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For the Quarter Ended September 30, 2006 and the Latest Twelve Months

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This Quarterly ViewPoint covers trends, stock index performances, public valuation multiples and relevant M&A activity for the services, software and communications sectors. To illustrate general capital market and M&A trends within these sectors, DecisionPoint has selected a group of representative public comparables and transactions. This data is provided for informational purposes only. All data represents publicly available information.

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August 2006 - Services





July 2006 - Services



May 2006 - Services





April 2006 - Services



April 2006 - Services



September 2005 - Services



August 2005 - Services



Sector Leaders: 18-Month View

IT Business Services



TOP DEALMAKERS BY NUMBER OF DEALS

	Number
Jefferies	10
Windsor Group	10
BB&T	7
DecisionPoint	7
Goldman Sachs	5
AdMedia Partners	5
Lazard	4
Morgan Stanley	4
Claris Capital	4
Savvian Advisors	3
	DecisionPoint Goldman Sachs AdMedia Partners Lazard Morgan Stanley

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July 2005 - Services



June 2005 - Services



May 2005 - Services



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April 2006 - Software/Services

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February 2006 - Services



August 2005 - Software



April 2005 - Services

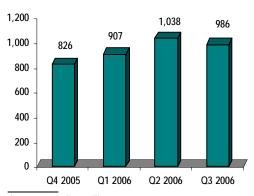
Technology M&A – Market Overview

Highlights, Trends and Statistics

M&A Market Overview:

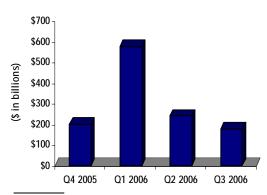
- Technology mergers & acquisitions are leading the way as worldwide M&A deals are on pace to break the year 2000 record. According to a recent ACG / Thomson survey, dealmakers are again expressing great optimism with 90% saying the current M&A environment is good or excellent (the survey polled investment bankers, private equity professionals, corporate executives, as well as lawyers, accountants and other service providers). Strategic corporations as well as financial buyers have abundant cash and are actively investing in compelling targets where shareholders are enjoying healthy exit multiples.
- The technology sector is expected to contribute with 27% of the total M&A activity in the second half of 2006, ahead of healthcare (2nd with 18%) and manufacturing (3rd with 17%). According to Thomson, the total value of global M&A reached \$1.6 trillion as of June 13, 2006. That sum represents a 41% increase versus the corresponding period a year ago, when \$1.1 trillion worth of deals were completed. The 2006 number is also on pace to surpass the 2005 global M&A total number of \$2.8 trillion.

Number of Technology M&A Deals Announced in the Last 4 Quarters



Source: According to The 451 group

Announced Technology M&A Deal Value in the Last 4 Quarters



Source: According to The 451 group. The number of deals that have publicly announced deal value varies from quarter to quarter.

M&A Objectives:

The Thomson survey respondents say the primary objective of mergers and acquisitions is to:

- 1. Increase revenue and profitability (46%)
- 2. Grow market share (33%)
- 3. Gain technology (5%)

The target attributes that matter most to an acquiror today is:

- 1. Sales and revenue growth (32%)
- 2. Attractive business sector (21%)
- 3. Management strength (19%)

Cross-Border M&A:

International cross-border M&A is expected to increase as cross-border deals are becoming more important to US companies. Western Europe is expected to be the most attractive region along with China and Canada.

VC / Private Equity Groups:

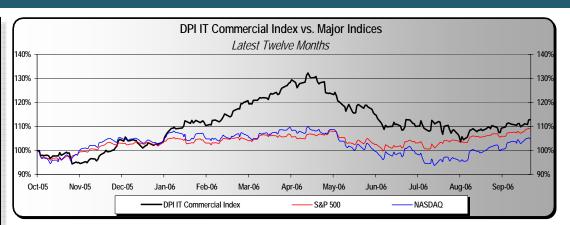
- VC / private equity firms are increasingly competing with strategic buyers on price, often teaming up in large "club deals" as in the recent \$17.6b (largest ever technology buyout) acquisition of Freescale Semiconductor by a consortium of private equity groups led by Blackstone Group. Other Q3 2006 technology targets of private equity groups are WatchGuard Technologies, Embarcadero Technologies and Intergraph. Overall in Q3, the technology sector continued to dominate the venture-backed M&A landscape with 52 deals and a disclosed value of \$1.6 billion. Private equity professionals claim the deal size and type that hold the most promise are:
 - 1. Middle-market buyouts (33%)
 - 2. Small buyouts (27%)
 - 3. Early stage venture capital (18%)
- Venture-backed IPOs slowed in Q3 with 8 companies going public (raising \$934m) compared to 19 companies (raising \$2b) in the previous guarter.

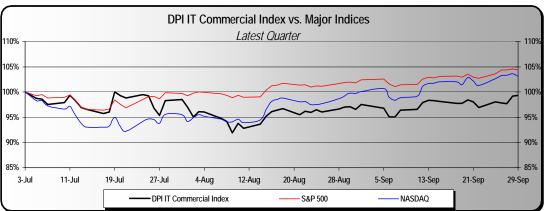
Services: Project-Based - IT Commercial

Highlights, Stock Performance and Recent M&A Activity

Highlights

- For the LTM and quarter, the IT Commercial Index was up 12% and down 1%, respectively.
- According to Gartner, the IT services market is expected to grow from \$624.4b in 2005 to \$828.1b in 2010. This reflects a compound annual growth rate of 5.8%.
- Example valuation driver (qualitative): Ideal seller has a strong numbers orientation at the CEO level, including accurate, timely and detailed reporting.
- Example valuation driver (quantitative): Ideal seller has signed backlog equal to at least 75% of next 3 months revenue and 50%-60% of next 6 months revenue.
- Continued poor outlook for public offerings in the sector limits the supply of acquirors with available liquid funds to buy firms with scale. Demand is strongest in the \$5m-\$20m target firm revenue range.
- Q3'06 had a total of 12 M&A transactions compared to 24 announced in Q2'06.





