena Networks ApS | Teledyne Technologies, Inc. |
| 03-Oct-2023 | Nexus Nine Ltd. | Operational Solutions Ltd. |
| 02-Oct-2023 | Alula Holdings LLC | M2M Services LLC |
| 02-Oct-2023 | Internest SAS | Electric Visionary Aircrafts, Inc. |

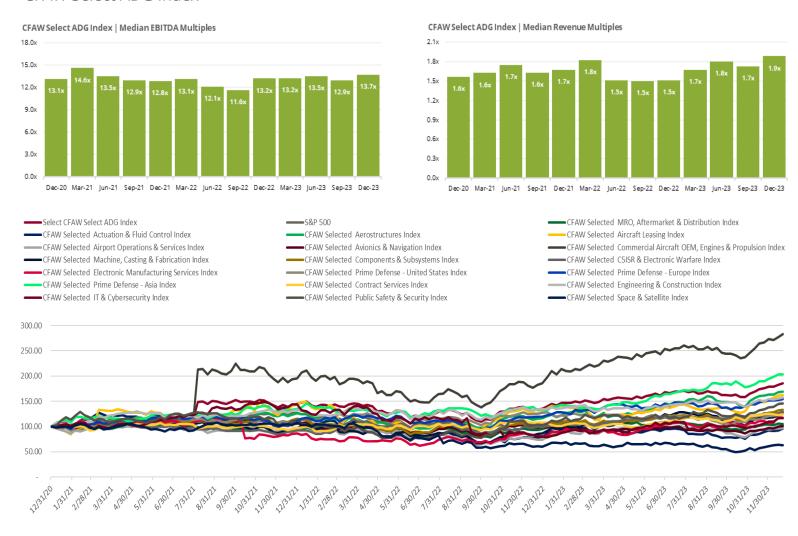






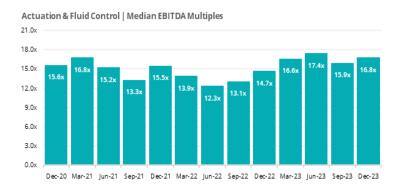
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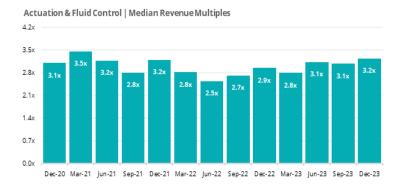
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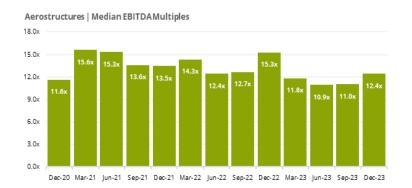
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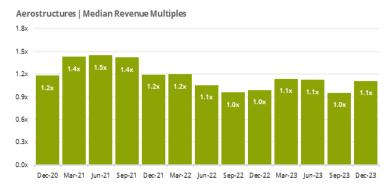




| FactSet | Company | Share | Shares | Market | Enterprise | Revenues | EBITDA | Enterprise | Value / |
|------------|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|---------|------------|---------|
| Identifier | \$USD in Millions | Price | O/S (MM) | Сар | Value (MM) | (LTM) | (LTM) | Revenues | EBITDA |
| AME-USA | AMETEK, Inc. | \$164.89 | 231 | \$38,092 | \$41,225 | \$6,597 | \$2,045 | 6.2x | 20.2x |
| CR-USA | Crane Company | \$118.14 | 57 | \$6,738 | \$6,713 | \$2,086 | \$323 | 3.2x | 20.8x |
| CW-USA | Curtiss-Wright Corporation | \$222.79 | 38 | \$8,514 | \$9,312 | \$2,845 | \$601 | 3.3x | 15.5x |
| ETN-USA | Eaton Corp. Plc | \$240.82 | 399 | \$96,159 | \$103,337 | \$22,613 | \$4,729 | 4.6x | 21.9x |
| ITT-USA | ITT, Inc. | \$119.32 | 82 | \$9,796 | \$9,603 | \$3,283 | \$623 | 2.9x | 15.4x |
| MOG.A-USA | Moog Inc. Class A | \$144.78 | 29 | \$4,163 | \$5,563 | \$3,416 | \$423 | 1.6x | 13.2x |
| PH-USA | Parker-Hannifin Corporation | \$460.70 | 128 | \$59,159 | \$70,565 | \$19,826 | \$4,675 | 3.6x | 15.1x |
| WWD-USA | Woodward, Inc. | \$136.13 | 60 | \$8,208 | \$8,779 | \$3,083 | \$487 | 2.8x | 18.0x |
| Mean | | | | | \$31,887 | \$7,969 | \$1,738 | 3.5x | 17.5x |
| Median | | | | | \$9,457 | \$3,350 | \$612 | 3.2x | 16.8x |

