



DEALMAKERS IN TECHNOLOGY

TRANSACTION TRENDS IN A.I.

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- Director at GP Bullhound, Berlin
- Doctorate in finance from Leipzig Graduate School of Management
- TMT investment banking since 2005
- 12 years in London; in Berlin since 2017
- Focus on fundraisings and exits
- Selected recent transactions:
 - \$30m growth financing of Mambu by Bessemer
 - Buyout of Magix by Capiton
 - Sale of Elbkind to Reply
 - Sale of Acmeo to H.I.G.-backed Inifigate
 - \$15m growth financing of TIS by 83North
- Focus on software, digital services, (I)IoT and cloud infrastructure



Dealmakers in Technology

\$19bn+

of value delivered to clients

530+

successful transactions

100+

professionals

Entertainment



Digital Services



Software



eCommerce



Fintech



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I.

INTRODUCTION:

Riding the smart enterprise wave

A routine news report...

A train carriage containing controlled nuclear materials was stolen in Cincinnati today. Its whereabouts are unknown.

The incident occurred on the downtown train line, which runs from Covington and Ashland stations.

In an email to Ohio news outlets, the U.S. Department of Energy said it is working with the Federal Railroad Administration to find the thief.

“The theft of this nuclear material will have significant negative consequences on public and environmental health, our workforce and the economy of our nation,” said Tom Hicks, the U.S. Energy Secretary, in a statement. “Our top priority is to secure the theft and ensure it doesn’t happen again.”

The stolen material was taken from the University of Cincinnati’s Research Triangle Park nuclear research site, according to a news release from Department officials.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission did not immediately release any information.

According to the release, the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Security is leading that team’s investigation.

“The safety of people, the environment and the nation’s nuclear stockpile is our highest priority,” Hicks said. “We will get to the bottom of this and make no excuses.”

...or is it?

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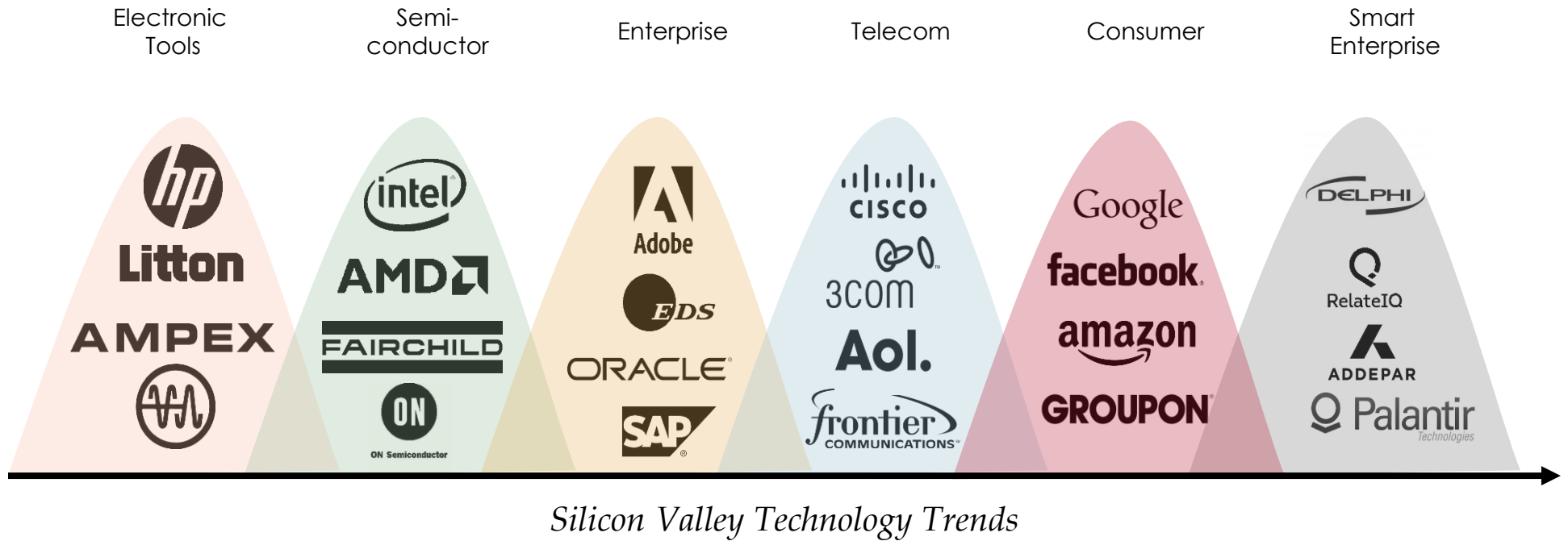
Source: OpenAI Foundation,

“Better Language Models and Their Implications”

<https://openai.com/blog/better-language-models/>

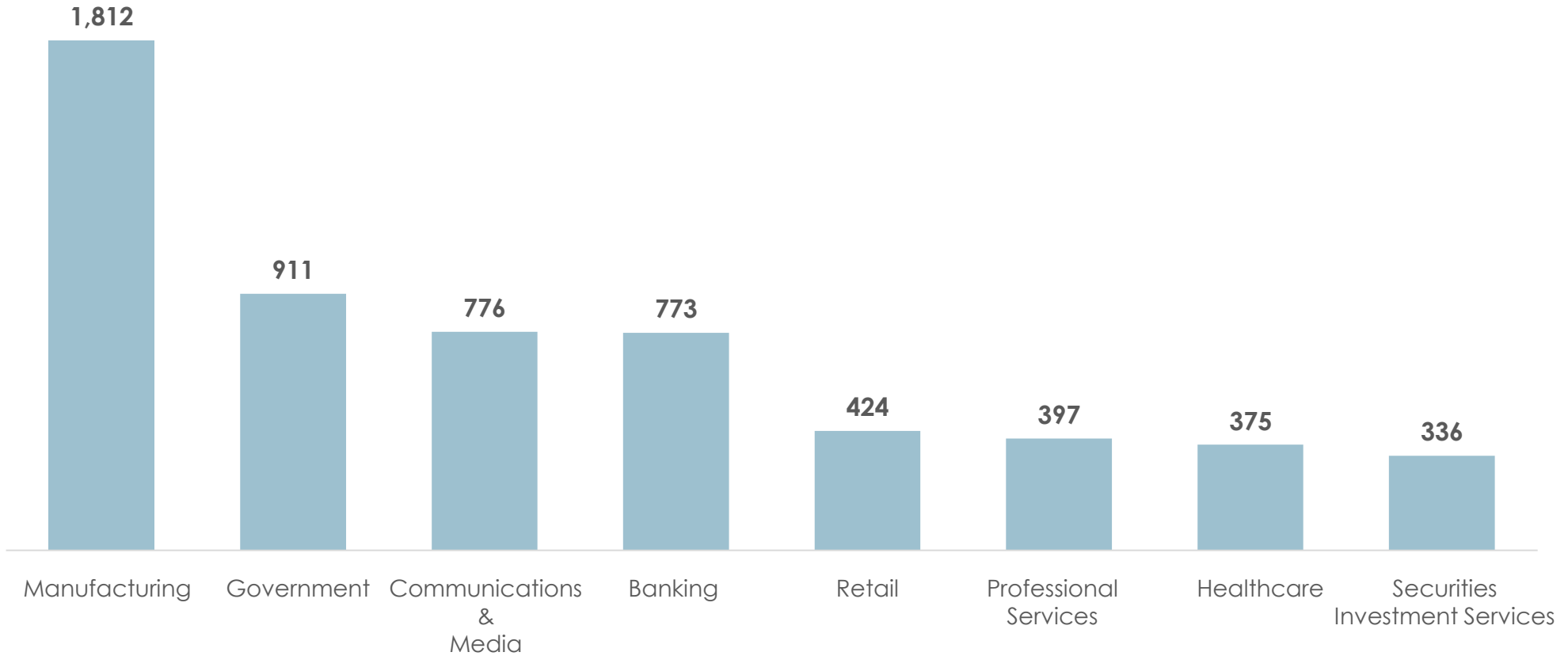
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The smart enterprise revolution: agile, intelligent, non-linear



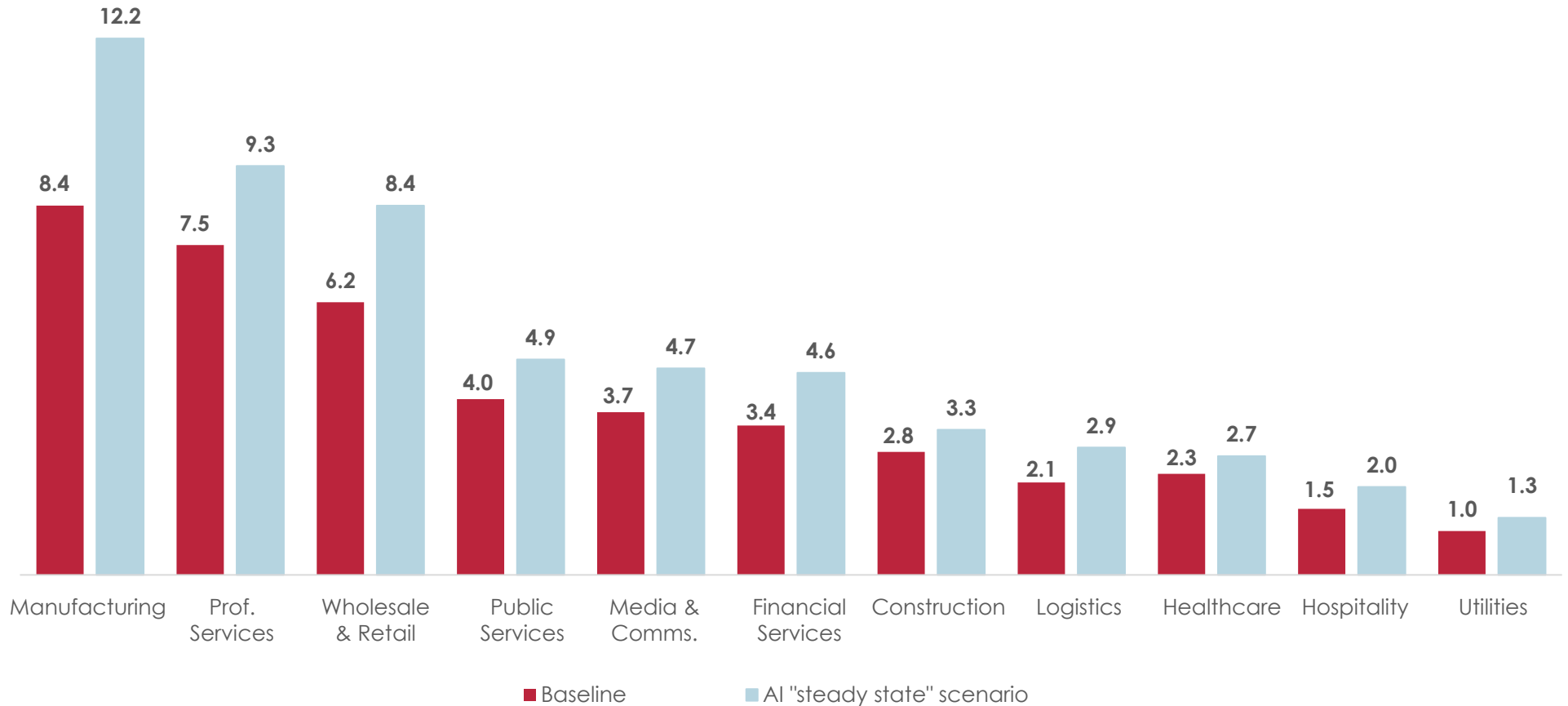
Data: the new oil of the global economy...

Annual data creation by industry (petabytes)



...driving immense efficiency gains on the back of AI

Impact of AI on industry output (Real Gross Value Added⁽¹⁾ in 2035 in the USA in \$trn)



A range of repeatable tasks can be automated today

Areas of Task Automation

Forecasting

Goal-oriented communication

Planning and organisation

Pattern recognition

Monitoring and observation

Repetitive manual labour

31%

*of companies
expected to add
AI over next
year*

47%

*of digitally mature
organisations have
AI strategies*

4.5x

*increase in jobs
requiring AI
skills since
2013*

70%

*of employees feel
that AI has increased
the appeal of their
work*

A space shuttle is shown ascending vertically, leaving a large, billowing plume of white smoke and fire. The background is a warm, orange-brown sky, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The shuttle is the central focus, with its white orbiter and external tank and boosters clearly visible.