Note: The DPI IT Commercial Index includes: Accenture, Answerthink, CIBER, Edgewater Technology, Inforte Corporation, Keane, Perficient and Sapient Corporation.

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Metrics			
Enterprise Value			
	LTM	LTM	
Company	Revenue	EBITDA	
Accenture	0.9x	7.5x	
Answerthink, Inc.	0.6x	8.4x	
CIBER, Inc.	0.6x	10.0x	
Edgewater Technology	0.7x	11.4x	
Inforte Corporation	0.4x	14.0x	
Keane, Inc.	0.9x	9.8x	
Perficient, Inc.	3.4x	22.8x	
Sapient Corporation	1.6x	20.8x	

LTM = Last twelve months

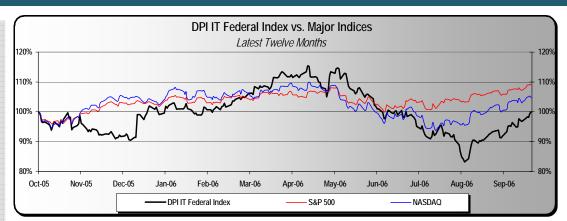
Announced	<u>Representative II C</u>	Commercial Transactions	Enterprise
Date	Acquiror Name	Target Name	Value (\$m)
09/06/06	Tribridge	Ideal Consulting	NA
09/05/06	SoftNet Technology	Pickering & Associates	\$0.7
09/01/06	NWN	Xcelecom	\$12.5
08/31/06	AurionPro Solutions	Coban	NA
08/18/06	Prolifics	Promenix	NA
08/17/06	Relational	AGT (Professional Services Unit)	NA
08/14/06	CareTech Solutions	Sabre Consulting	NA
08/03/06	Optimum Solutions	Core Ops	NA
07/25/06	Novacoast	eNvision Data Solutions	NA
07/21/06	Perficient	The EGG Division of DCSS	\$12.9
07/17/06	Avatech Solutions	Technology & Training Systems	NA
07/11/06	DSD Business Systems	Horizon Information Systems	NA

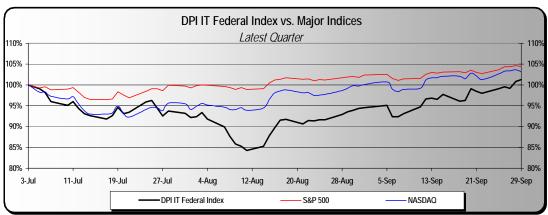
Services: Project-Based - IT Federal

Highlights, Stock Performance and Recent M&A Activity

Highlights

- For the LTM and quarter, the IT Federal Index was down 0.5% and up 1%, respectively.
- The acceptance of software as a service (SaaS) by major corporate users is important as the federal government increasingly models the best IT practices in corporate America. This combined with strong business-case justifications as to why the federal sector should move to SaaS paint a rosy picture for on-demand software in the federal space.
- SAIC has announced that it intends to conduct an initial public offering (IPO) and a capital restructuring (merger). The capital restructuring is expected to close shortly before the IPO. SAIC has priced its initial public offering of 75,000,000 shares of common stock at \$15.00 per share. In addition, the underwriters were granted the right to purchase up to an additional 11,250,000 shares of common stock to cover over-allotments, if any.
- Funding for several IT programs took a significant hit in the \$447 billion fiscal 2007 defense appropriations bill, but program cuts are not as severe as in previous years.
- Q3'06 had a total of 15 M&A transactions compared to 13 announced in Q2'06.





Note: The DPI IT Federal Index includes: CACI International, Mantech International, Nci, SI International and SRA International.

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Metrics **Enterprise Value** LTM LTM Company Revenue **EBITDA CACI International** 1.2x 10.2x 10.9x Mantech International 1.0x 0.7x10.4x SI International 1.1x 11.5x SRA International 1.3x 11.7x

LTM = Last twelve months

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Announced Date	Acquiror Name	Target Name	Enterprise Value (\$m)
09/25/06	Rockwell Collins	Anzus	NA
09/11/06	L-1 Identity Solutions	SpecTal	\$100.0
08/28/06	SAIC	Applied Ordnance Technology	NA
08/24/06	Meggitt-USA	Firearms Training Systems	\$82.1
08/17/06	Lockheed Martin	PAE	NA
08/14/06	L-3 Communications	Nova Engineering	\$45.0
08/08/06	Wireless Facilities	Madison Research	\$69.0
08/07/06	Teledyne Brown Engineering	CollaborX	\$17.5
08/04/06	SAIC	Cornerstone Industry	NA
08/01/06	SAIC	bd Systems	NA
08/01/06	Teledyne Instruments	Ocean Design	\$30.0
07/27/06	EDO Corporation	Impact Science & Technology	\$124.0
07/27/06	EDO Corporation	CAS	\$175.6
07/05/06	Raytheon	VTC	NA

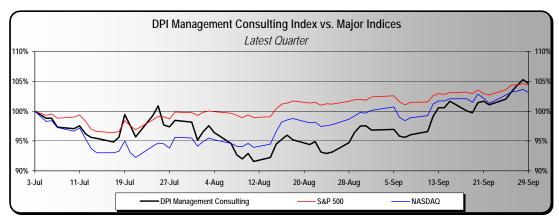
Services: Project-Based - Management Consulting

Highlights, Stock Performance and Recent M&A Activity

Highlights

- For the LTM and quarter, the Management Consulting Index was up 13% and 4%, respectively.
- Even though management consulting firms are currently staying busy, Kennedy Information expects consulting demand to slow modestly in the coming years, which will inevitably lead to consultants scrambling for leads once again.
- Many of the larger players are offering system integration and implementation in addition to "straight consulting" which sometimes can cause problems. For example, when an implementation of a project goes wrong, the consultancy group will be partly blamed. There is an increasing demand for firms that provide "straight consulting" only.
- At \$50 billion and growing, the public sector consulting marketplace is already the largest vertical market for consulting and most management consulting firms are focusing on establishing or expanding business in the public sector.
- Q3'06 had a total of 14 M&A transactions compared to 13 announced in Q2'06.

