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### **Covington Overview**

1991

Covington Associates was founded

250+

years of collective transaction advisory experience amongst Covington team members

170+

transactions closed in the past 10 years

\$10B+

in transaction value since 2007

### **Approach and Capabilities**

#### **Senior Team**

 Direct senior involvement through all phases of the deal process

#### **Impressive Track Record**

 Successful track record of positioning and executing transactions with similar companies

#### **Extensive Relevant Experience**

 Direct relevant transaction experience from all team members

### **Customized Approach**

 Customized pitch to each buyer to demonstrate unique fit of acquisition opportunity

#### **Targeted Market Approach**

 Deliberate and targeted marketing approach to diversified buyers

#### **Industry Knowledge**

 Demonstrated depth and breadth of industry knowledge, creating a thoughtful and dynamic process

### **Buyer Insight**

 Strong insight into what matters most to each buyer

#### **Buyer Contacts**

 Extensive industry contacts with both Strategic and Private Equity partners

### Advisory Services

Mergers & Acquisitions (Primary Focus)

Debt and Equity Capital Raising

Merchant Banking

Strategic Advisory Assignments

Debt and Equity Restructuring

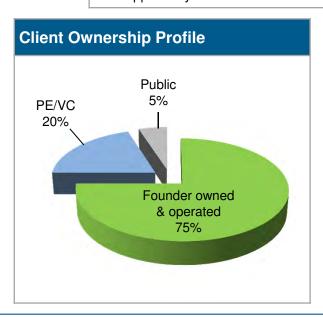
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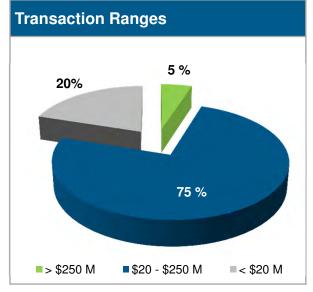
Strategic Partnerships & Joint Ventures

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Valuations & Fairness Opinions







### **Bregal Sagemount Overview**

Our mission is to provide flexible capital and strategic assistance to market-leading companies in high-growth sectors across a wide variety of transaction situations. We are investing out of Bregal Sagemount II, LP, a fund with \$800 million of committed capital.

- A Pure Focus on Growth: We support market-leading companies in growth industries
- Flexible, Solution-Oriented Capital: We provide capital structured to fit the needs of growth companies
- Domain Expertise: We are domain experts in the industries in which we seek to invest
- A Collaborative, Partner Mentality: We partner with exceptional management teams to build value

Investment Situations	Industry Focus	Investment Parameters
We have the ability to acquire and/or invest highly flexible capital into growth companies for a variety of situations and uses, including:	We focus on industries with strong secular tailwinds and companies with recurring revenue streams:	Our investments typically have the following characteristics, although we consider exceptional opportunities outside this profile:
<ul> <li>Growth capital</li> <li>Capital for acquisitions</li> <li>Buyouts, including management buyouts, take-privates, divisional carve-outs, and divestitures</li> <li>Shareholder liquidity / recapitalizations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Software: SaaS, enterprise, Internet</li> <li>Business and Consumer Services:         B2B, B2C, eCommerce</li> <li>Digital infrastructure: Towers, data centers, hosting and cloud services</li> <li>FinTech / specialty finance:         Payments, specialty finance, asset management</li> <li>Healthcare IT / Services: Healthcare services, IT, outpatient / outsourcing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Investment size: \$8-150mm</li> <li>Structures: Common or preferred equity; senior or subordinated debt</li> <li>Role: Control or non-control; typically lead investor</li> <li>Metrics: Recurring or re-occurring revenue model (\$15mm+), growth (10%+), and profitability (corporate or unit-level)</li> </ul>

