ANZ IT & Management Consulting Quarterly Report





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Introducing Equiteq

Equited leverages deep Knowledge Economy expertise to advise in relation to corporate finance and strategic matters including equity value growth, mergers & acquisitions and capital raisings

We are an independent, global investment bank specialising in the Knowledge Economy

Our focus and deep experience in the Knowledge Economy sector provides our clients with the key insights into the markets, buyers, and industry trends needed to ensure the right transaction with an optimal outcome is achieved

	What we do
Sell-side Advisory	 Completed over 150 M&A transactions in the Knowledge Economy Design sale and capital raising processes to optimise value and terms Negotiate and structure complex transactions Cross-border capabilities
ලිල් Strategic Advisory	 Evaluate all options to maximise shareholder value Advised 1,000 clients on equity growth Proprietary database of KPIs, industry benchmarks and best practices, built over 15 years of client engagements
Buy-side Advisory	Identify and evaluate acquisition targetsM&A execution and acquisition advice

What makes us different?							
Global Presence	 Over 70 professionals across 6 offices and 4 continents True global footprint with relationships with buyers and investors across the world Able to leverage existing relationships from global offices to help drive high quality outcomes 						
Sector Focus	 Sector specialists across the Knowledge Economy We are passionate about high growth, IP-driven companies 						
Market Intelligence	 Extensive global coverage – 2,500 buyers covered; over 1,000 buyer calls annually for our mandates and research Global buyside service provides insight into buyer strategies and valuation drivers 						

Global reach and coordination

Our coverage of North America, Europe and Asia Pacific means we can provide our clients with access to a global buyer and investor pool



Proven track record across the Knowledge Economy

We operate solely in the Knowledge Economy, providing in-depth, specialist expertise to a range of services and software businesses

Knowledge Economy sectors

We focus exclusively on companies that leverage intellectual property in the form of software, tech-enabled services, proprietary data/analytics, or methodologies delivered as a professional service



Technology services & outsourcing



Engineering consulting & services



Software & techenabled services



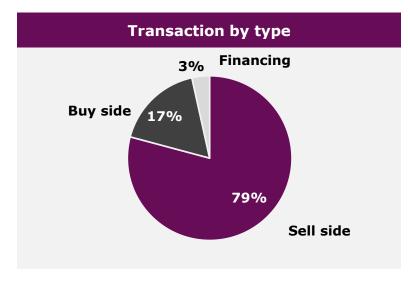
Marketing & information services

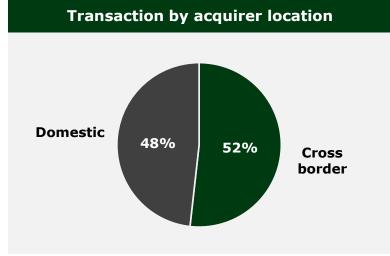


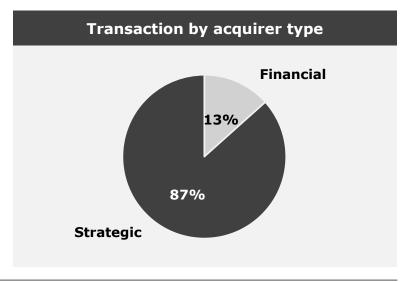
Management consulting



Human capital management







Most active M&A advisor in the Knowledge Economy worldwide

Equited has extensive credentials in the IT & Management Consulting sectors

Selected Completed Transactions







































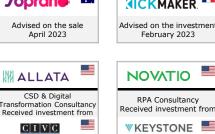
















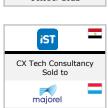












Advised on the sale

March 2022



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Advised on the investment

September 2022

HelloTech

Software CPaaS firm

company Sold to



Advised on the investment

August 2022

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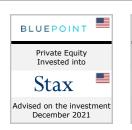
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Market snapshot

Notable market themes and events

Listed indices have continued to rally in 2023, with the tech-heavy Nasdaq posting a particularly strong performance in the last 3 months

M&A deal values and volumes have decreased compared to the previous years. In 2023, many buyers were busy digesting acquisitions from 2021 and 2022, and only pursued "must-have" assets