DPI Management Consulting Index vs. Major Indices Latest Twelve Months 120% 110% 100% Oct-05 Nov-05 Dec-05 Jan-06 Feb-06 Mar-06 Apr-06 May-06 Jun-06 Jul-06 Aug-06 Sep-06 DPI Management Consulting S&P 500 NASDAQ



Note: The DPI Management Consulting Index includes: CRA International, Diamond Management & Technology Consultants, FTI Consulting, Huron Consulting Group, LECG Corporation, Navigant Consulting, The Advisory Board Company and The Corporate Executive Board.

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Metrics			
Enterprise Value			
	LTM	LTM	
Company	Revenue	EBITDA	
CRA International	1.3x	7.9x	
Diamond Management	1.7x	12.2x	
FTI Consulting	2.1x	8.1x	
Huron Consulting Group	2.7x	13.1x	
LECG Corporation	1.4x	9.0x	
Navigant Consulting	1.8x	8.7x	
The Advisory Board	5.5x	20.4x	
Corp. Executive Board	8.0x	27.1x	

LTM = Last twelve months

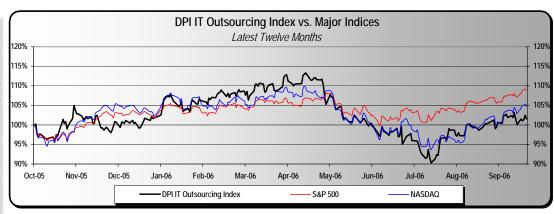
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Announced Date	Acquiror Name	Target Name	Enterprise Value (\$m)
09/18/06	Harte Hanks	AberdeenGroup	NA
09/18/06	WSP Group	Environmental Strategies Consulting	NA
09/11/06	FTI Consulting	Financial Dynamics	\$260.0
08/22/06	MCG Global	Novations Group	NA
08/22/06	Outsell	Electronic Publishing Services	NA
08/15/06	Tatum	The Controller Group	NA
08/09/06	Deloitte Consulting	DeepDive™	NA
08/01/06	Huron Consulting Group	Aaxis Technologies	NA
08/01/06	Huron Consulting Group	Document Review Consulting Services	NA
07/28/06	TMNG	ADVENTIS (assets)	NA
07/20/06	Kroll	Homeland Solutions	NA
07/19/06	Mercer Management Consulting	DiamondCluster (assets)	\$30.0

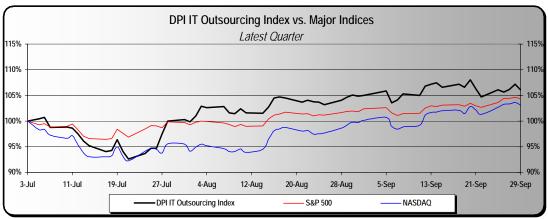
Services: Outsourcing - IT

Highlights, Stock Performance and Recent M&A Activity

Highlights

- For the LTM and quarter, the IT Outsourcing Index was up 2% and 7%, respectively.
- IT outsourcing deals based on selecting the supplier with the cheapest bid are the most likely to run into trouble. Deals where the supplier is expected to make minimal profit have a negative impact on both the provider and the customer. 10% to 15% is a reasonable gross profit margin goal for an IT outsourcing supplier on a deal where the customer is looking to make cost savings of around 15%.
- A new market study by IDC forecasts Asia-Pacific outsourcing spending to cross the \$10 billion mark this year, suggesting that companies in the region are open to contracting out more IT work.
- Contract governance and a close relationship between the IT provider and the buyer are 2 key elements that are now getting more attention. This is the result of learning that nearly half of all outsourcing deals in the past have ended in failure, according to some experts.
- Q3'06 had a total of 42 M&A transactions compared to 30 announced in Q2'06.





Note: The DPI IT Outsourcing Index includes: CGI, CSC, Covansys Corporation, EDS and Perot Systems.

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Metrics Enterprise Value LTM LTM **EBITDA** Company Revenue CGI Group Inc. 0.9x6.1x CSC 0.6x4.1x Covansys Corporation 1.1x 9.4x 0.7x7.3x 6.2x Perot Systems 0.7x

LTM = Last twelve months

Representative IT Outsourcing Transactions

Announced Date	Acquiror Name	Target Name	Enterprise Value (\$m)
09/28/06	Bull	Agarik	NA
09/22/06	Kirshner International	Secured Financial Data	NA
09/20/06	SecureWorks	LURHQ	NA
09/19/06	Boston Ventures Management	En-Touch Systems	NA
09/12/06	AT&T	Usinternetworking	\$300.0
09/06/06	Cognizant Technology Solutions	AimNet Solutions	NA
09/01/06	Schipul Technologies	Aim Managed Hosting	NA
08/29/06	MegaPath Networks	DSL.net	NA
08/25/06	Group NBT plc	Exalia	\$6.0
08/23/06	Carpathia Hosting	Global Office Connect	NA
08/23/06	Homeland Security Capital	Cyberlynk	NA
08/22/06	TeleCityRedbus Group	Globix UK	\$62.0
08/09/06	Eschelon Telecom	OneEighty Communications	NA
08/04/06	Peak 10	RenTech	NA
07/27/06	Interlink Global	Metro IP	NA