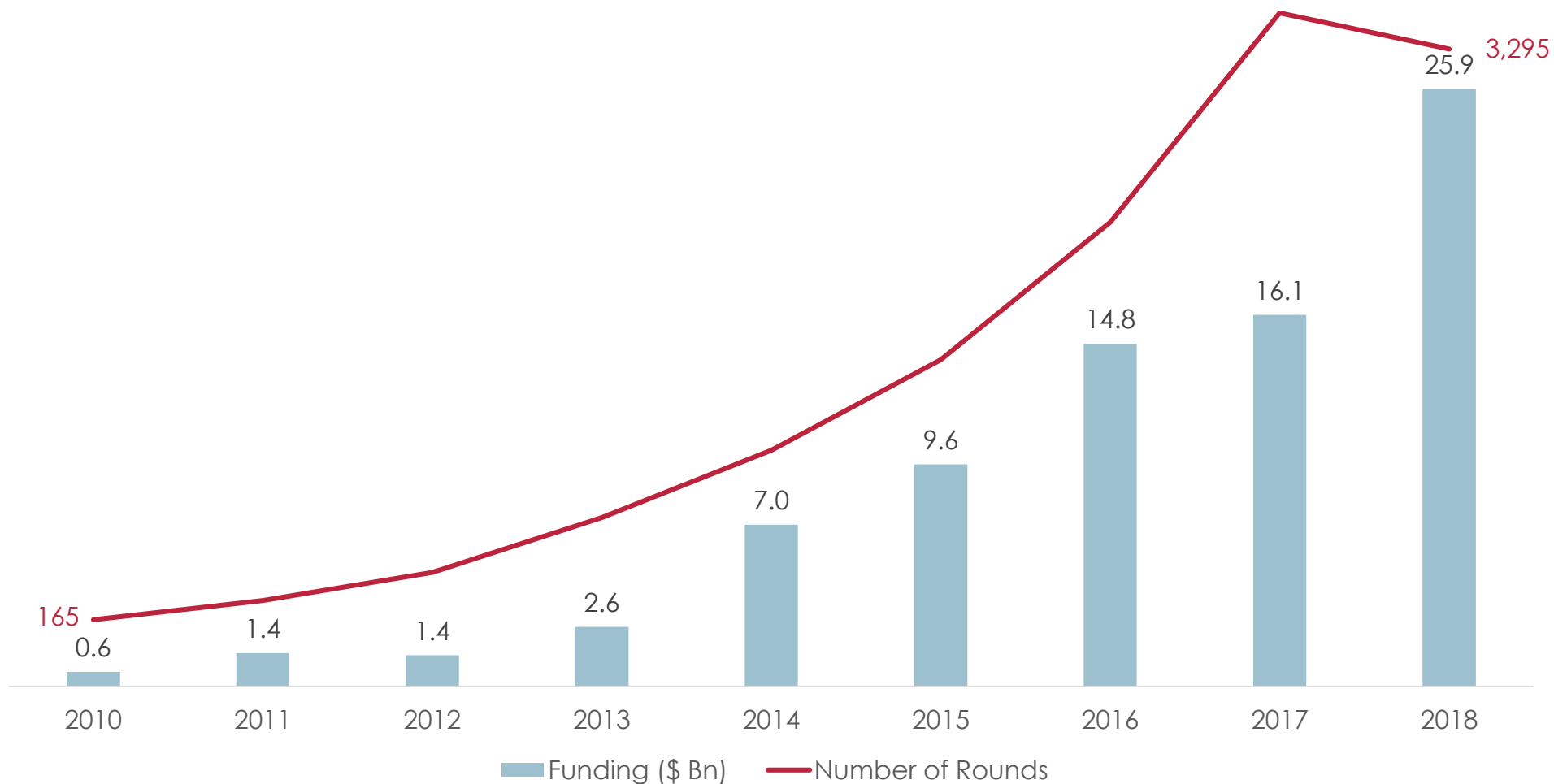
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VENTURE ENVIRONMENT

New platforms nearing maturity

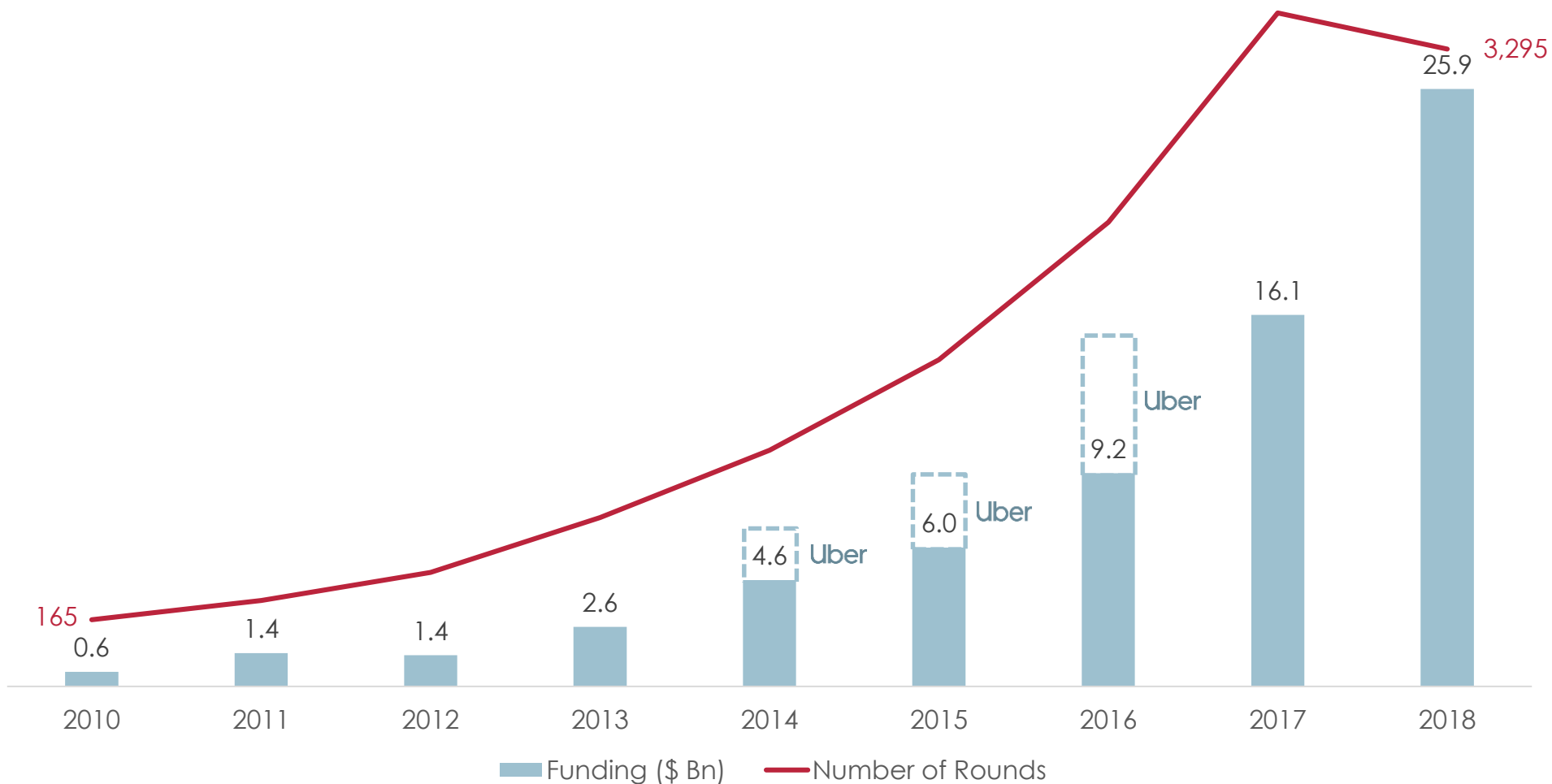
Continuously increasing VC funding into AI

Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning VC Funding (\$ Bn)



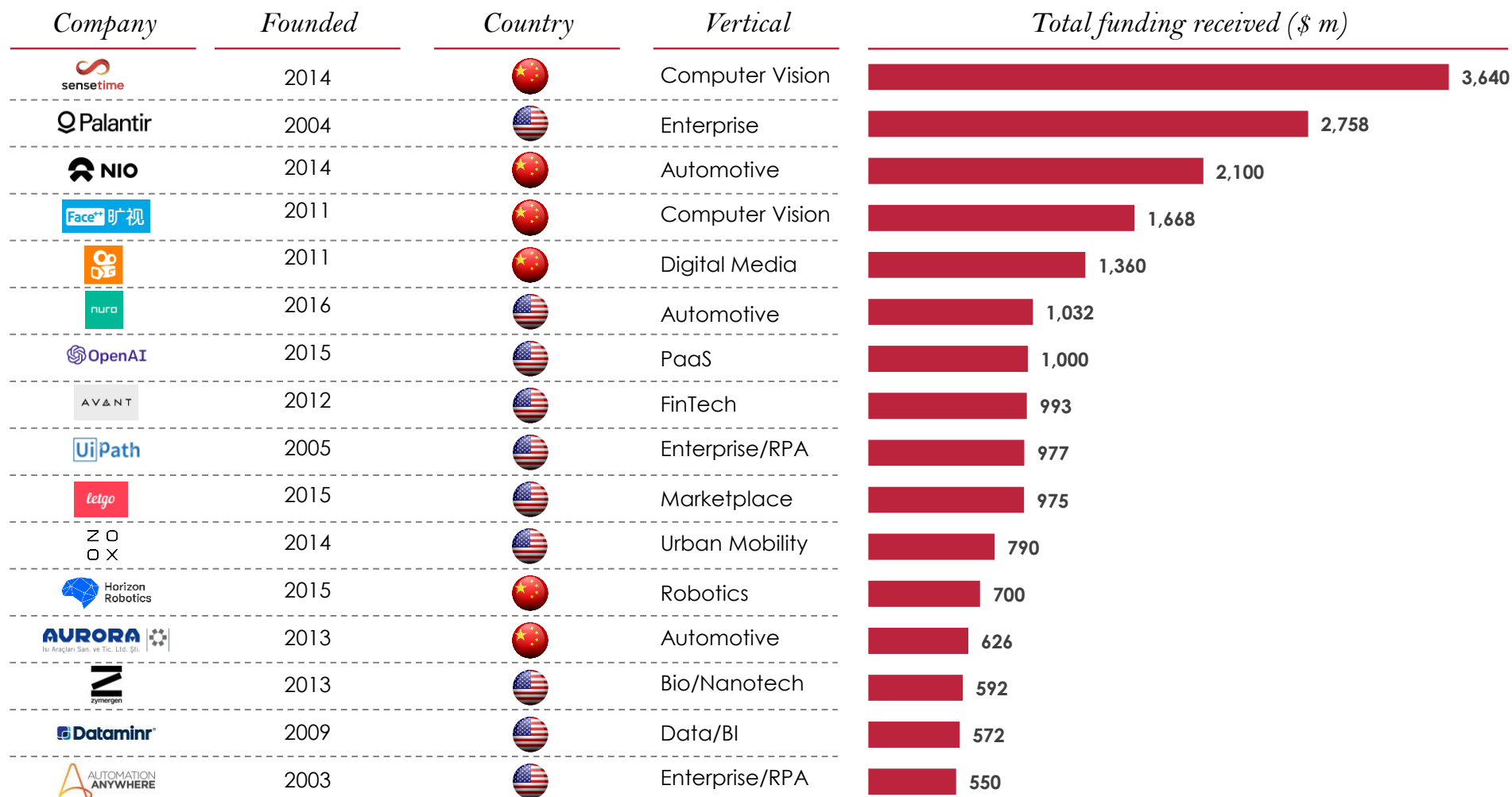
Continuously increasing VC funding into AI (continued)

Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning VC Funding (\$ Bn) – excluding Uber



