# SMB SAAS INSIGHTS

D.A. DAVIDSON MCF INTERNATIONAL AUGUST 2024



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# SMB SAAS MARKET OVERVIEW

#### Introduction

Our SMB SaaS Insights Report provides founders, CEOs, and investors, with a comprehensive market analysis by end vertical and insights into the valuation of comparable publicly listed companies. The report focuses on four end market verticals, providing an overview of the main drivers and key players across each vertical, while providing a visual representation of the SMB SaaS market via a detailed market map capturing an ever-evolving competitive landscape.

Additionally, the report features a case study on our recent involvement on the sale of the market leading DACH SMB SaaS solutions provider **Shore** to Cinven backed **group.one**, as well as a wider look at the Buyer Pools seeking opportunities in the SMB SaaS market.

#### Key M&A Drivers



- Solutions tend to fit local market and regional needs. This leads to a natural barrier to entry for new entrants
- The result is M&A is often the best approach to grow in new markets, increasing demand for local market leaders



Verticalisation

- Sector specialists and point solutions tend to win out vs. generalists tailoring solutions to satisfy multiple verticals
- This leads to increased demand for end market focused providers who can best serve specific sector demands



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- Control across delivery of the customer journey enhances customer experience, loyalty and relationships
- Deeper relationships can deliver an enhanced share of wallet via service integrations and cross-sell opportunities

#### Valuation and Performance – Listed SMB SaaS

#### **Key Market Dynamics**



- Cloud adoption is particularly strong in hospitality and gastronomy, where a need exists to manage reservations, inventory, and staffing across multiple sites
- · Mobile led flexible solutions tend to be in high demand

· A growing demand for interoperable platform solutions

and marketing software

that integrate across existing CRM, accounting, payments



Integration



 High demand for customer experience solutions with bespoke engagement, loyalty, and automated marketing

Interoperability facilitates a holistic view of business KPIs

• Demand for AI to enhance service levels and operational efficiencies through automation and predictive analytics

Valuation Multiples – CY24E	<b>3.4x</b> Median EV / Revenue	<b>4.6x</b> Median EV / Gross Profit	<b>18.7x</b> Median EV / EBITDA
Performance Metrics – CY24E	<b>12.6%</b> Median Revenue Growth %	<b>19.8%</b> Median EBITDA Margin %	<b>34.3%</b> Median Rule of 40%

Source: S&P Capital IQ as at 09-Aug-24

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# MCF ADVISED SHORE ON THE SALE TO GROUP.ONE, A PORTFOLIO COMPANY OF CINVEN AND OTPP

Shore, an end-to-end SMB software solution provider in the DACH region, has been acquired by group.one, a portfolio company of Cinven and the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan (OTPP)

Shore, serving over 10,000 customers in the DACH region, offers a suite of cloudbased tools including POS systems, 24/7 appointment scheduling, customer relationship management, and digital marketing services to streamline operations for local service providers across various verticals

This strategic acquisition aligns with group.one's customer demands, introducing online appointment booking, customer communication, and Point-of-Sale payments— attractive adjacencies representing significant double-digit revenue growth over the coming years

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#### **TRANSACTION HIGHLIGHTS**

- The deal represents a strategic expansion for group.one, integrating Shore's online appointment-making and Point-of-Sale solutions into its platform, enhancing existing offerings for brands like one.com, Hostnet, and checkdomain
- The transaction adds to the Technology team's recent record in SMB SaaS software and the value added by D.A. Davidson MCF International's cross border platform

We are delighted to have worked with MCF Corporate Finance on the sale of Shore to group.one. MCF helped us identify the best partner, and the MCF team's expertise, dedication, and clear advice on complex topics throughout the entire M&A process was instrumental in navigating us through to a successful outcome. The transaction represents a great result for all involved and we are very excited to partner with group.one to continue our growth journey

