

# QUARTERLY SOFTWARE REPORT

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# KEY OBSERVATIONS Q4 2019



## Q1 2017 – Q4 2019

# MEDIAN EV / SALES FOR SELECTED NORDIC TRANSACTIONS<sup>1</sup>



#### EV / SALES INTERNATIONAL SOFTWARE COMPANIES<sup>2</sup>



IDENTIFIED # OF NORDIC SOFTWARE TRANSACTIONS



- Nordhaven has identified 19 software transactions for Q4, bringing the total volume of the year up to 103, marginally beating the 2018 volume of 100 transactions, the highest level since we started our reporting in 2014.
- Pricing remains strong. Although the high # of PE transactions leads to low price discovery, price rumours confirm the trend we see among listed peers and transactions with announced valuation.
- However, both Q3 and Q4 indicated a somewhat less heated market, after the record
   Q2 with a total of 36 transactions.
- The trend is also in line with our own market intelligence, suggesting increased broken deal situations. Also, investors indicate fewer and farther between quality assets. This may indicate many sellers are exploiting a strong-multiple environment.





#### **INCLUSION CRITERIA**

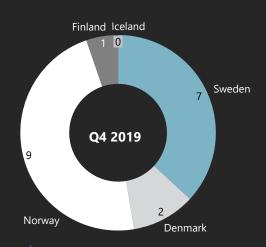
Announced transactions where a Norwegian, Swedish, Finnish, Icelandic or Danish-based software company has been sold during the quarter. The company sold must have the majority of its operations in either of these countries. Consultancy and IT-service (no software) transactions are not included. Minority transactions or transactions that does not create a "change-of-control" situation have also been excluded. Mergermarket is our primary source for identifying eligible transactions. Transactions below 5 MEUR have not been included.

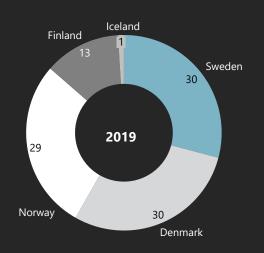
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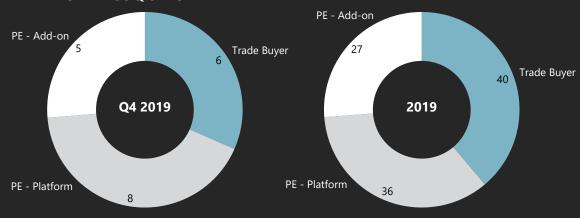
- Nordhaven has identified 19 Nordic software transactions in Q4 2019, which represents 18% of all transactions identified in 2019.
- PEs¹ remain particularly active in this space with 68% of the transaction volume. If we also view Visma's 2 acquisitions as PE add-on, this percentage exceeded 78% of the volume in Q4.
- Norway accounts for almost half of the Nordic transactions during Q4, representing the highest quarterly Norwegian share observed during the past years.
- Both US PE and trade buyers remain active in the Nordic market representing 32% of the volume in Q4 vs. 24% for the whole year.

#### **DEALS BY TARGET'S COUNTRY**

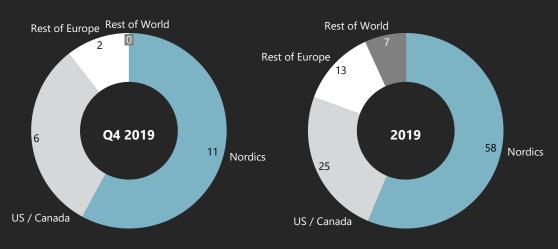




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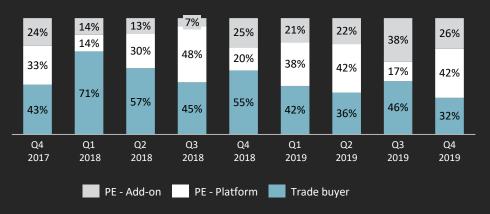


