



Waste Management Tech – Market Update

Q2 2024

IKONA At-a-Glance and Key Statistics

At IKONA, we're transparent about our focus areas and excel at partnering with companies that fit our specialized parameters

Sector Expertise



Vertical Software

- Education Technology
- Industrial and Manufacturing
- HCIT
- Media and Entertainment
- GovTech and Non-Profit
- Real Estate and Hospitality
- Waste Management
- Professional Services



Application Software

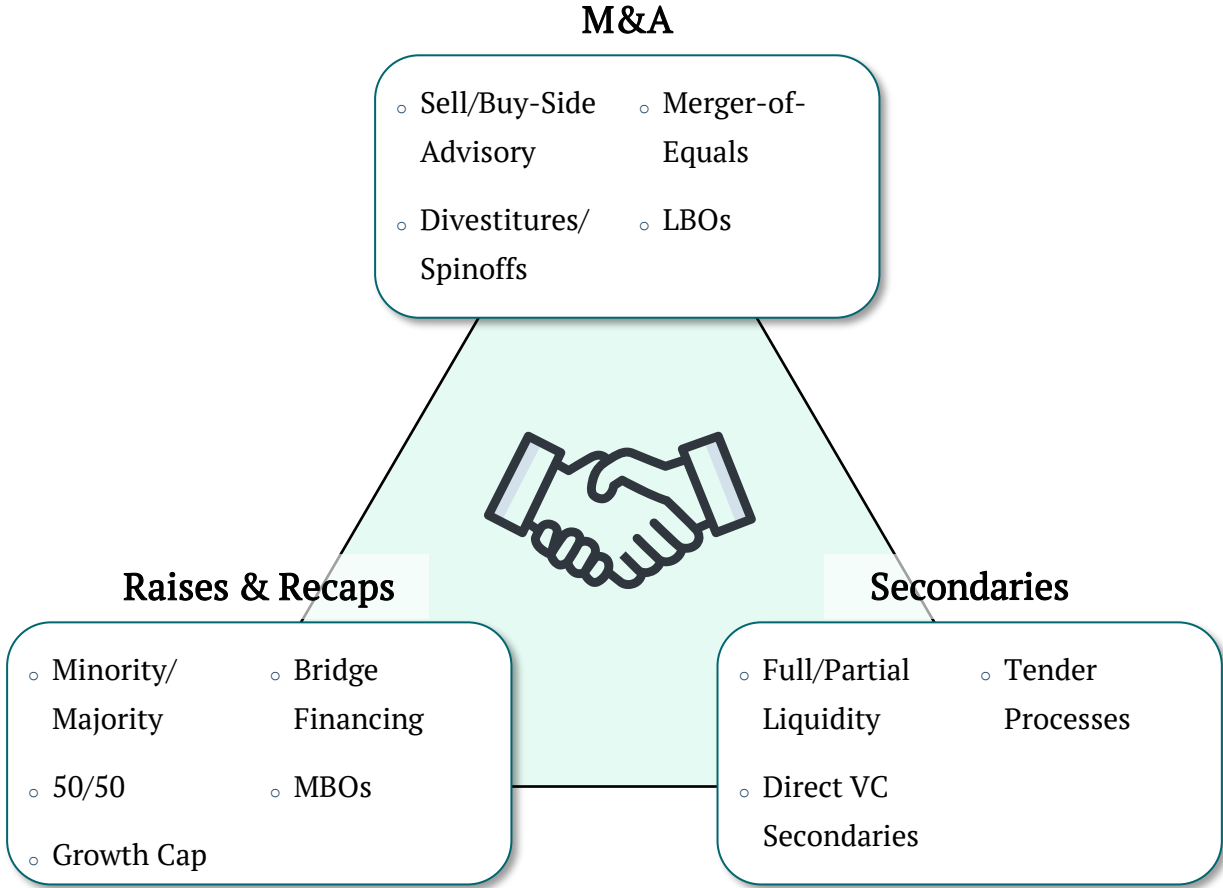
- GRC & Cybersecurity
- Supply Chain & Logistics
- HCM, Safety, and Workforce
- Sales Enablement
- Marketing Tech
- Analytics
- Asset Management



