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# **Equifax Acquires Kount for \$640 million**





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- FT Partners regularly publishes research highlighting the most important transactions, trends and insights impacting the global Financial Technology landscape. Our unique insight into FinTech is a direct result of executing hundreds of transactions in the sector combined with over 19 years of exclusive focus on Financial Technology

## FT Partners' Advisory Capabilities



## FT Partners' FinTech Industry Research





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## **Transaction Overview**

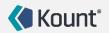


## **Transaction Summary**

- On January 8, 2021, Equifax (NYSE: EFX) a global data, analytics and technology company signed a definitive agreement to acquire Kount, a provider of Al-driven fraud prevention and digital identity solutions, for \$640 million
- The acquisition will expand Equifax's digital identity and fraud prevention solutions, helping businesses better engage with their customers while combating fraud with the Kount Identity Trust Global Network
- Kount's Identity Trust Global Network delivers real-time fraud prevention and account protection and enables personalized customer experiences for more than 9,000 leading brands and payment providers
- The Kount Identity Trust Global Network uses AI to link trust and fraud data signals from 32 billion digital interactions, 17 billion unique devices, and five billion annual transactions across 200 countries and territories
- The full suite of Kount's products will be integrated into the Equifax Luminate Platform
- Additionally, Kount employees will join the Equifax USIS business unit and will continue to be based in Boise, Idaho
- The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions and regulatory review, and is expected to close in the first quarter of 2021

## **Management and Investor Commentary**

"More than 9,000 brands worldwide rely on the Kount Identity Trust Global Network to protect against digital fraud while enabling personalized customer experiences and new e-commerce channels...We are excited to be able to offer Kount solutions with an expansive set of Equifax data, analytics and products. Equifax's global reach will accelerate Kount's international adoption, allowing us to help more businesses around the world to better protect their digital innovations and their customers against emerging threats while improving the customer experience."



Bradley Wiskirchen CEO

"As digital migration accelerates, managing authentication and online fraud while optimizing the consumer's experience has become one of our customers' top challenges. The acquisition of Kount will expand Equifax's differentiated data assets to bring global businesses the information and solutions they need to establish identity trust online...Equifax is taking advantage of our strong 2020 outperformance and cash generation to make this strategic acquisition. Our data and technology cloud investments allow us to quickly and aggressively integrate new data and analytics assets like Kount into our global capabilities and bring new market leading products and solutions to our customers."



Mark Begor CEO

## **Transaction Overview (cont.)**



#### **Transaction Rationale**



- Expands identity and fraud capabilities in fastgrowing \$20 billion market – both strategic and accretive
- ✓ Digital and eCommerce trends drive Kount's 20%+ revenue growth
- Unique Kount data assets at scale can leverage Equifax's differentiated data for new solutions and NPIs
- ✓ Synergies from the Kount and Equifax combination will yield new products and expansion into cards, auto, consumer finance and telecommunications
- ✓ Cloud will accelerate Kount's integration and new product rollouts
- ✓ Adds 100-150 bps to Equifax's growth in 2021 and is accretive to EPS in 2022

## **Financial Summary**

- Financial Consideration
  - \$640 million gross purchase price
  - 10.7x EV / 2021E Revenue
- Financial Impact
  - Combined Equifax and Kount franchise of approximately \$200 million in revenue on a pro forma basis in 2020 (accretive to Equifax's growth rate)
  - Kount expects over \$60 million in 2021 annualized revenue with growth rates at 20%+ for 2020 and 2021
  - Revenue synergies from 2021-2023 expected to exceed \$50 million
  - EBITDA positive Kount has near-term negligible impact on Equifax's margins (margin accretive by 2023)
- Capital Structure
  - Funded with cash on hand and enabled by 2020 outperformance
  - Strong liquidity and cash flow generation provides flexibility for future M&A

## **Kount Overview**



### **Company Overview**



CEO:	bradiey Wiskirchen
Headquarters:	Boise, ID
Founded:	2007

- Kount provides protection for the entire customer journey from account creation and login to payments and disputes – reducing chargebacks, manual reviews, and false positives to increase approval rates and revenue
- The Company's Identity Trust Global Network delivers realtime fraud prevention and account protection and enables personalized customer experiences for more than 9,000 leading brands and payment providers