Services: Outsourcing - Business Process Outsourcing

Highlights, Stock Performance and Recent M&A Activity

Highlights

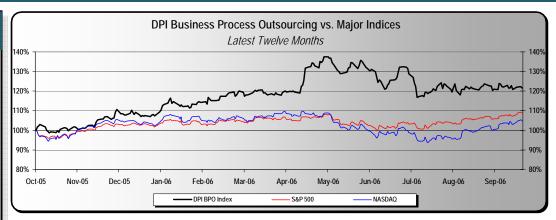
- For the LTM and quarter, the Business Process Outsourcing Index was up 22% and down 6%, respectively.
- The Finance and Accounting Outsourcing (FAO) sector is enjoying delivery success where service providers and buyers are finding the experience transparent, quantifiable, and manageable; deals are more profitable and the sector is becoming increasingly attractive to investors. This is in contrast to the Human Resources Outsourcing (HRO) segment that is experiencing delivery complexity, high-profile management overhauls within the leading providers, and increasing concerns on Wall Street surrounding the HRO viability.
- As part of the BPO evaluation, several cost components like integration and potential exit costs are often overlooked when considering the complete cost picture. Technology has a deciding role in reducing and controlling these overlooked costs. For example, while software licenses and maintenances typically represent no more than 3%-5% of a BPO engagement, they directly drive process automation that immediately impacts the cost of operations.
- Q3'06 had a total of 123 M&A transactions compared to 73 announced in Q2'06.

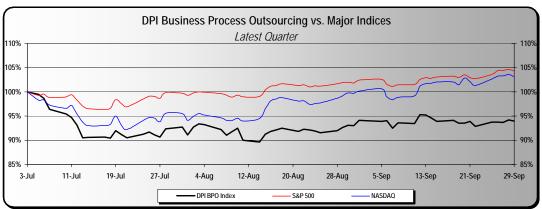
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Metrics

	Enterprise Value	
Company	LTM Revenue	LTM EBITDA
ACS	1.4x	8.8x
Aspen Technology	2.3x	14.6x
ADP	2.8x	11.9x
Bisys Group	1.1x	6.1x
Ceridian Corp.	2.0x	9.6x
CGI Group	0.9x	6.1x
GSE Systems	1.6x	NM
First Advantage	2.0x	10.3x
Paychex	8.0x	18.8x
Per-Se Tech.	2.8x	15.6x

LTM = Last twelve months NM = Not Meaningful





Note: Due to the broad Business Process Outsourcing market, the DPI BPO Index includes a variety of financial services, healthcare, human resources, energy and IT services companies: Affiliated Computer Services, Aspen Technology, Automatic Data Processing, Bisys Group (The), Ceridian, CGI Group, GSE Systems, First Advantage, Paychex and Per-Se Technologies.

Representative Business Process Outsourcing Transactions

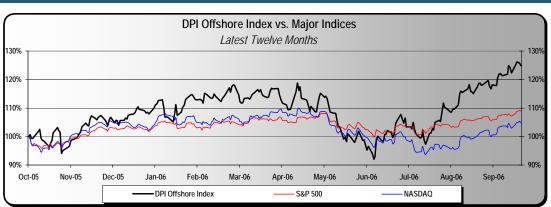
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Date	Acquiror Name	Target Name	Value (\$m)
09/15/06	Iron Triangle Payment Systems	BA Merchant Services (assets)	NA
09/13/06	Health Management Systems	Public Consulting Group	\$80.0
09/11/06	SYNNEX Corporation	Concentrix	NA
09/08/06	Intec Telecom Systems	EUR Systems (assets)	\$13.4
09/01/06	Metavante	VICOR	NA
08/30/06	netGuru	BPO Management Services	\$2.0
08/29/06	Transaction Systems Architects	P&H Solutions	\$150.0
08/25/06	The Carlyle Group	Allsec Technologies	\$4.4
08/21/06	Crawford & Company	Broadspire Services	\$150.0
08/17/06	First Data	Argencard	NA
08/14/06	VeriFone Holdings	Trintech Group	\$12.1
08/10/06	Cannon Cochran	G.E. Young & Company	NA
07/31/06	Genpact	MoneyLine Lending Services	NA
07/12/06	Affiliated Computer Services	Primax Recoveries	\$40.0
07/11/06	Accenture	Advantium	NA

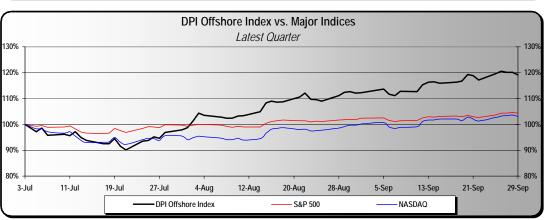
Services: Offshore

Highlights, Stock Performance and Recent M&A Activity

Highlights

- For the LTM and quarter, the Offshore Index was up 27% and 19%, respectively.
- The global and U.S. markets for offshore IT services continue to grow at a remarkable rate, driven primarily by U.S. customer demand, according to IDC. IDC predicts that offshore IT services vendors will capture \$29.4 billion in worldwide customer spending by 2010, with little sign of a market slowdown.
- A new trend is predicted in the strategies of the major offshore vendors, with an increased focus on service offerings that build more operational and strategic relationships with their clients. The evolving and increasingly competitive landscape will require vendors to make significant investments in order to increase growth and achieve differentiation.
- A new offshore segment is the "Educational Services Outsourcing (ESO) that is estimated to be a \$8b dollar market where mostly Indian teachers are tutoring US (and other geographies) students online.
- Q3'06 had a total of 2 M&A transactions compared to 3 announced in Q2'06.





The DPI Offshore Index includes: Cognizant Technology, Infosys, Kanbay International, Patni Computer Systems, Satyam and Wipro.

