

QUARTERLY SOFTWARE REPORT

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KEY OBSERVATIONS Q3 2020

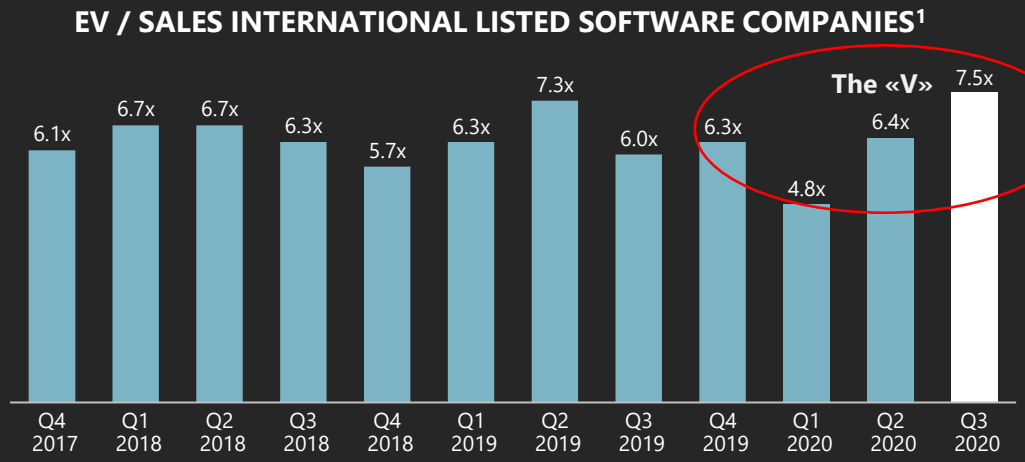
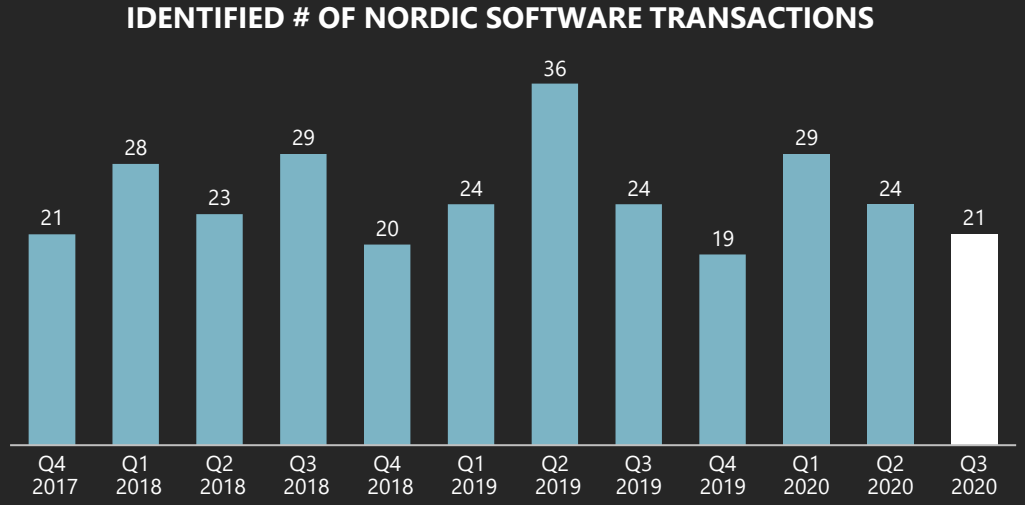
- Nordhaven has identified 21 software transactions for Q3 2020, which is 3 less than Q3 2019.
- The market during Q2 2020 was described as a sharp “V” as prices and volume took a dip but rebounded quickly, particularly evident for software during the COVID-19 lockdown. The re-bounce has continued during Q3 2020 and we observe higher software multiples than any other quarter the last three years.
- Strong pricing, record low interest rates and equity seeking investments shielded from negative COVID-19 impact has led to a sharp increase in IPOs in the sector that might have absorbed some of the deal activity from the Nordic M&A software space.
- We see continued strong interest for recurring nature of software and tech enabled services revenues. We expect high M&A activity in this space going forward, particularly as smaller assets now attract investor interest.