Aerostructures

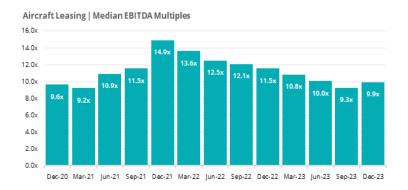




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|------------|--|---------|----------|---------|------------|----------|---------|------------|---------|
| Identifier | \$USD in Millions | Price | O/S (MM) | Сар | Value (MM) | (LTM) | (LTM) | Revenues | EBITDA |
| CVU-USA | CPI Aerostructures, Inc. | \$2.73 | 13 | \$35 | \$58 | \$87 | \$8 | 0.7x | 7.2x |
| DCO-USA | Ducommun Incorporated | \$52.06 | 15 | \$762 | \$1,013 | \$757 | \$77 | 1.3x | 13.1x |
| FACC-WBO | FACC AG | \$6.44 | 46 | \$295 | \$563 | \$748 | \$20 | 0.8x | 27.8x |
| HXL-USA | Hexcel Corporation | \$73.75 | 84 | \$6,224 | \$6,704 | \$1,786 | \$329 | 3.8x | 20.4x |
| KAMN-USA | Kaman Corporation Class A | \$23.95 | 28 | \$678 | \$1,211 | \$776 | \$103 | 1.6x | 11.8x |
| MALJF-USA | Magellan Aerospace Corporation | \$5.67 | 57 | \$325 | \$399 | \$639 | \$44 | 0.6x | 9.1x |
| SNR-LON | Senior plc | \$2.26 | 419 | \$950 | \$1,179 | \$1,117 | \$107 | 1.1x | 11.0x |
| SPR-USA | Spirit AeroSystems Holdings, Inc. Class A | \$31.78 | 116 | \$3,688 | \$7,045 | \$6,048 | \$189 | 1.2x | 37.4x |
| TGI-USA | Triumph Group, Inc. | \$16.58 | 77 | \$1,274 | \$2,743 | \$1,227 | \$148 | 2.2x | 18.6x |
| TYEKF-USA | thyssenkrupp AG | \$6.99 | 623 | \$4,351 | \$1,169 | \$39,636 | \$1,287 | 0.0x | 0.9x |
| Mean | | | | | \$2,208 | \$5,282 | \$231 | 1.3x | 15.7x |
| Median | | | | | \$1,174 | \$946 | \$105 | 1.1x | 12.4x |



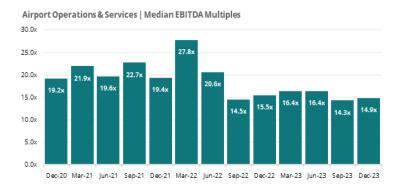
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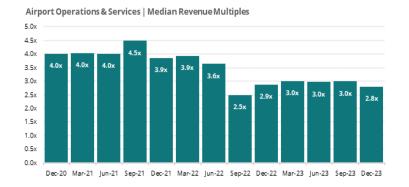




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|------------|-------------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|------------|----------|---------|------------|---------|
| Identifier | \$USD in Millions | Price | O/S (MM) | Сар | Value (MM) | (LTM) | (LTM) | Revenues | EBITDA |
| AER-USA | AerCap Holdings NV | \$74.32 | 210 | \$15,616 | \$59,800 | \$6,894 | \$5,674 | 8.7x | 10.5x |
| ACY | Mega Matrix Corp. | \$1.41 | 34 | \$48 | \$41 | \$2 | (\$5) | 27.5x | NM |
| WLFC-USA | Willis Lease Finance Corporation | \$48.88 | 6 | \$311 | \$2,094 | \$388 | \$224 | 5.4x | 9.3x |
| Mean | | | | | \$20,645 | \$2,428 | \$1,964 | 13.8x | 9.9x |
| Median | | | | | \$2,094 | \$388 | \$224 | 8.7x | 9.9x |
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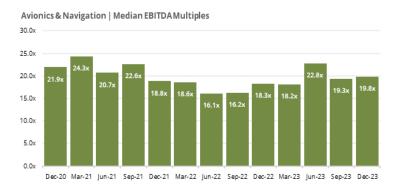
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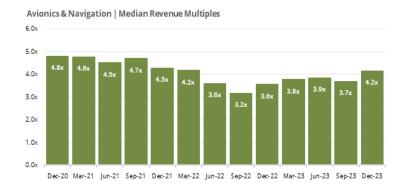




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|------------|--|---------|----------|----------|------------|----------|---------|------------|---------|
| Identifier | \$USD in Millions | Price | O/S (MM) | Сар | Value (MM) | (LTM) | (LTM) | Revenues | EBITDA |
| CAE | CAE Inc. | \$21.59 | 318 | \$6,872 | \$9,304 | \$3,324 | \$678 | 2.8x | 13.7x |
| AMADY-USA | Amadeus IT Group SA Unsponsored ADR | \$71.67 | 450 | \$32,287 | \$34,085 | \$5,628 | \$2,124 | 6.1x | 16.0x |
| PSSR | PASSUR Aerospace, Inc. | \$0.01 | 8 | \$0 | \$13 | \$6 | (\$2) | 2.2x | NM |
| Mean | | | | | \$14,467 | \$2,986 | \$933 | 3.7x | 14.9x |
| Median | | | | | \$9,304 | \$3,324 | \$678 | 2.8x | 14.9x |
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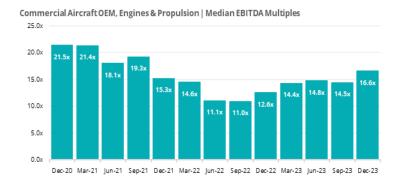




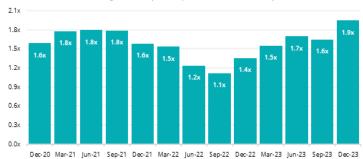
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| Identifier | \$USD in Millions | Price | O/S (MM) | Сар | Value (MM) | (LTM) | (LTM) | Revenues | EBITDA |
| ATRO-USA | Astronics Corporation | \$17.42 | 28 | \$487 | \$782 | \$652 | \$14 | 1.2x | 57.1x |
| ESLT-USA | Elbit Systems Ltd | \$213.25 | 44 | \$9,480 | \$10,964 | \$5,840 | \$487 | 1.9x | 22.5x |
| GRMN-USA | Garmin Ltd. | \$128.54 | 192 | \$24,651 | \$22,824 | \$5,228 | \$1,270 | 4.4x | 18.0x |
| HON-USA | Honeywell International Inc. | \$209.71 | 652 | \$136,769 | \$150,795 | \$36,647 | \$9,049 | 4.1x | 16.7x |
| ISSC-USA | Innovative Solutions and Support, Inc. | \$8.53 | 17 | \$149 | \$159 | \$38 | \$10 | 4.2x | 16.3x |
| TDY-USA | Teledyne Technologies Incorporated | \$446.29 | 47 | \$21,144 | \$23,878 | \$5,646 | \$1,368 | 4.2x | 17.5x |
| TIKK-USA | Tel-Instrument Electronics Corp | \$1.80 | 3 | \$6 | \$14 | \$9 | \$0 | 1.6x | 33.7x |
| TRMB-USA | Trimble Inc. | \$53.20 | 246 | \$13,071 | \$16,102 | \$3,799 | \$745 | 4.2x | 21.6x |
| Mean | | | | | \$28,190 | \$7,232 | \$1,618 | 3.2x | 25.4x |
| Median | | | | | \$13,533 | \$4,513 | \$616 | 4.2x | 19.8x |
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Commercial Aircraft OEM, Engines & Propulsion



