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Ziff Davis Overview

A Global Portfolio of Leading Digital Brands



Company Description

- Founded in 1927, Ziff Davis operates a portfolio of leading digital brands, investing in businesses that generate predictable and growing free cash flow within large and growing markets. As cash accumulates it is recycled into future investments of the same nature
- The acquisition driven strategy operates across five segments: 1. E-health & Wellness, 2. Cybersecurity & Martech 3. Gaming & Entertainment, 4. Technology & Shopping and 5. Connectivity
- Revenue is primarily generated through digital advertising, subscription services, and performance marketing across its owned-and-operated brands
- Reaches across 100+ countries, with 545M+ aggregated monthly users

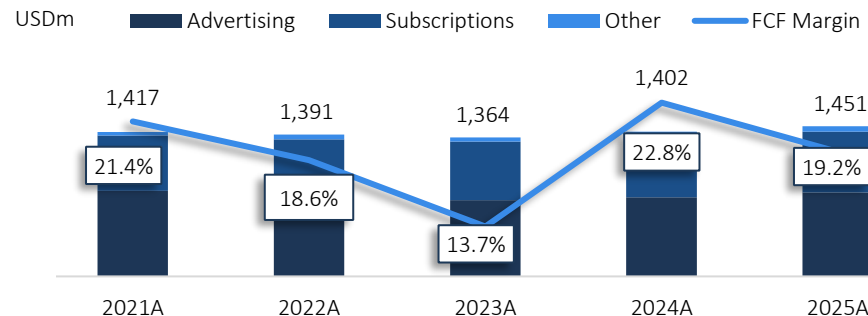
Leading Brand per Segment

E-health & Wellness Everyday Health - Health content with patient and doctor education - Medically reviewed proprietary data	Connectivity & Network testing Ookla - Global media platform - 400m+ monthly users - Ads-driven with growing subscription base	Technology & Shopping CNET - Media platform offering reviews and comparisons for consumers - Monetized through ads and affiliate commerce	Gaming & Entertainment IGN - Data & analytics platform - Benchmarking & performance insights - Subscription based	Cybersecurity & Martech VIPRE - Cybersecurity email & endpoint protection - B2B-focused with recurring subscription model
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Sources: The Company, Bloomberg

Notes: (1) Based on FY2025 10-K figures. (2) CCR (Cash Conversion Rate) calculated as unlevered free cash flow divided by EBITDA using FY2025 figures.

Revenue Development⁽¹⁾



Ziff Davis In Numbers⁽¹⁾

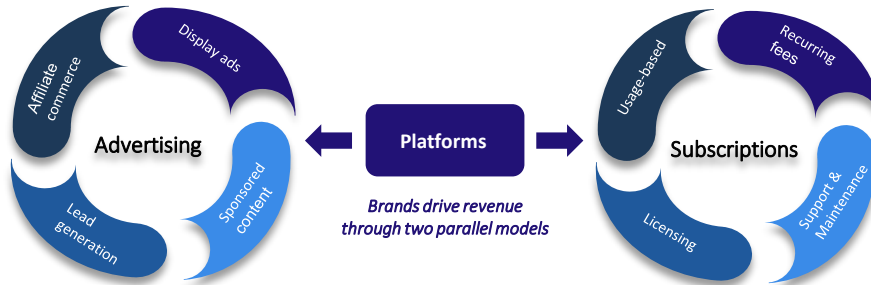


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A Global Portfolio of Leading Digital Brands



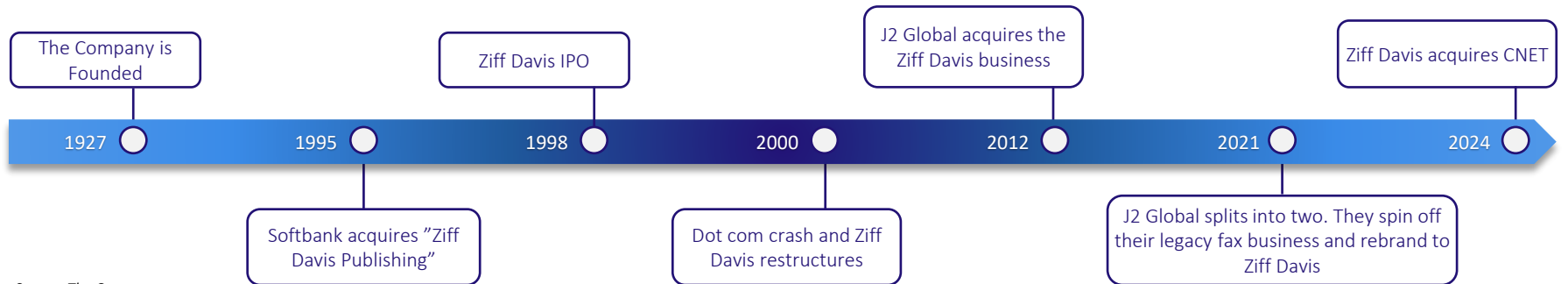
Business Model



Executive Leadership Team

Vivek Shah <i>President & CEO</i>  Joined Ziff Davis in: 2010 Number of Shares: 634,773 ⁽¹⁾	Bret Richter <i>CFO</i>  Joined Ziff Davis in: 2022 Number of Shares: 47,244 ⁽²⁾	Sarah Fay <i>Chair Of The Board</i>  Joined Ziff Davis in: 2018 Number of Shares: 23,619 ⁽³⁾
 	 	 