# NORDIC SOFTWARE TRANSACTIONS

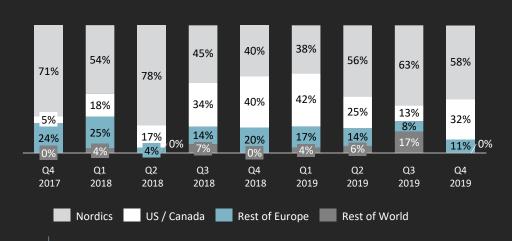


# QUARTER-BY-QUARTER DEVELOPMENT Q4 2017 - Q4 2019

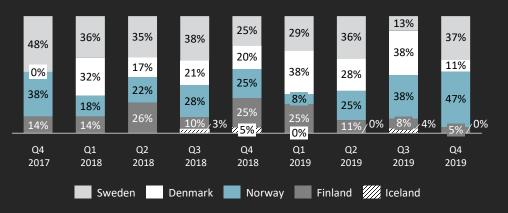
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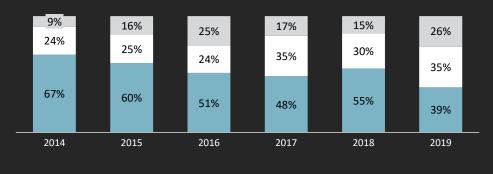


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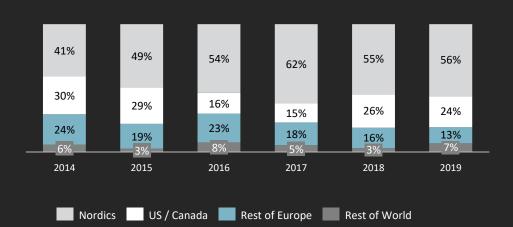
# YEAR-BY-YEAR DEVELOPMENT 2014 - 2019

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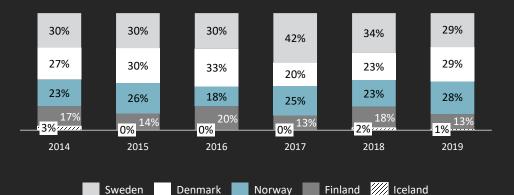


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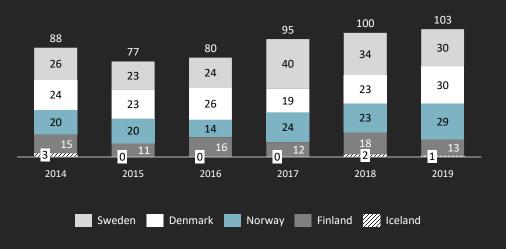
PE - Add-on PE - Platform Trade buyer



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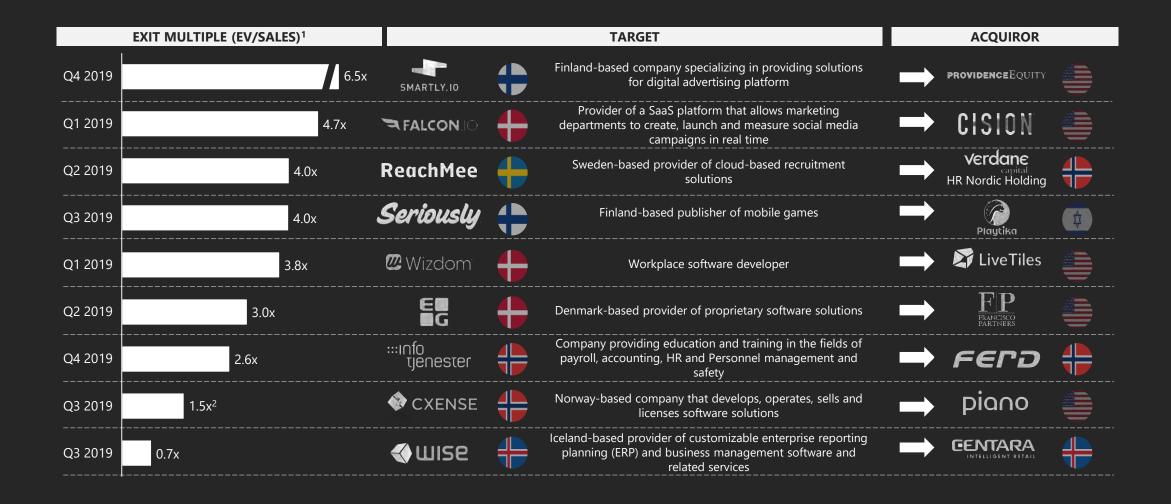
# NOTABLE TRANSACTIONS DURING Q4 2019