#### **Nikbin Rohany**

CEO, Shore

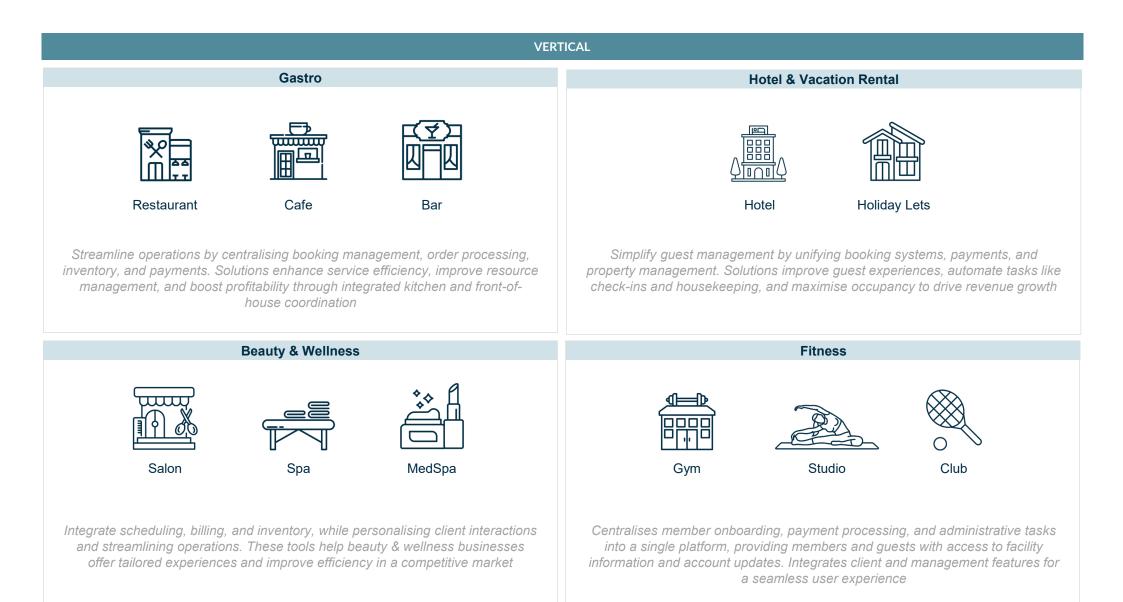


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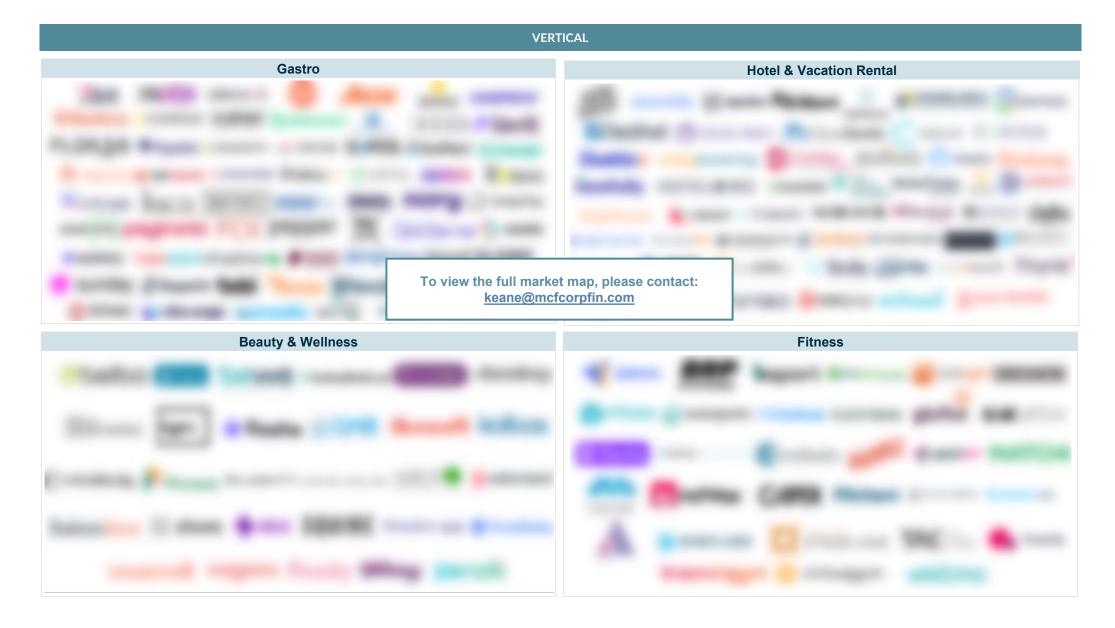




