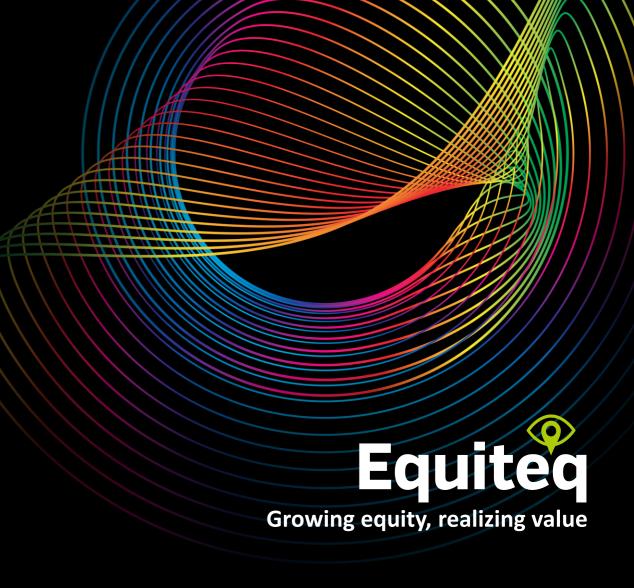


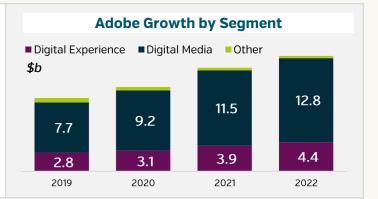
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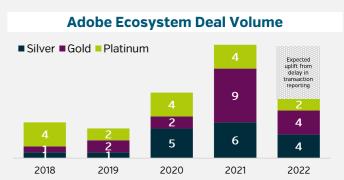


- The Adobe Ecosystem is expected to continue to grow at a rapid pace, supported by:
 - Favorable macro economic trends with heightened focus on digital transformation initiatives world-wide, leading to wider and deeper market penetration
 - Continued long-term investment in the Digital Media and Digital Experience segments of Adobe's business, alongside a concerted effort to grow and develop the broader partner ecosystem
- 2022 was a record year for Adobe revenue and this trend is expected to continue
- Strong growth prospects have translated to favorable results for Adobe partners both in recent years and long-term forecasts





- Transaction activity in the Adobe Ecosystem is at a nascent stage and key inflexion point, gaining significant investor interest over the past two/three of years
 - There are a range of notable deals in the space with larger IT services players acquiring specialist Adobe partners with Gold and Platinum status
 - We expect to see significant consolidation in the partner ecosystem in coming years and deal counts to increase accordingly
- Based on the large and diverse pool of high-quality buyers, sellers have significant optionality in terms of identifying the right home for their business





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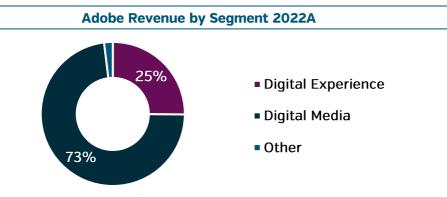
Multiple awards won across organizations in 2022 and years prior

Adobe is Expected to Continue Growing at a Rapid Pace...

Adobe has been making significant investments in growth initiatives and development which have resulted in a 16% revenue CAGR since 2019

Adobe Ecosystem Overview

- Adobe is focused on delivering digital experiences through its offerings focused on delivering tools and services that enable individuals to create content, transform businesses through workflows and drive collaboration
- Digital Experience and Digital Media are key segments and the focus of investment:
 - ✓ **Digital Experience** integrated platform and applications that center around customer experience stretching from analytics to commerce
 - ✓ Digital Media solutions that enable users to create, publish and promote content
 - ✓ Other legacy offerings from Adobe that are less core to the future strategy
- Adobe has made significant efforts to grow its key offerings and they dominate almost all of revenue
- Additionally, the Adobe partner ecosystem has become increasingly important and relevant to help to fuel this growth