	TARGET		REVENUE 2018 (MEUR)	SELLER	ACQUIROR
DATSCHA	Software as a service provider (SaaS) of web-based services for information and analysis of commercial real estate	<b>+</b>	82	STRONGHOLD	REAL CAPITAL E
:::Info tjenester	Company providing education and training in the fields of payroll, accounting, HR and Personnel management and safety	#	39	Private (70%)	FERD #
learning	Company engaged in developing, deploying, supporting and hosting learning platforms and educational software for the education sector	#	30	EQT	sanoma 🛑
<b>OUETT</b> smarte lesninger	Company that provides financial management software and information technology solutions to agricultural and forestry industries	#	19	PROCURITAS	AKKR
FARA	Technology company that provides IT solutions within public transport	#	16	Private	ticketer
onestop REPORTING•	Provider of modern cloud-based accounting systems, primarily for small and medium-sized businesses	#	9	Private	<b>◇</b> VISM∧ #
PowerOffice	Provider of modern cloud-based accounting systems, primarily for small and medium-sized businesses	#	9	Private	<b>◇</b> VISM∧ #

# SELECTED SOFTWARE TRANSACTIONS MULTIPLES – LAST 12 MONTHS

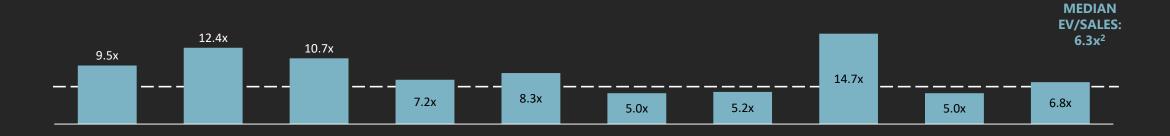


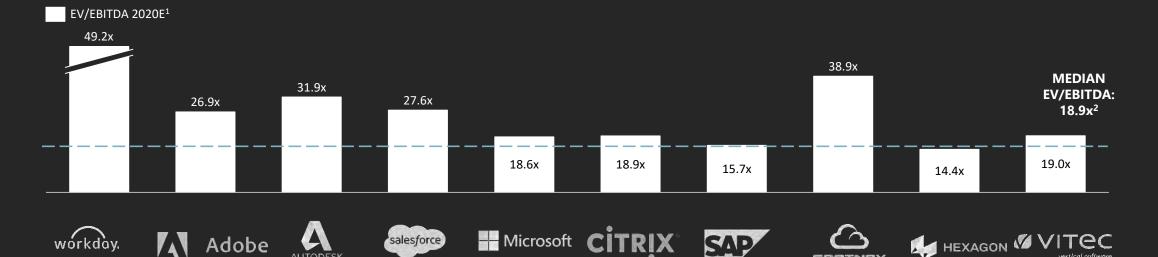


# TRADING MULTIPLES FOR SELECTED INTERNATIONAL AND NORDIC SOFTWARE COMPANIES<sup>1</sup>



EV/SALES 2020E<sup>1</sup>







# LIST OF IDENTIFIED NORDIC SOFTWARE TRANSACTIONS Q4 2019



#	TARGET	TARGET COUNTRY	BIDDER	BIDDER COUNTRY	DATE	TYPE
1	Infotjenester AS (70% Stake)	Norway	Ferd	Norway	December	PE - Platform
2	Unomaly AB	Sweden	LogicMonitor Inc.	USA	December	PE - Add-on
3	Sye AB	Sweden	Amazon	USA	December	Trade Buyer
4	Smartly.io Solutions Oy	Finland	Providence Equity Partners L.L.C.	USA	December	PE - Platform
5	PowerOffice AS	Norway	Visma AS	Norway	December	Trade buyer
6	Duett AS	Norway	Accel-KKR LLC	USA	December	PE - Platform
7	Datscha AB	Sweden	Real Capital Analytics, Inc.	USA	December	PE - Add-on
8	itslearning AS	Norway	Sanoma Oyj	Finland	December	Trade Buyer
9	Tamigo ApS (33.1% Stake)	Denmark	Viking Venture Management AS	Norway	December	PE - Platform
10	FARA AS	Norway	Corvia Limited	United Kingdom	December	PE - Add-on
11	EVRY (Case management / SIKRI AS)	Norway	Karbon Invest	Norway	December	PE - Platform
12	Cegal AS	Norway	DWS Group GmbH & Co. KGaA; Argentum Fondsinvesteringer AS	Norway;Germany	November	PE - Platform
13	Marine Benchmark Gothenburg AB (49% Stake)	Sweden	Simpson Spence Young Limited	United Kingdom	November	Trade Buyer