21
transactions
in Q3 2020

7.5x
EV / SALES¹

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-services (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 MUSD have not been included.

Q4 2017 – Q3 2020

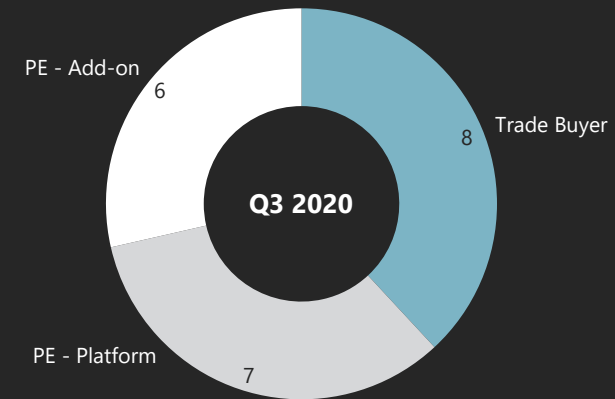


1) Median based on selection of international software companies (appendix 1). Source: Mergermarket, FactSet (October 10, 2020) and Nordhaven analysis.

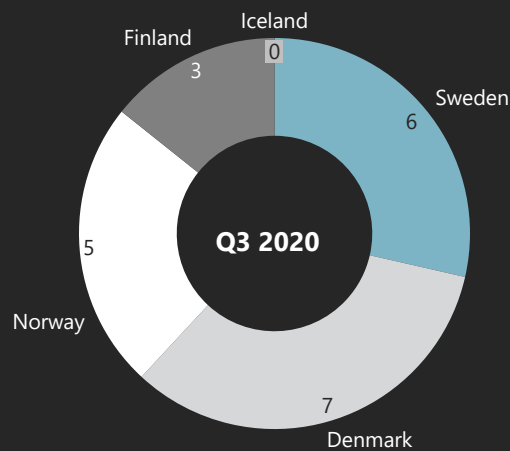
21 TRANSACTIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE NORDIC SOFTWARE SPACE IN Q3 2020

- PE as acquirors dominate Q3 2020 with more than 60% of the transactions being backed by PE, either as platform or as add-on.
- Denmark had the highest number of targets with 33% of the identified transactions, up from 17% in Q2. Denmark also represented a relatively high share of the Nordic transactions in Q3 2019.
- Somewhat higher interest from US this quarter compared to Q2 2020. However, the breakdown is sensitive to how you define geography. Multiple PE add-ons in the Nordics are executed by portfolio companies to European and North American PE investors.

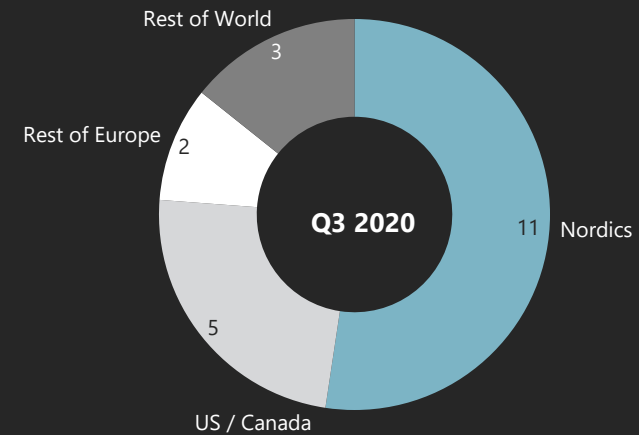
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DEALS BY TARGET'S COUNTRY