Commercial Aircraft OEM, Engines & Propulsion | Median Revenue Multiples



| FactSet | Company | Share | Shares | Market | Enterprise | Revenues | EBITDA | Enterprise | Value / |
|------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|---------|------------|---------|
| Identifier | \$USD in Millions | Price | O/S (MM) | Сар | Value (MM) | (LTM) | (LTM) | Revenues | EBITDA |
| AIR-PAR | Airbus SE | \$154.41 | 790 | \$122,053 | \$117,007 | \$70,755 | \$7,036 | 1.7x | 16.6x |
| BA-USA | Boeing Company | \$260.66 | 610 | \$159,038 | \$197,037 | \$77,794 | \$1,048 | 2.5x | 188.0x |
| DUAVF-USA | Dassault Aviation SA | \$203.08 | 81 | \$16,409 | \$7,425 | \$6,393 | \$707 | 1.2x | 10.5x |
| EMBR3-BSP | Embraer S.A. | \$4.63 | 740 | \$3,425 | \$5,008 | \$5,308 | \$443 | 0.9x | 11.3x |
| TXT-USA | Textron Inc. | \$80.42 | 193 | \$15,509 | \$17,587 | \$13,683 | \$1,445 | 1.3x | 12.2x |
| GE-USA | General Electric Company | \$127.63 | 1,088 | \$138,904 | \$140,381 | \$67,955 | \$6,229 | 2.1x | 22.5x |
| HON-USA | Honeywell International Inc. | \$209.71 | 652 | \$136,769 | \$150,795 | \$36,647 | \$9,049 | 4.1x | 16.7x |
| RR-LON | Rolls-Royce Holdings plc | \$3.82 | 8,417 | \$32,157 | \$34,485 | \$18,924 | \$3,682 | 1.8x | 9.4x |
| SAF-PAR | Safran SA | \$176.15 | 427 | \$75,261 | \$73,180 | \$23,441 | \$4,009 | 3.1x | 18.3x |
| RTX-USA | RTX Corporation | \$84.14 | 1,327 | \$111,639 | \$152,293 | \$68,920 | \$7,360 | 2.2x | 20.7x |
| Mean | | | | | \$89,520 | \$38,982 | \$4,101 | 2.1x | 32.6x |
| Median | | | | | \$95,094 | \$30,044 | \$3,846 | 1.9x | 16.6x |
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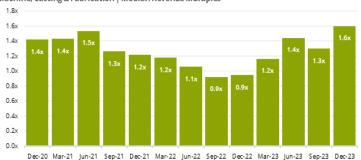


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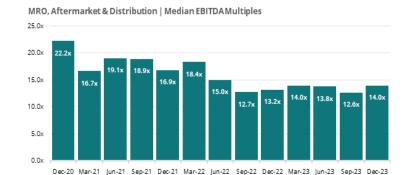


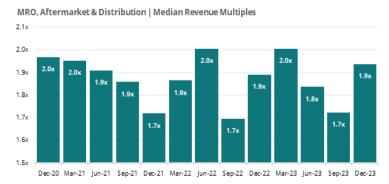
Machine, Casting & Fabrication | Median Revenue Multiples



| FactSet | Company | Share | Shares | Market | Enterprise | Revenues | EBITDA | Enterprise | Value / |
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| ldentifier | \$USD in Millions | Price | O/S (MM) | Сар | Value (MM) | (LTM) | (LTM) | Revenues | EBITDA |
| ATI-USA | ATI Inc. | \$45.47 | 128 | \$5,810 | \$7,400 | \$4,174 | \$633 | 1.8x | 11.7x |
| B-USA | Barnes Group Inc. | \$32.63 | 51 | \$1,654 | \$2,902 | \$1,452 | \$229 | 2.0x | 12.7x |
| FII-PAR | LISI SA | \$26.07 | 47 | \$1,213 | \$1,746 | \$1,655 | \$197 | 1.1x | 8.9x |
| KALU-USA | Kaiser Aluminum Corporation | \$71.19 | 16 | \$1,140 | \$2,137 | \$3,087 | \$209 | 0.7x | 10.2x |
| MRO-LON | Melrose Industries PLC | \$7.23 | 1,325 | \$9,583 | \$10,721 | \$6,707 | \$759 | 1.6x | 14.1x |
| SIF-USA | SIFCO Industries, Inc. | \$4.54 | 6 | \$28 | \$67 | \$87 | \$0 | 0.8x | 945.1x |
| SXI-USA | Standex International Corporation | \$158.38 | 12 | \$1,880 | \$1,907 | \$736 | \$141 | 2.6x | 13.5x |
| Mean | | | | | \$3,840 | \$2,557 | \$310 | 1.5x | 145.2x |
| Median | | | | | \$2,137 | \$1,655 | \$209 | 1.6x | 12.7x |
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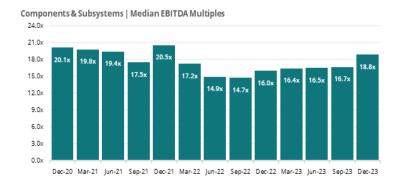
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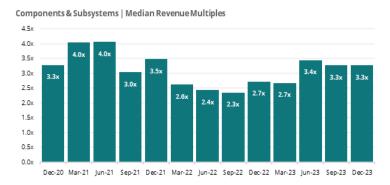