SMB, Data, and Tech-Enabled Services

- Field Services & Payments
- Data-as-a-Service
- Data Enablement
- Mobile Apps
- Digital Commerce

Transaction Types



IKONA Founders: Passionate Deal-Makers, Strong Track Record

We are active shareholders that own 100% of the firm. Every transaction matters to us, and every client is served by multiple experienced decision-makers. We are not a “volume shop,” but rather a true boutique, where we are highly selective and dedicated to a few choice engagements



David Cho
Managing Partner

IB Experience: 13 years
San Francisco, CA

VPA  



Chet Kristy
Partner

IB Experience: 8 years
Charlotte, NC

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End-User Market Canvas






The end-user of the product determines the sub-verticals that make up the waste management tech landscape

Solid Waste	Liquid Waste	Organic Waste	Oil Field Waste	Hazardous Waste	Recycling
 <p>Municipal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipal Solid Waste, or MSW, includes a wide variety of residential and commercial materials that would commonly be defined as trash <p>Industrial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generated by industrial or manufacturing processes Special classification that is non-hazardous and non-household produced, but still requires proper disposal <p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commonly referred to as construction and demolition or C&D waste Primarily comprised of debris such as steel, wood products, drywall, brick, concrete and more Falls outside of the scope of Industrial and MSW 	 <p>Wastewater</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generated from the contamination of fresh water through domestic, commercial, or industrial use; as well as surface runoff or storm water <p>Fats, Oils, and Grease</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Known as FOG, includes a combination of fats, oils, and grease used in food preparation and processing FOG accumulation in City sewers results in a significantly increased maintenance and replacement costs 	 <p>Food Waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food that would be fit for consumption but is instead discarded for various reasons along the supply chain or at the consumption phase Estimated to be between 30 and 40% of the total food supply ¹ <p>Green Waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biological waste that generally breaks down over a short period of time or can be composted Includes agricultural materials such as cut grass and flowers, leaves, branches, as well as common household waste such as coffee grounds and eggshells 	 <p>Harmful Substance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> While not technically regulated as hazardous, typical oilfield waste includes materials left behind that have negative impacts on health and the environment Includes Emulsions, spent drilling muds, drill cuttings, and more <p>Produced Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most oil and gas waste by volume is generated by produced water Contains components complicating disposal such as dissolved salts, heavy metals, and naturally occurring radioactive substances 	 <p>Medical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generated from all types of healthcare facilities, veterinary clinics, and medical research laboratories Includes materials contaminated by blood, bodily fluids, infectious materials, and more <p>Dangerous Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encompasses a wide variety of dangerous materials such as ammunition and explosives, radioactive material, harmful chemicals, and asbestos 	 <p>Mechanical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most prevalent recycling method globally Involves mechanically transforming waste into new materials without altering the chemical structure <p>Energy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commonly known as waste-to-energy Diverts waste from traditional disposal sites like landfills to generate energy through combustion <p>Chemical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Involves altering the chemical structure of waste materials to reprocess and repurpose them for use as raw material in new industries

Evolving Landscape

Over the past ten years, the waste management software space has rapidly developed as numerous vertical and horizontal players provide specialized solutions across many use-cases

Waste Management Software Subsectors

















































Solid Waste	Wastewater	Food Waste	Medical & Haz Waste	Recycling
				

Horizontal Waste Management Software Companies



Recent Notable Transactions

The waste management software space has seen significant transaction volume in the past five years from private equity and PE-backed platforms as well as standalone strategics. We expect continued consolidation as cross-sell, geographic expansion, and economies of scale become even more important to developing category-leading platforms