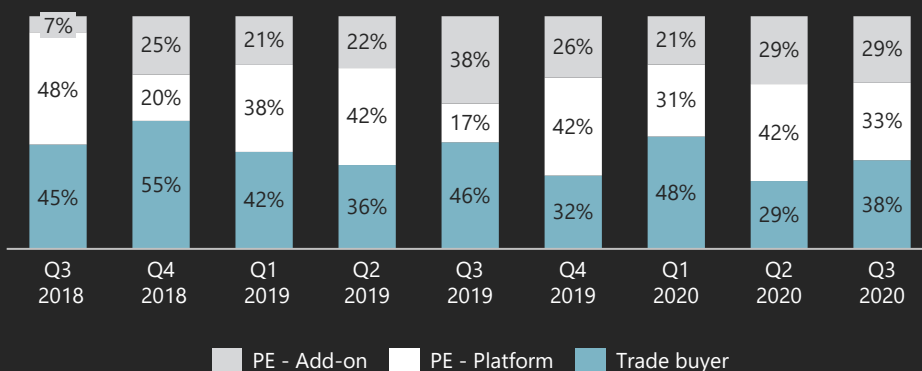
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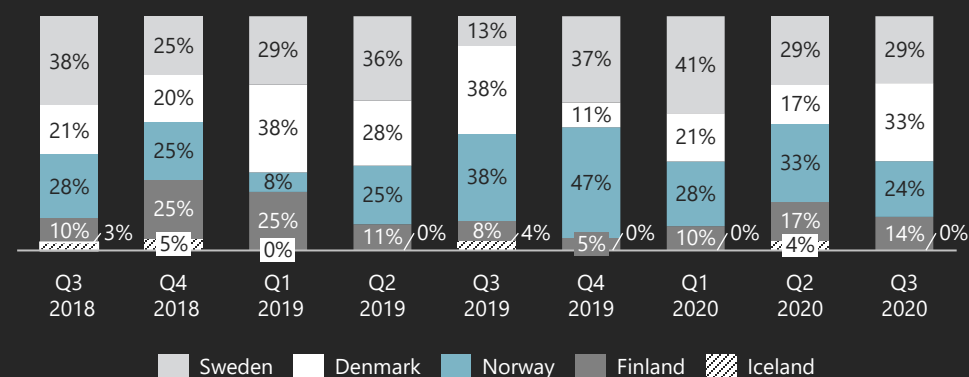
NORDIC SOFTWARE TRANSACTIONS

Quarter-by-Quarter development Q3 2018 - Q3 2020

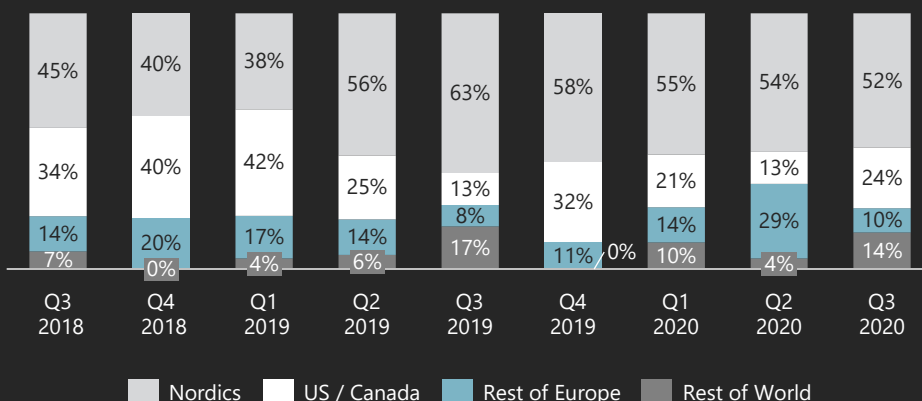
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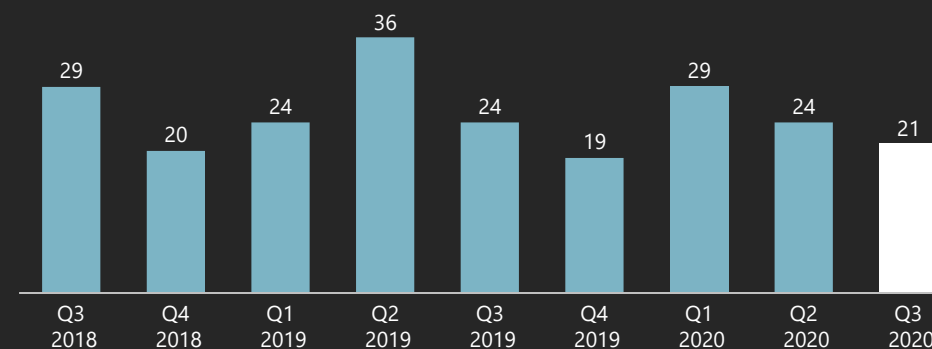
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BREAKDOWN OF DEALS BY ACQUIROR'S REGION