Corporate Timeline



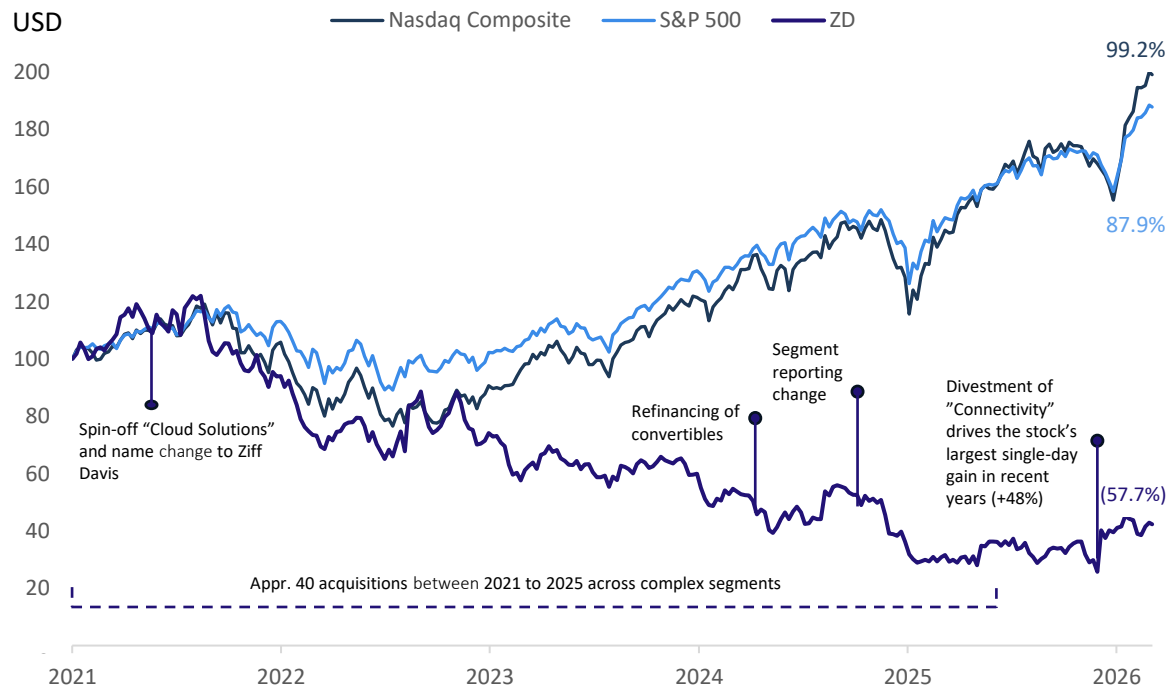
Source: The Company

Note: (1) 1.69% of NOSH FY2025 (2) 0.13% of NOSH FY2025 (3) 0.06% of NOSH FY2025

Share Price Performance And Ownership

Negative Trend Despite Strong Fundamentals, With High Institutional Ownership

Share Price Performance (Indexed To 100)



Sources: The Company, Bloomberg

Ownership

Company Name	Country	% of Shares
BLACKROCK		16.6%
Vanguard		13.6%
Janus Henderson INVESTORS		9.1%
PALE FIRE		6.9%
L&G		6.4%
Top 5 Shareholders		52.6%
Dimensional		6.1%
STATE STREET		4.6%
ARROWMARK PARTNERS		3.6%
CDAM		3.4%
Nordea FUNDS		3.4%
Top 10 Shareholders		73.7%

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Free Cash Flow Conversion & Balance Sheet

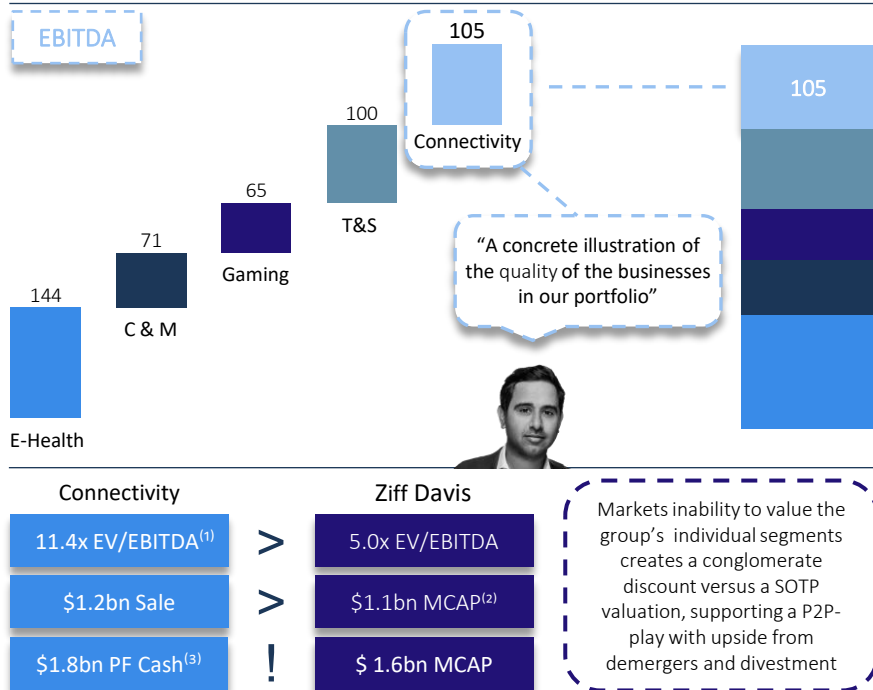
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Ziff Davis's Diversified Portfolio and Proactive AI Strategy

Key Investment Highlights (cont.)