Best-funded AI start-ups

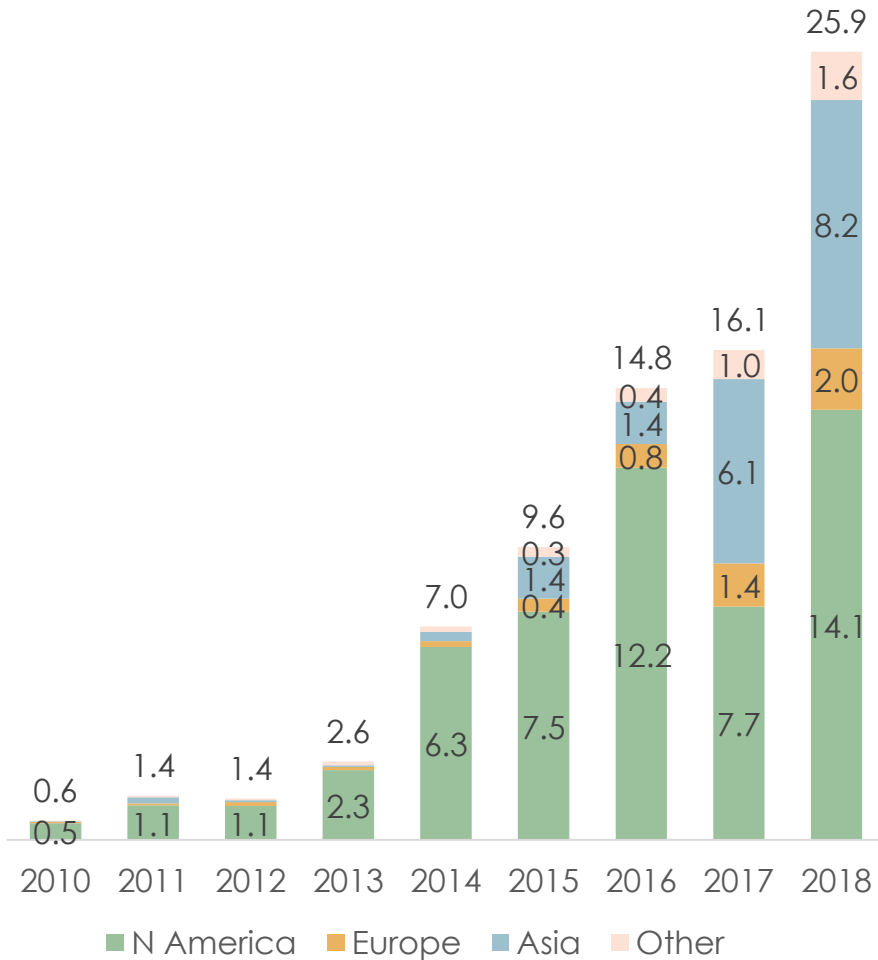
Top-15 best funded AI start-ups (selected)



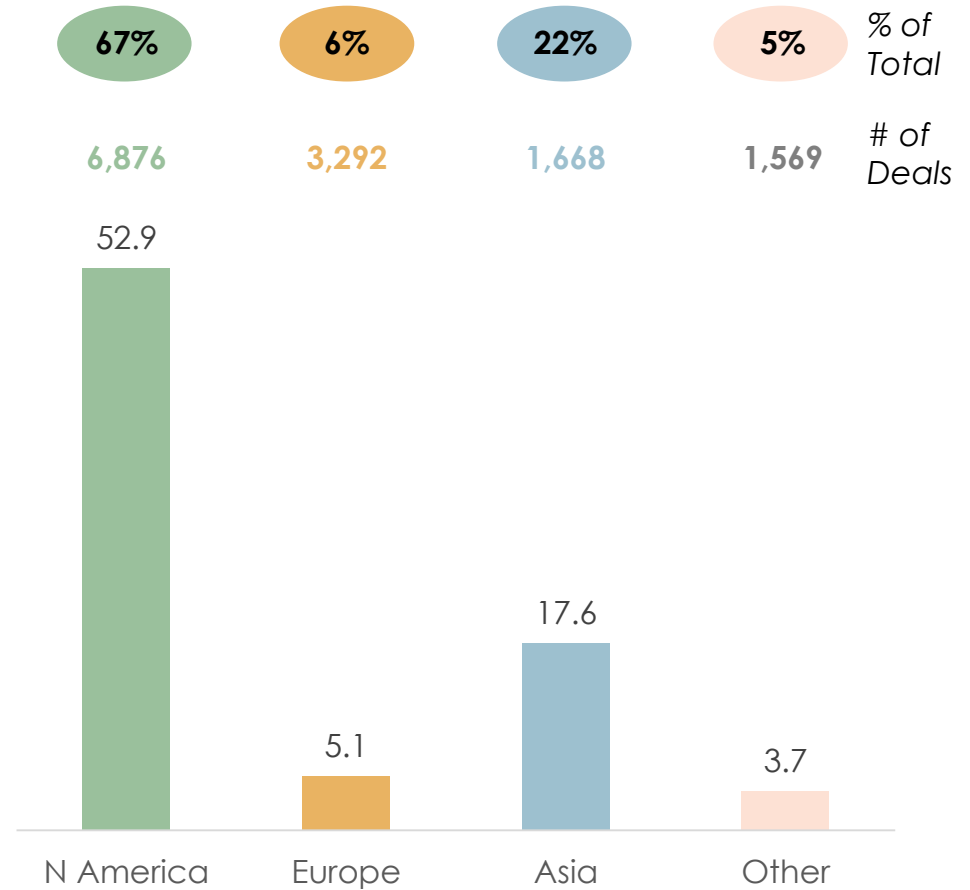
Source: Pitchbook, GP Bullhound Analysis

Regional trends in funding

Funding amounts over time (\$ Bn)



Total AI funding by region 2010-2018 (\$ Bn)





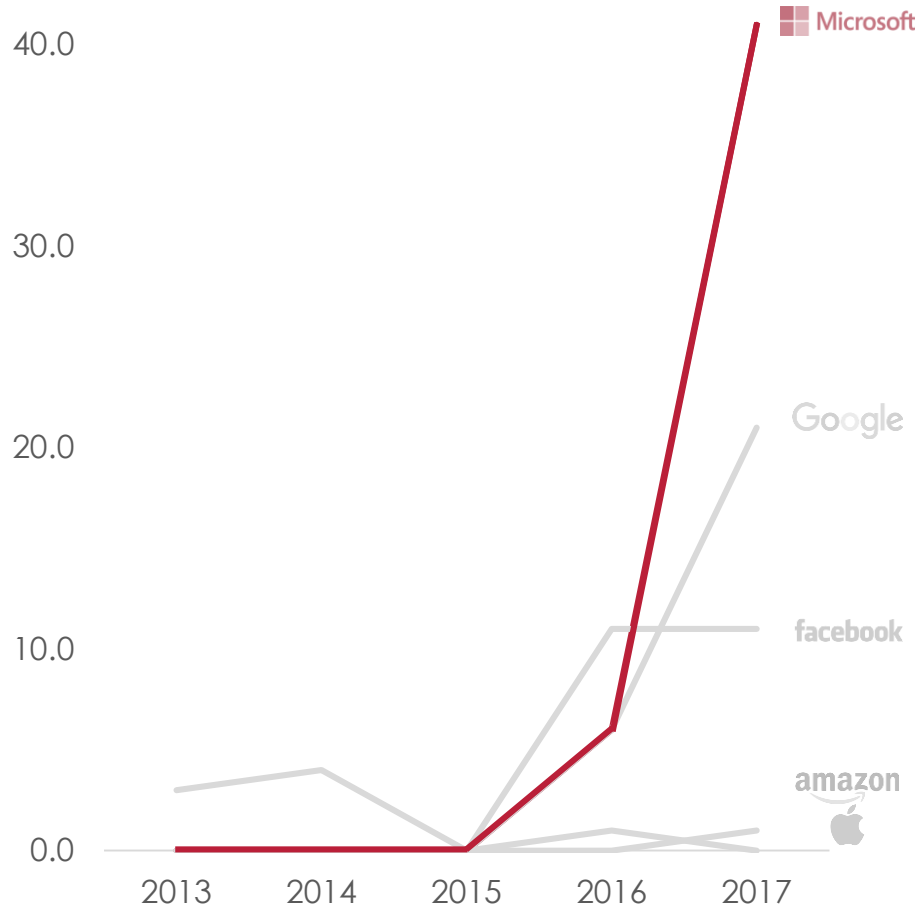
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M&A MARKET

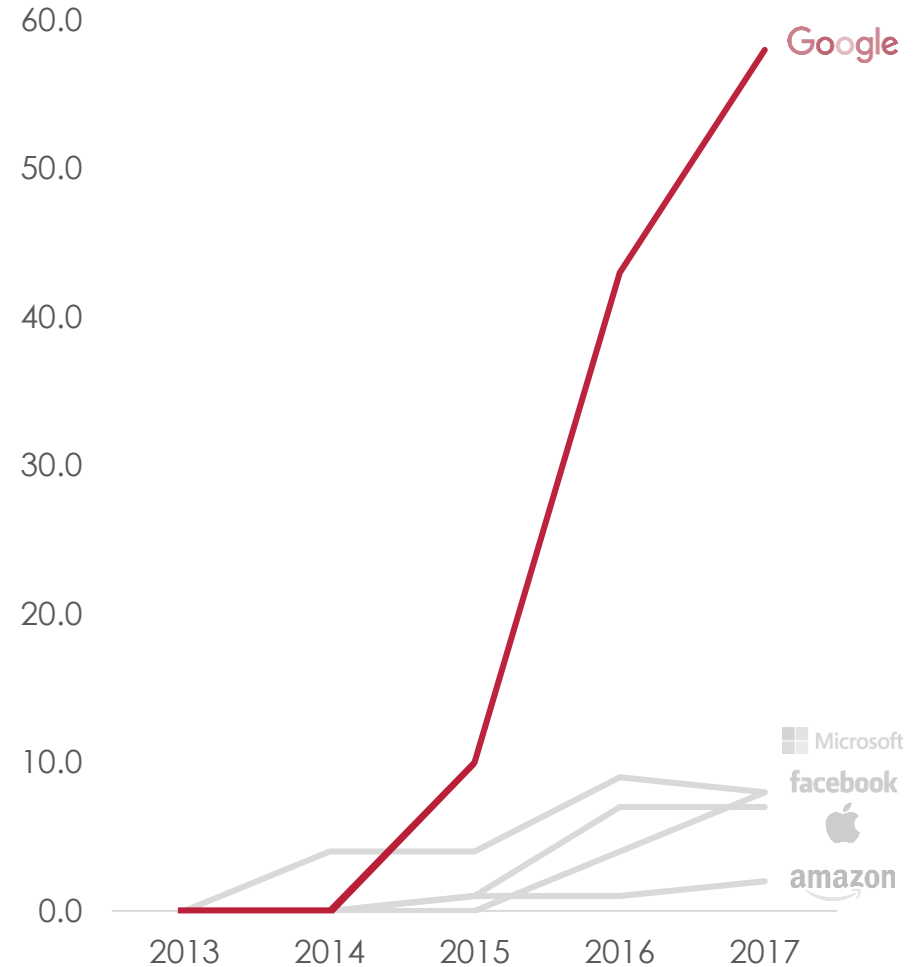
The global race for AI

Big strategics starting to focus on AI

Quarterly earnings calls: mentions of "Artificial Intelligence"