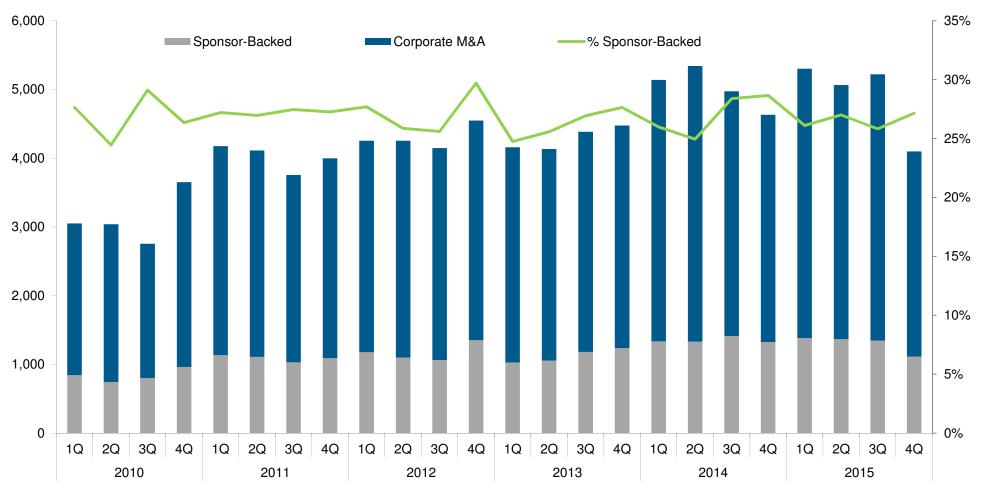
# **Executive Summary**

- M&A Market Overview
- Trends in the Data Center TPM Markets
- What Drives Value?
- Strategic Buyers vs. Financial Sponsors
- Q&A

# Current Landscape: Mergers & Acquisitions

2015 was another strong year for the domestic M&A market, as tailwinds from previous years heightened activity helped to produce over 18,000 announced deals.





# Strong Valuation Environment

Public markets and private valuations have grown at an impressive rate over the last half decade.

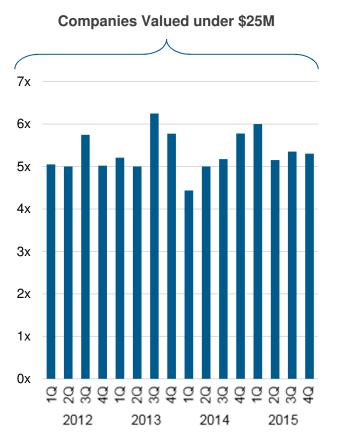
### Transaction Multiples, 1Q2010A – 4Q2015A

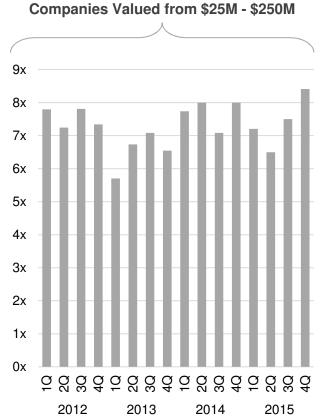


# Multiples

Larger businesses continue to attract a premium relative to lower middle market businesses.

### Median EV/EBITDA Multiples, 1Q2012A – 4Q2015A







### Industry Trends in the Data Center TPM Market

- M&A activity in the data center TPM market in recent years has been very active.
- A number of transactions have resulted in more PE-led platform companies which will be looking to grow aggressively through M&A.
  - 2015: Park Place Technologies / GTCR
  - 2015: SEI / Pamlico
  - 2013: SMS / Summit (minority investment)
  - 2012: Park Place Technologies / Westview Capital
  - 2012: Curvature / Quad-C
- TPM providers themselves have been consolidating smaller players and with new private equity ownership, this trend will likely continue
- In recent years, with the exception of one deal that we led (Tech Data's acquisition of Signature Technology Group), all of the TPM M&A activity has been comprised of PE or in-market buyers.
- As large-cap technology services providers seek to diversify into higher margin, valueadded services, we suspect the TPM industry might start to see more interest from strategics.