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	Enterprise Value	
	LTM	LTM
Company	Revenue	EBITDA
Cognizant Technology	8.9x	39.5x
Infosys	11.6x	36.5x
Kanbay Int'l	2.8x	13.7x
Patni Computer Sys.	5.2x	27.6x
Satyam	10.5x	44.9x
Wipro Ltd	7.4x	29.9x

LTM = Last twelve months

Representative Offshore Transactions

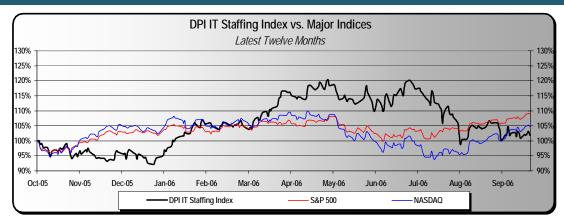
Announced Date	Acquiror Name	_Target Name	Enterprise Value (\$m)
08/24/06	Caritor	Opentech Consulting	NA
08/07/06	Achievo	Beijing Beifang Xinyu IT	NA

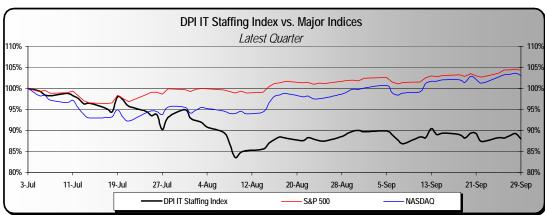
Services: IT Staffing

Highlights, Stock Performance and Recent M&A Activity

Highlights

- For the LTM and quarter, the IT Staffing Index was up 3% and down 12%, respectively.
- Recruiting skilled IT staff remains a challenge for many staffing providers. Attracting, developing and retaining IT talent is a primary concern in the industry.
- According to a recent CIO staffing study by Robert Half Technology, Cisco certified professionals look to be among the most in demand.
- A noteworthy staffing deal that took place in the beginning of October (therefore not included in the Q3 transactions in this report), was Kforce's \$73m acquisition of Bradson for 2.7x LTM revenue. Perhaps this will bring up multiples in future staffing deals, a sector that has historically yielded low multiples.
- Q3'06 had 1 M&A transaction compared to 2 announced in Q2'06.





The DPI Staffing Index includes: Analysts International, COMFORCE, Computer Horizons, Computer Task Group, Kforce, RCM Technologies, TechTeam Global and Volt Information Services.

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Metrics Enterprise Value / LTM LTM Company Revenue EBITDA **Analysts International** 0.2x19.7x Comforce Corp. 0.2x7.0x **Computer Horizons** 0.4x51.4x Computer Task Group 0.2x9.3x Kforce Inc. 0.6x9.0x**RCM Technologies** 0.3x7.9x TechTeam Global Inc. 0.4x6.5x Volt Information Sci. 0.2x6.6x

LTM = Last twelve months

Representative IT Staffing Transactions

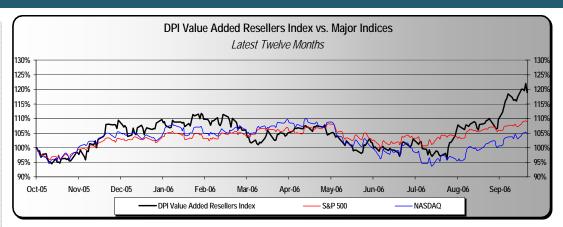
Announced Date	Acquiror Name	Target Name	Enterprise Value (\$m)
09/20/06	Newmarket Partners	SolutionsIQ	NA

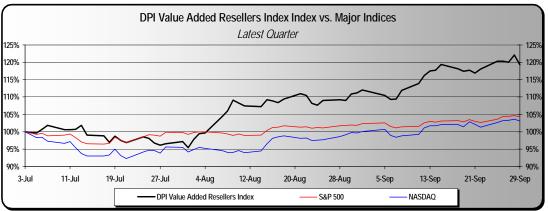
Services: Value Added Resellers

Highlights, Stock Performance and Recent M&A Activity

Highlights

- For the LTM and quarter, the VAR Index was up 19% and 19%, respectively.
- VARs continue to acquire to expand their software sales and augment or establish their solutions and services capabilities (e.g. CDW / Berbee Information Networks, Insight Enterprises / Software Spectrum).
- VARs and solution providers need to constantly recruit top sales talent to keep competitive in a channel environment that is undergoing fundamental changes. With the channel changing through consolidation and acquisitions, many top salespeople simply leave a business and take customers and their trusted staff with them.
- Consolidation among Sun Mirosystems VARs remains strong (e.g. Lumentae / Stonebridge VAR Business, Incentra / Tactix) as well as with accounting software VARs focused on Sage Software (Net@Work / Eagle Consulting Group).
- Q3'06 had a total of 21 M&A transactions compared to 20 announced in Q2'06.





Note: The DPI Value Added Resellers Index includes: CDW Computer Centers, Emtec, En Pointe Technologies, Insight Enterprises, MTM Technologies, PC Connection, Pomeroy IT Solutions and TransNet Corporation.

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Metrics

	Enterprise Value	
·	LTM	LTM
Company	GP	EBITDA
CDW Corp.	4.3x	9.6x
Emtec Inc.	1.7x	15.5x
En Pointe Technologies Inc	1.0x	NM
Insight Enterprises Inc.	2.1x	6.2x
MTM Technologies Inc.	2.1x	34.5x
PC Connection Inc.	1.7x	12.6x
Pomeroy IT Solutions Inc.	1.2x	27.5x
TransNet Corp.	0.4x	NM