Valuation Disconnect Confirmed Across the Portfolio

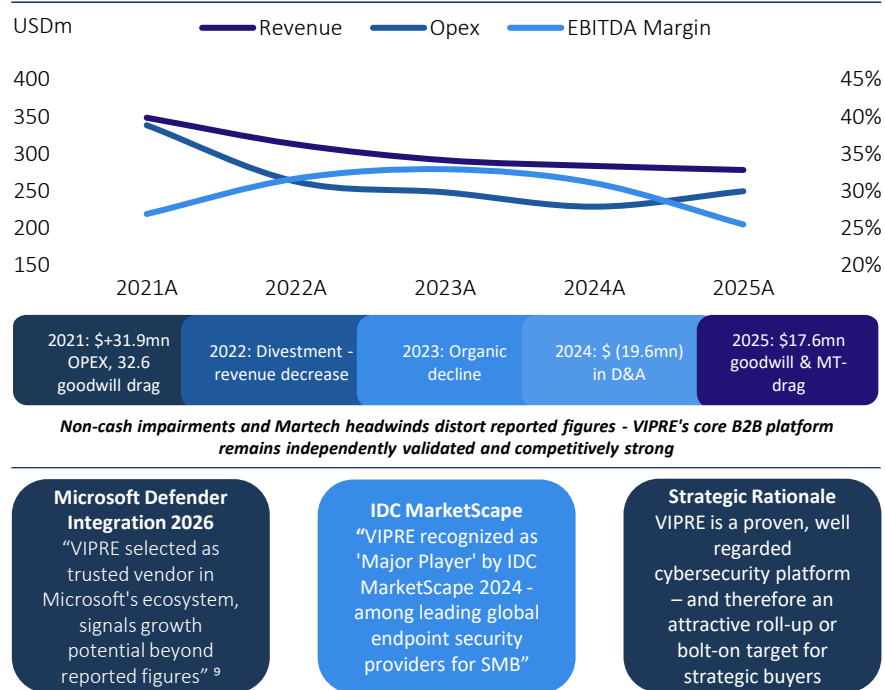
1) Market Mispricing Confirmed - Connectivity Divestment



Sources: The Company, Bloomberg

Notes: (1) Multiple calculated based on 1.2 billion in transaction value and connectivity EBITDA from 2025s 10k. (2) Market cap at the day of announcement, as of April 2026 it's appr. 1.65 billions (3) ZD Pro forma following divestment

2) Cybersecurity Re-Rating Opportunity Through Martech Divesture



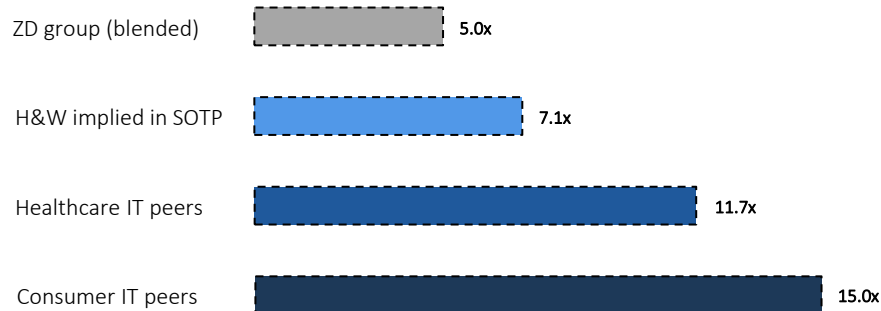
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A Healthy, Growing Business Backed by \$1.8bn in Liquidity

3) The Crown Jewel: Accelerating Health & Wellness

(1) 2-yr Sub. CAGR: 14%	(2) 2-yr EBIT CAGR: 18.6%	FY25 EBITDA Margin: 35.8%	Users / Physicians: 60M+/890K
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Re-Rating Runway (EV/EBITDA)



Fast-growing, high-margin segment trapped at a conglomerate multiple, re-rating toward healthcare IT peers is the core value driver. Not a pure-play IT asset, as of yet, and still majority ads-driven, supporting a discount to peer multiples.

Sources: The Company, SMG Securities Healthcare Review Q1 2026

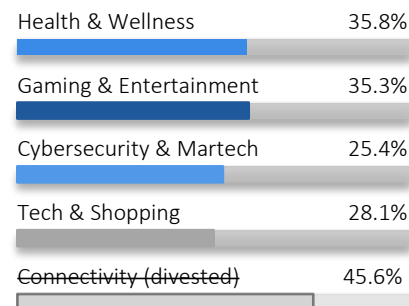
4) Free Cash Flow Conversion & Balance Sheet

Cash conversion remains strong post-Connectivity, PF cash of \$1.8bn exceeds the current market cap of ~\$1.6bn

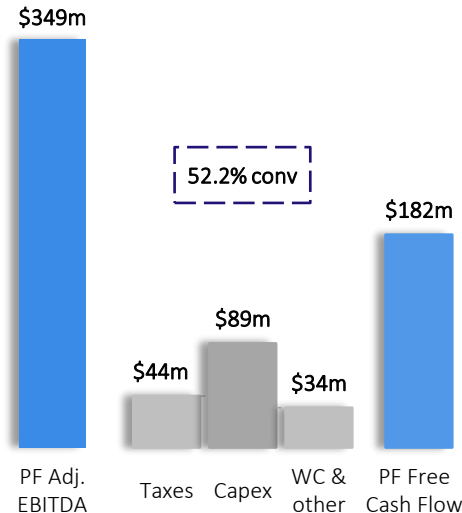
Pro Forma Capital Structure

Gross Leverage 0.5x	Net Cash 940m	PF Net Leverage (2.7x)
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Strong EBITDA-margins (FY2025)



EBITDA → FCF BRIDGE (2026E PF)