14	OneStop Reporting AS	Norway	Visma AS	Norway	November	Trade Buyer
15	Quixel AB	Sweden	Epic Games, Inc.	USA	November	PE - Add-on
16	PCG Solutions AB	Sweden	Monterro Software Investment AB	Sweden	November	PE - Platform
17	Nutid AB	Sweden	Small Cap Partners	Sweden	October	PE - Platform
18	4Subsea AS	Norway	Subsea 7 Inc.	United Kingdom,Norway	October	Trade Buyer
19	Calwin A/S	Denmark	EG A/S	Denmark	October	PE - Add-on

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## TOP NORDIC SOFTWARE FINANCIAL ADVISORS BY VOLUME

Deloitte.	10
pwc	9
EY	8
NORDHAVEN  SCHOOL SECTION OF THE PROPERTY OF T	7
ABG SUNDAL COLLIER	7
Carnegie	5
ΛΙΡΗΛ	5
RAYMOND JAMES <sup>®</sup>	4
STELLA EOC	4



### RECENT NORDHAVEN TMT DEALS



















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130

Transactions closed in 2018

300

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€3.3bn

Cumulative value of transactions closed in 2018

# Western Europe

Belgium France Germany Italy The Netherlands Spain Switzerland

United Kingdom

## Northern Europe

Denmark Finland Norway Sweden

## Central & Eastern

# Europe

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Israel Turkey

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# APPENDIX 1: SELECTED NORDIC AND INTERNATIONAL LISTED SOFTWARE COMPANIES



#	TICKER FACTSET	COMPANY NAME	EV/SALES 2020E	EV/EBITDA 2020E
1	WDAY	Workday	9.5x	49.2x
2	ADBE	Adobe Systems	12.4x	26.9x
3	ADSK	Autodesk	10.7x	31.9x
4	NOW	ServiceNow	13.3x	46.7x
5	CRM	Salesforce	7.2x	27.6x
6	DSY-FR	Dassault Systems	7.5x	21.5x
7	INTU	Intuit Inc	9.1x	25.2x
8	ULTI	Ultimate Software	Delisted	Delisted
9	DATA-US	Tableau Software	Acquired by Salesforce	Acquired by Salesforce
10	СНКР	Check Point Software	7.6x	14.8x
11	RHT	Red Hat	Acquired by IBM	Acquired by IBM
12	MSFT	Microsoft	8.3x	18.6x
13	VMW	Vmware	6.1x	16.7x
14	EGAN-US	eGain Corporation	3.1x	79.0x
15	CSOD-US	Cornerstone Ondemand	6.3x	25.2x
16	ENGH-CA	Enghouse Systems	5.6x	18.0x
17	CTXS-US	Citrix	5.0x	18.9x
18	CSU-CA	Constellation Software	5.2x	19.0x
19	SAP-DE	SAP	5.2x	15.7x
20	ORCL	Oracle	5.2x	10.9x
21	CERN-US	Cerner	4.1x	12.8x
22	SGE-GB	Sage Group	4.4x	17.5x
23	NUAN-US	Nuance Communications	4.3x	17.6x
24	NLOK	Symantec Corporation	8.0x	18.0x
25	PRGS	Progress Software	4.8x	12.4x
26	FNOX-SE	Fortnox	14.7x	38.9x
27	HEXA.B-SE	Hexagon	5.0x	14.4x
28	VIT.B-SE	Vitec	6.8x	19.0x



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