Growth/ Private Equity	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/22/2024 Wastewater Treatment Management 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: N/A Implied Revenue Multiple: N/A 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/16/2024 Fresh Item Management 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: N/A Implied Revenue Multiple: N/A 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10/3/2023 Food Waste Management 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: N/A Implied Revenue Multiple: N/A 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6/19/2023 Industrial Waste Management 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: N/A Implied Revenue Multiple: N/A
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11/17/2022 Food Services 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: N/A Implied Revenue Multiple: N/A 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10/11/2022 Fleet Management 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: N/A Implied Revenue Multiple: N/A 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6/21/2022 EH&S Documentation 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: N/A Implied Revenue Multiple: N/A 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5/12/2022 Business Optimization 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: N/A Implied Revenue Multiple: N/A
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3/2/2022 IT Systems 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: N/A Implied Revenue Multiple: N/A 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/18/2022 Electronics Recycling 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: \$1.0B E Implied Revenue Multiple: 2.89x 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12/1/2021 Supply Chain Waste Management 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: \$284M Implied Revenue Multiple: 16.8x 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11/17/2021 CRM 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: N/A Implied Revenue Multiple: N/A
Strategic M&A	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11/14/2022 Food Services 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: N/A Implied Revenue Multiple: N/A 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9/13/2022 Wastewater ops management 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: N/A Implied Revenue Multiple: N/A 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7/8/2022 Green Waste 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: N/A Implied Revenue Multiple: N/A 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6/16/2021 Dispatching/ Logistics 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: N/A Implied Revenue Multiple: N/A
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5/31/2021 Waste Management Platform 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: N/A Implied Revenue Multiple: N/A 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3/24/2021 Risk Management 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: N/A Implied Revenue Multiple: N/A 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/7/2021 MSW 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: N/A Implied Revenue Multiple: N/A 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/29/2020 Waste Management Platform 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: N/A Implied Revenue Multiple: N/A
	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7/1/2019 EH&S 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: \$570M Implied Revenue Multiple: N/A 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/21/2019 Recycling 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: N/A Implied Revenue Multiple: N/A 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7/27/2018 Logistics 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: N/A Implied Revenue Multiple: N/A 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11/30/2017 Smart Control Systems 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EV: \$.2M Implied Revenue Multiple: N/A

Target | Investor

Expectations for the Waste Management Tech Industry

The waste management tech space is evolving due to growing concerns about the ever-increasing global waste output

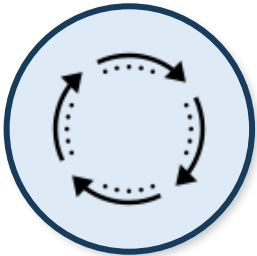
Immediate



Commodity and Energy Prices, Labor Costs, and Circular Economy

- Rising commodity and energy prices make efficient material recycling more profitable, including mechanical recycling of waste into raw materials, energy recycling/carbon capture, biogas capture, resale of rare earth/strategic metals, and more
- Growing volume of landfill trash and associated environmental risks including fire, pollution, and other risks to human health make technological fixes to air and water quality an immediate priority
- The historically labor-intensive waste management industry is rapidly automating, especially in higher income countries where labor is increasingly expensive. Software-based workflows and hardware/robotics will allow for greater operational efficiency
- Increased demand for waste management technologies that facilitate resource recovery and recycling such as material recovery facilities (MRFs), advanced sorting technologies, and decentralized recycling systems to promote the reuse and repurposing of materials

1 – 5 Years



Focus on Regulations and Tech-enabled Efficiency

- Stricter regulations and policies (mainly stemming from CA and the EU) aimed at reducing waste generation and promoting sustainable waste management practices will drive innovation and a need to adapt by companies even far afield from waste management, especially oil & gas, tech, and industrial companies
- AI, Internet of Things, and robotics have already revolutionized many waste management processes through smart sensors for real-time monitoring, predictive analytics for optimizing collection routes, and robotic systems for automated sorting and processing of recyclable materials
- We expect an exponential increase in hazardous waste production as weapons manufacturing ramps up, requiring added resources for proper disposal
- The developed world is on the verge of a generational turnover in wealth and company management; as responsibility shifts to younger, more tech-savvy investors, the waste industry will see greater adoption of efficiency-related technology