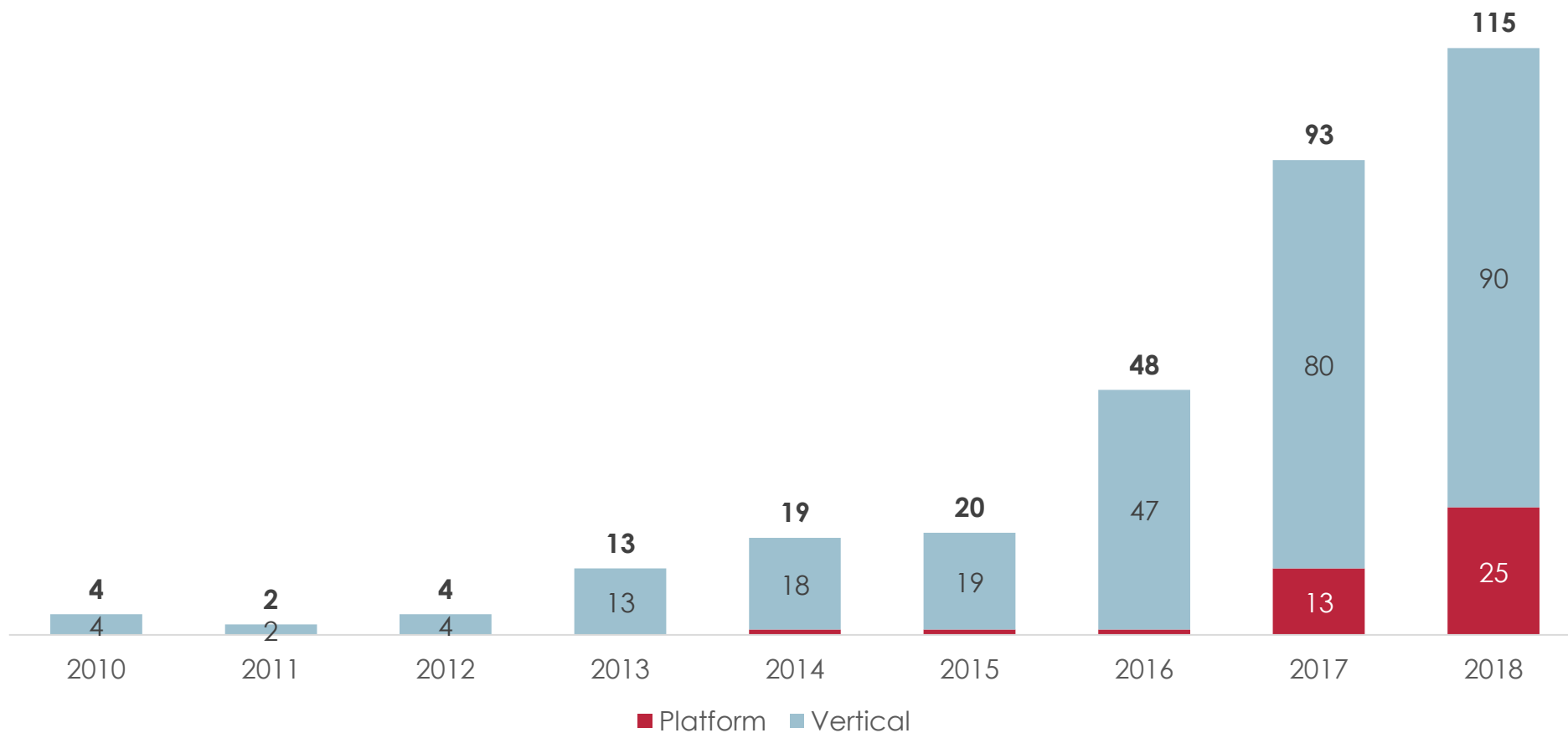


Quarterly earnings calls: mentions of "Machine Learning"



M&A transaction trends in AI

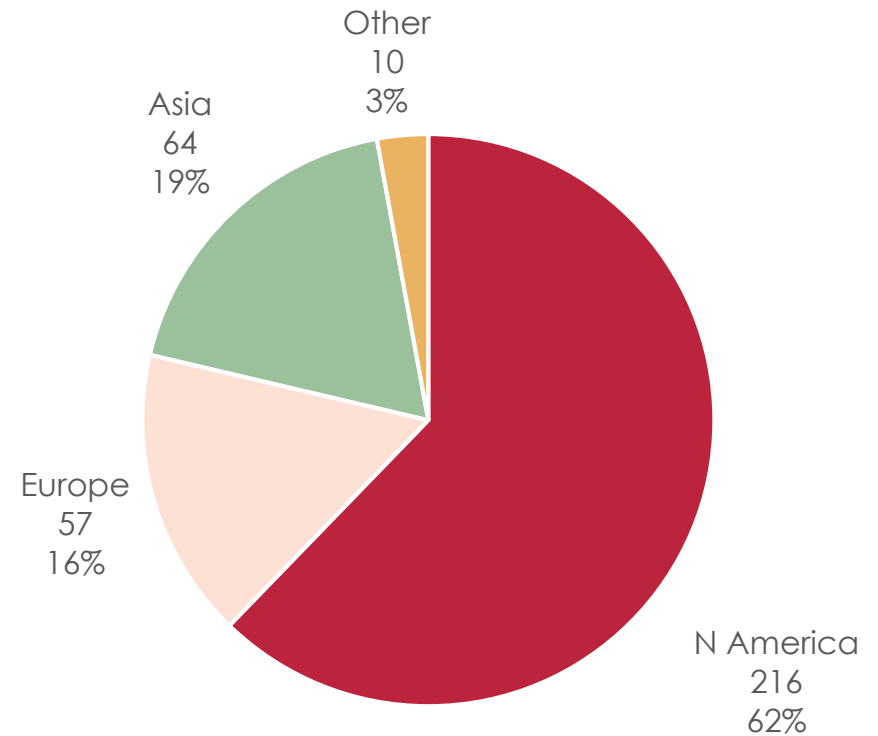
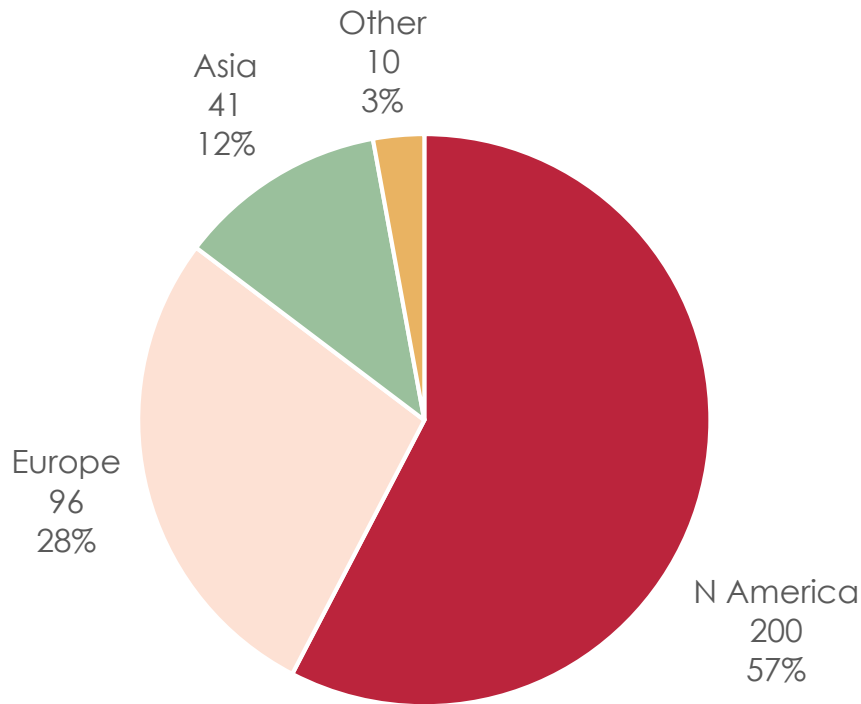
Annual AI M&A (number of transactions)



Regional differences in AI M&A

Share of inbound (no. of transactions 2010-2018)

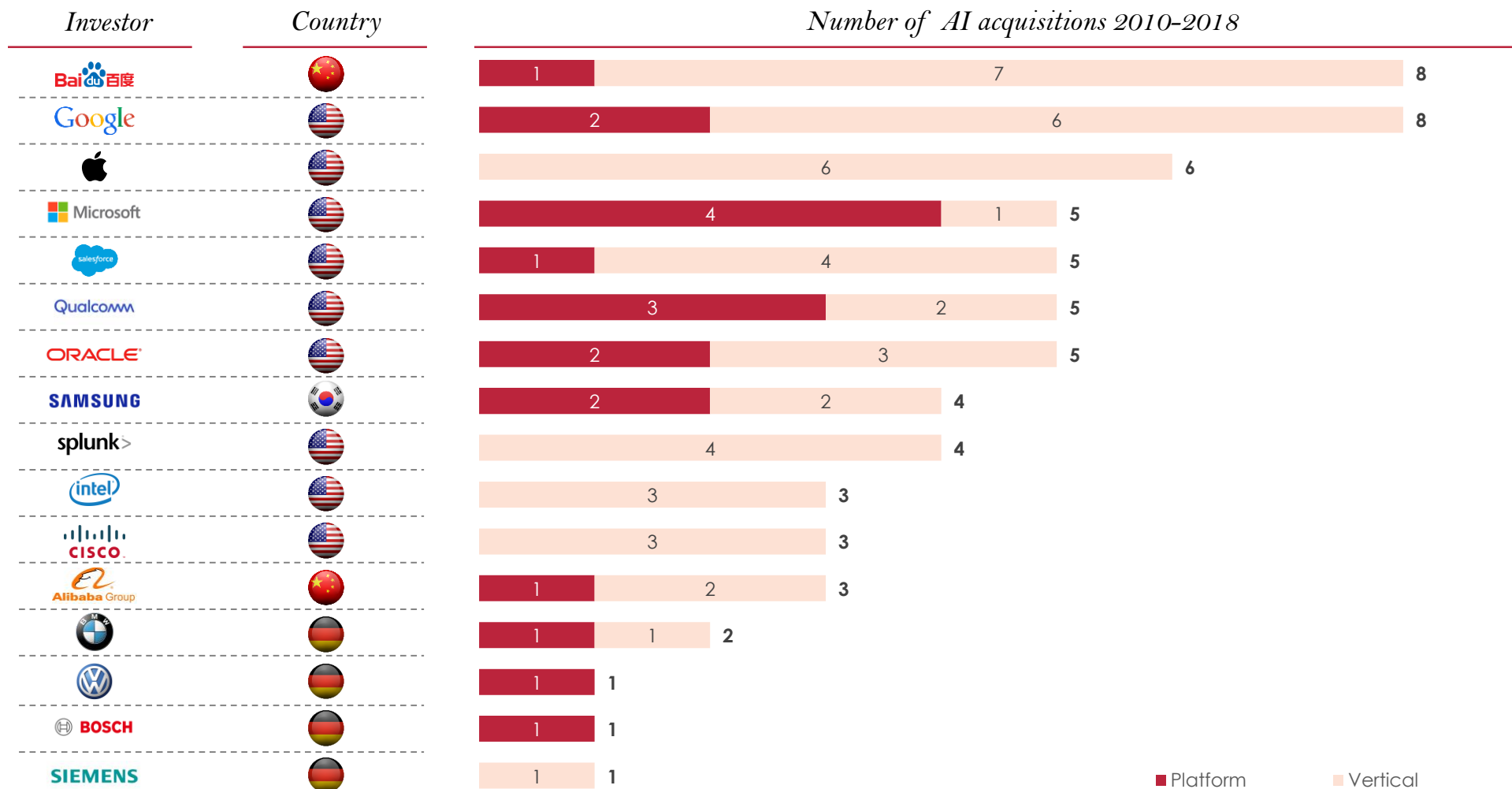
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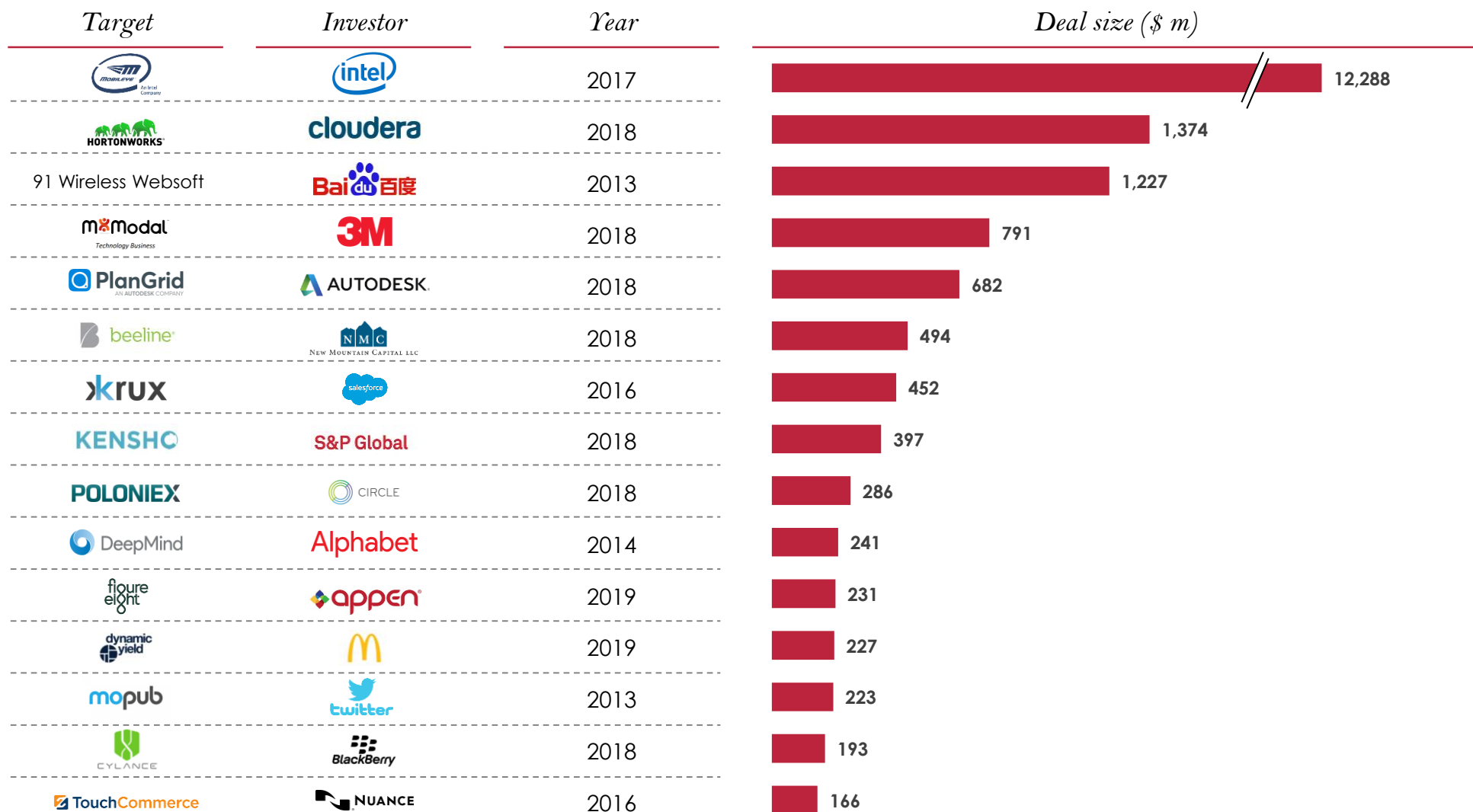
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Most active acquirors