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|------------|---|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|---------|------------|---------|
| ldentifier | \$USD in Millions | Price | O/S (MM) | Сар | Value (MM) | (LTM) | (LTM) | Revenues | EBITDA |
| AIR | AAR CORP. | \$62.40 | 36 | \$2,215 | \$2,488 | \$2,170 | \$178 | 1.1x | 14.0x |
| HEI | HEICO Corporation | \$178.87 | 55 | \$9,796 | \$27,569 | \$2,968 | \$776 | 9.3x | 35.5x |
| MTUAF | MTU Aero Engines AG | \$216.50 | 54 | \$11,653 | \$12,574 | \$6,247 | \$1,052 | 2.0x | 12.0x |
| S63-SG | Singapore Technologies Engineering Ltd | \$2.95 | 3122 | \$9,208 | \$13,667 | \$7,056 | \$1,061 | 1.9x | 12.9x |
| VSEC | VSE Corporation | \$64.61 | 16 | \$1,017 | \$1,479 | \$859 | \$102 | 1.7x | 14.5x |
| Mean | | | | | \$11,556 | \$3,860 | \$634 | 3.2x | 17.8x |
| Median | | | | | \$12,574 | \$2,968 | \$776 | 1.9x | 14.0x |
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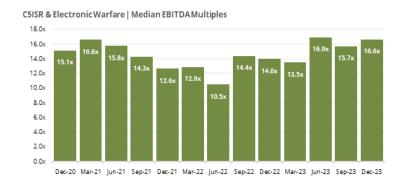


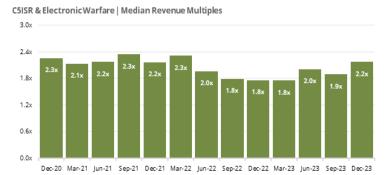


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|------------|---------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|---------|------------|---------|
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| AME-US | AMETEK, Inc. | \$164.89 | 231 | \$38,092 | \$41,225 | \$6,597 | \$2,045 | 6.2x | 20.2x |
| APH | Amphenol Corporation Class A | \$99.13 | 600 | \$59,464 | \$62,430 | \$12,555 | \$3,001 | 5.0x | 20.8x |
| CR | Crane Company | \$118.14 | 57 | \$6,738 | \$6,713 | \$2,086 | \$323 | 3.2x | 20.8x |
| DCI | Donaldson Company, Inc. | \$65.35 | 120 | \$7,851 | \$8,284 | \$3,430 | \$594 | 2.4x | 13.9x |
| ESE | ESCO Technologies Inc. | \$117.03 | 26 | \$3,019 | \$3,200 | \$969 | \$183 | 3.3x | 17.5x |
| HXL | Hexcel Corporation | \$73.75 | 84 | \$6,224 | \$6,704 | \$1,786 | \$329 | 3.8x | 20.4x |
| PPG | PPG Industries, Inc. | \$149.55 | 235 | \$35,182 | \$40,648 | \$18,246 | \$2,846 | 2.2x | 14.3x |
| ROLL | RBC Bearings Incorporated | \$284.89 | 29 | \$8,314 | \$9,552 | \$1,541 | \$465 | 6.2x | 20.5x |
| SKUFF | SKF AB Class B | \$20.03 | 426 | \$8,533 | \$10,173 | \$10,143 | \$1,606 | 1.0x | 6.3x |
| TKR | Timken Company | \$80.15 | 70 | \$5,621 | \$7,790 | \$4,769 | \$940 | 1.6x | 8.3x |
| TDG | TransDigm Group Incorporated | \$1,011.60 | 56 | \$56,251 | \$73,976 | \$6,977 | \$3,446 | 10.6x | 21.5x |
| TRS | TriMas Corporation | \$25.33 | 41 | \$1,049 | \$1,460 | \$887 | \$126 | 1.6x | 11.5x |
| Mean | | | | | \$22,680 | \$5,832 | \$1,325 | 3.9x | 16.3x |
| Median | | | | | \$8,918 | \$4,099 | \$767 | 3.3x | 18.8x |
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C5ISR & Electronic Warfare





| FactSet | Company | Share | Shares | Market | Enterprise | Revenues | EBITDA | Enterprise | Value / |
|------------|---|----------|----------|---------|------------|----------|--------|------------|---------|
| Identifier | \$USD in Millions | Price | O/S (MM) | Сар | Value (MM) | (LTM) | (LTM) | Revenues | EBITDA |
| AVAV | AeroVironment, Inc. | \$126.04 | 28 | \$3,546 | \$3,556 | \$654 | \$183 | 5.4x | 19.4x |
| CMGMF | Chemring Group PLC | \$4.47 | 273 | \$1,221 | \$1,266 | \$583 | \$83 | 2.2x | 15.2x |
| ESLT | Elbit Systems Ltd | \$213.25 | 44 | \$9,480 | \$10,964 | \$5,840 | \$487 | 1.9x | 22.5x |
| IIVI | Coherent Corp. | \$43.53 | 152 | \$6,608 | \$12,641 | \$4,630 | \$792 | 2.7x | 16.0x |
| KTOS | Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, Inc. | \$20.29 | 130 | \$2,638 | \$2,894 | \$1,037 | \$77 | 2.8x | 37.5x |
| MRCY | Mercury Systems, Inc. | \$36.57 | 59 | \$2,171 | \$2,621 | \$895 | \$9 | 2.9x | 279.7x |
| OSIS | OSI Systems, Inc. | \$129.05 | 17 | \$2,200 | \$2,557 | \$1,367 | \$220 | 1.9x | 11.6x |
| QNTQF | QinetiQ Group plc | \$3.94 | 577 | \$2,273 | \$2,621 | \$2,197 | \$314 | 1.2x | 8.3x |
| RADA | Leonardo DRS, Inc. | \$20.04 | 262 | \$5,258 | \$5,200 | \$2,720 | \$313 | 1.9x | 16.6x |
| Mean | | | | | \$4,925 | \$2,214 | \$276 | 2.5x | 47.4x |
| Median | | | | | \$2,894 | \$1,367 | \$220 | 2.2x | 16.6x |
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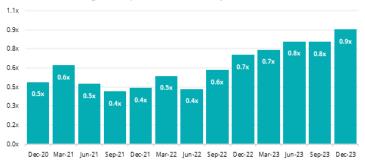