# What Actually Drives Value?

- Buyers are ultimately seeking a path to increased profits, but a number of other considerations can drive valuations higher:
  - Business model attributes
    - Predictable growth
    - High margins
    - Strong cash flow
  - Market share
  - Customer base
  - Channels to market
  - Geographical reach
  - Intellectual property / know-how/ "secret sauce"
  - Support for multi-vendor environments
  - Key individuals
  - Scarcity value

# **Private Equity Focus**

- Private equity firms are looking for target companies with sustainable business models and a growth opportunity.
  - Motivated and competent management team
  - Sustainable business model with a stable customer base
  - History of consistent growth
  - Recurring revenue model
  - Robust and stable cash flow
  - Leverageable balance sheet
  - Low capital expenditures
  - Opportunity to consolidate fragmented sectors

### Strategic Buyer Focus

- Strategic acquirers look to M&A as a path for continued growth and/or an expansion of capabilities or reach.
  - Consolidation opportunity
  - Complementary skills and capabilities
  - Access to new channels or customer base
  - Access to new geographies or target markets
  - Potential for cost savings/synergies

### What Differentiates Sponsors and Strategics?

A seller has to weigh the pros and cons of a sale to PE sponsors or to a strategic.

### Pros

- Flexible transaction structure to meet owner / management objectives
- Typically some money upfront and larger second bite at exit 3-5 years later
- Often structured to allow non-owner employees to earn ownership over time
- Typically don't get involved operationally instead take advisory board seats

### Cons

- Lower upfront cash proceeds due to cash reinvestment requirements
- Often require management to stay / retain meaningful ensure to align interests
- Use of leverage can burden a growing business
- Detailed due diligence / prolonged time to close (60-90 days) can distract management

# **Strategics**

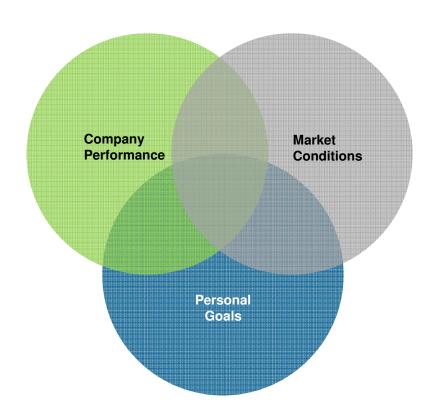
**Sponsors** 

- Potential higher valuations due to synergies
- Typically buy 100% of the target, with shorter due diligence processes
- Less concern with issues common in entrepreneurial businesses (cyclicality, customer concentration, etc.)
- Selling management can typically exit the business after a transition period

- In a 100% sale, sellers will be unable to monetize future growth opportunities
- Little opportunity for remaining management to have ownership in resulting entity
- Reduced job security for employees
- Potentially adverse culture change postintegration / loss of owner legacy

# Timing of a Sale

- Timing of a sale can be driven by a number of factors:
  - Financial performance of your business/outlook for growth
  - Condition of the overall market / level of transactional activity in your industry
  - Personal motivation (retirement, financial needs, net worth diversification)
- Getting all of those factors to line up simultaneously is impossible, but if these three factors start to converge, it is a good time to consider a transaction.



### Components to a Successful Transaction

### A thoughtful approach to each aspect of the process leads to exceptional results

### **Market Dynamics**

- Strength of M&A environment
- Recent trading multiples
- ✓ Low cost of capital
- Strong momentum in the technology services space

### **Choosing the Right Advisor**

- ✓ Knowledge of the client
- Assemble the right team
- Position the Company
- Understand the value drivers

### **Preparation**

- Develop defensible financial projections
- Establish data room and prepare differentiated marketing materials
- Anticipate key diligence issues

# Maximize Value



**Market Dynamics** 

**Choosing the Right Advisor** 

**Preparation** 

**Competitive Environment** 

**Seller Considerations** 

**Quality Information** 

#### **Competitive Environment**

- Carefully select bidders, based on thorough pre-marketing
- Create price tension
- Minimize exclusivity period
- Keep other bidders "warm"

#### **Seller Considerations**

- Minimize disruption to business
- Respect commercial sensitivity
- ✓ Ensure clean exit

### **Quality Information**

- Comprehensive marketing materials
- Electronic data room
- ✓ Controlled access to management
- ✓ Consistent business case

Q&A