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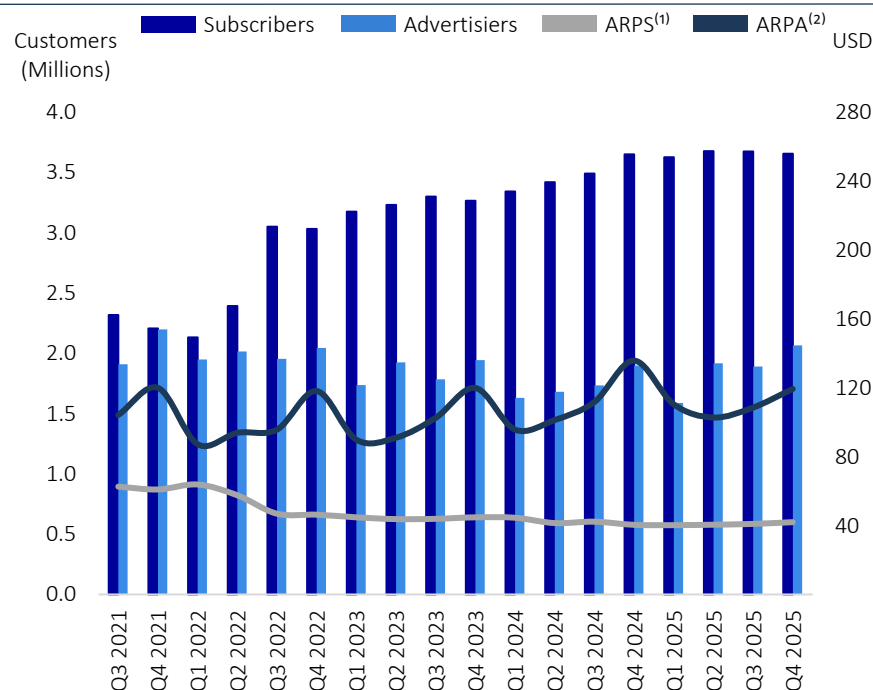
AI Disruption Risk Is Overstated

5) Ziff Davis' Diversified Portfolio and Proactive AI Strategy

Segment	Perceived AI-fear	Why It's Overstated
Tech & Shopping	AI search overviews reduce traffic and erodes Ad-revenue	Total exposure to search referrals is only 17.5%.
Gaming & Entertainment	AI-generated content replaces editorial gaming coverage (IGN, PCMag)	IGN's editorial authority remains hard to replicate, and internal AI implementation can boost revenue
Health & Wellness	AI health tools displaces trusted platforms	Proprietary, medically-reviewed content is less exposed to AI-driven disruption
Cybersecurity & Martech	AI commodities security software and compresses margins	AI expands the threat landscape, growing TAM and demand for this segment

Source: The Company, Earnings Call Q4 2025

Notes: (1) Average Revenue per Subscriber (2) Average Revenue per Advertiser



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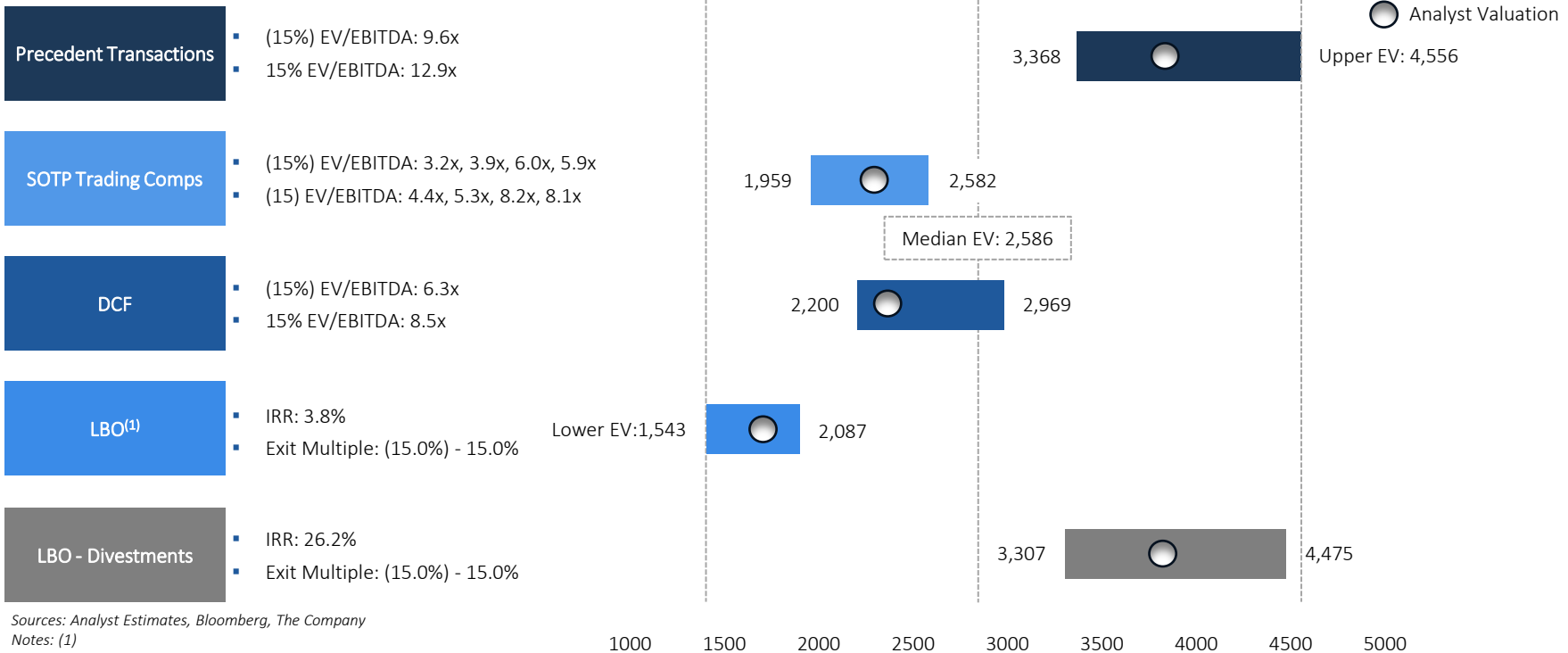
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Valuation Summary

