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1ST HALF 2025 " Mergers and Acquisitions Trend Report

1ST HALF 2025 KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- The largest transaction in 1st Half 2025 was Thoma Bravo's announced acquisition of Boeing's Digital Aviation Solutions, which includes Jeppesen, a provider of aviation data that aids flight navigation and improves operational safety, for \$10.6 billion.
- There were 81 financially sponsored transactions with an aggregate value of \$27 billion, representing 17 percent of the total volume and 40 percent of the total value.
- Two of the top ten notable transactions in 1st Half 2025 occurred in the food delivery space: Prosus N.V.'s announced acquisition of Just Eat Takeaway.com, a leading global online delivery marketplace, for \$4.6 billion; and DoorDash's announced acquisition of Deliveroo, a food delivery company based in London, for \$3.2 billion.



1ST HALF 2025 KEY TRENDS

- Total transaction volume in 1st Half 2025 decreased by 6 percent over 2nd Half 2024, from 507 to 476.
- Total transaction value increased 49 percent from \$45.4 billion in 2nd Half 2024 to \$67.7 billion in 1st Half 2025.
- The median revenue multiple increased from 1.3x in 2nd Half 2024 to 1.8x in 1st Half 2025. The median EBITDA multiple increased from 7x in 2nd Half 2024 to 11.4x in 1st Half 2025.

M&A MARKET OVERVIEW

Berkery Noyes tracked 2,902 Media, Marketing, & Online transactions between 2023 and 1st Half 2025 of which 586 disclosed financial terms, and calculated the aggregate transaction value to be \$219.64 billion. Based on known transaction value, we project values of 2,316 undisclosed transactions to be \$40 billion, totaling \$259.7 billion worth of transactions tracked over the past two and a half years.

Transactions from 1st Half 2023 to 1st Half 2025 with enterprise values above \$80 million received a median revenue multiple of 2.6x, whereas those in the \$10-\$80 million range garnered a median revenue multiple of 1.8x.



Median Enterprise Value Multiples By Half Year

Transaction Analysis :: January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025

Strategic vs. Financial Comparison



Figure 3. Shows the distribution of Media and Marketing transactions based on publicly available information and Berkery Noyes estimates. Using a logarithmic scale, we determined that over one-third of companies purchased had transaction values of \$7.4 million to \$148.4 million. Based on this data, we estimate total transaction value of deals done in 2025 at \$68 billion.

*Indicates largest industry transaction from Jan. 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025.

Distribution Table

Value in MM US\$	Known Number	Projected Number	Total Number	%	Cumulative %
\$0.2	3	0	3	2 %	2 %
\$0.4	3	0	3	2 %	4 %
\$0.6	5	0	5	3 %	7 %
\$1.0	6	0	6	4 %	12 %
\$1.6	10	1	11	7 %	18 %
\$2.7	7	5	12	5 %	23 %
\$4.5	12	14	26	8 %	31 %
\$7.4	10	30	39	7 %	38 %
\$12.2	10	49	59	7 %	45 %
\$20.1	12	64	75	8 %	53 %
\$33.1	7	64	70	5 %	58 %
\$54.6	8	50	57	5 %	63 %
\$90.0	4	30	34	3 %	66 %
\$148.4	13	14	27	9 %	75 %
\$244.7	7	5	12	5 %	80 %
\$403.4	6	2	7	4 %	84 %
\$665.1	4	0	4	3 %	86 %
\$1,096.6	7	0	7	5 %	91 %
\$1,808.0	3	0	3	2 %	93 %
\$2,981.0	3	0	3	2 %	95 %
\$4,914.8	1	0	1	1 %	96 %
\$8,103.1	1	0	1	1 %	97 %
Total #	147	329	476		
Total \$ Value	\$59,129	\$8,552	\$67,681		
Middle 3rd	of Industry	Middle 2/3rds	s of Industry		-

Figure 4. Presents the data depicted in the bell curve histogram.

M&A Dynamics By Transaction Type - 1st Half 100 17 % 80 40 % 60 Percent 83 % 40 60 % 20 0 Value Volume Financial Transactions Strategic Transactions

Transaction Type By Half Year



Figure 6. 2023-2025 acquirer type comparison by half year.

Figure 5. 1st Half 2025 value and volume comparison by transaction type.

Note: Financial transactions are those financed by private equity, venture capital, and other investment firms. This includes acquisitions by portfolio companies of the investment firms.

Purchaser Analysis

Value MM Deal Date **Target Name** Buyer US\$ Boeing's Digital Aviation 04/23/25 Thoma Bravo, LLC \$10,550 Solutions 03/24/25 rlake Capital Group, L \$7,474 Dun & Bradstree 02/24/25 Just Eat Takeaway.com Prosus N.V. \$4,583 \$3,500 s Business from Niant Scopely 05/06/25 Deliveroo DoorDash \$3,184 05/14/25 Deribit Coinbase \$2,900 03/10/25 Redfin Rocket Mortgage \$2,668 Next Insurance, Inc 03/19/25 ERGO Group AG \$2,600 03/20/25 NinjaTrader LLC Kraken \$1,500 01/07/25 Shutterstock, Inc. Getty Images, Inc \$1,420 2025 Aggregate Transaction Value \$67,681 Top 10 Aggregate Transaction Value \$40,378 Top 10 Aggregate Value as a Percentage of All Transactions 60 %

Top Ten Notable Transactions 2025

Median EV/Revenue Multiples By Size



Figure 7. Lists the top ten transactions for 2025 and calculates their aggregate transaction value as a percentage of the total aggregate transaction value as shown in Figure 1 & 4.

Note: Transaction data based on $\mbox{announced date.}$ Deal value represents total consideration paid by the acquirer.

Figure 8. Presents the median enterprise value/revenue multiples paid for companies in the Media and Marketing Industry from January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025 based on publicly available data.

Transaction Volume by Segment :: January 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025 **Transactions By Market Segment By Half Year** 250 Number of Transactions 200 150 100 50 0 Exhibitions, -Conferences, Events Consumer Publishing -Marketing E-Commerce Internet Media Entertainment Content B2B Publishing and Information 2023 1st Half 2023 2nd Half 2024 1st Half 2024 2nd Half 2025 1st Half

Figure 9. Presents transaction volume by target segment within the Media, Marketing & Online Industry from Jan. 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.



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