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#### Q3 2016 # Mergers and Acquisitions Trend Report

#### **Q3 2016 KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- The largest transaction in Q3 2016 was AOL Inc.'s announced acquisition of Yahoo's core operating business for \$4.8 billion. This deal doesn't include Yahoo's shares in Alibaba Group Holdings or Yahoo Japan.
- There were 149 financially sponsored transactions in the 1st 3 Quarters of 2016 with an aggregate value of \$20.9 billion, representing 11 percent of the total volume and 17 percent of the total value, respectively.

#### Q3 2016 KEY TRENDS

- Total transaction volume in Q3 2016 declined by seven percent over Q2 2016, from 456 to 423.
- Total transaction value in Q3 2016 fell 47 percent over Q2 2016, from \$56.6 billion to \$30.1 billion. This followed a nearly 50 percent rise in Q2 2016, which was the industry's peak throughout the past seven quarters and mainly attributable to Microsoft's announced acquisition of LinkedIn for \$25.9 billion.

#### **MULTIPLES & VALUE TRENDS**

- The median revenue multiple from 2015 through the 1st 3 Quarters of 2016 remained almost constant at 2.0x.
- The median EBITDA multiple from 2015 through the 1st 3 Quarters of 2016 increased by 26 percent, from 8.7x to 11.0x.

Deal Date	Target Name	Buyer	Value MM US\$
06/13/16	LinkedIn Corporation	Microsoft Corporation	\$25,927
03/21/16	Markit Group Ltd.	IHS, Inc.	\$10,974
06/21/16	Supercell	Tencent Holdings Ltd.	\$8,600
07/25/16	Yahoo! Inc.	AOL Inc.	\$4,826
01/07/16	Media General, Inc.	Nexstar Broadcasting	\$4,500
06/30/16	Starz, LLC	Lionsgate	\$4,400
07/30/16	Playtika Ltd.	Yunfeng Capital, Giant Interactive Group	\$4,400
04/28/16	DreamWorks Animation LLC	NBCUniversal, LLC.	\$4,104
07/11/16	Ultimate Fighting Championship	IMG Worldwide, Inc.	\$4,000
02/18/16	Truven Health Analytics	IBM Watson Health	\$3,579
2016 Aggregate Transaction Value			\$124,392
Top 10 Aggregate Transaction Value			\$75,309
Top 10 Aggregate Value as a Percentage of All Transactions			61 %

Top Ten Notable Transactions - 1st 3 Quarters 2016

**Figure 3.** Lists the top ten transactions for the 1st 3 Quarters of 2016 and calculates their aggregate transaction value as a percentage of the total aggregate transaction value.

Note: Transaction data based on announced date.







#### TOP TEN DEALS THROUGH Q3 2016

The top ten deals by value have seen three new additions since our half year report, including two in the Entertainment segment: a Chinese consortium's announced acquisition of Playtika for \$4.4 billion and IMG Worldwide's acquisition of Ultimate Fighting Championship for \$4 billion.

These three transactions, with an aggregate value of \$13.2 billion, represented 11 percent of transaction value in the 1st 3 Quarters of 2016 and 44 percent of Q3 2016 transaction value.



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