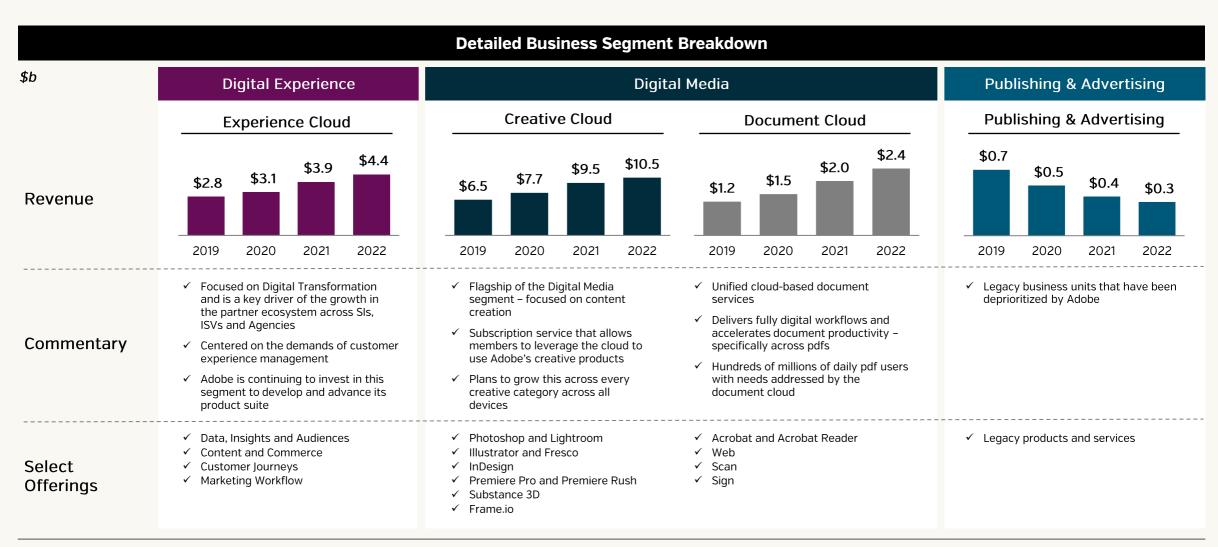
Growing Demand for Adobe Products

- Adobe has continued to experience long-term growth across its portfolio of key offerings, as a result of strategic and targeted investment
- This has been driven by several initiatives and trends:
 - ✓ Shift to a cloud experience-focused proposition that links content and customer management to tangible business results
 - ✓ Growing demand for insights and analytics around the customer journey/experience
 - ✓ Strong tailwinds in the creative economy
 - ✓ Marquee acquisitions of market leading products such as Figma, Magento and Marketo
- The resulting performance is double digit growth overall for the firm, with growth across both the Digital Media and the Digital Experience business segments
- Fiscal 2022 represented a record year for the firm and this is expected to continue across both of these segments



... Driven by Investment in Key Business Segments

Adobe has been extremely focused on its Digital Experience and Digital Media business segments to fuel its long-term growth



Adobe's Transformation Has Been Enabled by Landmark Acquisitions

Adobe has deployed billions of dollars on its M&A strategy to enhance the growth of its key segments - Digital Media and Digital Experience

Adobe's History of Billion Dollar Transactions \$m **Digital Experience** Adobe has been identified as a leader in the 20,000 **Enterprise Marketing Suites space** Digital Media The company's dominance in the space is partly due to its strategic M&A priorities; which have led to numerous landmark acquisitions Customer demand for cloud-led innovation across the customer journey, customer engagement, and digital media spheres has been extremely strong Adobe has doubled down on its investments to match this demand and is expected to remain a leader in the market 4,750 3,315 1.680 1,558 1,524 1,236 Magento (Adobe Omniture (Adobe Marketo Macromedia Workfront Frame.io Figma Commerce) Analytics) [2022] [2018] [2005] [2020] [2021] [2018] [2009]

Select Transaction Highlights



Digital Media

Figma is a web-first collaborative design platform. Combination of Adobe and Figma brings together an expansive product suite and capabilities across brainstorming, sharing, creativity and collaboration.



Digital Experience

Marketo is a cloud platform for B2B marketing engagement – bringing together planning, engagement and measurement capabilites. Combination of Adobe and Marketo has widened Experience Cloud's lead in CX and puts the cloud at the core of marketing.



Digital Experience

Magento (Adobe Commerce) is a digital commerce platform. Combination of Adobe's content and data technology with Magento's open commerce innovation has accelerated Experience Cloud growth.