Key focus areas for M&A in ANZ in 2023 were Cybersecurity, Data, Cloud, Salesforce and Managed Services, with the market continuing to consolidate at a fast pace

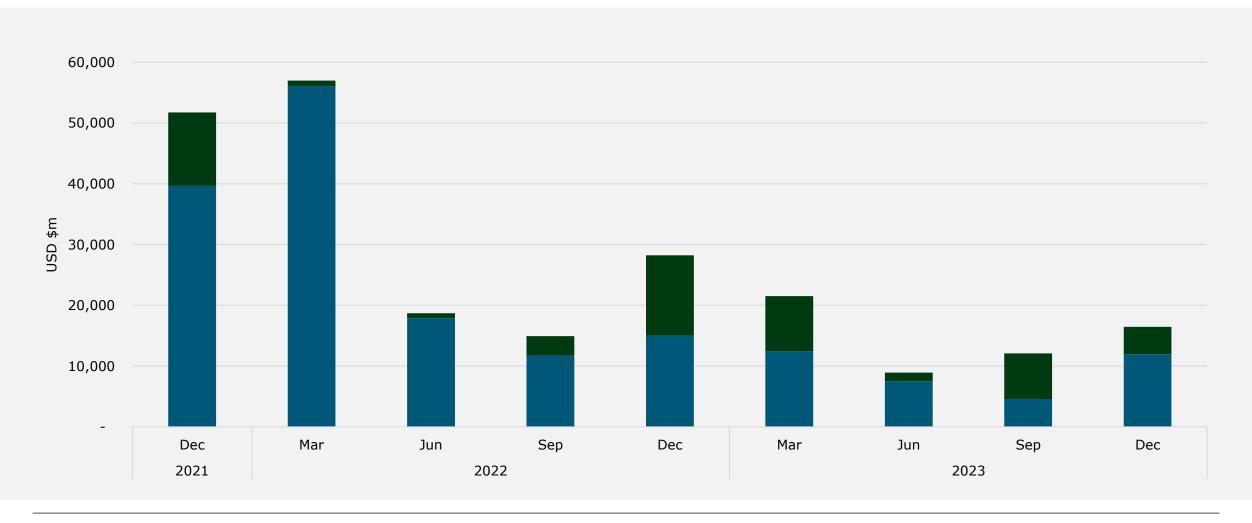
4 M&A deals have been taking longer to close due to industry-wide pressures leading buyers to proceed more cautiously

While Accenture and Deloitte topped the list in terms of number of acquisitions locally, we saw players such as Atturra, COSOL and Orro become more active in M&A

Equited advised on 15+ IT & Management Consulting deals in last 12 months and continues to experience strong demand for companies in the mid-market

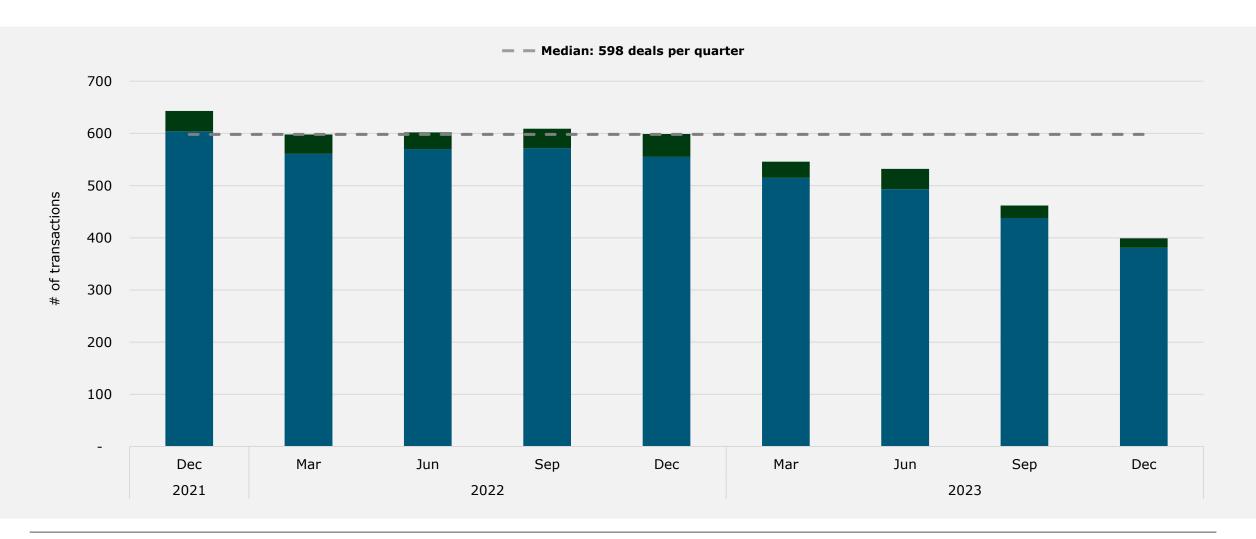
Global IT & Management Consulting M&A deal value