LTM = Last twelve months NM = Not Meaningful GP = Gross Profit

Representative Value Added Resellers Transactions

Announced Date	Acquiror Name	Target Name	Enterprise Value (\$m)
09/18/06	CDW	Berbee Information Networks	\$175.0
09/12/06	Incentra Solutions	Tactix	\$3.6
09/12/06	Tyler Technologies	Software Systems	NA
09/11/06	ComputerCORP	FedIT (assets)	\$1.4
09/07/06	Hagerman & Company	Lackner Computer Systems	NA
09/07/06	PC Mall Gov	Government Micro Resources (assets)	\$3.3
09/06/06	Logicalis	Computech Resources	NA
08/17/06	Rand A Technology	i-VEK Technology (assets)	NA
08/09/06	Net@Work	Eagle Consulting Group	NA
08/08/06	Optimus Solutions	Paaridian Technologies	NA
08/04/06	WBT Systems	Horizon Technology Group	NA
08/01/06	CDI Computer Dealers	Techno-Trade Canada (division)	NA
07/25/06	Lumenate	Stonebridge's Sun Business	NA
07/25/06	Ingres	Thinking Instruments	NA
07/20/06	Insight Enterprises	Software Spectrum	\$287.0

Enterprise

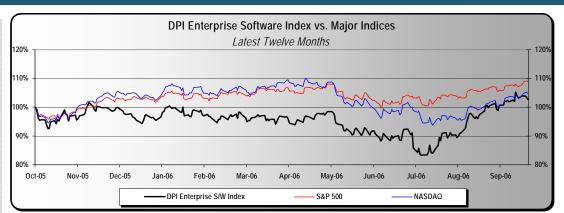
Software: Enterprise

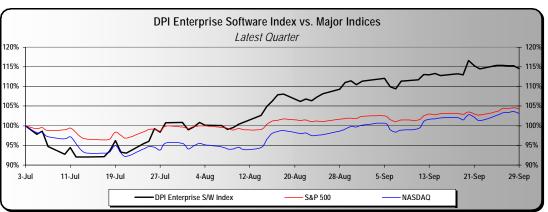
Highlights, Stock Performance and Recent M&A Activity

Announced

Highlights

- For the LTM and quarter, the Enterprise Software Index was up 3% and 15%, respectively.
- HP notched the largest enterprise software deal of the quarter by acquiring Mercury Interactive, a leader in business technology optimization (BTO) software for approximately \$4.5b in cash.
- During the period, ten publicly traded software companies were acquired or taken private by other publicly traded software firms or private equity groups (PEGs).
- IBM led all acquisition activity for the sector during Q3 by snatching up six companies, including: Webify Solutions, MRO Software, FileNet, Internet Security Systems, Valchemy and Global Value Solutions SA. Software sales now account for almost 20% of Big Blue's revenue.
- Q3'06 had a total of 124 M&A transactions compared to 168 announced in Q2'06.





Note: The DPI Enterprise Software Index includes: BMC Software, Borland Software, EMC Corporation, Internet Security Systems, Manhattan Associates, Symantec Corporation, Tibco Software, Vignette Corporation and webMethods.

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Metrics				
Company	LTM Revenue	LTM EBITDA		
BMC Software	2.5x	9.4x		
Borland Software	1.2x	NM		
EMC Corporation	2.2x	9.5x		
Internet SS	1.8x	7.8x		
Manhattan Associates	1.7x	9.3x		
Symantec Corp.	3.0x	10.0x		
Tibco Software	2.0x	9.3x		
Vignette Corp.	1.2x	14.1x		
webMethods	1.8x	23.0x		

LTM = Last twelve months NM = Not Meaningful

Representative Enterprise Software Transactions

Date	Acquiror Name	Target Name	Value (\$m)
09/18/06	EMC	Network Intelligence	\$175.0
09/12/06	Business Objects	Armstrong Laing	\$56.6
09/07/06	Thoma Cressey	Embarcadero Technologies	\$239.0
09/05/06	Illinois Tool Works	Click Commerce	\$285.7
08/23/06	IBM	Internet Security Systems	\$1,300.0
08/10/06	IBM	FileNet	\$1,114.5
08/08/06	Sage Group	Emdeon Practice Services	\$565.0
08/04/06	IBM	MRO Software	\$666.9
08/04/06	Open Text	Hummingbird	\$394.7
08/02/06	IBM	Webify	NA
07/25/06	Francisco Partners	WatchGuard Technologies	\$80.0
07/25/06	HP	Mercury Interactive	\$4,548.3
07/14/06	M2M	Intuitive Manufacturing Systems	NA
07/13/06	Kronos	Unicru	\$150.0
07/06/06	Cisco Systems	Meetinghouse	\$43.7

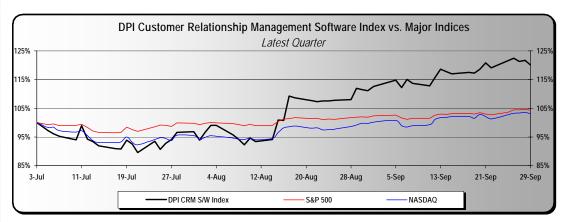
Software Spotlight: Customer Relationship Management

Highlights, Stock Performance and Recent M&A Activity

Highlights

- For the LTM and quarter, the CRM Software Index was up 78% and 20%, respectively.
- M2M Holdings, owned by Thoma Cressey Equity Partners and Battery Ventures, finalized its acquisition of Onyx Software in Q3'06 (announced in Q2'06 therefore not in this report) with an all-cash transaction valued at \$92m. The deal was consummated after numerous bid attempts from CDC Corporation which began in Q4'05.
- Of all the CRM subsectors, sales force automation is the most mature but also a sector that has seen some recent dramatic changes. Users have taken notice of the new functionalities and have begun to reallocate IT budget dollars to this segment. Salesforce.com has had a big impact on driving these changes.
- Competition remains fierce throughout the sector among leaders including Oracle / Siebel and SAP. However, vertical solution and software as a service (SaaS) providers continue to win customers and increase their market share.
- Q3'06 had a total of 19 M&A transactions compared to 18 announced in Q2'06.

DPI Customer Relationship Management Software Index vs. Major Indices Latest Twelve Months 200% 2009 180% 160% 1609 140% 120% 1209 80% Oct-05 Apr-06 May-06 Jul-06 Aug-06 DPI CRM S/W Index NASDAQ



Note: The DPI Customer Relationship Management Software Index includes: Art Technology Group, Chordiant Software, KANA Software and Salesforce.com.