# SMB SAAS MARKET MAP - HOW WE SEGMENT EACH SMB SOFTWARE VERTICAL



# SMB SAAS MARKET MAP – END MARKET VERTICALS



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# **SMB SAAS BUYER POOLS**

#### NON-EXHAUSTIVE

OVERVIEW AND RATIONALE		SELECTED PLAYERS		
Payments	<ul> <li>End-to-end solution providers across payment ecosystem focused on SMBs</li> <li>Scope to expand product range, expand geographically and create a stickier offering by incorporating through SMB SaaS vendor acquisitions</li> </ul>			
Hosting	<ul> <li>SMB-focused self-serve web hosting service providers</li> <li>Natural product extension to hosting to increase ARPU and drive overall profitability</li> </ul>	To view the full market map, please contact: <u>keane@mcfcorpfin.com</u>		
Vertical focused acquirers	<ul> <li>Wide array of SaaS businesses purely focused across the SMB value-chain across a core vertical</li> <li>Significant revenue synergy potential given ability to cross / up-sell across existing customer bases</li> </ul>			
Consolidators	<ul> <li>Investors with relevant SMB SaaS portfolio companies</li> <li>Focus on further opportunities to service existing customer base across the portfolio of software solutions</li> </ul>			



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SMB SAAS COMPARABLES BY SOFTWARE VERTICAL

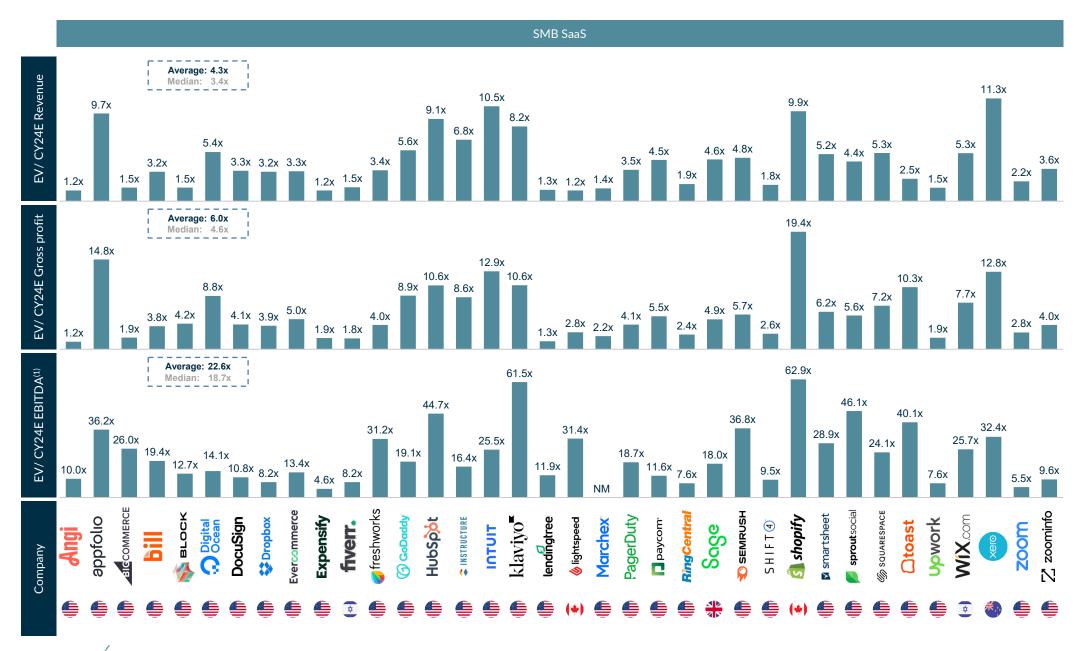


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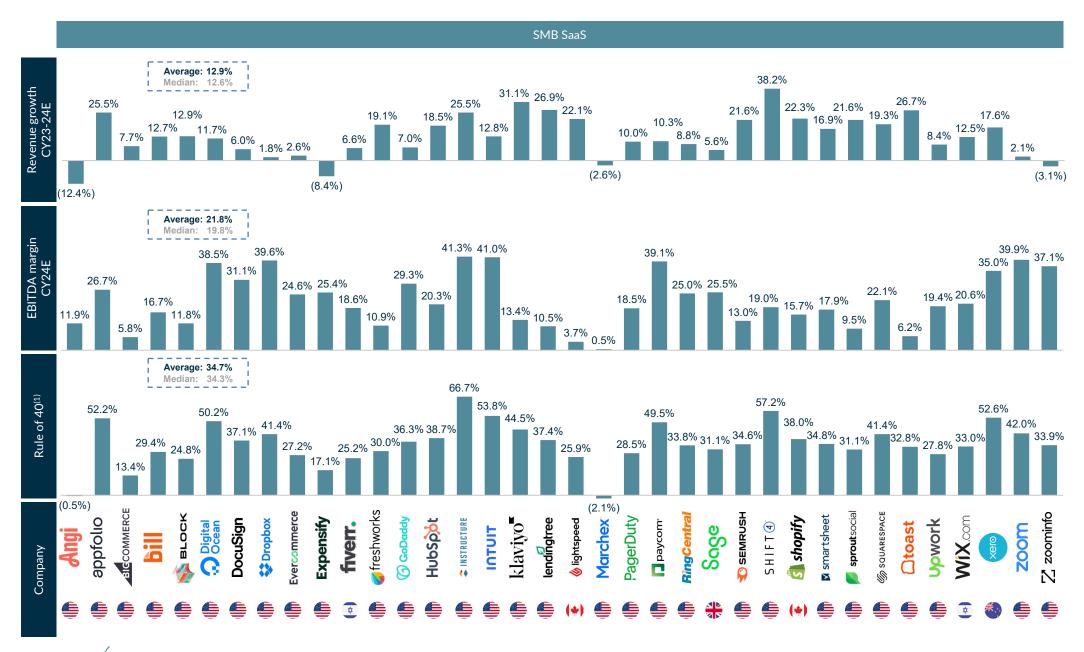
# **COMPARABLE PUBLIC COMPANIES ANALYSIS - VALUATION MULTIPLES**



Note: (1) Marchex's EV/EBITDA multiple excluded from graph and average calculations as deemed anomalous Source: S&P Capital IQ as at 09-Aug-24

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# **COMPARABLE PUBLIC COMPANIES ANALYSIS – PERFORMANCE METRICS**



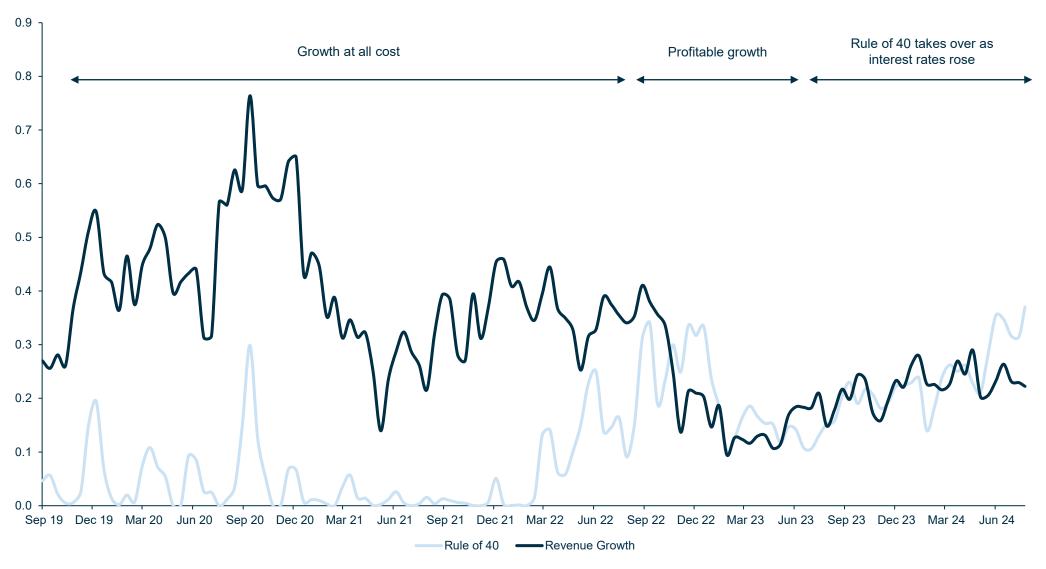
Note: (1) Rule of 40 = CY23-24E revenue growth + CY24E EBITDA margin; any differences in summation due to rounding Source: S&P Capital IQ as at 09-Aug-24

