

## Colocation

### INDUSTRY SUMMARY

COGENT VALUATION identified **Colocation** publicly traded companies, IPOs, and recent M&A transactions within the Colocation 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 June 30, 2017, the median 52-week share price return of the Colocation industry was -1.2%. Between June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2018, the median EV/EBITDA multiple decreased from 24.2 to 11.2. However, the median price-to-earnings multiple increased from 55.8 to 74.1 over the same period. The median revenue growth and EBITDA margins for the industry for the quarter were 2.3% and 34.7%, respectively.

### Public Company Key Statistics

Median 52-Week  
Return

**-1.2%**

Median 3-Year CAGR  
Return

**-22.1%**

Median EV/Revenue  
Multiple

**3.0x**

Median EV/EBITDA  
Multiple

**11.2x**

Median Price/Earnings  
Multiple

**74.1x**

Median EV/Gross CF  
Multiple

**33.3x**

## Comparable Public Company Market Price Returns as of June 30, 2018

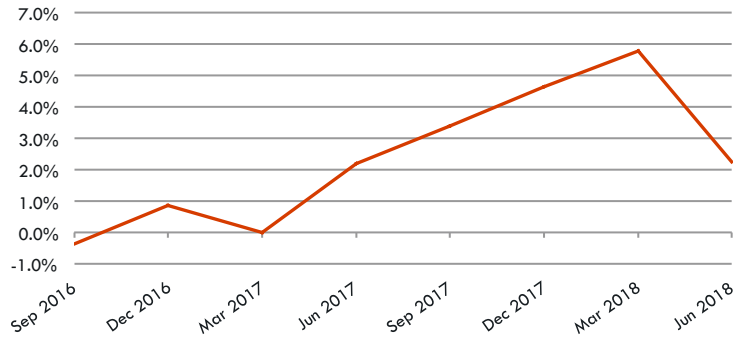
	YTD	3 Month	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	2016	2015	2014
<b>21Vianet Group, Inc.</b>	21.6%	40.2%	13.8%	-44.2%	-31.9%	-66.8%	36.7%	-34.2%
<b>Beeks Trading Corporation Ltd.</b>	63.8%	N/A	N/A	34.6%	23.8%	29.9%	14.1%	35.0%
<b>Digital Realty Trust, Inc.</b>	-2.0%	-3.7%	15.9%	27.8%	28.1%	18.2%	33.4%	27.8%
<b>Equinix, Inc. (REIT)</b>	-5.1%	1.6%	26.8%	-15.8%	-14.3%	-75.9%	-19.6%	5.9%
<b>Internap Corporation</b>	-33.7%	-9.7%	155.0%	37.1%	22.5%	16.3%	10.3%	15.8%
<b>InterXion Holding N.V.</b>	5.9%	-8.9%	-47.8%	-20.3%	-34.2%	41.5%	-56.6%	-33.4%
<b>Windstream Holdings, Inc.</b>	-20.4%	N/A	N/A	-46.3%	-69.9%	13.8%	-87.0%	3.3%
<b>Median of Industry Public Companies</b>	-12.5%	4.5%	-74.8%	-2.7%	-4.5%	15.1%	10.2%	10.8%

Multiple year periods are calculated as the average annual return.

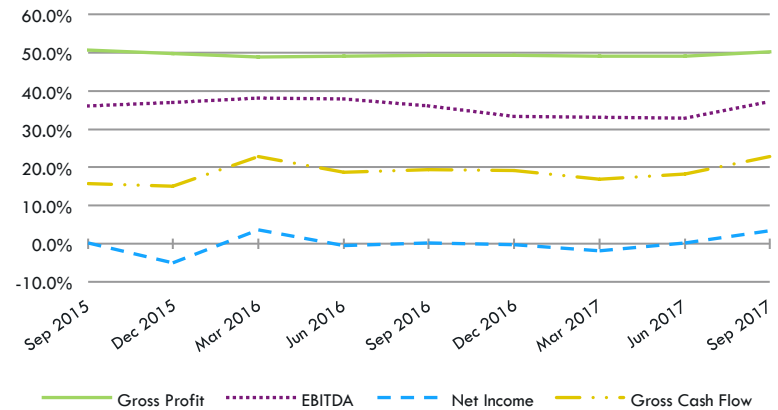
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# Industry Revenue Growth and Profit Margins for the Past Two Years

Median Quarterly Revenue Growth of All Colocation Companies



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



## Median Public Companies

The chart below illustrates Public Company Multiples.