5 – 10+ Years



Complete Cost-Effective Automation

- Next generation technologies will fully automate the waste management space, including nanomaterial-based filters for removing harmful chemicals and microplastics from wastewater and enzymes for the breakdown of organic pollutants into harmless byproducts
- Driverless car technology for solid waste pickup has not yet been perfected, but will be a catalyst for municipal cost containment in the future
- Increasing public awareness about the environmental and social impacts of waste will influence innovation in waste management technologies. There will be a greater emphasis on transparency, accountability, and community engagement in waste management practices, driving the development of solutions that are transparent and allow for long-term solutions looking 100+ years into the future

Top Acquirers

Investment for software companies in the waste management industry is varied, with many one-off transactions and a handful of repeat players making acquisitions (both strategic and buyout) or providing capital



Dry powder: \$8.9B
Active portfolio: 70

Focus Areas: Logistics, fleet management



AKKR works exclusively with mid-market enterprise software and technology-enabled services companies to drive growth and create value



EV: ND
Clearlake Capital
20 acquisitions
FTEs: ~1,000

Focus Areas: Horizontal waste management software



AMCS offers software and technology solutions that streamline logistics- With a specific focus on the waste and recycling industries they drive efficiency through process standardization and optimization



Dry powder: \$19.3B
Active portfolio: 52

Focus Areas: Logistics, food waste, waste management platform



HG Capital Partners is one of the largest investors in the software and service business space, targeting numerous verticals that include fleet management/ logistics and food waste management



Dry powder: \$481M
Active portfolio: 17

Focus Areas: Fleet management, process optimization



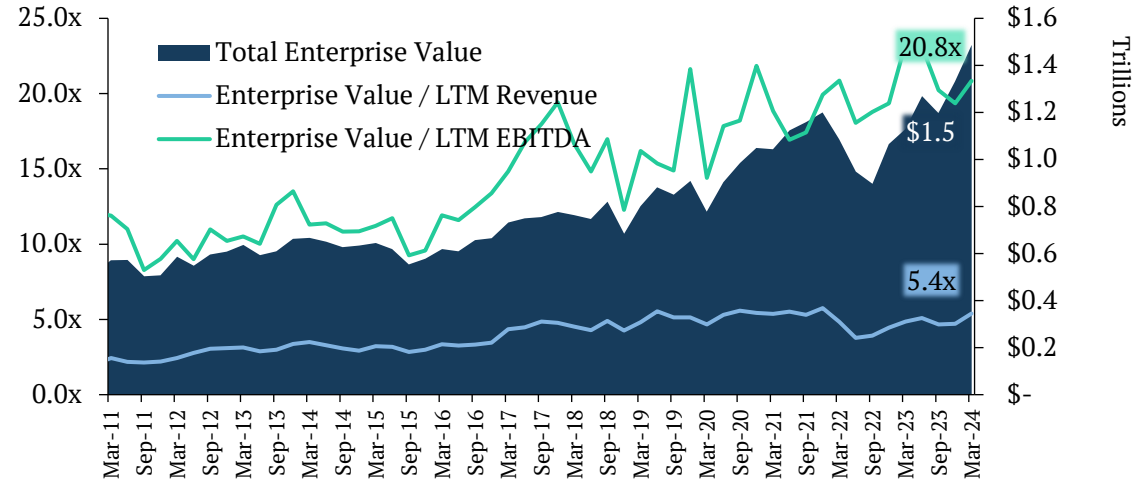
Banneker Partners makes investments in growth-oriented software companies, including multiple stakes in fleet management/ logistics-oriented firms



