# Q4: Quarterly Industry Update

AS OF December 31, 2017



## **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 December 31, 2016, the median 52-week share price return of the Online Educational Software industry was -6.2%. Between December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2017, the median EV/EBITDA multiple decreased from 18.4 to 16.8. Furthermore, the median price-to-earnings multiple decreased from 77.4 to 73.9 over the same period. The median revenue growth and EBITDA margins for the industry for the quarter were 1.1% and 7.2%, respectively.

Public Company Key Statistics	Median 52-Week Return -6.2%	Median 3-Year CAGR Return -3.6%	Median EV/Revenue Multiple <b>1.9</b> X		
	Median EV/EBITDA	Median Price/Earnings	Median EV/Gross CF		
	Multiple	Multiple	Multiple		
	16.6X	73.9x	20.5X		

#### Comparable Public Company Market Price Returns as of December 31, 2017

	YTD	3 Month	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	2016	2015	2014
Allscripts Healthcare Solutions, Inc.	124.3%	0.6%	0.5%	-3.4%	-7.4%	-33.6%	20.4%	-17.4%
Autohome Inc.	-6.7%	42.8%	125.6%	-5.3%	9.6%	-27.6%	-4.0%	-0.6%
Bazaarvoice, Inc.	4.0%	15.1%	23.4%	-8.3%	-14.4%	10.7%	-45.5%	1.5%
Cerner Corporation	45.5%	12.9%	13.4%	-1.9%	8.8%	-21.3%	-6.9%	16.0%
Liberty TripAdvisor Holdings, Inc.	1.1%	-17.7%	-47.0%	-40.0%	N/A	-50.4%	12.8%	N/A
LivePerson, Inc.	45.7%	60.6%	73.5%	5.9%	2.7%	11.9%	-52.1%	-4.9%
TripAdvisor, Inc.	-17.6%	-11.5%	-40.6%	-33.8%	-29.4%	-45.6%	14.2%	-9.9%
Median of Industry Public Companies	25.0%	12.9%	13.4%	-5.3%	-2.3%	-27.6%	-4.0%	-2.7%

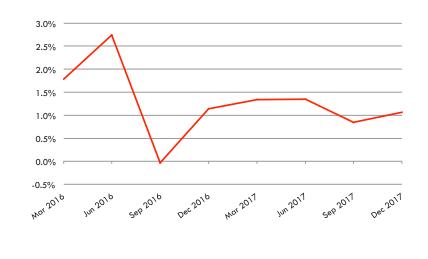
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Highest Return Lowest Return

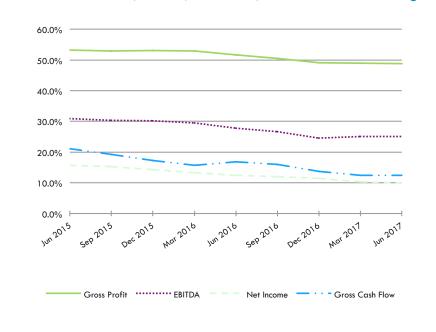
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#### Industry Revenue Growth and Profit Margins for the Past Two Years



Median Quarterly Revenue Growth of All Online Education Software



#### Median Gross Profit, EBITDA, Net Income, and Gross Cash Flow Margins

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#### Public Company Median Multiples by Quarter

	12/31/17	9/30/17	6/30/17	3/31/17	12/31/16	3/31/16	12/31/15	9/30/15
EV/Revenues Multiple	1.9x	2.3x	1.9x	1.5x	1.6x	1.1x	1.6x	1.1x
EV/EBITDA Multiple	16.8x	22.9x	24.2x	20.9x	19.1x	17.5x	17.0x	14.4x
Price/Earnings Multiple	73.9x	57.4x	62.1x	33.8x	49.6x	77.6x	66.0x	42.0x
EV/Gross Cash Flows Multiple	20.5x	36.9x	37.6x	28.6x	28.3x	39.8x	21.9x	19.9x
Highest Multiple	Median	Multiple						

## Industry Initial Public Offerings—Industry: Online Educational Software (dollars in millions, except share prices)

Offer Date	Company Name	Offer Price	Shares Offered	Amount Raised	Total Assets	Debt	LTM Revenues	LTM EBITDA	LTM Net Income	LTM Cash Flows
2/18/16	Sylph Education Solutions Limited	\$0.18	4.0	\$0.7	\$113.4	\$0.0	\$2.5	(\$1.0)	\$0.7	(\$1.0)
11/12/15	Instructure, Inc.	\$16.00	4.4	\$70.4	\$64.2	\$0.0	\$65.1	(\$55.5)	(\$58.9)	(\$53.7)
8/4/10	Ambow Education Holding Ltd.	\$10.00	10.7	\$106.8	\$3,497.8	\$271.1	\$986.0	\$230.2	\$125.8	\$236.7
7/14/10	Smart Technologies Inc.	\$17.00	38.8	\$660.1	\$521.7	\$530.0	\$708.7	\$165.1	\$92.1	\$183.0
4/15/09	Rosetta Stone Inc.	\$18.00	6.3	\$112.5	\$135.3	\$9.9	\$224.1	\$41.1	\$17.5	\$44.6
1/28/08	ATA Inc.	\$9.50	4.9	\$46.3	\$169.4	\$0.0	\$159.2	\$19.7	\$14.1	\$20.0
5/31/16	Median IPO	nm	nm	\$88.6	\$152.4	\$5.0	\$191.6	\$30.4	\$15.8	\$32.3