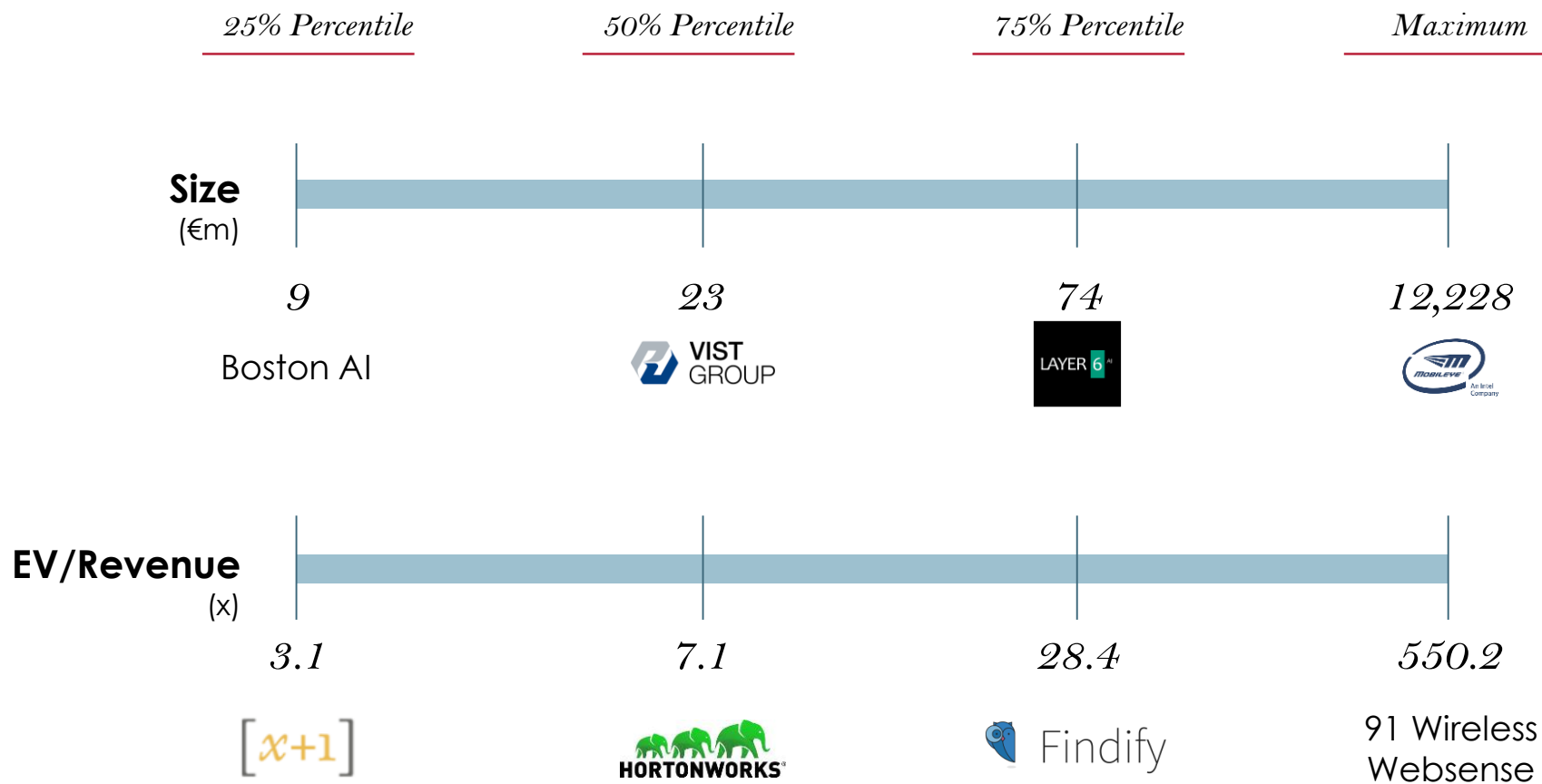


Largest AI acquisitions 2010-2018



Source: Mergermarket; GP Bullhound Analysis

Selected characteristics of AI acquisitions





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KEY TAKEAWAYS

for strategic acquirors and investors

1

Define an AI strategy around your key verticals

AI adoption across the value chain driving companies' performance

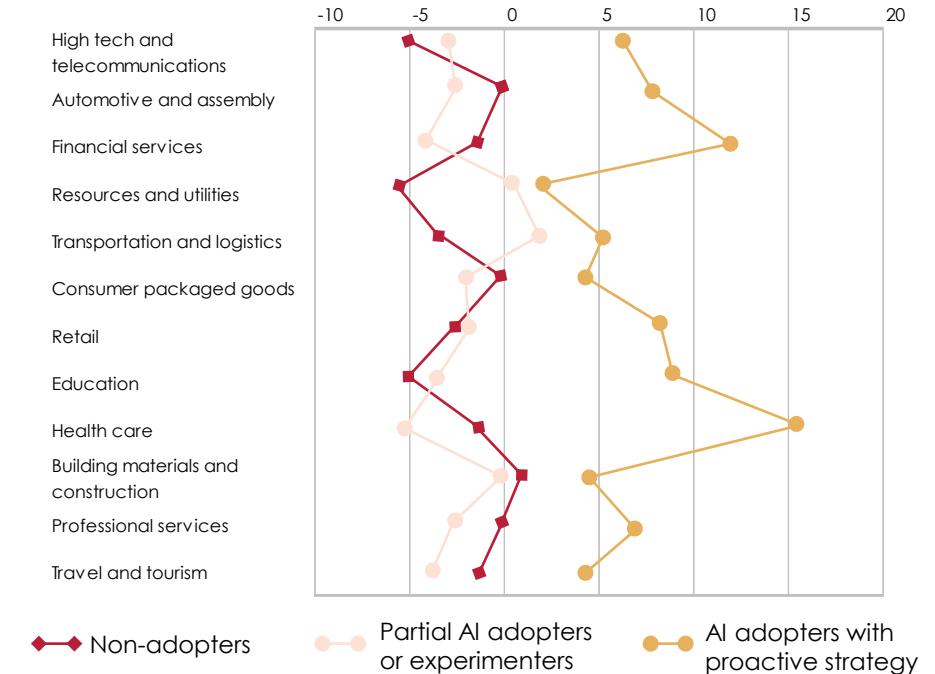
AI adoption in key industries across the value chain



AI adoption vs. profit margins

Self-reported current profit margin

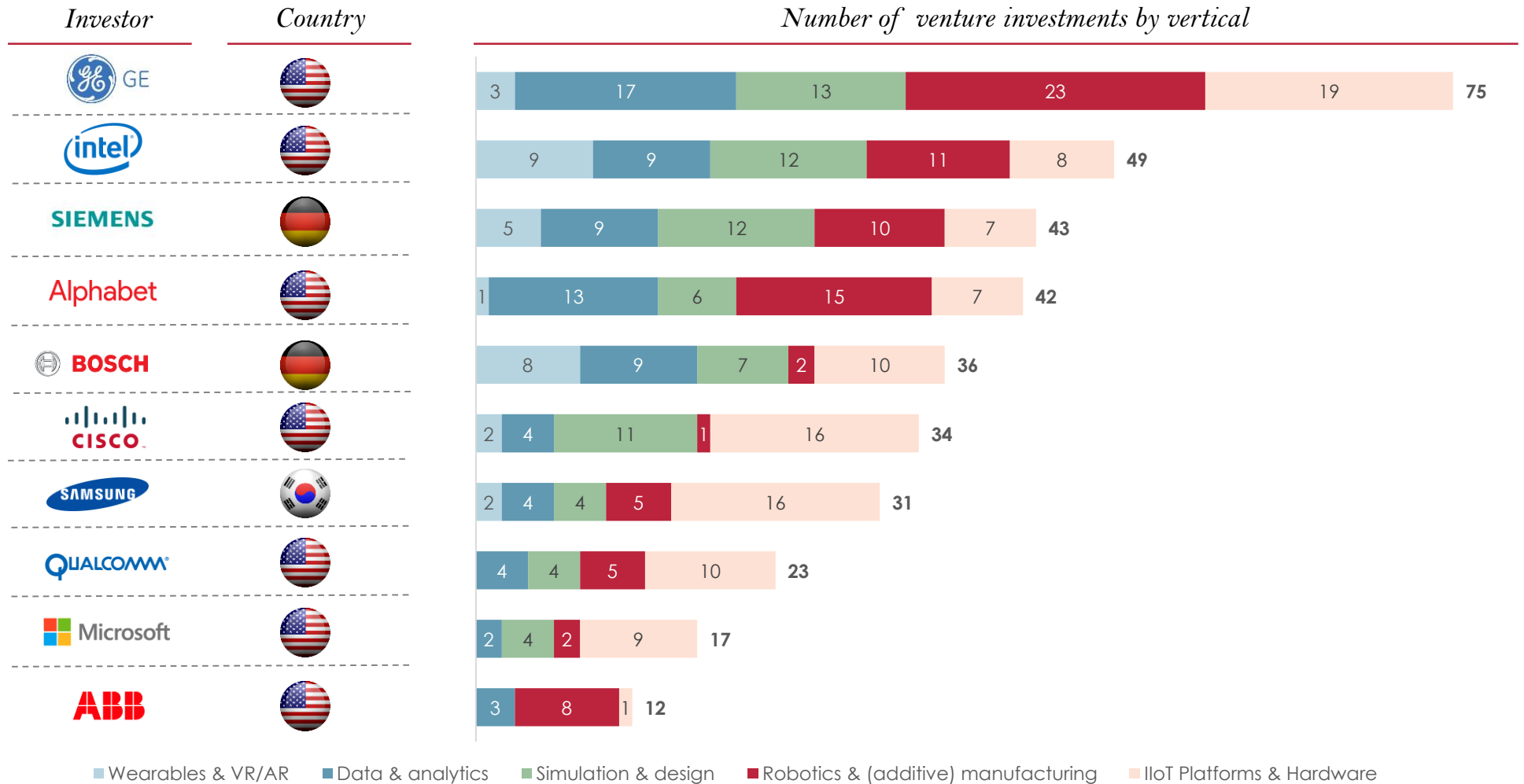
Difference from industry average (unweighted) (percentage points)



¹ Operating profit margin for selected sectors as a share of turnover, for continuing operations and before exceptional items.
² Firms that are big data and cloud service users and report their strategic posture towards AI to be: "Disrupting our industry using AI technology is at the core of our strategy", "We have changed our longer-term corporate strategy to address the AI threat or opportunity disruption," or "We have developed a coordinated plan to respond to the AI threat or opportunity but have not changed out longer-term corporate strategy."

