# **Quarterly Industry Update**

As of September 30, 2016

**Industry: Online Educational Software** 

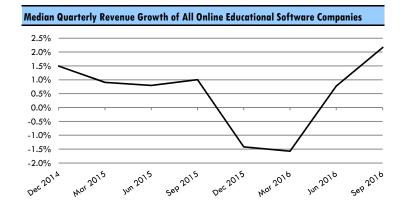


### **Industry Summary**

Cogent Valuation identified Online Educational Software publicly traded companies, IPOs, and recent M&A transactions within the Online Educational Software industry, which provides a basis for market and transaction pricing that can be used by your firm in estimating market sentiment and its impact on your firm's value. Over the last year since September 30, 2015, the median 52-week share price return of the Online Educational Software industry was 15.4%. Between September 30, 2014 and September 30, 2016, the median EV/EBITDA multiple decreased from 18.1 to 13.2. However, the median price-to-earnings multiple increased from 55.0 to 59.6 over the same period.

Comparable Public Company Key Statistics											
Median 52-Week Return Median 3-Year CAGR Return	15.4% -22.5%	Median EV/Revenue Multiple Median EV/EBITDA Multiple			0.9x 13.2x	Median Price/Earnings Multiple Median EV/Gross CF Multiple				59.6x 26.7x	
Comparable Public Company Market Price Returns As of September 30, 2016											
	YTD	3 Month	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	5 Year	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
eHealth, Inc.	12.3%	-20.0%	-12.5%	-31.8%	-29.7%	-3.9%	-60.0%	-46.4%	69.2%	86.9%	3.6%
Healthstream Inc.	25.5%	4.1%	26.5%	7.2%	-10.0%	16.6%	-25.4%	-9.6%	34.2%	31.8%	129.5%
K12, Inc.	63.1%	14.9%	15.4%	-5.2%	-22.5%	-10.8%	-25.9%	-45.4%	6.4%	13.9%	-37.4%
Spark Networks, Inc.	-59.0%	0.0%	-45.1%	-41.6%	-42.5%	-12.9%	7.2%	-41.7%	-21.0%	105.3%	27.9%
XO Group Inc.	20.4%	10.9%	36.8%	31.3%	14.4%	18.8%	-11.8%	22.5%	59.8%	11.5%	-15.6%
Median of Industry Public Companies	20.4%	4.1%	15.4%	-5.2%	-22.5%	-3.9%	-25.4%	-41.7%	34.2%	31.8%	3.6%

(Multiple year periods are calculated as the average annual return.)



Median Gross Profit, EBITDA, Net Income and Gross Cash Flow Margins
70.0%
60.0%
50.0% —
40.0%
30.0% —
20.0% —
10.0%
0.0%
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Gross Profit

Median Fublic Company Multiples of the Online Educational Software Industry										
Date:	9/30/2014	12/31/2014	3/31/2015	6/30/2015	9/30/2015	12/31/2015	3/31/2016	6/30/2016	9/30/2016	
EV/Revenues Multiple	1.5x	2.0x	1.4x	1.1x	l.lx	1.6x	1.1x	0.9x	0.9x	
EV/EBITDA Multiple	18.1x	26.5x	20.9x	17.8x	14.4x	17.0x	17.5x	12.0x	13.2x	
Price/Earnings Multiple	55.0x	55.1x	42.1x	30.8x	42.0x	66.0x	77.6x	39.6x	59.6x	
EV/Gross Cash Flows Multiple	38.3x	57.1x	19.3x	29.7x	19.9x	21.9x	39.8x	26.4x	26.7x	

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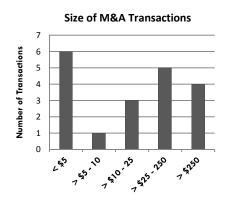