M&A activity has been gradually improving since Q2 2023 with both strategic and financial sponsor buyers more actively participating



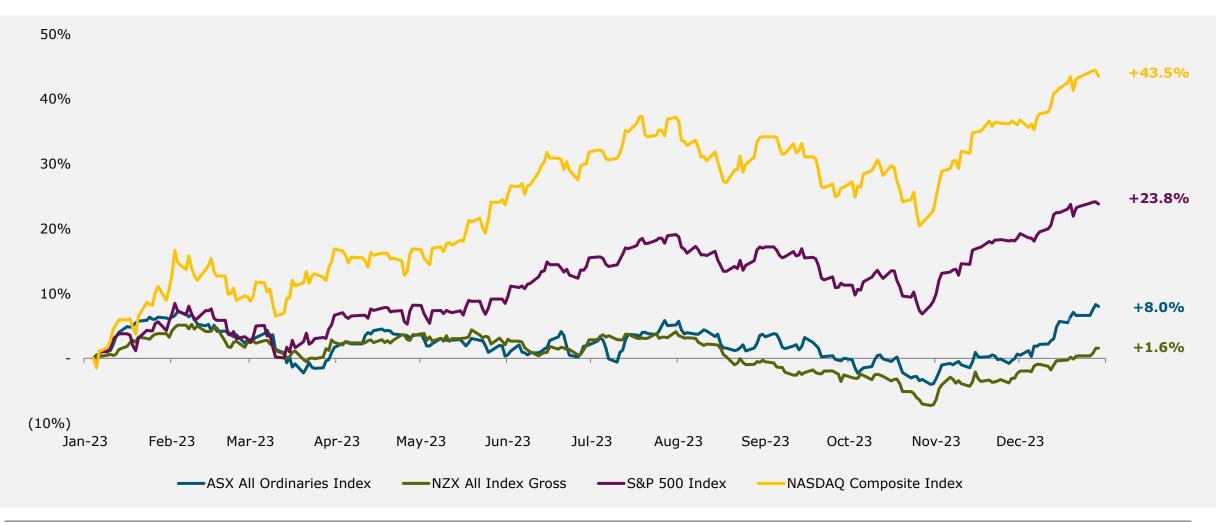
Global IT & Management Consulting M&A deal volume

After witnessing record M&A activity in 2021 and 2022, buyers took a breather in 2023, reflecting lower deal volumes in recent quarters