QUARTERLY NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS



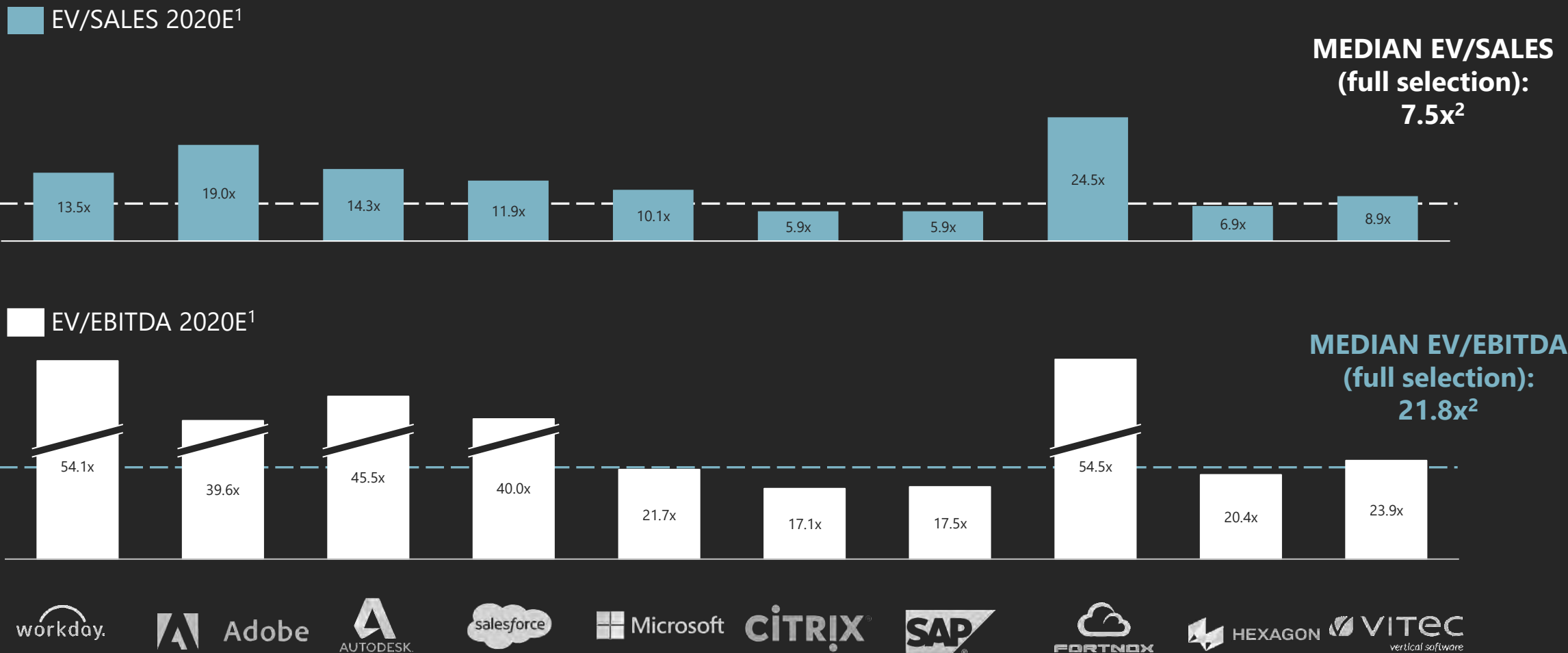
SELECTED TRANSACTIONS DURING Q3 2020

TARGET			REVENUE 2019 (MEUR)	SELLER	ACQUIROR
	Norway-based company engaged in providing software solutions and services		1,528	Montagu private equity	Hg (majority/lead) 
	Sweden-based company engaged in the development and delivering of business software		696	IEQT	IEQT TA ASSOCIATES 
	Denmark-based provider of web governance software		65	SUMMIT PARTNERS	NORDIC CAPITAL (70%) 
	Sweden-based cloud delivery orchestration platform		31	VITRUVIAN PARTNERS	MARLIN EQUITY PARTNERS 
	Norway-based navigational software provider for maritime industry		29	SMEDVIG	AKKR 
	Finland-based software company specialising in HR and other applications		10	n/a	PSG PROVIDENCE STRATEGIC GROWTH 
	Denmark-based developer of employee engagement platform		3	PROMENTUM EQUITY PARTNERS & others	Kahoot! 

SELECTED NORDIC SOFTWARE TRANSACTION MULTIPLES – LAST 12 MONTHS

EXIT MULTIPLE (EV/SALES) ¹	TARGET	ACQUIROR
Q3 2020 6.8x	  Norway-based company engaged in providing software solutions and services	→   (majority/lead)
Q4 2019 6.5x	  Finland-based company specializing in providing solutions for digital advertising platform	→  
Q2 2020 5.7x	  Sweden-based provider of a software as a solution for the financial sector to prevent financial crimes and to assure regulatory compliance	→  
Q3 2020 4.3x	  Sweden-based company engaged in the development and delivering of business software	→   
Q1 2020 3.1x	  Finland-based company that develops and provides cost accounting and production management software	→  
Q4 2019 2.6x	  Company providing education and training in the fields of payroll, accounting, HR and Personnel management and safety	→  

TRADING MULTIPLES FOR SELECTED INTERNATIONAL AND NORDIC SOFTWARE COMPANIES¹



LIST OF IDENTIFIED NORDIC SOFTWARE TRANSACTIONS Q3 2020

#	TARGET	TARGET COUNTRY	BIDDER	SPONSOR	BIDDER GEOGRAPHY	MONTH ¹	TYPE
1	Actimo ApS	Denmark	Kahoot! AS		Nordics	September	Trade Buyer