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# **INCREASING RELEVANCE OF RULE OF 40 AS GROWTH SLOWS DOWN...**

Whereas growth was the primary driver of valuation during covid across the wider B2B Software market, the combination of profitability and growth (i.e. "profitable growth") has taken over (Rule of 40) for technology companies

#### R-SQUARED VALUES OVER TIME

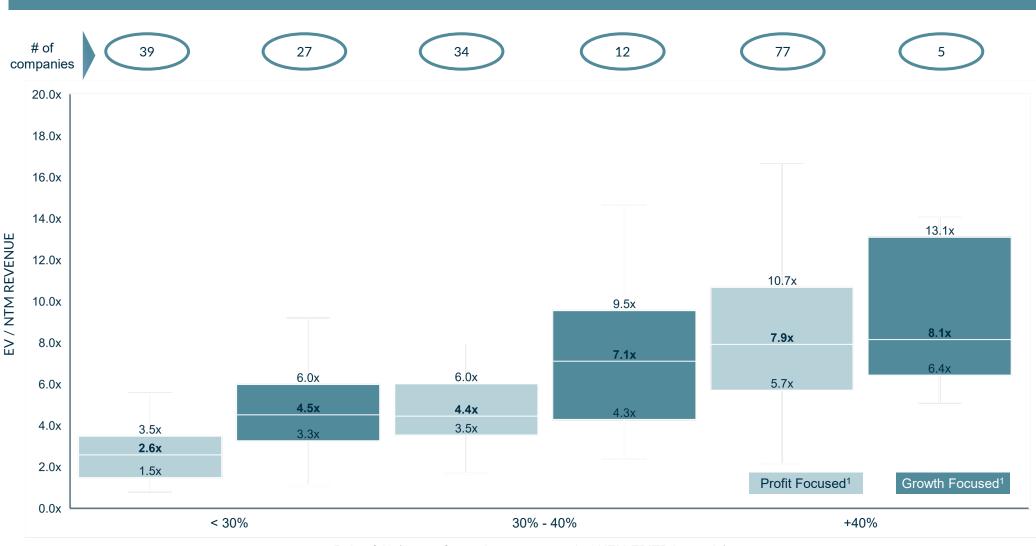




# ...ALTHOUGH GROWTH REMAINS THE DOMINANT VALUE DRIVER OVER PROFIT

Across the wider B2B Software market Investors now look at a combination of profit and growth to determine valuation, while growth remains the more important constituent in the Rule of 40 rather than profitability for technology companies





Rule of 40 (1-year forward revenue growth + NTM EBITDA margin)



Note: (1) Growth focused means that the growth component within the Rule of 40 is larger than the profit component and vice versa for profit focused; (2) Analysis conducted using a broader list of 194 listed technology companies Source: S&P Capital IQ as at 09-Aug-24

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INTRODUCTION TO D.A. DAVIDSON MCF INTERNATIONAL



### THE D.A. DAVIDSON MCF ADVANTAGE

D.A. Davidson MCF continuously refines its expertise in offering differentiated solutions and advice for its clients

# BULGE BRACKET CAPABILITIES

# BOUTIQUE FOCUSÓN **CLIENTS**

We offer expansive capabilities, delivered by experienced advisors, supported by advanced analysis

LEADING EQUITY

Award winning institutional

RESEARCH

equity research

INDUSTRY

EXPERTISE

verticals

Significant experience

within our core industry

FULL-SERVICE

CAPABILITIES

corporate services

REACH

Atlantic

INTERNATIONAL

Wide scale and strategic

partnership across the

M&A and debt advisory, public

and private capital raising, and

Each client transaction meaningfully impacts our firm results and receives the attention it deserves