Electronic Manufacturing Services





Electronic Manufacturing Services | Median Revenue Multiples



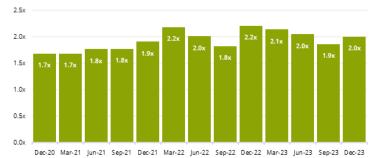
| FactSet | Company | Share Shares | Shares | Market | Enterprise | | | Enterprise Value / | |
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| Identifier | \$USD in Millions | Price | O/S (MM) | Сар | Value (MM) | (LTM) | (LTM) | Revenues | EBITDA |
| BELFB | Bel Fuse Inc. Class B | \$66.77 | 11 | \$710 | \$786 | \$669 | \$108 | 1.2x | 7.2x |
| BHE | Benchmark Electronics, Inc. | \$27.64 | 36 | \$989 | \$1,172 | \$2,839 | \$160 | 0.4x | 7.3x |
| CLS | Celestica Inc. | \$29.28 | 119 | \$3,483 | \$3,947 | \$7,980 | \$524 | 0.5x | 7.5x |
| CTS | CTS Corporation | \$43.74 | 31 | \$1,347 | \$1,281 | \$551 | \$108 | 2.3x | 11.8x |
| FLEX | Flex Ltd. | \$22.16 | 421 | \$9,332 | \$14,668 | \$29,359 | \$1,949 | 0.5x | 7.5x |
| JBL | Jabil Inc. | \$127.40 | 128 | \$16,249 | \$18,057 | \$33,454 | \$2,505 | 0.5x | 7.2x |
| MCHP | Microchip Technology Incorporated | \$90.18 | 540 | \$48,732 | \$54,179 | \$8,541 | \$4,077 | 6.3x | 13.3x |
| MEI | Methode Electronics, Inc. | \$22.73 | 36 | \$809 | \$1,046 | \$1,159 | \$111 | 0.9x | 9.4x |
| TTMI | TTM Technologies, Inc. | \$15.81 | 102 | \$1,611 | \$2,185 | \$2,233 | \$272 | 1.0x | 8.0x |
| Mean | | | | | \$10,814 | \$9,643 | \$1,090 | 1.5x | 8.8x |
| Median | | | | | \$2,185 | \$2,839 | \$272 | 0.9x | 7.5x |



Prime Defense - United States



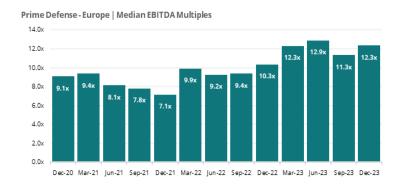


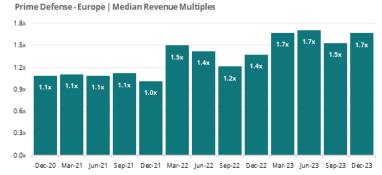


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| FactSet | Company | Share | Shares | Market | Enterprise | Revenues | EBITDA | Enterprise | Value / |
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| Identifier | \$USD in Millions | Price | O/S (MM) | Сар | Value (MM) | (LTM) | (LTM) | Revenues | EBITDA |
| BA | Boeing Company | \$260.66 | 610 | \$159,038 | \$197,037 | \$77,794 | \$1,048 | 2.5x | 188.0x |
| GD | General Dynamics Corporation | \$259.67 | 274 | \$71,144 | \$80,216 | \$42,272 | \$5,108 | 1.9x | 15.7x |
| HII | Huntington Ingalls Industries, Inc. | \$259.64 | 40 | \$10,279 | \$12,581 | \$11,454 | \$971 | 1.1x | 13.0x |
| LHX | L3Harris Technologies Inc | \$210.62 | 190 | \$40,041 | \$53,431 | \$19,419 | \$3,193 | 2.8x | 16.7x |
| LMT | Lockheed Martin Corporation | \$453.24 | 242 | \$109,522 | \$125,972 | \$67,571 | \$9,761 | 1.9x | 12.9x |
| NOC | Northrop Grumman Corp. | \$468.14 | 150 | \$70,238 | \$83,211 | \$39,290 | \$3,875 | 2.1x | 21.5x |
| OSK | Oshkosh Corp | \$108.41 | 65 | \$7,091 | \$7,735 | \$9,395 | \$914 | 0.8x | 8.5x |
| RTX | RTX Corporation | \$84.14 | 1327 | \$111,639 | \$152,293 | \$68,920 | \$7,360 | 2.2x | 20.7x |
| Mean | | | | | \$89,059 | \$42,014 | \$4,029 | 1.9x | 37.1x |
| Median | | | | | \$81,713 | \$40,781 | \$3,534 | 2.0x | 16.2x |

Prime Defense - Europe

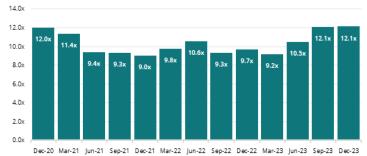




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| AIR-FR | Airbus SE | \$154.41 | 790 | \$122,053 | \$117,007 | \$70,755 | \$7,036 | 1.7x | 16.6x |
| AUTLF | Austal Limited | \$1.43 | 362 | \$518 | \$554 | \$1,015 | \$45 | 0.5x | 12.3x |
| BA-GB | BAE Systems plc | \$14.16 | 3028 | \$42,860 | \$45,998 | \$27,591 | \$3,660 | 1.7x | 12.6x |
| LDO-IT | Leonardo SpA | \$16.50 | 578 | \$9,538 | \$14,182 | \$15,716 | \$1,471 | 0.9x | 9.6x |
| NSKFF | Kongsberg Gruppen ASA | \$45.00 | 176 | \$7,916 | \$8,004 | \$3,801 | \$554 | 2.1x | 14.4x |
| RHM-DE | Rheinmetall AG | \$317.03 | 44 | \$13,810 | \$16,105 | \$7,401 | \$1,108 | 2.2x | 14.5x |
| TKA-DE | thyssenkrupp AG | \$6.97 | 623 | \$4,341 | \$1,169 | \$39,676 | \$1,283 | 0.0x | 0.9x |
| SMGKF | Smiths Group Plc | \$22.49 | 348 | \$7,816 | \$8,273 | \$3,674 | \$693 | 2.3x | 11.9x |
| HO-FR | Thales SA | \$147.97 | 210 | \$31,104 | \$31,936 | \$18,850 | \$2,760 | 1.7x | 11.6x |
| Mean | | | | | \$27,025 | \$20,942 | \$2,068 | 1.4x | 11.6x |
| Median | | | | | \$14,182 | \$15,716 | \$1,283 | 1.7x | 12.3x |
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Prime Defense - Asia