Enterprise Valuation Ranges From USDm 1,543 - 4,556

Methodology

Enterprise value (USDm)



Comparable Companies

Sum-of-The-Parts Analysis

Peer Group - Health & Wellness

Company Name	EBITDA	Revenue CAGR	EBITDA Margin	Sub as % of sales	Sub-CAGR	EV/EBITDA	
	USDm LTM	2020A-2025A	LTM	Latest Report	2023A-2025A	LTM	2027E
 doximity	261	32.3%	41.3%	94.6%	18.1%	14.7x	10.0x
 GoodRx	173	7.7%	23.5%	10.5%	(5.8%)	6.2x	4.2x
 HealthStream®	64	4.4%	21.0%	96.0%	5.0%	8.8	7.1
Median	173	7.7%	23.5%	94.6%	5.0%	8.8x	7.1x
Average	166	14.8%	28.6%	67.0%	5.8%	9.9x	7.1x
Segment	FY2025	2023A-2025A	FY2025	Sub as % of sales	Sub-CAGR	Implied EV	
EVERYDAY♥HEALTH	144	5.4%	35.8%	13.4%	14.2%	1,061	

Sources: Bloomberg, The Company

Comparable Companies

Sum-of-The-Parts Analysis

Peer Group - Tech & Shopping and Gaming & Entertainment

Company Name	EBITDA	Revenue CAGR	EBITDA Margin	Sub as % of sales	Sub-CAGR	EV/EBITDA	
	USDm LTM	2020A-2025A	LTM	Latest Report	2023A-2025A	LTM	2027E
FUTURE	193	16.8%	26.0%	16.5%	(4.6%)	3.3x	3.3x
 Tripadvisor	171	3.9%	9.4%	0.0%	0.0%	8.6x	4.1x
 DEVOLVER DIGITAL	22	(12.7%)	20.0%	16%	(16.6%)	4.8x	7.6x
 RE WORLD MEDIA LEADING MEDIA GROUP	67	4.5%	11.2%	18.9%	(4.6%)	3.4x	3.5x
Median	119	4.2%	15.6%	16.3%	(4.6%)	4.1x	3.8x
Average	113	3.1%	16.6%	12.9%	(6.4%)	5.0x	4.6x
Segments	FY2025	2023A-2025A	FY2025	Sub as % of sales	Sub-CAGR	Implied EV	
 CNET	100	3.9%	28.1%	2.9%	12.4%	348	
 IGN	65	4.3%	35.3%	32.3%	4.1%	305	

Sources: Bloomberg, The Company

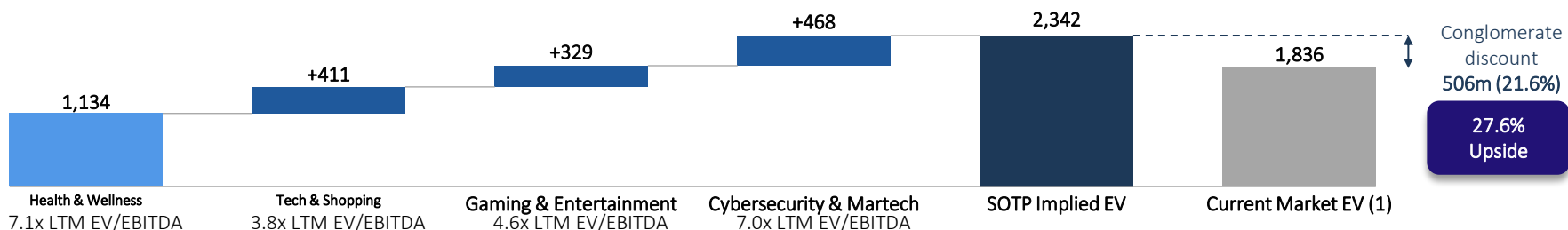
Comparable Companies (cont.)

Sum-of-The-Parts Analysis Implies an Enterprise Value of USD 2,342m

Peer Group - Cybersecurity & Martech

Company name	EBITDA	Revenue CAGR	EBITDA Margin	EV/EBITDA	
	LTM	2020A-2025A	LTM	LTM	2027E
 Gen	2212	25.7%	46.8%	9.0x	7.7x
 TREND	567	6.4%	30.7%	7.2x	7.0x
 QUALYS	241	10.1%	35.9%	9.8x	7.0x
 N-ABLE	81	11.0%	15.8%	14.9x	6.9x
Median	404	10.6%	33.3%	9.4x	7.0x
Average	775	13.3%	32.3%	10.2x	7.2x
Segment	LTM	2023A-2025A	LTM	Implied EV	
 VIPRE	71	(2.3%)	25.4%	436	

Sum-of-the-Parts vs. Current Market EV



Sources: Bloomberg, The Company
Notes: (1) Current Market EV of 1,836

Discounted Cash Flow Valuation

Discounted Cash Flow Analysis Results in an Enterprise Value of USD 2,586

Discounted Cash Flows

USDm	2025A	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E	2031E
EBITDA	411	349	351	361	370	375	387
% Margin	28.3%	28.5%	28.4%	28.7%	28.9%	28.6%	28.7%
EBIT	183.1	172.6	197.7	232.5	249.4	260.0	242.9
Tax	(47)	(44)	(51)	(60)	(64)	(67)	(62)
NOPAT	136	128	147	173	185	193	181
(+) D&A	228	177	154	128	121	115	144
(-) CapEx	(119)	(89)	(92)	(95)	(98)	(102)	(106)
(+) Change In NWC	40	(34)	(10)	(14)	(4)	(0)	14
FCFF	285	182	199	193	204	207	233