#### SENIOR LEVEL ATTENTION

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COMPREHENSIVE

Broad access to strategic

and financial buyers

PUBLIC MARKET

institutional sales, trading

INSIGHTS

and syndicate

Provided through

ACCESS

INTERNATIONAL

Senior bankers will maintain presence throughout the

#### INDEPENDENT

Employee-owned firm focused exclusively on client objectives

#### MIDDLE MARKET EXPERTISE

M&A, capital markets and debt advisory knowledge for mid-sized companies

solutions supporting longterm client success

#### UNIQUE PERSPECTIVES

Knowing challenges and opportunities for mid-sized companies

RELATIONSHIP DRIVEN

# Highly customized

# D.A. DAVIDSON MCF INTERNATIONAL'S TECHNOLOGY TEAM

50+ experienced M&A professionals across 15 offices devoted to the technology sector

#### SENIOR LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE TECHNOLOGY TEAM



#### **GREG THOMAS** Managing Director

D.A. Davidson

Coverage: Application Software, Infrastructure & Security and Vertical Software



#### **RITA LEI** Partner MCF Corporate Finance

Coverage: Application Software, Consumer Internet & Digital Media



#### TOM SELBY Managing Director

D.A. Davidson

Coverage: Governance, Risk & Compliance, Wealth/Capital Markets, InsurTech



#### **DEREK BELL** Managing Director D.A. Davidson

Coverage: Professional & IT Services, Marketing Services, Legal & IP Services/Solutions



# **AMY JOHNSON**

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Communication, Digital Infrastructure





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Infrastructure Software, FinTech

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EdTech



CHRISTOPH BREGULLA Partner MCF Corporate Finance

Analytics, Construction, Marketing,

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# VISIT GROUP RECEIVED A STRATEGIC GROWTH INVESTMENT OF MORE THAN €100M FROM PSG EQUITY

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Visit Group, a Nordic-based travel & hospitality software player, completed a majority sale to PSG Equity. As part of the transaction, Visit Group's Founder Magnus Emilson and the existing management team remain as significant shareholders, while Nordic technology investor Standout Capital sold its shareholding.

Visit Group is the Nordic market leader in hospitality and travel technology, providing collaborative software to in-destination experience vendors. The Company boasts more than 2,200 customers in over 25 countries.

The new partnership aligns with Visit Group's vision to become a leader in the European travel and hospitality technology space, giving the Group significant firepower to help accelerate its ambitious agenda for both organic and inorganic growth.

#### **TRANSACTION HIGHLIGHTS**

- The deal represents a strategic growth investment of more than €100m and marks PSG Equity's first platform investment in Sweden and Norway
- The transaction adds to the Technology team's recent record in travel and hospitality software and the value added by D.A. Davidson MCF International's cross border platform

Bringing PSG Equity on board as our new growth partner marks a significant milestone for Visit and will help accelerate our growth agenda. The collaboration with MCF played a crucial role in making this deal happen. Their deep expertise in travel tech, understanding of our business and insightful guidance helped us find the best possible partner in PSG. As a result, we are in the ideal position to realise our vision of establishing a digital ecosystem for the travel and hospitality industry.

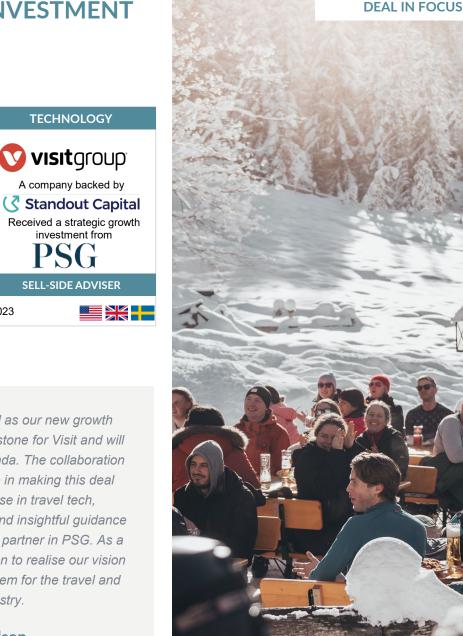
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investment from PSG