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Median Return

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

Transactio Date	<sup>n</sup> Target	Acquirer	Transaction Size	% Bought	LTM Revenue	EV Revenue
2/1/17	Apollo Education Group, Inc.	Apollo Global Management	\$1,212.5	100%	\$2,328	0.3x
12/23/16	Smart Technologies Inc.	Foxconn Singapore Pte. Ltd.	\$216.4	52%	\$331.8	0.7x
5/4/16	Cricket Media Group Ltd.	ZG Ventures, LLC	\$32.0	100%	\$13.3	2.4x
4/4/16	LeapFrog Enterprises Inc.	Vtech Holdings Limited	\$93.9	100%	\$222.9	0.2x
2/9/16	Constant Contact, Inc.	Endurance International	\$1,112.1	100%	\$361.9	2.6x
1/7/16	Celtic Training & Consultancy	iCollege Limited	\$1.6	100%	\$1.2	1.4x
12/22/15	SmartPros Ltd.	DF Institute, LLC	\$16.8	100%	\$13.5	0.9x
12/10/15	Career Partner GmbH	Apollo Global Germany GmbH	\$119.4	100%	\$42.4	2.8x
10/15/15	Promethean World Plc	Best Assistant Education	\$143.2	100%	\$180.8	0.8x
5/14/15	lynda.com, Inc.	LinkedIn Corporation	\$1,682.0	100%	\$161.8	10.4x
3/6/15	Callista Software Services	Tribal Group plc	\$2.8	100%	\$12.3	0.2x

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12/4/14	Lollipops Edu	ucare Holdings	Evolve Education Group	\$53.0	100%	\$25.5	2.1x	
12/4/14	Concur Tech	nologies, Inc.	SAP America, Inc.	\$9,595.5	100%	\$667.9	13.1x	
11/20/14	Transformation	ons - Pathways	Academies Australasia	\$1.1	100%	\$3.1	0.3x	
5/1/14	Wunderkind	Group Pty Ltd.	Massive Interactive, Inc.	\$5.5	100%	N/A	N/A	
4/3/14	TESOL Asia (	Group Inc.	Site Group International	\$2.3	100%	N/A	N/A	
3/31/14	Online Cours	es Australia	Intueri Education Group	\$3.6	50%	\$2.9	1.9x	
3/3/14	Health Care C	Compliance	Healthstream Inc.	\$16.0	100%	\$6.8	2.4x	
10/31/13	Xing Wei Inst	itute	ATA, Inc.	\$3.2	100%	N/A	N/A	
12/4/14	Lollipops Edu	ucare Holdings	Evolve Education Group	\$53.0	100%	\$34.0	1.6x	
	Median of the	e 19 M&A Transa	ction Targets	\$9,595.5	100%	\$25.5	2.1x	

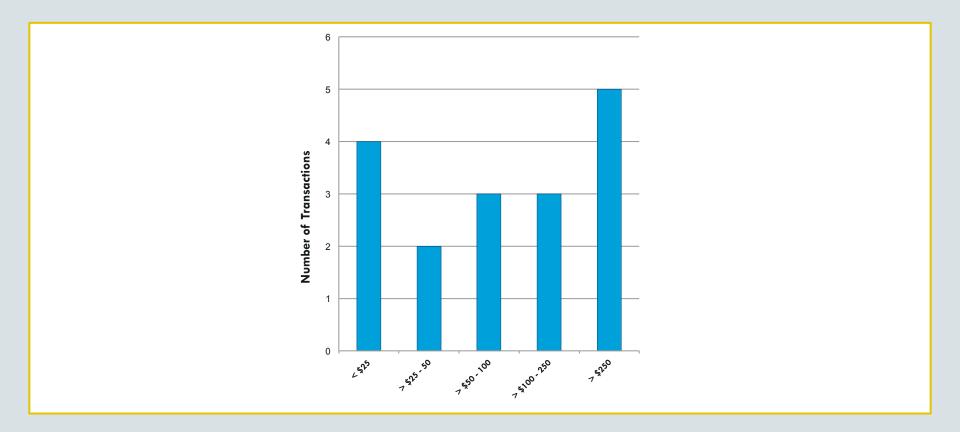
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### Recent Merger and Acquisition Transactions for a Majority Stake (dollars in millions) as of December 31, 2017





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