Market performance

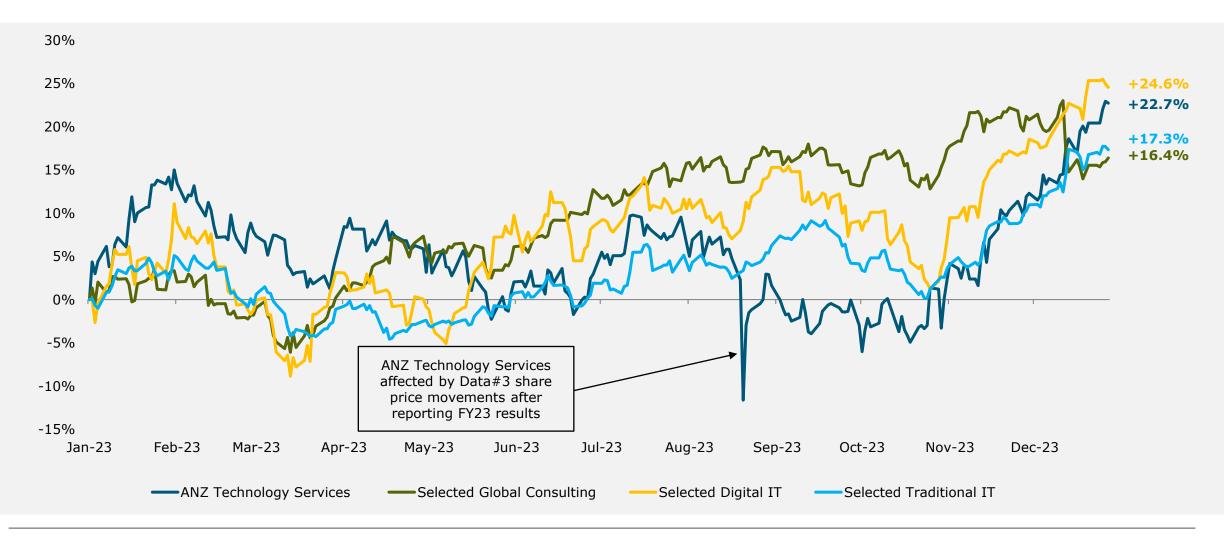
All tracked indices ended 2023 with a positive return, with Nasdaq and S&P 500 gaining strength in the last 2 months of the year on expectations of interest rate cuts in the near term



Source: S&P Capital IQ, cut-off date 31 December 2023
Calculation: indexed market capitalisation weighted performance

IT & Management Consulting sector performance

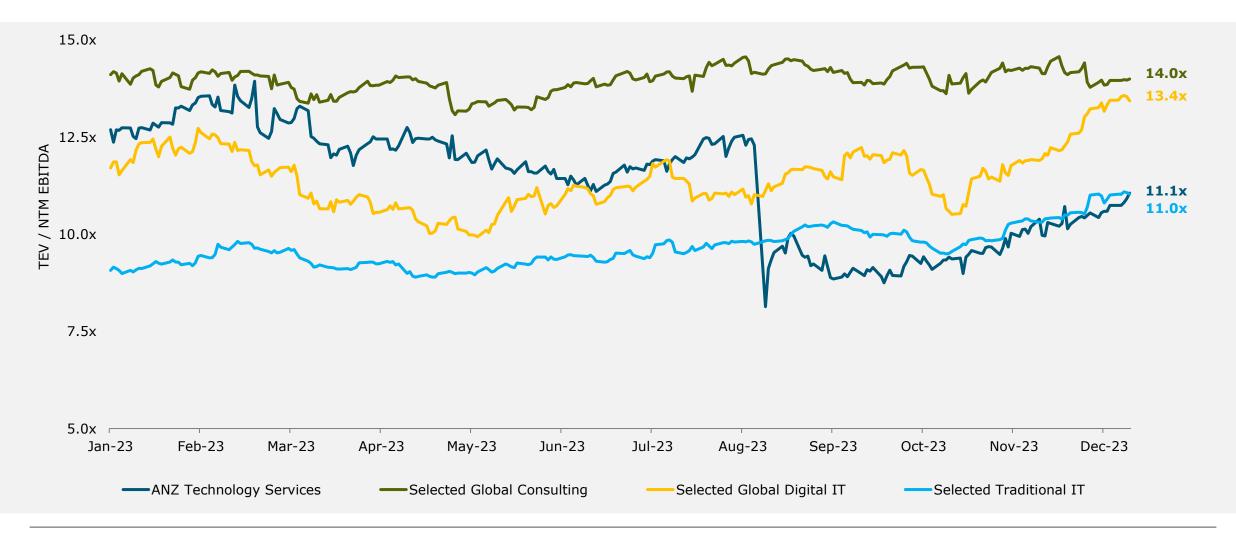
All sectors registered strong performance in the last two months of 2023, in-line with the broader market