2	SKJ Systems Oy Ltd	Finland	Confirma Software	Abry Partners	Nordics	September	PE - Add-on
3	Comcare A/S	Denmark	Merzell Holding AS		Nordics	September	Trade Buyer
4	HeroBase A/S	Denmark	Enreach	Waterland Private Equity	Rest of Europe	September	PE - Add-on
5	Siteimprove A/S (70% Stake)	Denmark	Nordic Capital		Nordics	September	PE - Platform
6	Optidev AB	Sweden	Techstep ASA		Nordics	September	Trade Buyer
7	Earth Science Analytics AS (40.53% Stake)	Norway	Sumitomo Corporation; Wintershall Dea Technology Ventures GmbH; Equinor Ventures		Rest of World	September	Trade Buyer
8	Visiopharm A/S	Denmark	BankInvest Group; ATP Group; Northcap Partners; Vaekstfonden; C.L. David Foundation and Collection		Nordics	September	PE - Platform
9	TrademarkNow Oy	Finland	Corsearch, Inc.	Audax Private Equity	US / Canada	August	PE - Add-on
10	NAVTOR AS	Norway	Accel-KKR LLC		US / Canada	August	PE - Platform
11	Sympa Oy	Finland	Providence Strategic Growth Capital Partners LLC		US / Canada	August	PE - Platform
12	Visma AS	Norway	Hg; TPG Capital LP; Warburg Pincus LLC; General Atlantic Service Company, L.P. ; GIC Private Limited; Canada Pension Plan Investment Board		Rest of Europe	August	PE - Platform
13	Concent AS	Norway	KMD A/S		Nordics	August	Trade Buyer
14	DinERP AS	Norway	House of Control AS	Viking Venture	Nordics	August	PE - Add-on
15	Unifaun AB	Sweden	Marlin Equity Partners, LLC		US / Canada	August	PE - Platform
16	Modcam AB	Sweden	Cisco Systems, Inc.		US / Canada	July	Trade Buyer
17	Mindville AB	Sweden	Atlassian Corporation Plc		Rest of World	July	Trade Buyer
18	Industrial & Financial Systems AB	Sweden	EQT Partners AB; TA Associates Management, LP.		Nordics	July	PE - Platform
19	Sport Solution A/S	Denmark	BRP Systems AB	Valdeo Partnes	Nordics	July	PE - Add-on
20	A-Data A / S	Denmark	EG A/S	Francisco Partners	Nordics	July	PE - Add-on
21	Zenuity AB (50% Stake)	Sweden	Volvo Car Corporation Ltd.		Rest of World	July	Trade Buyer