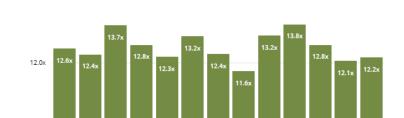


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| Identifier | \$USD in Millions | Price | O/S (MM) | Сар | Value (MM) | (LTM) | (LTM) | Revenues | EBITDA |
| 000880-KRX | Hanwha Corp | \$19.99 | 75 | \$1,499 | \$35,386 | \$42,368 | \$2,859 | 0.8x | 12.4x |
| 011210-KRX | Hyundai Wia Corporation | \$50.55 | 27 | \$1,375 | \$1,798 | \$6,632 | \$402 | 0.3x | 4.5x |
| 064350-KRX | Hyundai Rotem Co. | \$20.65 | 109 | \$2,254 | \$2,165 | \$2,672 | \$182 | 0.8x | 11.9x |
| 064960-KRX | SNT MOTIV CO., LTD | \$33.54 | 15 | \$491 | \$119 | \$870 | \$112 | 0.1x | 1.1x |
| 500493-BOM | Bharat Forge Ltd | \$14.89 | 466 | \$6,931 | \$7,564 | \$1,759 | \$279 | 4.3x | 27.1x |
| 500510-BOM | Larsen & Toubro Ltd. | \$42.39 | 1375 | \$58,264 | \$60,912 | \$25,681 | \$3,546 | 2.4x | 17.2x |
| 500570-BOM | Tata Motors Limited | \$9.38 | 3323 | \$31,180 | \$45,420 | \$52,006 | \$7,565 | 0.9x | 6.0x |
| 7011-JP | Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. | \$58.46 | 337 | \$19,721 | \$29,870 | \$32,184 | \$2,725 | 0.9x | 11.0x |
| 7012-JP | Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd. | \$22.12 | 168 | \$3,715 | \$10,018 | \$12,505 | \$572 | 0.8x | 17.5x |
| S63-SG | Singapore Technologies Engineering Ltd | \$2.95 | 3122 | \$9,208 | \$13,667 | \$7,056 | \$1,061 | 1.9x | 12.9x |
| Mean | | | | | \$20,692 | \$18,373 | \$1,930 | 1.3x | 12.1x |
| Median | | | | | \$11,843 | \$9,780 | \$817 | 0.9x | 12.1x |
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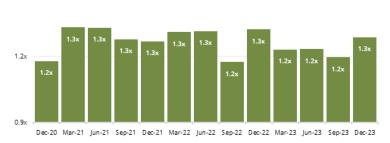
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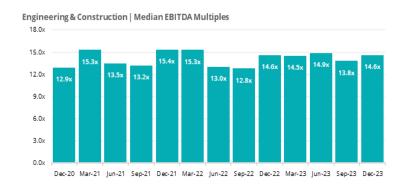


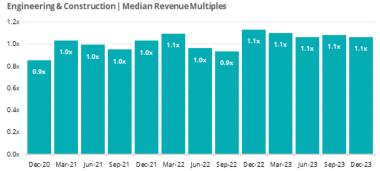


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| ldentifier | \$USD in Millions | Price | O/S (MM) | Сар | Value (MM) | (LTM) | (LTM) | Revenues | EBITDA |
| ВАН | Booz Allen Hamilton Holding Corporation Class A | \$127.91 | 130 | \$16,596 | \$19,652 | \$10,324 | \$898 | 1.9x | 21.9x |
| BCKIF | Babcock International Group PLC | \$5.16 | 506 | \$2,609 | \$3,152 | \$5,478 | \$434 | 0.6x | 7.3× |
| CACI | CACI International Inc Class A | \$323.86 | 22 | \$7,217 | \$9,187 | \$7,131 | \$751 | 1.3x | 12.2x |
| ICFI | ICF International, Inc. | \$134.09 | 19 | \$2,523 | \$3,160 | \$1,963 | \$202 | 1.6x | 15.7x |
| LDOS | Leidos Holdings, Inc. | \$108.24 | 136 | \$14,697 | \$19,158 | \$15,438 | \$1,633 | 1.2x | 11.7x |
| MMS | MAXIMUS, Inc. | \$83.86 | 61 | \$5,118 | \$6,444 | \$4,983 | \$486 | 1.3x | 13.2x |
| PSN | Parsons Corporation | \$62.71 | 106 | \$6,637 | \$7,384 | \$5,443 | \$460 | 1.4x | 16.0x |
| SECCF | Serco Group plc | \$2.07 | 1104 | \$2,279 | \$3,227 | \$6,004 | \$654 | 0.5x | 4.9x |
| VEC | V2X Inc | \$46.44 | 31 | \$1,449 | \$2,574 | \$3,901 | \$227 | 0.7x | 11.4x |
| Mean | | | | | \$8,216 | \$6,741 | \$638 | 1.2x | 12.7x |
| Median | | | | | \$6,444 | \$5,478 | \$486 | 1.3x | 12.2x |



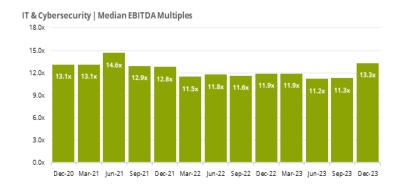
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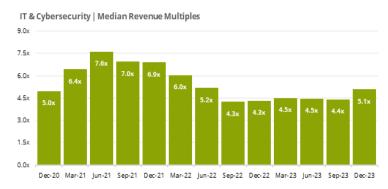