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IT & Management Consulting sector multiples

EBITDA multiples have improved in the last two months of 2023, driven by an uplift in share price performance



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Selected ANZ IT & Management Consulting M&A

The table below lists selected M&A transactions across Australia and NZ in the last 12 months

Date	Target	Acquirer	Cross border	EV (A\$m)	EV/Revenue	EV/EBITDA	Description
Dec-23	katzion	Global Logic	✓	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	A CRM consultancy focused on auto and health sectors
Dec-23	CALIBA	Argon&Co*	✓	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Procurement consultancy
Nov-23	Solnet	accenture	✓	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Cloud and infrastructure IT services
Nov-23	NIHAT PEAK ASSET PERFORMANCE	Deloitte.	x	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Asset management consultancy
Oct-23	NW COMPUTING	ollo	x	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Managed services and IT solutions provider
Oct-23	Webcentral	○○ Oakley Capital	√	115	n.a.	n.a.	A leading Australian domains, hosting and e-mail provider
Oct-23	AxSym > Technology	SOCO.	×	11	n.a.	n.a.	Digital consultancy focused on the government sector
Oct-23	▼ VERSENT	Telstra Purple	×	268	2.1x	n.a.	Cloud and data IT services provider
Oct-23	*• Wells Advisory Strategy—Regulation—M&A	MinterEllison	×	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Management consultancy focused on the education sector
Oct-23	IT SECURITY SPECIALISTS	Acheron	×	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Cybersecurity solutions and services provider
Sep-23	symbio [*]	Aussie Broadband	×	284	1.1x	15.6x	Unified Communication as a Service provider
Sep-23	MF & Associates	FUĴÎTSU	✓	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Digital consultancy focused on the government sector
Sep-23	CITÚS Networks	atturra	×	61	0.4x	9.7x	Managed service and IT solutions provider
Sep-23	ASSETUN	COSOL	×	29	n.a.	6.0x	Asset management IT services

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Aug-23	əti	accenture	×	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Digital consultancy in the mining industry
Aug-23	Future Friendly	EY	×	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Strategic design, product development and digital solutions
Aug-23	₽∧₹∧₽∟∧₹≣	Deloitte.	×	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Cybersecurity solutions and services
Jul-23	Max Kelsen	BAIN & COMPANY	✓	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Digital AI consultancy
Jul-23	6 dtwin	Deloitte.	×	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Digital transformation services
Jul-23	pwe	Allegro	×	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Spin-off of Public Sector consultancy division of PwC
Jun-23	digital balance	spinach	×	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Digital analytics and optimisation consultancy
Jun-23	tesserent	THALES	✓	151	1.7x	14.8x	Cybersecurity solutions and services
Jun-23	dek	endava	✓	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Offshore custom software developer
Jun-23	enforce	Deloitte.	×	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Human capital and cloud consultancy
Jun-23	DGA	TSA	✓	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Disputes and expert services consultancy
May-23	Data Addiction	©SEISMA GROUP	×	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Microsoft Data and AI partner
May-23	Henry Riley	TSA	✓	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Project management consultancy
May-23	BOURNE	accenture	×	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	SAP CX partner

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May-23	simplyai	Liverpool Partners	×	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Data analytics & intelligent automation
May-23	Mudbath.	endava	✓	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Strategy, design and engineering consultancy
May-23	Solutions Solutions	ldeagen [?]	✓	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Microsoft partner
May-23	COLOURED LINES	ollo	×	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Full-service VoIP carrier
May-23	liber≱te¤	FUSION5 Business Solutions	×	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Oracle NetSuite solution provider
Apr-23	⊗elabor8 °	c prime	✓	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Agile consultancy
Apr-23	CARNAC	VISEO	✓	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Salesforce partner
Mar-23	HELIX SECURITY SECURITY SECURITY	QUADRANT PRIVATE EQUITY	×	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Cybersecurity, risk, cloud and cyber strategy advisory
Mar-23	Somerville	atturra	×	19	n.a.	7.5x	Managed services provider
Mar-23	ollo	MACQUARIE	×	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Digital networks, cybersecurity, cloud computing services
Feb-23	Rise.CX Digital Enablers	_B BYTE	×	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Cloud and systems solutions for contact centres
Feb-23	LANCEIT	RELEVATE	×	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Managed services provider
Feb-23	GLASS	Deloitte.	×	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Strategy, innovation, data & technology consultancy
Feb-23	be	pwc	×	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Salesforce partner