#### **Magnus Emilson**

Founder and Executive Chair, Visit Group



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# DEEP INDUSTRY EXPERTISE IN SIX SECTORS OF COMBINED FOCUS

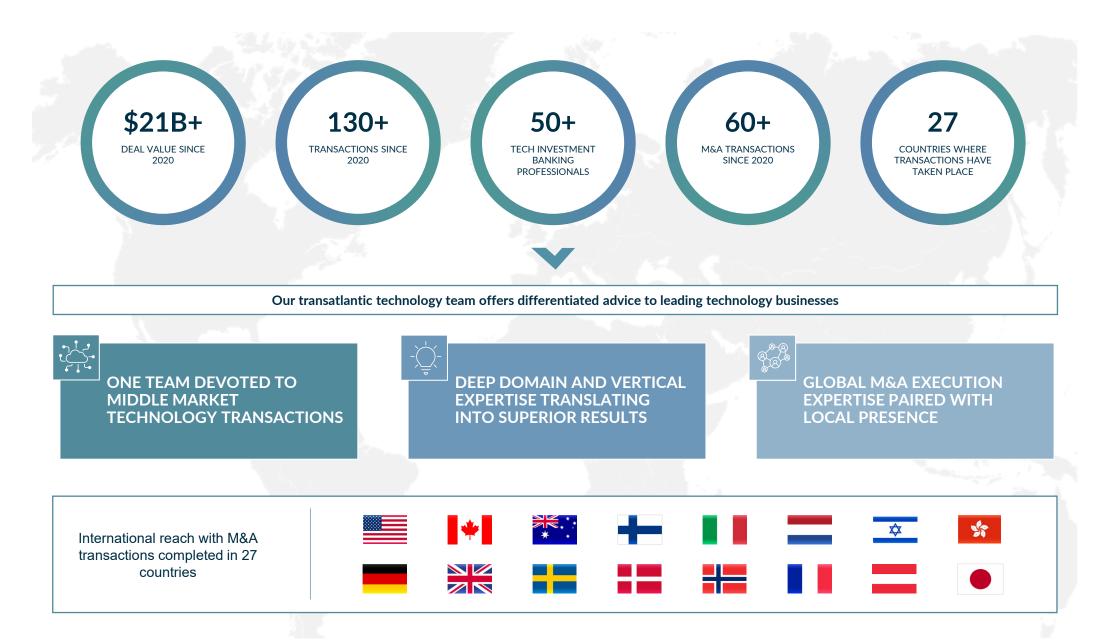
D.A. Davidson MCF International's industry knowledge spans across the entire technology industry with transactional experience in six verticals of combined focus

APPLICATION SOFTWARE	<ul> <li>Sales &amp; Marketing</li> <li>ERP software</li> <li>Human Capital</li> <li>Content Management</li> <li>Expense &amp; Procurement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>BI &amp; Analytics</li> <li>Collaboration</li> <li>HealthTech</li> <li>Construction</li> <li>Education</li> </ul>	Formulate ColdenSource CONFLUENT ZOOVU VISITGROUP
FINTECH	<ul> <li>Capital Markets Tech</li> <li>InsurTech</li> <li>BankTech</li> <li>Real Estate Tech</li> <li>Data &amp; Analytics</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>GRC Tech</li> <li>Payment tech</li> <li>WealthTech</li> <li>Blockchain</li> <li>Crypto</li> </ul>	CONNEXPAY NETS: earnup Duck Creek Technologies
INFRASTRUCTURE SOFTWARE	<ul> <li>Application Monitoring</li> <li>Data Warehouse</li> <li>Provisioning / Deployment</li> <li>Machine Learning</li> <li>IT Management</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Security</li><li>Robotic Process Automation</li><li>Internet of Things</li></ul>	Miradore UiPath Rons fastly.
INTERNET & DIGITAL MEDIA	<ul><li>E-Commerce</li><li>Search</li><li>Video</li><li>Mobile</li></ul>	<ul><li>Content Marketing</li><li>Internet Services</li></ul>	ACTIVEPIPE (à airbnb 2 Zillow manta TRADERA PWCC (CAM LIQUD)
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COMMUNICATION & HARDWARE	<ul> <li>Hardware Components</li> <li>Datacenter &amp; Related Managed Services</li> <li>Fiber Networks</li> <li>Wireless Infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Telecom</li> <li>Semiconductor</li> <li>Semiconductor Capital Equipment</li> <li>Laser</li> </ul>	Image: State of the optic connectivity       Image: State of the optic connectivity         Image: State of the optic connectivity       Image: State of the optic connectivity         Image: State of the optic connectivity       Image: State of the optic connectivity         Image: State of the optic connectivity       Image: State of the optic connectivity         Image: State of the optic connectivity       Image: State of the optic connectivity         Image: State of the optic connectivity       Image: State of the optic connectivity         Image: State of the optic connectivity       Image: State of the optic connectivity         Image: State of the optic connectivity       Image: State of the optic connectivity         Image: State of the optic connectivity       Image: State of the optic connectivity         Image: State of the optic connectivity       Image: State of the optic connectivity         Image: State of the optic connectivity       Image: State of the optic connectivity         Image: State of the optic connectivity       Image: State of the optic connectivity         Image: State of the optic connectivity       Image: State of the optic connectivity         Image: State of the optic connectivity       Image: State of the optic connectivity         Image: State of the optic connectivity       Image: State of the optic connectivity         Image: State of the optic connectivity       Image: State of the optic connectivity