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| ACM | AECOM | \$92.43 | 136 | \$12,573 | \$14,431 | \$14,896 | \$991 | 1.0x | 14.6x |
| BAFBF | Balfour Beatty plc | \$4.23 | 537 | \$2,270 | \$1,986 | \$9,428 | \$358 | 0.2x | 5.5x |
| FLR | Fluor Corporation | \$39.17 | 170 | \$6,675 | \$5,498 | \$15,474 | \$319 | 0.4x | 17.2x |
| JEC | Jacobs Solutions Inc. | \$129.80 | 126 | \$16,309 | \$19,436 | \$16,680 | \$1,454 | 1.2x | 13.4x |
| KBR | KBR, Inc. | \$55.41 | 135 | \$7,484 | \$9,247 | \$6,956 | \$630 | 1.3x | 14.7x |
| STN | Stantec Inc | \$80.19 | 114 | \$9,147 | \$10,571 | \$4,804 | \$624 | 2.2x | 16.9x |
| WDGJF | John Wood Group PLC | \$2.40 | 692 | \$1,660 | \$2,483 | \$5,868 | \$317 | 0.4x | 7.8x |
| PSN | Parsons Corporation | \$62.71 | 106 | \$6,637 | \$7,384 | \$5,443 | \$460 | 1.4x | 16.0x |
| Mean | | | | | \$8,879 | \$9,944 | \$644 | 1.0x | 13.3x |
| Median | | | | | \$8,315 | \$8,192 | \$542 | 1.1x | 14.6x |
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IT & Cybersecurity

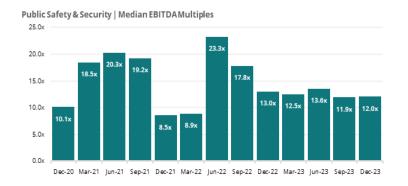


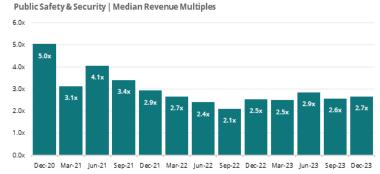


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| ВВ | BlackBerry Limited | \$3.54 | 585 | \$2,072 | \$2,073 | \$842 | (\$41) | 2.5x | NM |
| CRWD | CrowdStrike Holdings, Inc. Class A | \$255.32 | 228 | \$58,118 | \$58,978 | \$2,848 | \$40 | 20.7x | 1465.9x |
| DXC | DXC Technology Co. | \$22.87 | 183 | \$4,182 | \$8,175 | \$13,872 | \$1,920 | 0.6x | 4.3x |
| FTNT | Fortinet, Inc. | \$58.53 | 763 | \$44,660 | \$43,172 | \$5,305 | \$1,350 | 8.1x | 32.0x |
| GIB | CGI Inc. Class A | \$107.21 | 206 | \$22,123 | \$26,176 | \$10,705 | \$2,019 | 2.4x | 13.0x |
| PANW | Palo Alto Networks, Inc. | \$294.88 | 323 | \$95,276 | \$90,827 | \$7,527 | \$901 | 12.1x | 100.8x |
| SPLK | Splunk Inc. | \$152.35 | 169 | \$25,671 | \$27,243 | \$3,981 | \$164 | 6.8x | 165.8x |
| NLOK | Gen Digital Inc. | \$22.82 | 637 | \$14,534 | \$23,346 | \$3,792 | \$1,712 | 6.2x | 13.6x |
| 4704-JP | Trend Micro Incorporated | \$53.54 | 141 | \$7,540 | \$5,142 | \$1,766 | \$447 | 2.9x | 11.5x |
| SWI | SolarWinds Corp. | \$12.49 | 167 | \$2,082 | \$3,060 | \$759 | \$273 | 4.0x | 11.2x |
| UIS | Unisys Corporation | \$5.62 | 68 | \$384 | \$559 | \$2,015 | \$229 | 0.3x | 2.4x |
| ZS | Zscaler, Inc. | \$221.56 | 148 | \$32,865 | \$31,756 | \$1,758 | (\$93) | 18.1x | NM |
| Mean | | | | | \$26,709 | \$4,597 | \$743 | 7.1x | 182.1x |
| Median | | | | | \$24,761 | \$3,320 | \$360 | 5.1x | 13.3x |
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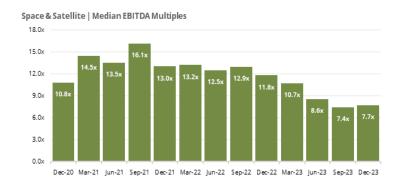
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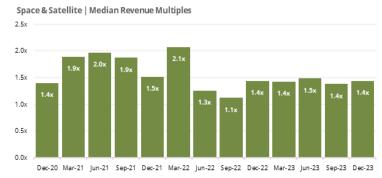




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| AAXN | Axon Enterprise Inc | \$258.33 | 75 | \$19,453 | \$18,841 | \$1,563 | \$187 | 12.1x | 100.5x |
| ВСО | Brink's Company | \$87.95 | 45 | \$3,962 | \$6,452 | \$4,820 | \$762 | 1.3x | 8.5x |
| DGLY | Digital Ally, Inc. | \$2.12 | 3 | \$6 | \$10 | \$31 | (\$24) | 0.3x | NM |
| MSA | MSA Safety, Inc. | \$168.83 | 39 | \$6,638 | \$7,149 | \$1,788 | \$458 | 4.0x | 15.6x |
| PSG-ES | Prosegur Compania de Seguridad SA | \$1.94 | 545 | \$1,060 | \$2,718 | \$4,688 | \$534 | 0.6x | 5.1x |
| WRAP-US | Wrap Technologies, Inc. | \$3.10 | 44 | \$137 | \$124 | \$9 | (\$15) | 13.6x | NM |
| Mean | | | | | \$5,882 | \$2,150 | \$317 | 5.3x | 32.4x |
| Median | | | | | \$4,585 | \$1,676 | \$322 | 2.7x | 12.0x |
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Space & Satellite