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	5
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	4



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On the acquisition of



2020

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On the acquisition of



2020



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2020



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2019

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2019

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2019

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Italy
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Spain
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APPENDIX 1: SELECTED INTERNATIONAL LISTED SOFTWARE COMPANIES

#	TICKER FACTSET	COMPANY NAME	EV/SALES 2020E	EV/EBITDA 2020E	ESTIMATE DATE
1	WDAY	Workday	13.5x	54.1x	Estimate Jan 2021
2	ADBE	Adobe Systems	19.0x	39.6x	Estimate Nov 2020
3	ADSK	Autodesk	14.3x	45.5x	Estimate Jan 2021
4	NOW	ServiceNow	23.8x	75.5x	Estimate Dec 2020
5	CRM	Salesforce	11.9x	40.0x	Estimate Jan 2021
6	DSY-FR	Dassault Systems	9.9x	29.0x	Estimate Dec 2020
7	INTU	Intuit Inc	10.7x	28.0x	Estimate Jul 2021
8	ULTI	Ultimate Software	Delisted	Delisted	
9	DATA-US	Tableau Software	Acquired by Salesforce	Acquired by Salesforce	
10	CHKP	Check Point Software	8.0x	15.9x	Estimate Dec 2020
11	RHT	Red Hat	Acquired by IBM	Acquired by IBM	
12	MSFT	Microsoft	10.1x	21.7x	Estimate Jun 2021
13	VMW	Vmware	5.9x	15.7x	Estimate Jan 2021
14	EGAN-US	eGain Corporation	6.4x	59.0x	Estimate Jun 2021
15	CSOD-US	Cornerstone Ondemand	5.3x	17.4x	Estimate Dec 2020
16	ENGH-CA	Enghouse Systems	7.5x	22.4x	Estimate Oct 2020
17	CTXS-US	Citrix	5.9x	17.1x	Estimate Dec 2020
18	CSU-CA	Constellation Software	6.3x	21.8x	Estimate Dec 2020
19	SAP-DE	SAP	5.9x	17.5x	Estimate Dec 2020
20	ORCL	Oracle	5.7x	11.5x	Estimate May 2021
21	CERN-US	Cerner	4.3x	13.8x	Estimate Dec 2020
22	SGE-GB	Sage Group	4.4x	17.2x	Estimate Sep 2020
23	NUAN-US	Nuance Communications	8.1x	32.5x	Estimate Sep 2020
24	NLOK	NortonLifeLock	6.0x	11.2x	Estimate Mar 2021
25	PRGS	Progress Software	4.2x	10.3x	Estimate Nov 2020
26	FNOX-SE	Fortnox	24.5x	54.5x	Estimate Dec 2020
27	HEXA.B-SE	Hexagon	6.9x	20.4x	Estimate Dec 2020
28	VIT.B-SE	Vitec	8.9x	23.9x	Estimate Dec 2020



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