2 Build an early-stage ecosystem around your AI strategy

Example: strategic venture investments in industrial automation / smart manufacturing



Plug strategic capability gaps with acquisitions

Example: Microsoft / XOXCO and Oracle / DataFox



- **Recent M&A:**
Acquired by Microsoft
- **Vertical:**
Conversational chat bots
- Key future engagement tool
- Microsoft Bot Framework:
already 360,000+ developers



- **Recent M&A:**
Acquired by Oracle
- **Vertical:**
Automated data extraction
- Extracts and structures content from millions of public sources

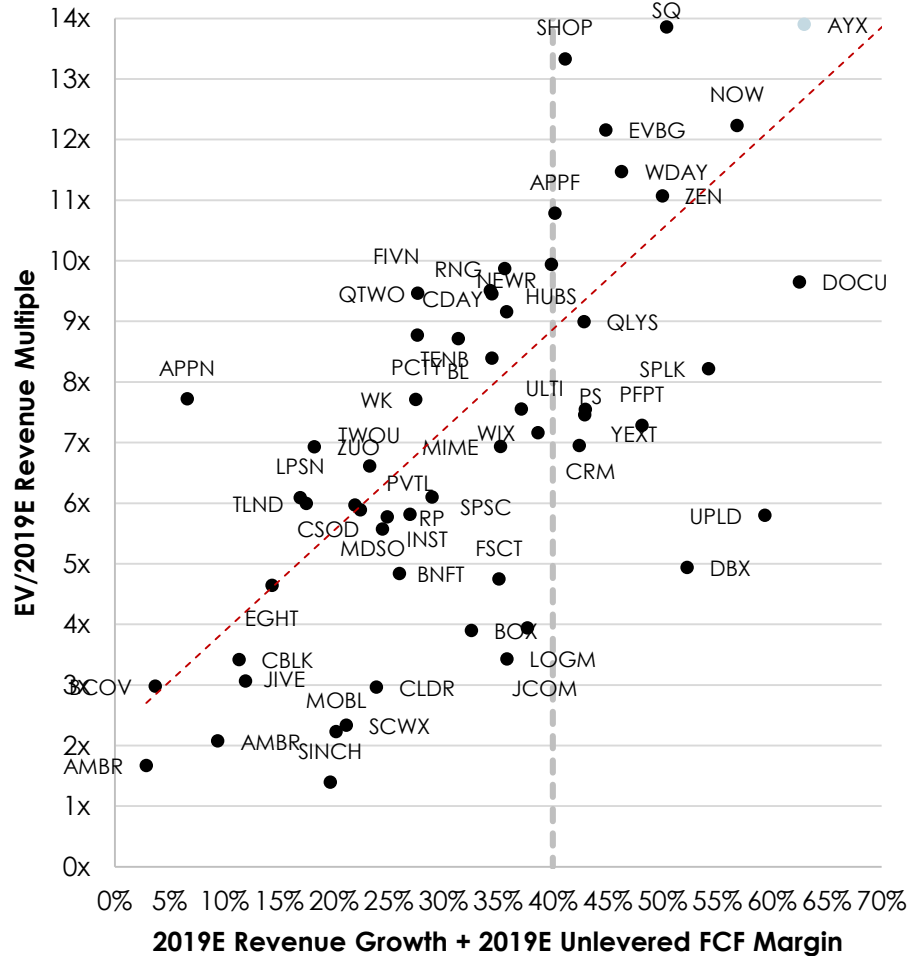
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Be prepared to invest at strategic valuation levels

“Rule of 40” software valuations vs. selected AI transaction multiples

“Rule of 40” software valuations...

...vs. selected AI acquisition multiples



550x
Maximum AI EV/Revenue acquisition multiple

28x
75% percentile AI EV/Revenue acquisition multiple

7x
Median AI EV/Revenue acquisition multiple

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

Why now?

Examples of vertical platforms starting to gain critical mass



- **Recent funding:**
\$225 – Series C,
Sep-18
- **Vertical:**
Robotic process
automation
- Automation of
back-office tasks
- Rapid take-up,
especially via
channels



- **Recent funding:**
\$180 – Series A,
Oct-18
- **Vertical:**
Industrial
automation
- Combines AI and
computer vision
with agile robots
- Vision of “lights-out
factory”



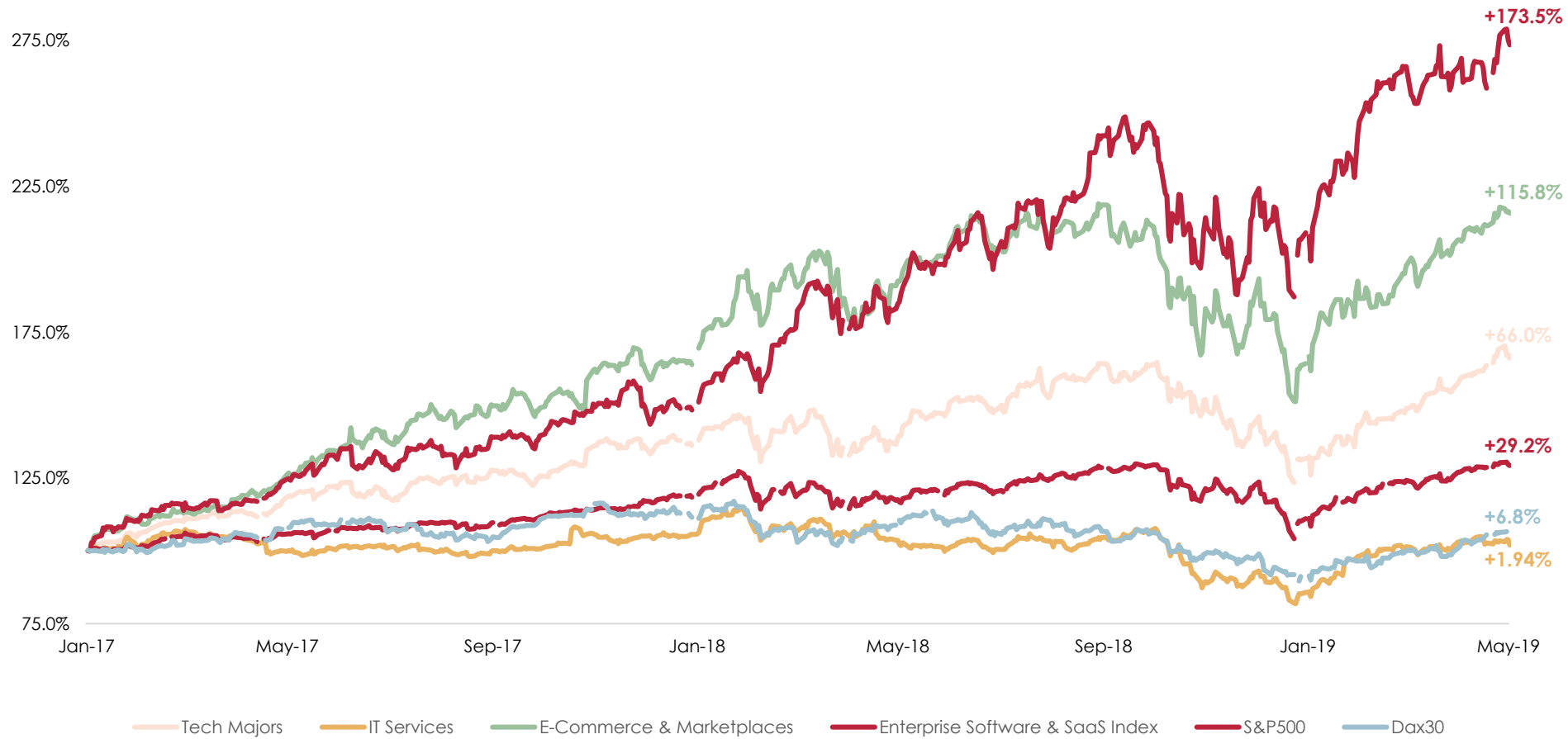
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Oracle
- **Vertical:**
Automated data
extraction
- Extracts and
structures content
from millions of
public sources

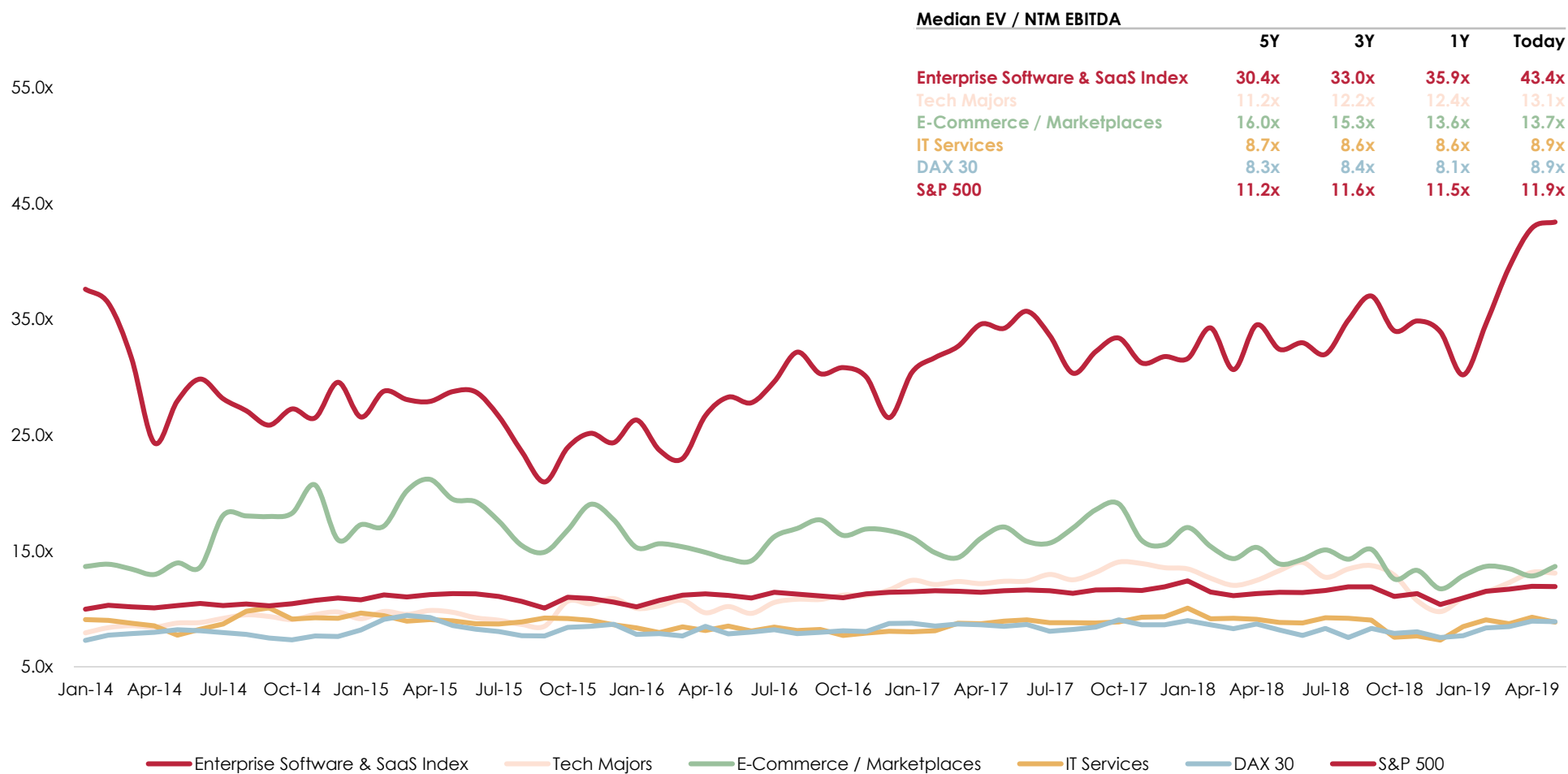
Technology universe share price development