	6/30/18	12/31/17	6/30/17	3/31/17	12/31/16	9/30/16	6/30/16	3/31/16
<b>EV/Revenues Multiple</b>	3.0x	3.4x	3.7x	4.1x	4.5x	4.5x	4.6x	5.1x
<b>EV/EBITDA Multiple</b>	11.2x	12.6x	14.6x	17.9x	11.6x	22.1x	24.2x	15.3x
<b>Price/Earnings Multiple</b>	74.1x	89.7x	53.5x	51.9x	47.7x	51.6x	55.8x	46.3x
<b>EV/Gross Cash Flows Multiple</b>	33.3x	34.9x	20.7x	25.3x	23.3x	22.9x	22.3x	23.6x

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## Industry Initial Public Offerings—Industry: Colocation (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
4/10/18	<b>The Data Exchange Network Limited</b>	\$0.67	14.0	\$9.3	\$3.0	\$1.0	<b>\$5.2</b>	(\$0.3)	(\$30.9)	\$42.4
11/26/17	<b>Beeks Trading Corporation Ltd.</b>	\$17.00	31.3	\$531.3	\$1,124.4	\$847.0	\$360.8	\$176.6	(\$38.7)	(\$25.8)
10/6/17	<b>Switch, Inc.</b>	\$10.00	19.3	\$192.5	\$1,013.8	\$589.5	\$143.0	\$23.4	\$22.0	\$139.4
11/1/16	<b>GDS Holdings Limited</b>	\$15.00	13.0	\$195.0	\$151.2	\$19.1	\$98.1	(\$27.7)	\$19.1	\$157.9
4/21/11	<b>21Vianet Group, Inc.</b>	\$13.00	20.4	\$264.9	\$733.2	\$348.4	\$279.4	\$103.6	(\$18.8)	\$69.1
1/27/11	<b>InterXion Holding N.V.</b>	\$12.50	15.0	\$187.5	\$408.3	\$183.6	<b>\$453.2</b>	\$104.5	N/A	N/A
8/7/08	<b>Rackspace Hosting, Inc.</b>	\$4.50	23.6	\$197.1	\$463.5	\$67.8	\$187.3	\$42.3	(\$2.7)	(\$0.8)
11/1/16	<b>Median</b>	<b>nm</b>	<b>nm</b>	<b>\$195.0</b>	<b>\$463.5</b>	<b>\$183.6</b>	<b>\$187.3</b>	<b>\$42.3</b>	<b>(\$10.7)</b>	<b>\$55.8</b>

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

Transaction Date	Target	Acquirer	Transaction Size	% Bought	LTM Revenues	EV/ Revenues
4/20/18	IO Data Centers, LLC	Liberated Syndication Inc.	\$8.6	100%	N/A	N/A
1/10/18	pair Networks, Inc.	5G Networks Limited	\$1,340.0	100%	N/A	N/A
12/27/17	Enspire Australia Pty Ltd	Iron Mountain Incorporated	\$16.1	100%	N/A	N/A
11/13/17	IO Data Centers, LLC	Peak 10 Holding Corporation	\$1.4	100%	N/A	N/A
8/1/17	ViaWest, Inc.	Thorium DC Pte. Ltd.	\$128.0	100%	N/A	N/A
6/30/17	Cincinnati Data Center	Carter Validus	\$1,675.0	100%	N/A	N/A
6/28/17	Sunnyvale Data Center	Carter Validus	\$124.4	100%	N/A	N/A
6/26/17	Wilcon Holdings LLC	Crown Castle International	\$10.5	100%	N/A	N/A
5/1/17	CenturyLink, Inc. Datacenters	BC Partners	\$36.8	100%	\$626.0	3.6x
4/4/17	FORTRUST LLC	Dreamscape Networks Ltd.	\$600.0	100%	N/A	N/A
2/1/17	Netlogic	TPG Capital, L.P.	\$11.9	100%	N/A	N/A
9/1/17	Grand Communication	Iron Mountain Incorporated	\$128.0	100%	N/A	N/A

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1/31/17	DC74, LLC	Lumos Networks Corp.	\$29.5	100%	N/A	N/A
10/17/16	McLean Data Center	Carter Validus Mission Critical	\$85.0	65%	\$6.2	13.7x
10/12/16	M247 Limited	Metronet (UK) Ltd	\$57.9	100%	N/A	N/A
10/6/16	Q9 Networks Inc.	BCE Inc.	\$512.8	100%	N/A	N/A
8/1/16	AF-Southeast, LLC	Strome Mezzanine Fund IV	\$24.0	100%	N/A	N/A
4/1/16	CME Group Inc.	CyrusOne LP	\$130.0	100%	N/A	N/A
1/29/16	City Lifeline Limited	Redcentric plc	\$6.8	100%	\$5.0	1.4x
1/15/16	Telecity Group plc	Equinix, Inc. (REIT)	\$4,119.8	100%	\$532.1	7.7x
1/31/17	Sanity Holdings	Over the Wire	\$29.5	100%	N/A	N/A
<b>Median of the 19 M&amp;A Transaction Targets</b>			<b>\$71.5</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$189.3</b>	<b>4.7X</b>

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**Gross Cash Flows:** Net Income + Depreciation and Amortization Expense

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