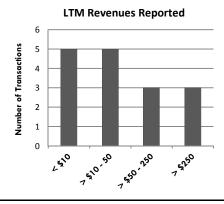
Industry Initial Public Offerings (dollars in millions, except share prices)										
Offer Date	Company Namo	Offer Price	Shares Offered	Amount Raised	Total Assets	Debt	LTM Revenues	LTM EBITDA	LTM Net Income	LTM Cash Flows
2/18/2016	<u>Company Name</u> Sylph Education Solutions Limited	<u>oner Price</u> \$0.18	4.0	\$0.7	\$1.8	\$0.0	\$0.0	(\$0.0)	\$0.0	(\$0.0)
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11/12/2015	Instructure, Inc.	\$16.00	4.4	\$70.4	\$64.2	\$0.0	\$65.1	(\$55.5)	(\$58.9)	(\$53.7)
8/4/2010	Ambow Education Holding Ltd.	\$10.00	10.7	\$106.8	\$512.1	\$39.7	\$144.3	\$32.4	\$18.4	\$38.9
7/14/2010	Smart Technologies Inc.	\$17.00	38.8	\$660.1	\$528.1	\$1,003.6	\$648.0	\$151.2	\$142.0	\$169.1
4/15/2009	Rosetta Stone, Inc.	\$18.00	6.3	\$112.5	\$138.8	\$9.9	\$209.4	\$35.9	\$13.9	\$39.5
1/28/2008	ATA, Inc.	\$9.50	4.9	\$46.3	\$17.5	\$0.0	\$17.2	\$0.7	\$0.5	\$1.0
Median of All IPOs		nm	nm	\$88.6	\$101.5	\$5.0	\$104.7	\$16.5	\$7.2	\$19.9

nm: not meaningful, N/A: not applicable

#### Recent Merger and Acquisition Transactions for a Majority Stake (dollars in millions)

Transaction Date	<u>Target</u>	<u>Acquirer</u>	<u>Transaction Size</u>	% Bought	LTM Revenues	EV/Revenues
5/4/2016	Cricket Media Group Ltd.	ZG Ventures, LLC	\$32.0	100%	\$13.3	2.4x
4/4/2016	LeapFrog Enterprises Inc.	Vtech Holdings Ltd.	\$93.3	100%	\$222.9	0.2x
2/9/2016	Constant Contact, Inc.	Endurance International	\$1,112.1	100%	\$361.9	2.6x
1/12/2016	Celtic Training & Consultancy	iCollege Limited	\$1.6	100%	\$1.2	1.4x
12/22/2015	SmartPros Ltd.	Kaplan Professional	\$16.8	100%	\$13.5	0.9x
12/11/2015	Career Partner GmbH	Apollo Global, Inc.	\$119.4	100%	\$42.4	2.8x
10/15/2015	Promethean World Plc	Best Assistant Education	\$143.2	100%	\$180.8	0.8x
5/14/2015	lynda.com, Inc.	LinkedIn Corporation	\$1,682.0	100%	\$161.8	10.4x
3/6/2015	Callista Software Services	Tribal Group plc	\$2.8	100%	\$12.3	0.2x
12/4/2014	Lollipops Educare Holdings	Evolve Education Group	\$53.0	100%	\$25.5	2.1x
12/4/2014	Concur Technologies, Inc.	SAP America, Inc.	\$8,468.0	100%	\$667.9	11.5x
11/20/2014	Transformations - Pathways	Academies Australasia	\$1.1	100%	\$3.1	0.3x
5/1/2014	Wunderkind Group Pty Ltd.	Massive Interactive, Inc.	\$5.5	100%	N/A	N/A
4/3/2014	TESOL Asia Group Inc.	Site Group International	\$2.3	100%	N/A	N/A
3/31/2014	Online Courses Australia	Intueri Education Group	\$3.6	50%	\$2.9	1.9x
3/3/2014	Health Care Compliance	Healthstream Inc.	\$16.0	100%	\$6.8	2.4x
10/31/2013	Xing Wei Institute	ATA, Inc.	\$3.2	100%	N/A	N/A
12/28/2012	Ancestry.com	Permira Advisers	\$1,609.1	100%	\$460.2	3.4x
11/1/2012	Efficient Learning Systems Inc.	John Wiley & Sons Inc.	\$24.0	100%	\$7.0	3.4x
Median of the 19 M&A Transaction Targets			\$24.0	100%	\$19.5	2.2x





#### Definitions of Financial Terms Used in this Quarterly Industry Update:

 ${\it Enterprise \ Value \ (EV): Market \ Value \ of \ Equity + Market \ Value \ of \ Debt - Cash}$ 

Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization (EBITDA): Profitability metric sometimes also referred to as operating profit or operating earnings.

Gross Cash Flows: Net Income + Depreciation and Amortization Expense

Latest Twelve Months (LTM): Financial information is as of the latest twelve months through the date of this Quarterly Industry Update.

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