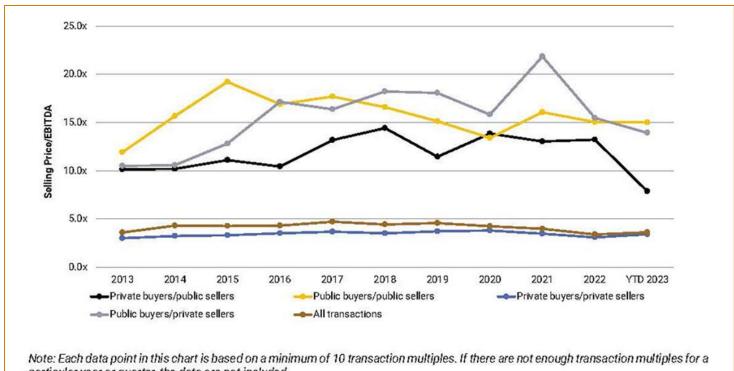
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| BLL | Ball Corporation | \$57.52 | 316 | \$18,156 | \$26,534 | \$13,986 | \$2,117 | 1.9x | 12.5x |
| CMTL | Comtech Telecommunications Corp. | \$8.43 | 28 | \$240 | \$560 | \$571 | \$44 | 1.0x | 12.8x |
| GILT | Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. | \$6.11 | 57 | \$348 | \$256 | \$262 | \$33 | 1.0x | 7.7x |
| KVHI | KVH Industries, Inc. | \$5.26 | 20 | \$103 | \$35 | \$137 | \$17 | 0.3x | 2.0x |
| PL-USA | Planet Labs PBC Class A | \$2.47 | 266 | \$658 | \$408 | \$215 | (\$133) | 1.9x | NM |
| SATS | EchoStar Corporation Class A | \$16.57 | 140 | \$2,321 | \$1,137 | \$1,806 | \$571 | 0.6x | 2.0x |
| TSAT-USA | Telesat Corp. | \$10.43 | 13 | \$140 | \$2,572 | \$561 | \$384 | 4.6x | 6.7x |
| VSAT | ViaSat, Inc. | \$27.95 | 125 | \$3,503 | \$9,638 | \$3,800 | \$9 | 2.5x | 1062.2x |
| Mean | | | | | \$5,143 | \$2,667 | \$380 | 1.7x | 158.0x |
| Median | | | | | \$848 | \$566 | \$39 | 1.4x | 7.7x |
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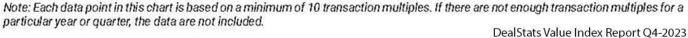
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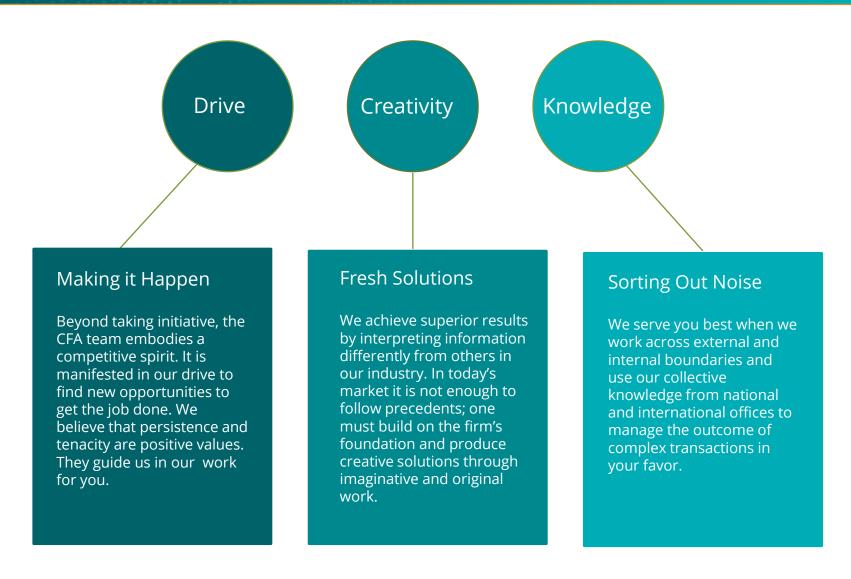
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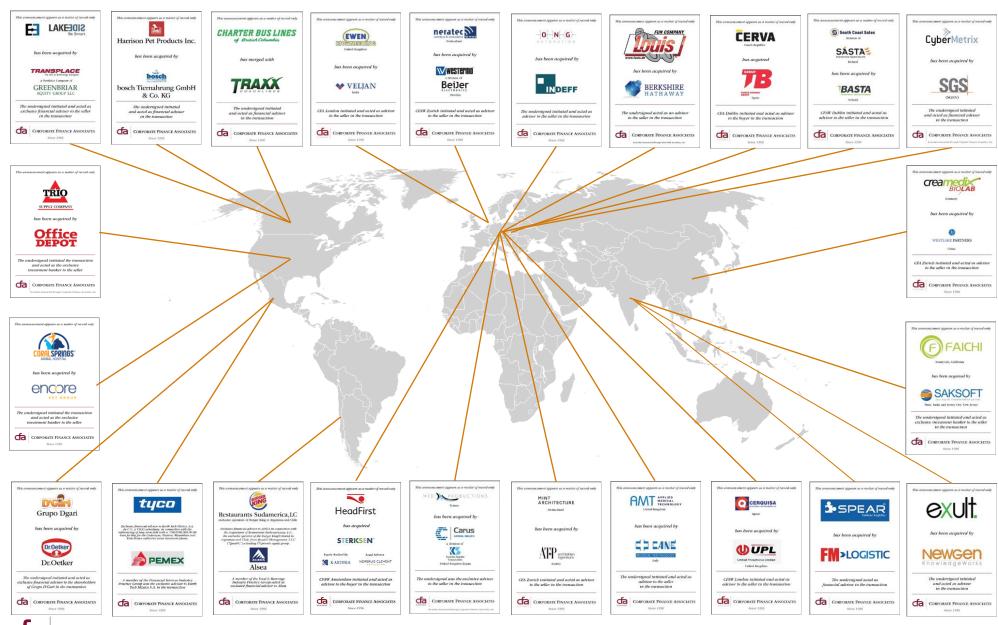


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