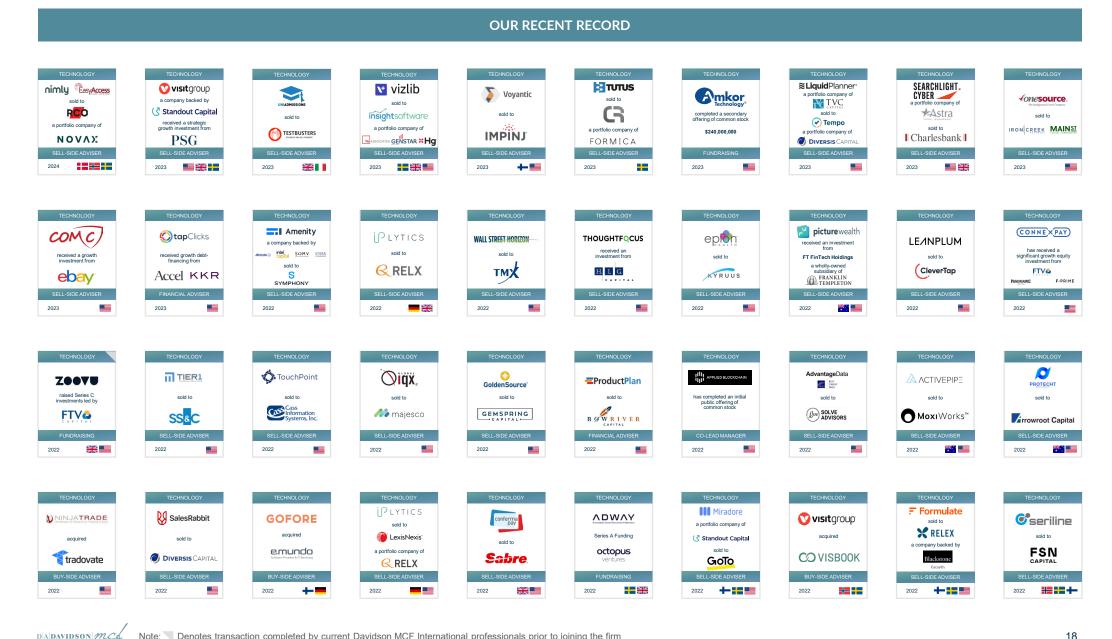


# D.A. DAVIDSON MCF INTERNATIONAL | TECHNOLOGY PRACTICE

Established track record in cross-border transactions with multiple active joint D.A. Davidson MCF International mandates



# D.A. DAVIDSON MCF INTERNATIONAL HAS ADVISED ON 40+ TECH DEALS SINCE THE **BEGINNING OF 2022**



Denotes transaction completed by current Davidson MCF International professionals prior to joining the firm

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