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Feb-23	Think 180	KPMG	×	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	SAP partner
Feb-23	itoc	/thoughtworks	✓	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	AWS consultancy providing implementation & migration
Feb-23	tquila ANZ	publicis <mark>sapient</mark>	✓	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Salesforce partner
Jan-23	HSD	atturra	×	7	n.a.	5.0x	Azure, Dynamics, and Power Platform consultancy
Jan-23	Fuzzy Log X	Argon&Co*	✓	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Logistics consultancy
Jan-23	TW021	8 SQVAD human strategies at work	×	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Salesforce consultancy
				Mean	1.3x	9.8x	
				Median	1.4x	8.6x	

Equiteq advised transactions



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Trading comparables

The table below lists selected global digital IT and traditional IT players

Company	Enterprise Value '000	Market Cap '000 EV /	Revenue LTM EV / F	Revenue NTM EV /	/ EBITDA LTM EV /	EBITDA NTM	3 Yr. Revenue CAGR	3 Yr. Average Gross Margin	3 Yr. Average EBITDA Margin
Selected Digital IT									
Accenture plc	317,989	322,766	3.4x	3.2x	17.5x	16.9x	13.0%	32.3%	17.5%
Cognizant Technology Solutions Corporation	54,204	55,558	1.9x	1.9x	10.0x	11.0x	5.1%	36.1%	18.0%
EPAM Systems, Inc.	23,036	25,616	3.2x	3.3x	20.2x	19.4x	22.9%	32.6%	15.9%
Globant S.A.	14,925	14,923	5.0x	4.2x	29.4x	20.7x	37.8%	37.6%	16.2%
Endava plc	6,484	6,661	4.6x	4.2x	25.0x	20.2x	29.3%	33.5%	17.5%
Perficient, Inc.	3,868	3,367	2.9x	2.8x	14.4x	13.1x	15.6%	38.3%	19.0%
Thoughtworks Holding, Inc.	2,646	2,276	1.5x	1.6x	18.2x	12.8x	9.4%	32.3%	6.6%
Neurones S.A.	1,435	1,722	1.3x	1.2x	9.9x	9.4x	11.5%	45.7%	11.8%
CI&T Inc	1,217	1,023	1.8x	1.9x	9.7x	10.1x	36.2%	34.7%	17.9%
NCC Group plc	910	761	1.4x	1.4x	12.5x	11.3x	8.3%	40.9%	12.7%
Aubay Société Anonyme	794	895	0.9x	0.9x	9.1x	9.1x	7.7%	12.6%	10.1%
SQLI SA	369	325	0.9x	0.9x	6.9x	7.0x	3.4%	43.4%	10.2%
	Median		1.8x	1.9x	13.4x	12.1x	12.3%	35.4%	16.0%
	Average		2.4x	2.3x	15.2x	13.4x	16.7%	35.0%	14.4%
Selected Traditional IT International Business Machines Corporation	289,271	219,410	3.2x	3.1x	13.3x	12.8x	(6.6%)	54.6%	21.3%
Tata Consultancy Services Limited	233,690	241,886	5.6x	5.2x	13.3x 21.4x	20.0x	14.3%	42.7%	26.2%
Hitachi, Ltd.	114,362	98,175	1.1x	1.3x	7.2x	9.3x	7.9%	24.8%	10.8%
Infosys Limited	110,021	112,547	4.1x	3.9x	16.8x	16.5x	12.9%	30.8%	24.4%
HCL Technologies Limited	67,022	69,968	3.5x	3.3x	16.5x	14.7x	9.1%	37.4%	22.0%
Capqemini SE	59,998	52,320	1.6x	1.6x	11.0x	10.8x	15.6%	26.5%	13.4%
NTT DATA Group Corporation	58,359	29,167	1.3x	1.3x	9.4x	9.1x	22.8%	26.5%	15.4%
Fujitsu Limited	41,931	41,724	1.1x	1.0x	9.8x	8.7x	0.5%	30.7%	11.4%
Wipro Limited	40,797	43,575	2.5x	2.5x	13.1x	13.5x	14.5%	29.5%	19.1%
CGI Inc.	39,470	37,063	2.5x	2.4x	13.3x	11.8x	5.5%	30.9%	17.6%
Tech Mahindra Limited	19,300	19,839	2.0x	2.1x	17.0x	16.7x	12.4%	33.1%	14.3%
DXC Technology Company	12,712	6,497	0.6x	0.6x	9.3x	3.7x	(9.4%)	21.7%	10.9%
Sopra Steria Group SA	8,154	6,474	0.9x	0.8x	8.5x	6.6x	7.1%	13.9%	9.4%
Atos SE	6,756	1,269	0.4x	0.4x	3.7x	3.7x	(0.4%)	3.7%	6.3%
Indra Sistemas, S.A.	4,412	4,004	0.4x 0.6x	0.4x 0.6x	7.2x	5.9x	11.1%	22.1%	8.3%
Zensar Technologies Limited	2,254	2,459	2.6x	2.5x	16.6x	14.0x	6.8%	20.7%	13.3%
Sword Group S.E.	613	616	1.3x	1.2x	11.6x	9.8x	9.0%	47.0%	10.7%
	Median		1.6x	1.6x	11.6x	10.8x	9.0%	29.5%	13.4%
	Average		2.1x	2.0x	12.1x	11.0x	7.8%	29.2%	15.0%