Digital Experience

Workfront is a work management platform that allows enterprises to strategically prioritize, assign, and complete projects with speed, at any scale. Combination of Adobe and Workfront further accelerates Adobe's leadership in customer experience management.

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The Adobe Partner Landscape is Growing

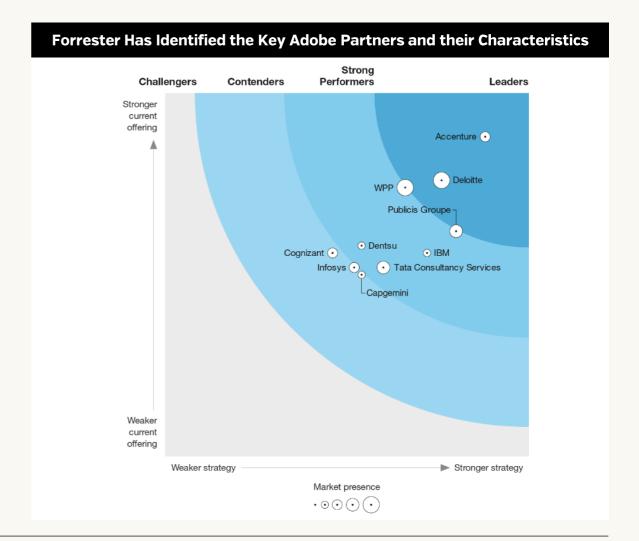
A key element of Adobe's strategy is developing a large partner ecosystem to help scale the deployment of their offerings

Key Drivers of Growth in Partner Ecosystem

- The Adobe partner ecosystem has greatly expanded in recent years adding 200+ solution partners over the late 2021 and early 2022 period – resulting in 4000+ partners
- The breadth of services included in the partner program span from systems integration through to agencies and regional partners and are all designed to develop core capabilities for positioning and building with Adobe technology alongside implementing/running customer platforms
- There are a range of drivers for this growth in the partner ecosystem which have been prioritized by Adobe - notably through significant investment in the Experience Cloud:
 - ✓ Growth of technology partnerships that integrate with the Experience Cloud
 - ✓ Increased availability and abundance of key developer tools
 - ✓ Landmark acquisitions

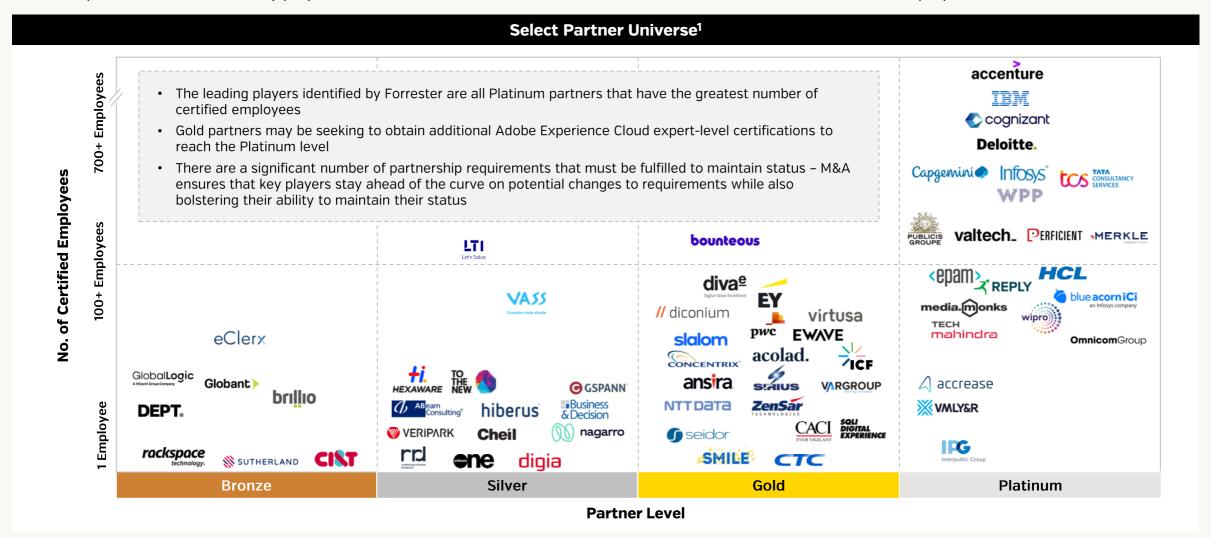
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- ✓ Catalyzed demand growth for digital transformation and digital experience stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic
- Robust partner ecosystem is also a key driver of growth, with the larger media firms such as WPP, Dentsu (Merkle) and Publicis developing Adobe-focused offerings around Marketo and Adobe Commerce
- Increased investment in the partner ecosystem is expected to continue as the combination of consulting service expertise and Adobe's technology products drive customer success and user adoption