Comments

- Conservative FCFF growth assumed post-Connectivity divestiture
- WACC 10.4% implies EV of USD 2,327m (7.4x); TV represents 66% of EV
- Sensitivity: WACC 9.2-11.2% / TGR 1.5-3.5% implies 6.1x-9.6x
- DCF implies an upside of 27.1% to the current share price

		WACC				
		9.3%	9.8%	10.3%	10.8%	11.3%
TGR	1.5%	7.7x	7.2x	6.8x	6.4x	6.1x
	2.0%	8.1x	7.5x	7.1x	6.6x	6.3x
	2.5%	8.5x	7.9x	7.4x	6.9x	6.5x
	3.0%	9.0x	8.3x	7.7x	7.2x	6.8x
	3.5%	9.6x	8.8x	8.2x	7.6x	7.1x

		WACC				
		9.3%	9.8%	10.3%	10.8%	11.3%
TGR	1.5%	32%	23%	15%	8%	1%
	2.0%	40%	29%	21%	13%	6%
	2.5%	48%	37%	27%	18%	10%
	3.0%	58%	45%	34%	24%	15%
	3.5%	69%	54%	41%	31%	21%

DCF Summary	
Sum of PV of FCFF	867
PV of Terminal Value	1,719
Enterprise Value	2,586
(-) Debt	867
(+) Cash	607
Equity Value	2,327
Implied EV/EBITDA 2026E	7.4x

Sources: Analyst Estimates, The Company

Leveraged Buyout Analysis

Leveraged Buyout Analysis Implies an IRR of 3.8%

LBO Cash Flows

USDm	2025A	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E	2031E
Debt	867	2,879	2,304	1,843	1,474	1,179	944
Debt Repayments	-	576	461	369	295	236	189
Interest (Expense), net	(26)	(275)	(216)	(175)	(142)	(115)	(94)
EBITDA	411	349	351	361	370	375	387
Entry / Exit Multiple	4.7x	4.7x	4.7x	4.7x	4.7x	4.7x	4.7x
Enterprise Value	1,931	1,640	1,649	1,692	1,738	1,761	1,816
(-) Net Debt	(815)	1,402	1,365	1,302	1,204	1,083	850
Equity Value	2,746	237	284	390	534	678	965
Net Debt / EBITDA	(2.0x)	4.0x	3.9x	3.6x	3.3x	2.9x	2.2x
MOIC	N/A	0.3x	0.4x	0.5x	0.7x	0.9x	1.3x

Sub. Debt/EBITDA	Term LoanxEBITDA					
	IRR	3.6x	3.8x	4.0x	4.2x	4.4x
	2.6x	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%
	2.8x	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%
	3.0x	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%
	3.2x	3.7%	3.7%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%
	3.4x	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%

ExitxEBITDA	Offer Premium					
	IRR	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%
	3.5x	3.9%	(2.6%)	(7.0%)	(10.3%)	(12.9%)
	4.0x	9.7%	2.9%	(1.8%)	(5.3%)	(8.0%)
	4.7x	15.9%	8.7%	3.8%	0.1%	(2.8%)
	5.4x	20.8%	13.3%	8.2%	4.4%	1.3%
	5.9x	23.8%	16.1%	10.9%	6.9%	3.8%

Sources: Analyst Estimates, The Company

Comments

- Assuming entry and exit multiple of 4.7x EV/EBITDA, translating into a 50% offer premium, with debt initially at 4.0x Net Debt / EBITDA
- A base case exit in 2031 at 4.7x multiple implies an Equity Value of USD 965m, delivering an IRR of 3.8%
- Without value creation, sensitivity analysis shows the base case status quo IRR remains 3.8% across a range of entry leverage structures, with returns only crossing 10%+ at a 5.4x exit multiple with a 50% offer premium
- Executing the proposed value creation roadmap, separating segments, implies an IRR of 26.2% instead. See next slide

Leveraged Buyout Analysis - Value Creation Plan

Value Creation Plan Implies an IRR of 26.2%

LBO Cash Flows

USDm	2025A	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E	2031E
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Debt Repayments	-	576	461	369	295	236	189
Interest (Expense), net	(26)	(275)	(215)	(173)	(140)	(113)	(101)
EBITDA	411	373	393	406	429	461	493
Entry / Blended Exit Multiple	4.7x	5.4x	5.9x	6.4x	6.9x	7.4x	7.9x
Enterprise Value	1,931	2,028	2,336	2,615	2,977	3,433	3,891
(-) Net Debt	(815)	1,257	1,165	1,103	959	771	771
Equity Value	2,746	772	1,171	1,512	2,018	2,662	3,120
Net Debt / EBITDA	(2.0x)	3.4x	3.0x	2.7x	2.2x	1.7x	1.6x
MOIC	N/A	1.0x	1.5x	2.0x	2.6x	3.5x	4.0x

ExitxEBITDA	Offer Premium					
	IRR	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%
	5.7x	31.3%	23.1%	17.6%	13.4%	10.1%
	6.7x	36.2%	27.7%	21.9%	17.6%	14.2%
	7.9x	40.9%	32.2%	26.2%	21.7%	18.2%
	9.1x	45.0%	36.0%	29.9%	25.3%	21.6%
	10.1x	48.1%	38.9%	32.7%	27.9%	24.2%

Sub.Debt x EBITDA	Term Loan x EBITDA					
	IRR	3.6x	3.8x	4.0x	4.2x	4.4x
	2.6x	21.5%	22.5%	23.6%	24.8%	26.3%
	2.8x	22.4%	23.5%	24.8%	26.3%	27.9%
	3.0x	23.5%	24.8%	26.2%	27.9%	29.9%
	3.2x	24.8%	26.2%	27.9%	29.9%	32.3%
	3.4x	26.2%	27.9%	29.8%	32.2%	35.2%