Note: Currency in AUD; Only companies with Enterprise Value ≥A\$20m included; As of 31 December 2023

Source: CapIQ

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Trading comparables

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Company	Enterprise Value '000	Market Cap '000 EV /	Revenue LTM EV /	Revenue NTM E	V / EBITDA LTM EV /	/ EBITDA NTM	3 Yr. Revenue CAGR	3 Yr. Average Gross Margin	3 Yr. Average EBITDA Margin
Selected Consulting									
Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc.	156,935	138,049	4.8x	4.4x	16.7x	15.8x	9.2%	43.3%	26.3%
Booz Allen Hamilton Holding Corporation	29,101	24,574	2.0x	1.8x	26.6x	16.8x	8.8%	23.4%	9.2%
FTI Consulting, Inc.	10,759	10,268	2.2x	2.0x	15.8x	17.4x	11.1%	31.6%	12.2%
ICF International, Inc.	4,788	3,703	1.7x	1.6x	14.9x	14.9x	10.1%	36.3%	9.6%
Huron Consulting Group Inc.	3,184	2,610	1.6x	1.5x	13.0x	11.9x	15.0%	30.4%	11.0%
Wavestone SA	1,890	1,890	2.0x	1.4x	12.2x	9.8x	11.3%	25.6%	17.0%
CRA International, Inc.	1,192	1,021	1.3x	1.2x	8.8x	11.4x	7.4%	29.7%	11.7%
	Median		2.0x	1.6x	14.9x	14.9x	10.1%	30.4%	11.7%
	Average		2.2x	2.0x	15.4x	14.0x	10.4%	31.5%	13.9%

ANZ Technology Services									
Data#3 Limited	925	1,306	0.4x	0.3x	16.5x	14.8x	16.4%	3.0%	2.1%
COSOL Limited	186	176	2.4x	1.7x	15.9x	11.2x	80.7%	25.3%	15.7%
Atturra Limited	171	200	1.0x	0.7x	9.8x	7.2x	32.9%	32.0%	8.8%
SOCO Corporation Ltd	23	29	1.1x	n.a.	6.4x	n.a.	55.9%	40.2%	19.7%
	Madia		1.1x	0.7x	12.8x	11.2x	44.4%	28.7%	12.2%
	Median -								
	Average		1.2x	0.9x	12.2x	11.1x	46.5%	25.1%	11.6%

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