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Metrics

Enterprise Value /	
LTM	LTM
Revenue	EBITDA
2.5x	16.9x
2.1x	NM
2.2x	59.8x
9.5x	107.2x
	LTM Revenue 2.5x 2.1x 2.2x

LTM = Last twelve months NM = Not Meaningful

Representative Customer Relationship Management Software Transactions

Announced Date	Acquiror Name	Target Name	Enterprise Value (\$M)
09/21/06	Epsilon	CPC Associates	\$70.0
09/19/06	Art Technology Group	eStara	\$42.3
09/15/06	Sage Software	Corum	NA
09/11/06	Alterian	Nvigorate Limited	NA
09/11/06	KNOVA Software	Active Decisions	NA
09/07/06	Prosodie Interactive	Voice Technologies	NA
09/06/06	Rainmaker Systems	ViewCentral	\$4.3
08/22/06	Salesforce.com	Kieden	NA
08/21/06	Ecometry	GERS Retail Systems	NA
08/14/06	ProQuest Business Solutions	Dealer Computer Services	NA
08/08/06	Universal Computer Systems	Reynolds and Reynolds	\$2,916.6
08/02/06	DealerTrack Holdings	DealerWare	NA
08/02/06	TransUnion	Qsent	NA
07/19/06	LivePerson	Proficient Systems	NA
07/14/06	Verint Systems	Mercom Systems	\$35.0

Enterprise

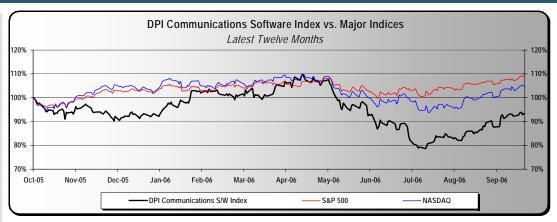
Communications: Software

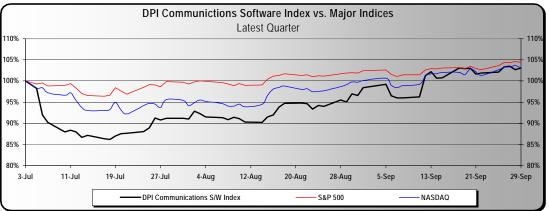
Highlights, Stock Performance and Recent M&A Activity

Announced

Highlights

- For the LTM and quarter, the Communications Software Index was down 8% and up 3%, respectively.
- Competition between Motorola and Cisco heated up in late July when Motorola acquired Broadbus Technologies, a maker of products that enable the distribution of television and video-on-demand (VOD) content. Cisco responded by acquiring Arroyo Video Solutions, a creator of video networking software, with a customer list that includes Comcast, Time Warner Cable and Charter Communications.
- One year after acquiring Skype for \$2.6b, eBay has done surprisingly little in ways to integrate the Internet phone company. eBay claims to be moving cautiously with its integration of Skype to avoid pushing new technology to quickly on its established base of buyers and sellers.
- Sybase picked up mobile messaging and content delivery provider Mobile 365 for approximately \$400m, paying almost 4.5x revenue. The deal makes Sybase the leading mobile enterprise software and services provider in the world.
- Q3'06 had a total of 50 M&A transactions compared to 65 announced in Q2'06.





Note: The DPI Communications Software Index includes: Amdocs Limited, Comverse Technology, Metasolv, Openwave Systems and Telecommunication Systems.

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Metrics

	Enterprise Value	
	LTM	LTM
Company	Revenue	EBITDA
Amdocs Limited	3.1x	15.0x
Comverse Techn.	2.5x	17.5x
Metasolv	1.0x	16.8x
Openwave Sys.	1.5x	5.7x
TeleCommunication Sys.	0.9x	6.4x

LTM = Last twelve months NM = Not Meaningful

Representative Communications Software Transactions

Date	Acquiror Name	Target Name	Value (\$m)
09/25/06	Motorola	Vertasent	NA
09/19/06	Rocket Software	Telcordia Technologies	NA
09/12/06	Lucent Technologies	Mobilitec	NA
09/12/06	Stratus Technologies	Emergent Network Solutions	\$11.0
09/05/06	Sybase	Mobile 365	\$400.0
08/22/06	Cisco Systems	Arroyo Video Solutions	\$92.0
08/22/06	Harmonic	Entone Technologies	\$46.5
08/18/06	Qualcomm	Qualphone	\$18.0
08/09/06	Sigma Systems	C-COR (assets)	NA
08/02/06	NETGEAR	SkipJam	NA
08/01/06	Telestream	Popwire	NA
07/27/06	Agilent Technologies	Xpedion Design Systems	NA
07/25/06	Motorola	Broadbus Technologies	NA
07/20/06	Visiongateway	Saturn IQ	NA
07/18/06	Amdocs	Cramer Systems	\$375.0

Communications: Equipment

Highlights, Stock Performance and Recent M&A Activity

Highlights

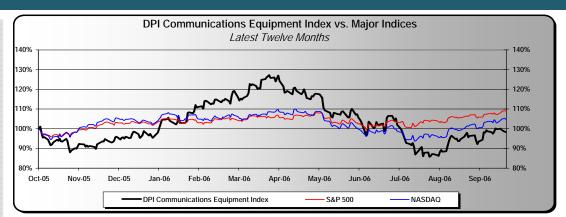
- For the LTM and quarter, the Communications Equipment Index was down 1% and 6%, respectively
- Cisco may look to recruit more vertically focused channel partners in the UK, following the launch of a vertical strategy in the US. The Cisco Vertical Select Program is designed for channel partners that understand specific vertical markets. Those that qualify for the program will receive additional support, which includes access to marketing and demandgeneration programs, industry consultants, sales training and resources.
- Soaring demand for games, video and music will stretch the Internet to its limits according to Nortel Networks, and service providers are expected to make big investments in its technology to avoid a crunch.
- In the midst of its planned takeover of Lucent Technologies, Alcatel announced it would acquire a portfolio of third-generation mobile phone assets from Nortel networks for \$320m. Alcatel, Lucent and Nortel's combined Universal Mobile Telecommunications Service (UMTS) will control 20% market share behind leaders Ericsson and Nokia.
- Q3'06 had a total of 76 M&A transactions compared to 66 announced in Q2'06.