Share Price Development of Selected Indices



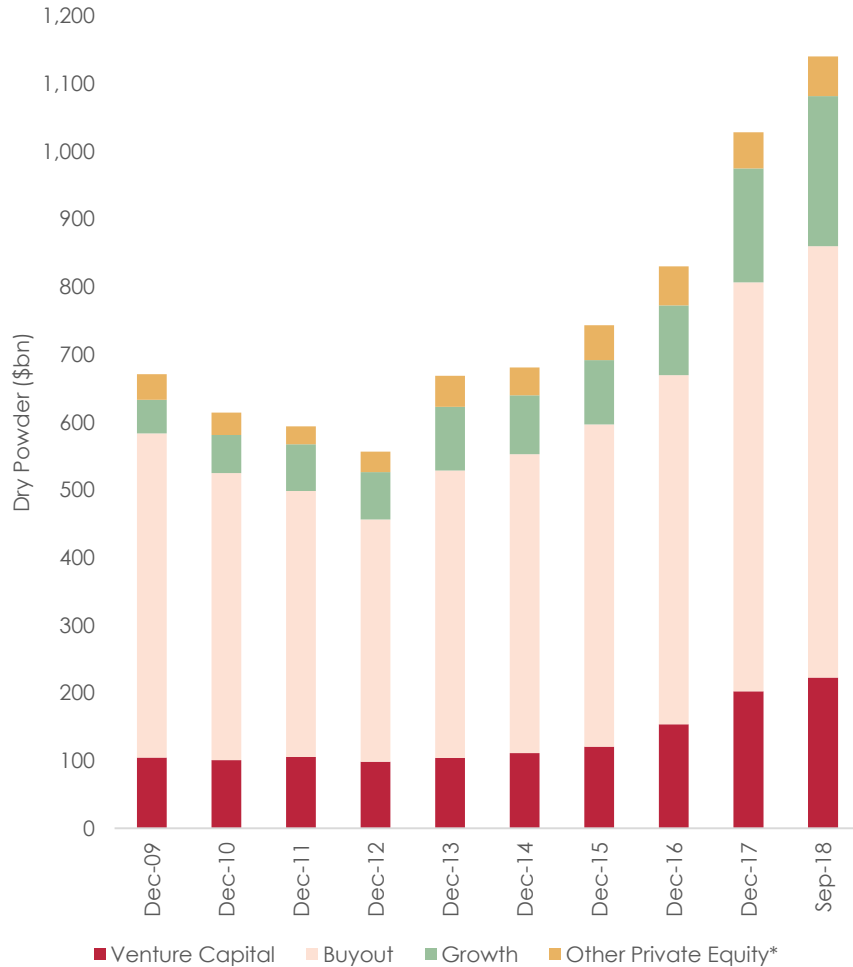
Valuation development over time

Historical EV / NTM EBITDA Trading Performance of Selected Indices

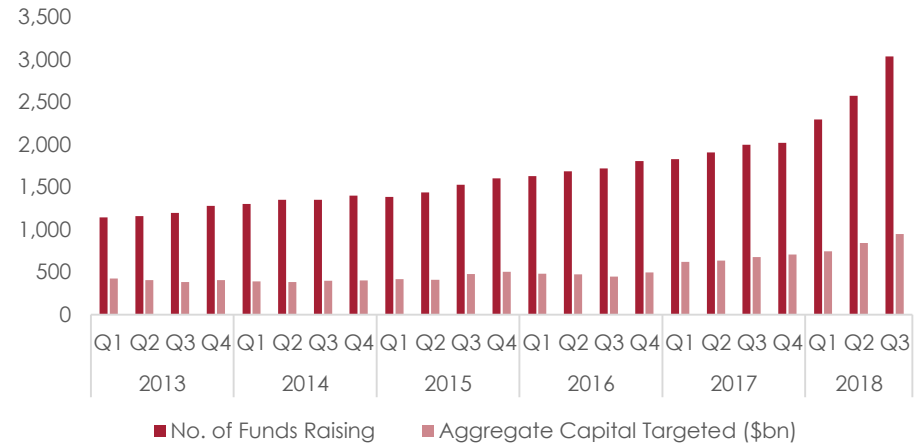


Private equity is awash with capital ...

Private Equity: Dry Powder by Fund Type, 2009 - Q3 2018



PE Funds in Market over Time, Q1 2013 – Q3 2018 (1)

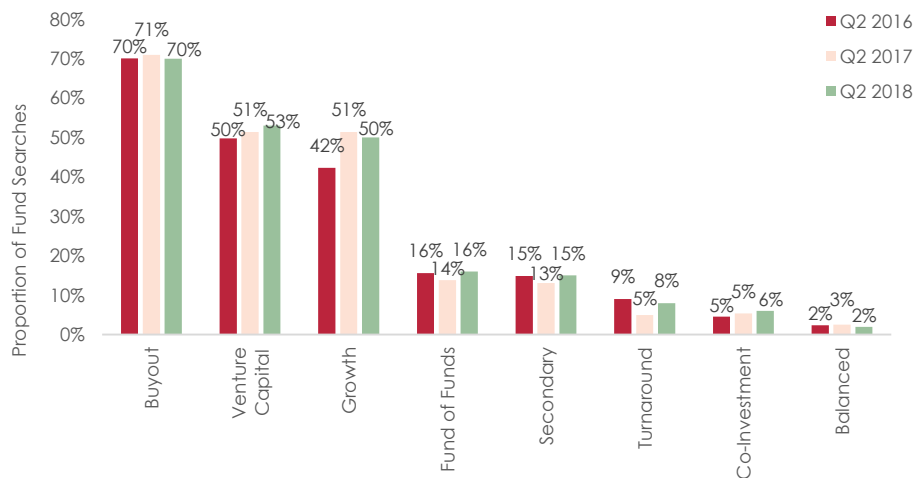


Largest Private Equity Funds Closed in Q2 2018

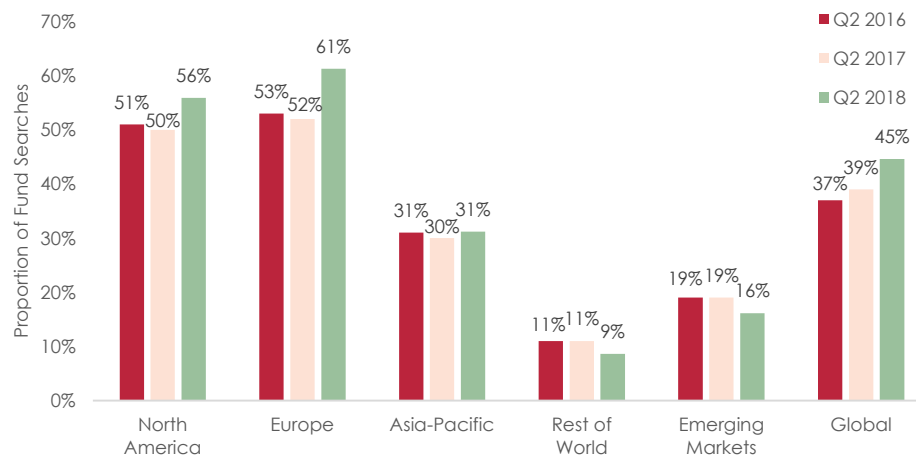
Fund	Firm	Fund Size (m)	Fund Type	Geographic Focus
Carlyle Asia Partners V	Carlyle Group	6,550 USD	Buyout	Asia
Bain Capital Europe V	Bain Capital	4,350 EUR	Buyout	Europe
Nordic Capital Fund IX	Nordic Capital	4,300 EUR	Buyout	Europe
TowerBrook Investors V	TowerBrook Capital Partners	4,250 USD	Buyout	US
General Atlantic Investment Partners 2017	General Atlantic	3,289 USD	Growth	US
Thoma Bravo Discover Fund II	Thoma Bravo	2,400 USD	Buyout	US
Blackstone Capital Partners Asia	Blackstone Group	2,300 USD	Buyout	Asia
BGH Capital Fund I	BGH Capital	2,600 AUD	Buyout	Australasia
Inflexion Buyout Fund V	Inflexion Private Equity Partners	1,250 GBP	Buyout	Europe
Atlas Capital Resources III	Atlas Holdings	1,675 USD	Turnaround	US

... leading to an increasingly crowded market and bigger and bigger deals

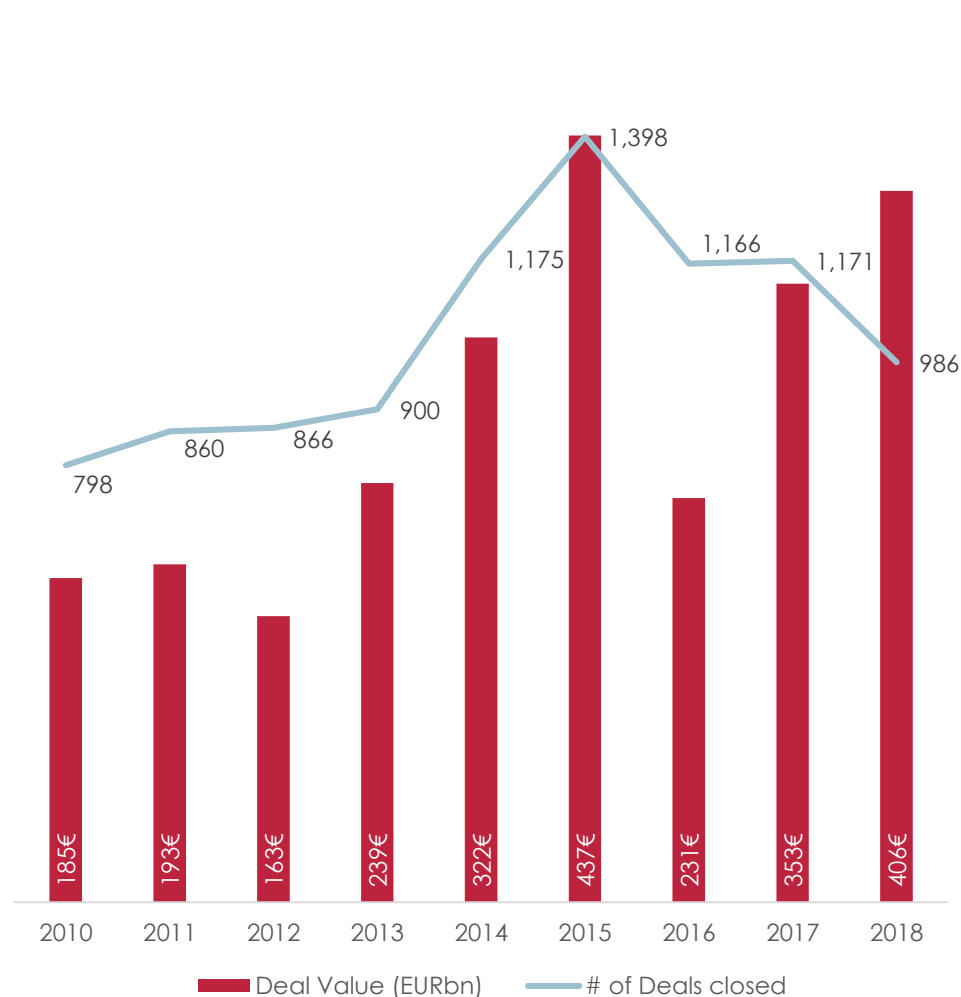
Strategies Targeted by PEs in the NTM, Q3 2016 – Q3 2018