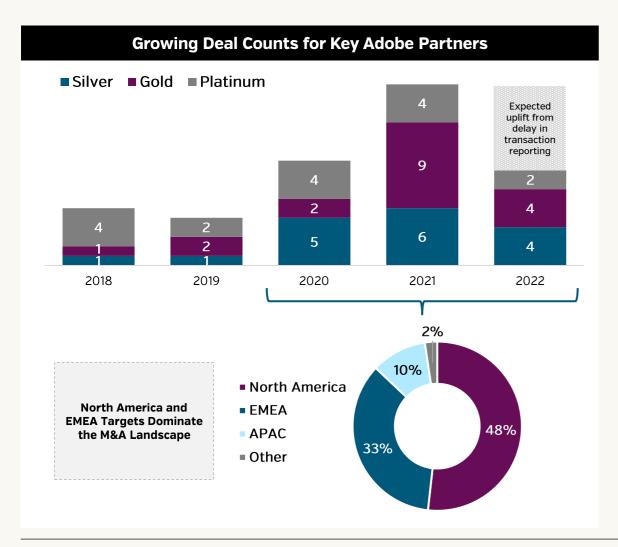
Fragmented Partner Landscape Drives Appetite For M&A

M&A is expected to increase as key players look to build out their teams and increase the number of Adobe certified employees on their roster



Nascent M&A Market For Adobe Partners

The M&A market for Adobe partners is growing as buyer demand increases and this is supported by healthy valuation multiples in the space

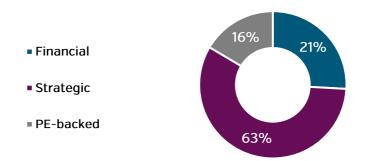


Attractive Average Transaction Multiples for Platinum Partners¹

- Given the emerging status of the Adobe Partner M&A market, there are limited transaction multiples
- While focusing on Platinum partners in order to ensure the sample reflects those closest to the ecosystem revenue multiples are \sim 3.0x and \sim 16.0x
- This is consistent with some of the leading cloud ecosystem partners and reflective of a strong M&A market

Metric	EV / Revenue	EV / EBITDA		
Mean	2.9x	16.4x		
Median	2.7x	16.1x		





Recent acquisitions reflect
a strong demand for
financial sponsors seeking
platform investments in the
space as well as strategics
looking to enhance their
capabilities and
partnerships

Strong Public Market Tailwinds For Adobe Partners

Key Adobe partners have remained resilient in the face of economic uncertainty and continue to trade at healthy multiples



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EV / 2022 Revenue	2.6x	1.7x	1.6x	0.9x	2.7x	4.1x	1.5x	2.2x	5.4x	1.8x	1.4x	1.1x
EV / 2022 EBITDA	15.6x	13.3x	8.7x	4.4x	13.1x	17.5x	7.3x	13.5x	21.1x	12.7x	9.0x	10.1x
EV / 2023 Revenue	2.5x	1.6x	1.6x	0.9x	2.6x	3.7x	1.6x	2.0x	4.8x	1.6x	1.6x	1.3x
EV / 2023 EBITDA	13.5x	11.1x	8.7x	4.9x	10.4x	15.3x	7.3x	12.2x	18.0x	10.1x	8.6x	6.7x

Select Recent Adobe Gold/Platinum Partner M&A Activity

M&A landscape is dominated by targets that have significant expertise across the Adobe Experience Cloud