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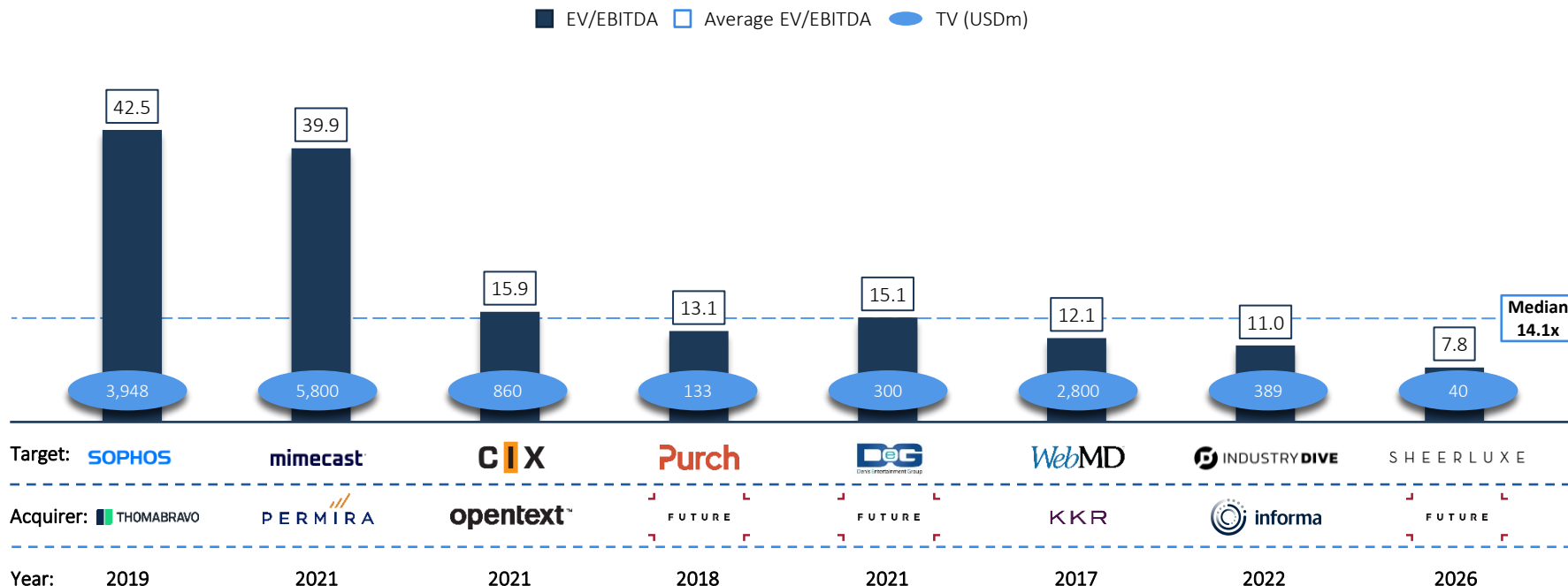
- Higher IRR vs. base case is driven by exiting each segment at a standalone multiple rather than a blended whole-company multiple
- Segment exit multiples: H&W 10.0x, C-M 9.0x, Gaming 5.0x, T&S 4.0x - blending to 7.9x vs. 4.7x entry, still assuming an offer premium of 50%
- EBITDA grows from USD 411m to USD 493m by 2031E; rapid deleveraging supports much more attractive returns
- H&W re-rates from a media to a healthcare IT multiple; VIPRE exits as a pure-play cybersecurity platform following Martech separation

Sources: Analyst Estimates, The Company

Precedent Transactions

Precedent Transactions Implies a Median Target EV/EBITDA Multiple of 11.3X, Including a 20% Size Discount

Precedent Transactions



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WARBURG PINCUS

Sources: Bloomberg, The Companies

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Selected Strategic Acquirers

Company	Key Metrics		Comments
	Ownership Market Cap. Revenue Cash	Public USD 13,740m USD 5,450m USD 445m	- Global B2B group focused on events and academic publishing, with a major footprint in life sciences and medical education across the UK and US - Informa is looking to broaden its healthcare data and HCP intelligence offering - Revenue synergies through a broader HCP offering - Acquisition driven model - Winsight was acquired in 2023 to broaden data access within the food industry
	Ownership Market Cap. Revenue Cash	Public USD 16,400m USD 3,850m USD 620m	- Global leader in consumer and SMB cybersecurity, owning top-tier brands like Norton, Avast, and LifeLock - Gen Digital aims to aggressively scale its SMB footprint - Complementary email and endpoint security offerings with minimal product overlap, maximizing channel synergies - Acquired Avast in 2022 for \$8bn; has a proven track record of consolidating the cybersecurity market
	Ownership Market Cap. Revenue Cash	Public USD 112,400m USD 85,200m USD 14,850m	- Global leader in gaming and entertainment via the PlayStation brand with HQ in the US and Japan - Aims to expand its owned media and distribution channels to reduce reliance on third-party platforms IGN's 440m+ monthly users and Humble Bundle's storefront provide immediate distribution and first-party audience data, complementing the Playstation network - Acquired Bungie in 2022 for \$3.6bn and consistently acquires gaming media and content assets
	Ownership Market Cap. Revenue Cash	Public USD 1,320m USD 1,010m USD 83m	- Digital media leader specializing in tech, gaming, and lifestyle and direct competitor - Future is focused on scaling its North American presence and affiliate commerce revenue - PCMag and Mashable perfectly complement Future's tech portfolio, creating a dominant global platform with immense bargaining power and shared e-commerce infrastructure - Proven track record of consolidating US/UK tech media, including Purch in 2018 and Dennis Publishing in 2021

Sources: Bloomberg, The Companies

Potentially Interested Parties (cont.)