Regions Targeted by PEs in the NTM, Q2 2016 – Q2 2018

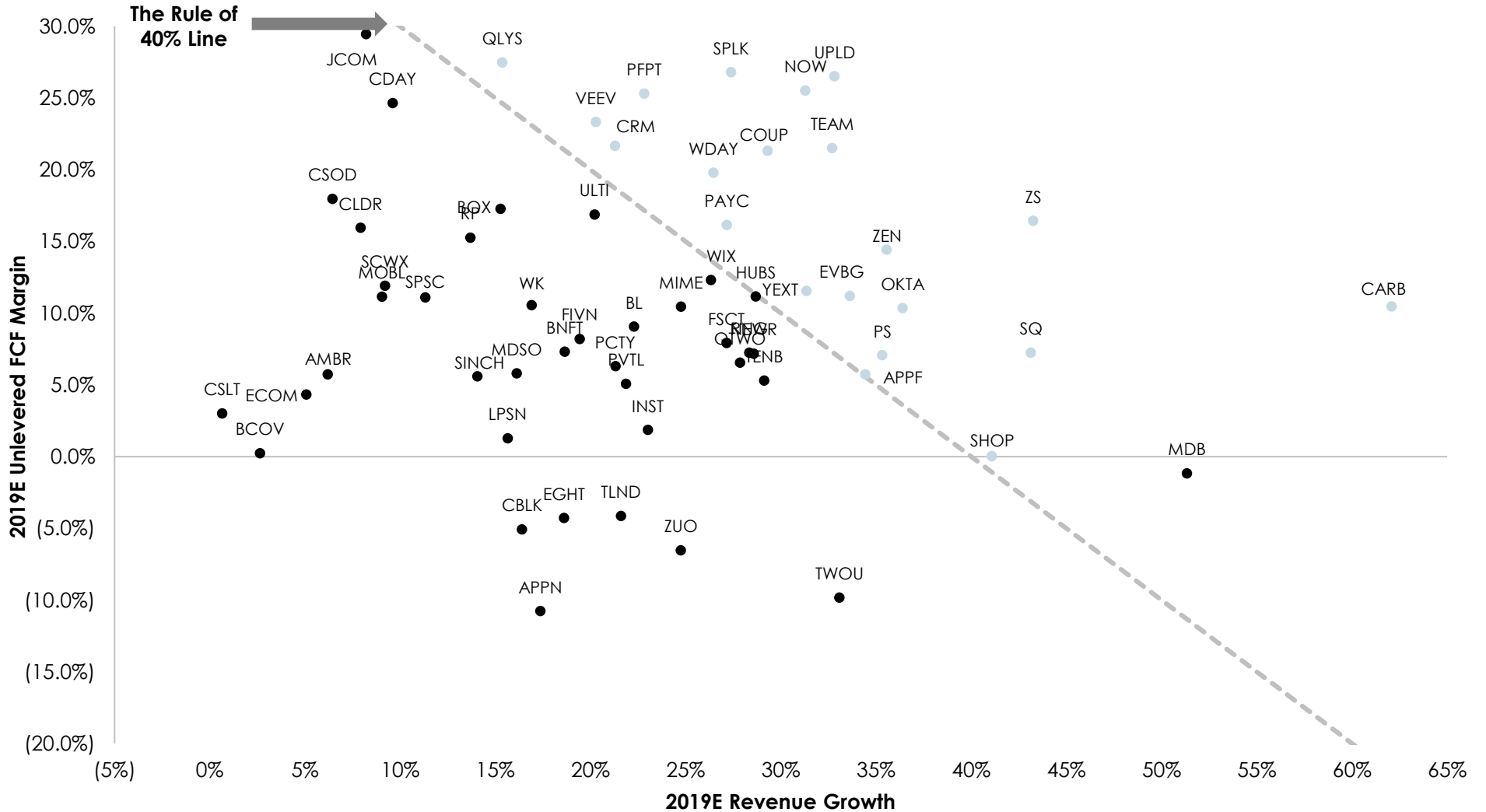


European buyout activity



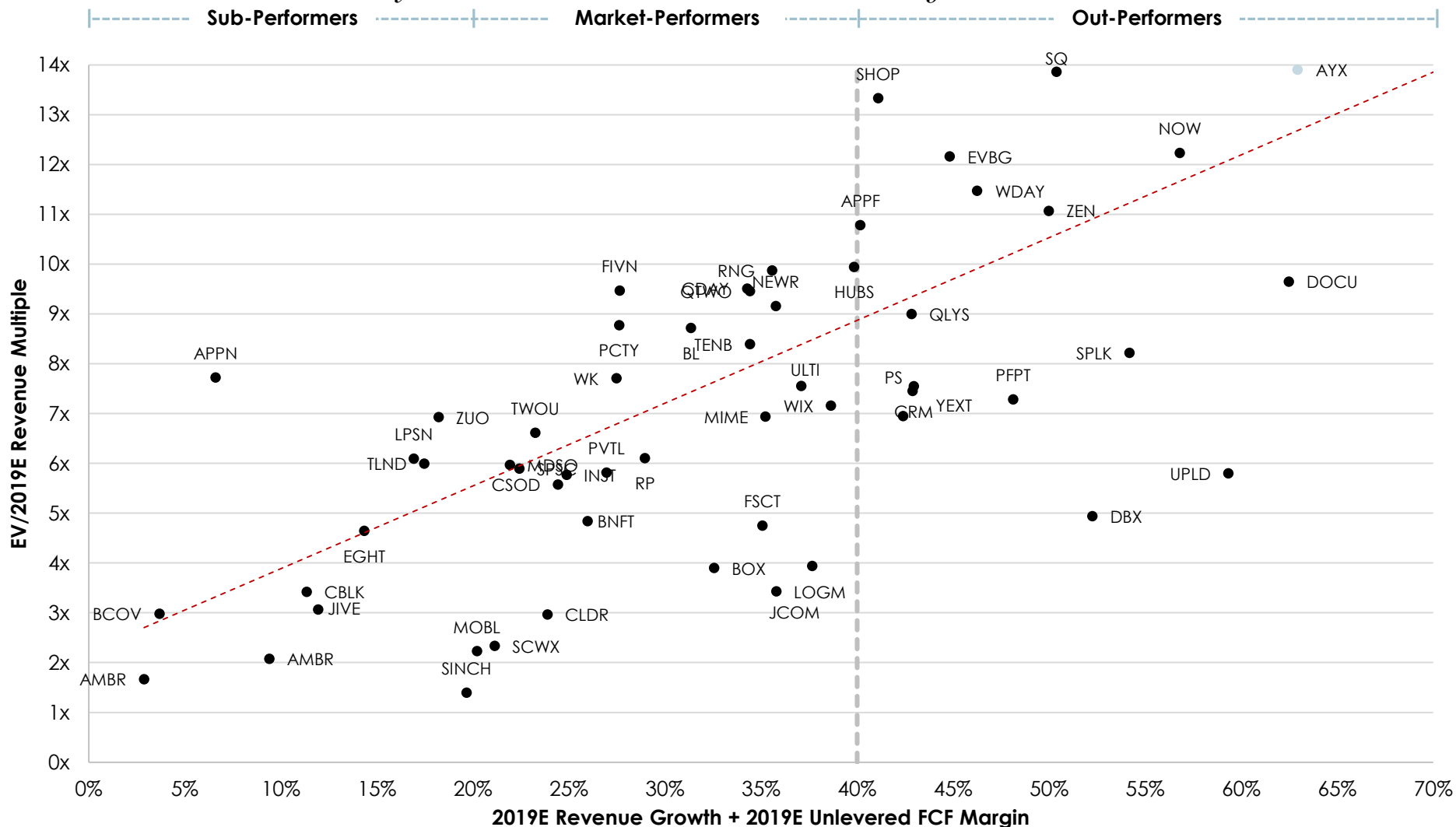
Rule of 40% – Public SaaS

2018E Growth and Profitability of Public SaaS Companies in GPB Index



Rule of 40% – Public SaaS (Cont'd)

Companies whose summed revenue growth rate and FCF margin is greater than 40%, are valued higher by investors than those below this 'rule of 40' line



Source(s): Capital IQ

Note: Data based on GP Bullhound SaaS Index, excludes outliers and companies with "N/A"

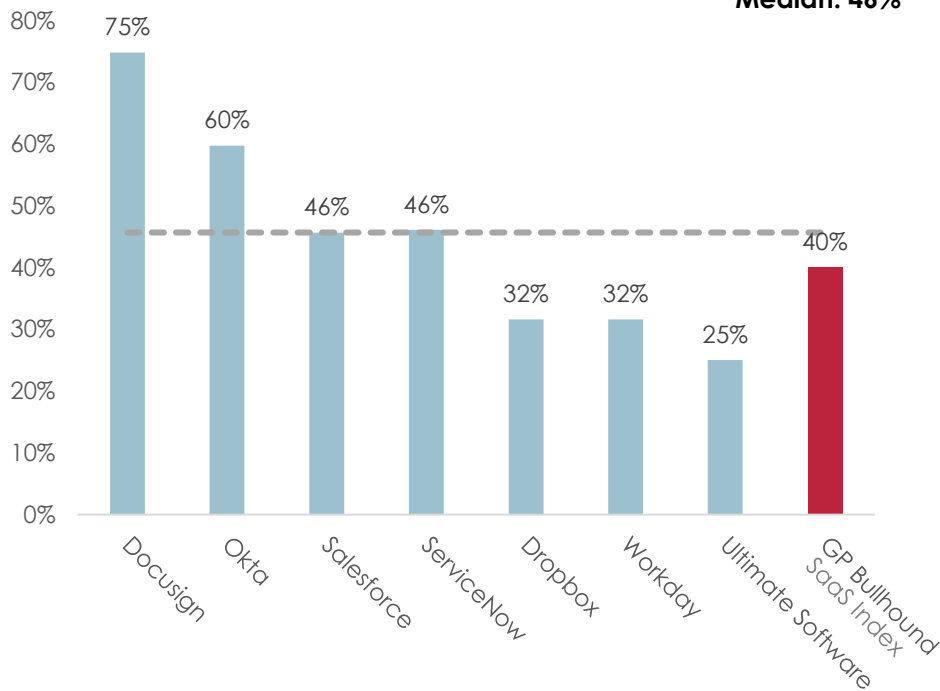
Horizontal vs. Vertical Focused Cloud Software Trends

Vertical-specific has lower Sales & Marketing spend as a percentage of revenue

However, generally lower growth and valuation multiples

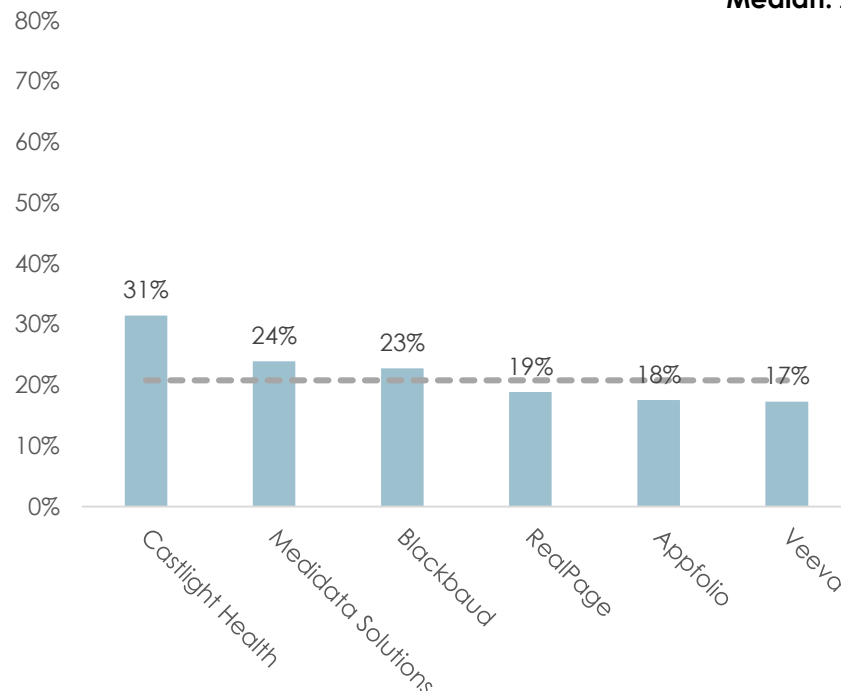
Horizontal Software

Median: 46%



Vertical-Specific Software

Median: 21%



	Docusign	Okta	Salesforce	ServiceNow	Dropbox	Workday	Ultimate Software	GP Bullhound SaaS Index
EV/LTM Revenue	13.0x	25.0x	10.1x	16.2x	6.4x	15.2x	9.0x	
FY19/18E Revenue Growth	6.9%	50.7%	26.8%	31.3%	18.3%	31.7%	20.2%	

	Castlight Health	Medidata Solutions	Blackbaud	RealPage	Appfolio	Veeva
EV/LTM Revenue	2.4x	7.0x	4.7x	6.8x	12.8x	18.6x
FY19/18E Revenue Growth	0.3%	16.1%	4.8%	13.7%	34.6%	25.9%

Source(s): Capital IQ

Note: GP Bullhound SaaS Index constituents can be found in Appendix A

Outlook: what AI may hold in store for us

- **From the 1910s to the 2000s, labor distribution has changed to reflect shifts in society**
 - » Farmers in the U.S. declined from 24% to <1% of labor force
 - » Technical professions rose 20%, teachers doubled, and health workers grew by 7x
 - » The concept of an engineer meanwhile went from almost non-existent, to 5% of the workforce
- **Though concerns exist around impact of AI and workforce automation, we believe working conditions will improve**
 - » AI will augment tasks that existing employees spend far too much of their time completing
 - » More flexible work hours and work environments
 - » Less confinement and time commuting = increased productivity
- **Many innovators in the space are painting a picture of symbiosis between humans and artificial intelligence**
 - » Potential to assist many professions including surgeons, machinists, soldiers and chefs
 - » “EQ” professions will become more important again
- **Ethics still need to be explored**
 - » E.g.: is it right to delegate core HCM tasks to a machine learning algorithm?

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