Target	Buyer	Announced Date	Target Commentary
r2i) R2integrated	protiviti [,]	12/15/2022	Digital experience consulting with a focus on Adobe solutions
EWAVE	Globant	11/17/2022	Digital transformation agency with significant expertise in Adobe Commerce
oneinside	VASS One Equity Partners	4/30/2022	Consulting and implementation specialist for Adobe Experience Cloud
Mindtree	LARSEN & TOUBRO	5/6/2022	Multinational technology and consulting firm
TA DIGITAL	Omnicom Group	3/2/2022	Digital transformation and customer experience consulting with expertise across the Adobe Experience Cloud, including Marketo and Adobe Commerce
Hoodoo	RIGHTPOINT a genpact company	1/4/2022	Digital experience consulting with a focus on Adobe solutions
Hero	AEA	11/18/2021	Digital customer experience agency with multiple specializations across the Adobe Experience Cloud and Marketo
comwrap	- ₹ REPLY	10/28/2021 ¹	Cloud-based customer experience and commerce consulting across Adobe Experience Cloud, including Adobe Commerce
PERKUTO	M=RGE	9/30/2021	Marketo consulting firm
₩ Maark	WILLOWTREE* a TELVS International Company	9/15/2021	Digital transformation firm focused on delivering services across the Adobe Experience Cloud
SEARCH DISCOVERY	momentum	9/2/2021	Data transformation firm that delivers services through Adobe Experience Cloud and Data Collector by Adobe
EMAKINA	<epam></epam>	8/18/2021	Digital platform engineering and software development firm with expertise across the Adobe Experience Cloud, including Marketo and Adobe Commerce
bounteous	New Mountain Capital elg	8/3/2021	Digital transformation and experience firm with capabilities across the entire Adobe Experience Cloud
LeapPoint 🔷	RENOVUS	7/21/2021	Digital advisory firm with expertise in implementation, integration, and optimization of Adobe products
valtech ₋	BC PARTNERS	7/13/2021	Digital agency with expertise across the entire Adobe Experience Cloud
//balance	PUBLICIS GROUPE	3/25/2021	eCommerce agency with significant Adobe Commerce expertise (longest standing Magento partner in the APAC region)
S DEMANDGEN	IBDO	3/2/2021	Marketing consulting services firm with expertise around Marketo
Wagento	PROMODED PRO	2/3/2021	Full-service Adobe Commerce development agency

Significant Buyer Interest From a Range of Potential Acquirers

Both strategic acquirers and financial sponsors have indicated strong interest in acquiring targets with specialized Adobe expertise and embedded partnerships

Strategic Acquirers

- Strategic acquirers typically look for highly synergistic targets that can enable them to grow across capabilities, geographies, or access new clients
- Advantages of this type of acquisition include:
 - ✓ Opportunity to be a part of a larger enterprise
 - ✓ Synergy potential and back-office support; typically accelerated growth profile
 - ✓ Potential to support higher valuation due to synergies

Illustrative Buyer Categories:

Mgmt. Consulting / **Professional Services**

Management and strategy consulting firms that are looking to develop their technical expertise

IT Services

Technical consulting firms that are looking to deepen their Adobe partnerships / develop their team to serve a growing client need

Marketing / **Media Firms**

Media firms that are looking to develop more technical expertise in the Experience Cloud while continue to deliver Digital Media support

[We have] strong interest in Adobe - especially sub-product categories such as Marketo and Magento... Adobe is priority one technology ecosystem Adobe data / insights capabilities are of specific interest Adobe broadly is an ecosystem of interest

Financial Sponsors

- · Private equity firms typically look for high growth, cash-flow positive businesses that they can use to generate significant returns following a 3-5-year hold period
- Advantages of this type of acquisition include:
 - ✓ Opportunity to be in the "drivers' seat" for business and strategic direction
 - ✓ "Second bite at the apple" on future exit
 - ✓ Advisory support, particularly on M&A and C-suite recruiting
 - ✓ Deal structures typically more heavily weighted toward equity and cash

Illustrative Buyer Categories:

Private Equity Firms

Financial sponsors are seeking to acquire platform assets that can form the foundation of a longer-term growth strategy that can yield strong returns over 3-7 years

Private Equity-Backed Portfolio Companies

Financial sponsors with pre-existing platforms are seeking bolt-on acquisition opportunities that can accelerate growth and bring them closer to their exit horizon

Within Adobe - anything content management-related is of specific interest

Experience Manager expertise is of particular interest

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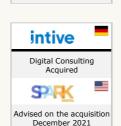




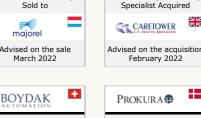
















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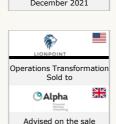












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