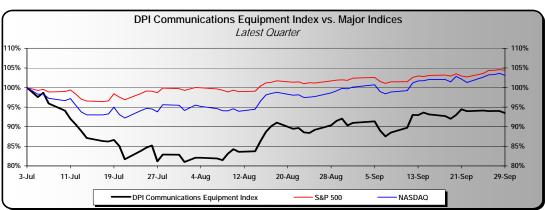
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Metrics

Enterprise Value LTM LTM **EBITDA** Company Revenue 3Com 1.1x NM **ADC** 1.3x 13.0x 0.9xAlcatel 6.5x **CIENA** 4.2x NM Cisco Systems 4.5x 13.6x Lucent 1.6x 8.7x Nortel 1.2x NM Tellabs 1.8x 8.7x

LTM = Last twelve months NM = Not Meaningful





Note: The DPI Communications Equipment Index includes: 3Com Corporation, ADC Telecommunications, Alcatel, CIENA, Cisco Systems, Lucent Technologies, Nortel Networks and Tellabs.

Representative Communications Equipment Transactions

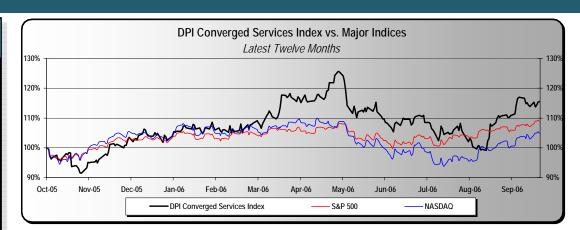
Announced Date	Acquiror Name	Target Name	Enterprise Value (\$m)
09/25/06	Himax Technologies	Wisepal Technologies	\$50.0
09/19/06	Motorola	Symbol Technologies	\$3,709.5
09/15/06	Blackstone Group	Freescale Semiconductor	\$17,351.0
09/11/06	Cortina Systems	Intel Corporation (assets)	\$115.0
09/05/06	Advanced Analogic Technologies	IPCore Technologies	\$22.0
09/05/06	Neophotonics	BeamExpress	NA
09/01/06	Alcatel	Nortel (assets)	\$320.0
08/29/06	Emulex	Sierra Logic	\$180.0
08/28/06	RF Monolithics	Cirronet	\$24.0
08/15/06	Sirenza Microdevices	Micro Linear	\$45.6
08/11/06	Cisco Systems	Nuova Systems (% stake)	\$50.0
08/08/06	Brocade Communications Systems	McDATA	\$693.1
08/02/06	Silver Lake Partners	IPC Information Systems	\$800.0
07/28/06	Digi International	MaxStream	\$38.5
07/10/06	Tessera Please call DecisionPoint for further	Digital Optics	\$59.5

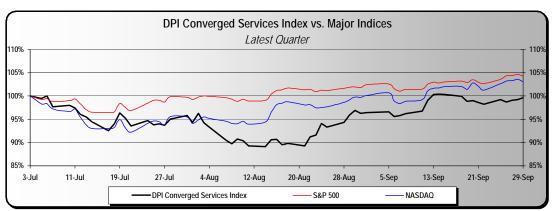
Communications Spotlight: Converged Services

Highlights, Stock Performance and Recent M&A Activity

Highlights

- For the LTM and quarter, the Converged Services Index was up 16% and down 1%, respectively.
- Resellers look to expand their operations with converged services as these services have come into focus as high margin opportunities.
 This is particularly evident for companies that are either data or voice centric. Many companies are playing catch-up and fear being left out of these expanding opportunities.
- Many corporate buyers are joining already interested private equity money in the converged communications market. Acquisition activity continues to be strong.
- Earnings cycles appear to be peaking at a time when acquisition interest is high. This environment allows sellers to reap maximum value from a transaction.
- Q3'06 had a total of 15 M&A transactions compared to 26 announced in Q2'06.





Note: The DPI Converged Services Index includes: Avaya, Black Box, Inter-tel, Lucent, TNS, Xeta and eLoyalty.

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Metrics **Enterprise Value** LTM LTM Revenue **EBITDA** Company Avaya 0.9x7.2x Black Box 1.2x 10.8x Inter-Tel 0.9x8.1x Lucent 1.6x 8.7x TNS 9.9x 1.7x XETA Techn. 0.5x18.3x eLoyalty 1.8x NM

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Representative Converged Services Transactions

Announced Date	Acquiror Name	Target Name	Enterprise Value (\$m)
09/25/06	Cavalier Telephone & TV	Talk America Holdings	\$223.6
09/20/06	Broadspot World Wide Wireless	Vagabond International Communications	NA
09/19/06	Medify Solutions	Voice 2 Voice	NA
09/19/06	Boston Ventures	En-Touch Systems	NA
09/14/06	Dycom	Cable Express	\$63.4
09/13/06	Xconnect	IPeerX	NA
08/22/06	Smart City	Priority Networks	NA
08/17/06	FairPoint Communications	Unite Communications Systems	\$10.8
08/04/06	BroadRiver Communication	iVidia Solutions	NA
08/01/06	Iowa Telecommunications Services	Baker Communications (assets)	\$8.3
08/01/06	Cleartel Communications	Supra Telecom	NA
08/01/06	Capital Growth Systems	20/20 Technologies	NA
07/05/06	LanXperts	McFadden Associates	NA

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