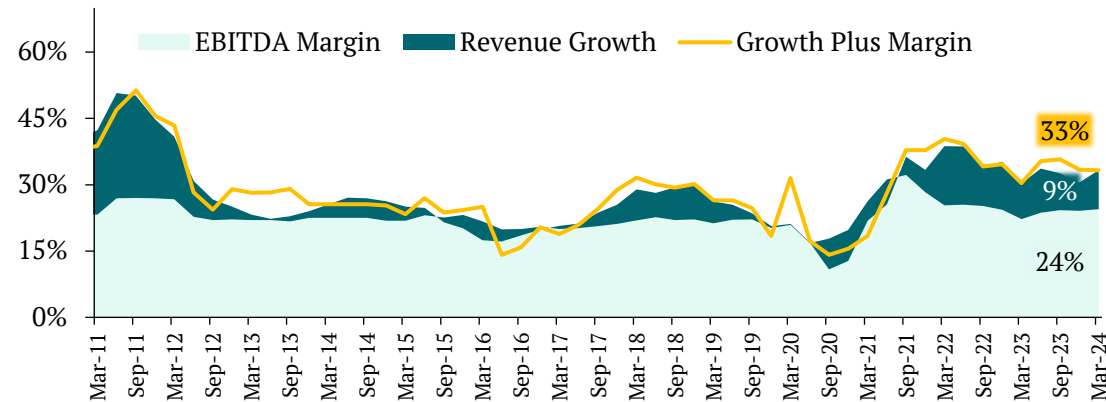
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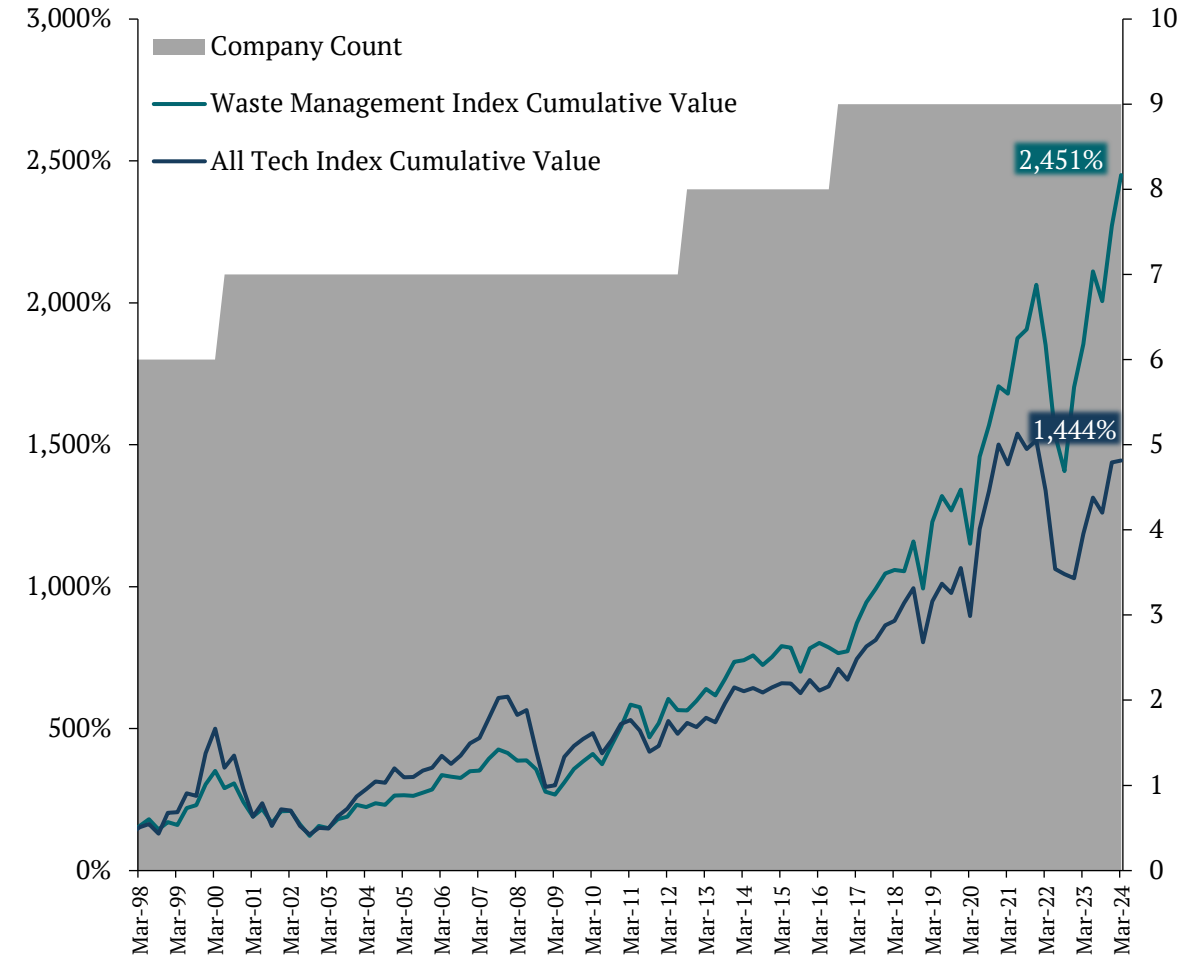
Median Subsector Trading Multiples