Selected Financial Sponsors

Company	Key metrics		Comments
	AUM	SEK 7,019bn	- KKR is a leading global investment firm that manages multiple alternative asset classes, including private equity, energy, and infrastructure - Ziff Davis fits KKR's strategy of acquiring resilient digital media and data platforms that are undergoing a transition from advertising to high-margin subscription models - Could drive value by using its Capstone team to implement a unified tech stack and shared data analytics across Ziff Davis' brands, while transition the revenue mix further toward high-margin subscriptions
	# of portfolio companies	225	
	Latest fund size	SEK 213bn	
	Latest fund vintage	2026	
	AUM	SEK 8,666bn	- Apollo Global Management is a leading global alternative asset manager that invests across yield, hybrid, and equity strategies, focusing on sectors like technology, financial services, and industrials - Ziff Davis fits Apollo's strategy by providing a stable, high-margin platform with strong recurring cash flows and a proven "buy-and-build" model that aligns with Apollo's focus on scalable digital assets - Could drive value through strategic add-on acquisitions and by leveraging its global network to optimize capital structure and operational efficiency
	# of portfolio companies	133	
	Latest fund size	SEK 60bn	
	Latest fund vintage	2026	
	AUM	SEK 1,691bn	- Thoma Bravo is a premier global private equity firm that specializes exclusively in the software and technology-enabled services sectors - Ziff Davis fits Thoma Bravo's core "buy-and-build" strategy as a market-leading platform with strong recurring revenue and high margins - Could drive value by applying its "operational playbook" to increase profitability and by funding the acquisition of mission-critical SaaS businesses that can be integrated into Ziff Davis' existing vertical stacks
	# of portfolio companies	75	
	Latest fund size	SEK 225bn	
	Latest fund vintage	2025	
	AUM	SEK 924bn	- Warburg Pincus is a leading global private equity firm and a pioneer in growth investing - Ziff Davis serves as a strategic platform for the Global Growth 14 fund by capitalizing on the shift toward high-margin SaaS - Could drive value by deploying its Digital Strategy & Innovation group to modernize product engineering and utilizing
	# of portfolio companies	215	
	Latest fund size	SEK 28bn	
	Latest fund vintage	2026	

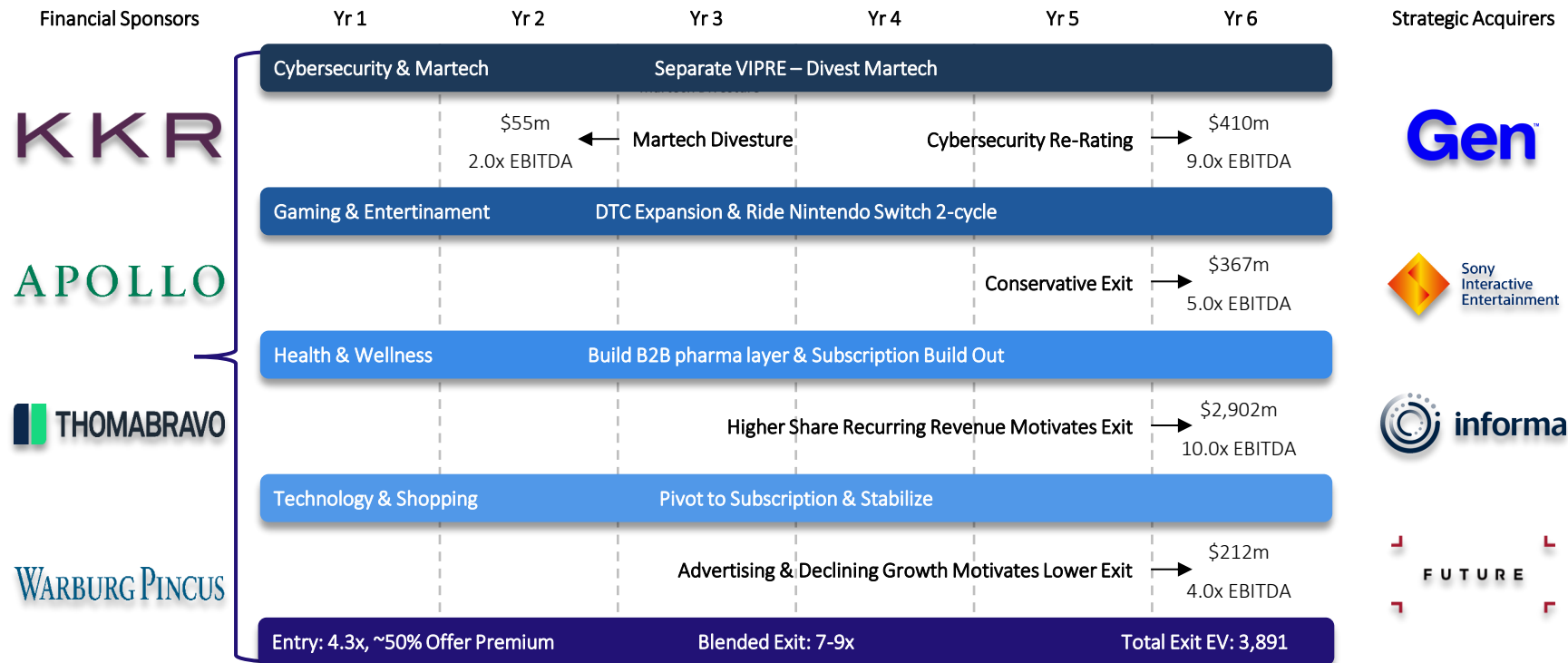
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Appendix

Holding Period Roadmap



Sources: Analyst Estimates, The Company