Subsector Growth + Margin



Company Count and Subsector Index vs. All Tech Index



Waste Management Trading Details

Comparable Public Companies

(USD, in millions, except stock price) Company	Stock Price 4/16/2024	Market Cap	Cash	Enterprise Value	Revenue			EBITDA			Enterprise Value / Revenue			Enterprise Value / EBITDA			Revenue Growth	EBITDA Margin	Growth + Margin	Gross Margin
					NTM	LTM	Last FY	NTM	LTM	Last FY	NTM	LTM	Last FY	NTM	LTM	Last FY	NTM	NTM	NTM	LTM
Waste Management Technology																				
Oracle	\$ 119.88	\$ 329,492	\$ 9,904	\$ 408,127	\$ 56,417	\$ 52,510	\$ 49,954	\$ 29,857	\$ 20,345	\$ 18,454	7.2x	7.8x	8.2x	13.7x	20.1x	22.1x	7%	53%	60%	72%
International Business Machines	181.25	166,160	13,441	212,734	64,053	61,860	61,860	15,776	14,023	14,023	3.3x	3.4x	3.4x	13.5x	15.2x	15.2x	4%	25%	28%	55%
SAP	180.23	213,337	12,677	210,654	37,469	33,768	33,768	10,034	7,602	7,602	5.6x	6.2x	6.2x	21.0x	27.7x	27.7x	11%	27%	38%	72%
ServiceNow	755.81	151,122	4,877	148,529	11,405	8,971	8,971	4,006	1,292	1,292	13.0x	16.6x	16.6x	37.1x	NM	NM	27%	35%	62%	79%
Honeywell	194.02	126,356	8,095	140,382	38,962	36,662	36,662	10,123	8,779	8,779	3.6x	3.8x	3.8x	13.9x	16.0x	16.0x	6%	26%	32%	37%
Schneider Electric	225.85	126,085	5,191	137,076	41,706	38,849	38,849	8,763	7,820	7,820	3.3x	3.5x	3.5x	15.6x	17.5x	17.5x	7%	21%	28%	42%
Roper Technologies	528.26	56,536	214	62,695	7,046	6,178	6,178	2,887	2,663	2,663	8.9x	10.1x	10.1x	21.7x	23.5x	23.5x	14%	41%	55%	70%
Rockwell Automation	285.90	32,762	440	36,245	9,367	9,129	9,058	2,097	1,791	1,985	3.9x	4.0x	4.0x	17.3x	20.2x	18.3x	3%	22%	25%	41%
Fortive	81.60	28,673	1,889	30,600	6,549	6,065	6,065	1,866	1,571	1,571	4.7x	5.0x	5.0x	16.4x	19.5x	19.5x	8%	28%	36%	59%

LTM = Last Twelve Months NM = Not Material FY = Calendar Year

Sources: PitchBook, Company Filings, and IP Estimates

Sorted by Enterprise Value

25th Percentile	3.6x	3.8x	3.8x	13.9x	17.1x	17.1x	6%	25%	28%	42%
Median	4.7x	5.0x	5.0x	16.4x	19.8x	18.9x	7%	27%	36%	59%
75th Percentile	7.2x	7.8x	8.2x	21.0x	21.1x	22.5x	11%	35%	55%	72%
Mean	5.9x	6.7x	6.8x	18.9x	20.0x	20.0x	10%	31%	41%	58%

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