## **Key Metrics**

Leading network of digital identity and fraud data

32 bn annual interactions 600 mm email addresses

5 bn+ unique transactions 1 bn+ devices and IP addresses

## **Selected Acquisition History**

Date	Size (\$ in mm)	Acquirers / Investors
Jan. 2021	\$640	<b>EQUIFAX</b> °
Dec. 2015	80	CVC CAPITAL PARTNERS

#### **Products Overview**



Bradley Wiskirchen

#### **Kount Command**

eCommerce Fraud Prevention protects against fraud cases occurring from card-not-present / alternative payments, mobile payments, loyalty / promotion programs, eGift cards and more



#### **Kount Control**

Account Takeover Protection stops malicious logins and enables personalized customer experiences



#### **Kount Data on Demand**

Private data warehouse delivers robust data for deep analysis, reporting, and custom ML models



### **Chargeback Prevention**

Intercept, stop, and resolve chargebacks to recover revenue and avoid monitoring programs



#### **Professional Services**

Custom engagements to solve complex problems and create operational efficiencies



#### **Chargeback and Performance Guarantee**

100% guaranteed protection against criminal fraud, chargebacks, and losses

#### **Selected Partners**













# **Equifax Acquires Kount for \$640 million**

# **Equifax Overview**



## **Company Overview**



CEO:	Mark Begor
Headquarters:	Atlanta, GA
Founded:	1899

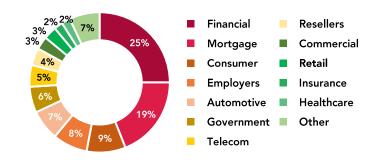
- Equifax (NYSE: EFX) is an American multinational consumer credit reporting agency and is one of the three largest consumer credit reporting agencies, along with Experian and TransUnion
- Equifax's blend of differentiated data, analytics and cloud technology drives insights to enable customers to make critical decisions with greater confidence

## **Selected Recent Acquisitions**

Date	Company	Amount (\$ in mm)
Jan. 2021	<b>(</b> Kount°	\$640
Jul. 2018	DATAX	NA
Jun. 2017	TRUE IDENTITY PROTECTION™	NA
Nov. 2015	veda	1,800
Jan. 2014	TD/GROUP An Exular convery	327



## **Approximate Revenue Mix**



# **Selected Fraud Management Landscape**













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## Selected Digital Identity & Authentication Landscape





















## Selected FT Partners' Research (click to view)



AvidXchange's \$388 million Financing



Divvy's \$165 million Series
D Financing



ContaAzul's \$30 million Series D Financing



Feedzai's Series C Financing



Paddle Raises \$68 million in Series C Financing



Forter Raises \$125 million in Series E Financing



Unqork Raises \$207 million in Series C Financing



South Mountain Merger Corp.
Merges with Billtrust

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## FT Partners' Superior Industry Knowledge and Execution History



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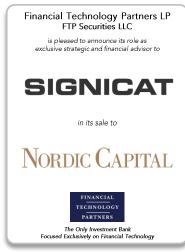
#### Largest Authentication Network in the World



## **Digital Identity Verification**



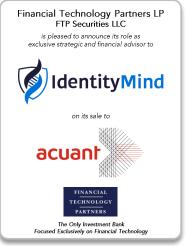
#### **Digital Identity Verification**



### Alternative Data Credit Scoring



#### **Digital Identity Verification**



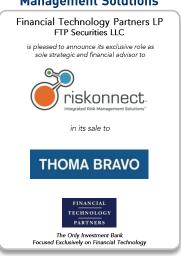
# Al-Powered Fraud Prevention Solutions



### Alternative Data Credit Reporting



# Integrated Risk Management Solutions



## FT Partners Advises IdentityMind on its Sale to Acuant

#### **Overview of Transaction**

- On March 31, 2020, Acuant announced it has acquired IdentityMind, a global provider of trusted digital identities and risk management solutions
  - In 2019, IdentityMind announced a strategic partnership with Acuant
- Founded in 2013 and based in the Palo Alto, CA, IdentityMind is a SaaS
  platform for online risk management and compliance automation that helps
  companies to reduce client onboarding fraud, transaction fraud and improve
  AML, sanctions screening and KYC
  - By continuously building, validating and risk scoring digital identities through its eDNA™ technology, IdentityMind ensures global business safety and compliance from customer onboarding and throughout the customer lifecycle
- Acuant provides identity verification solutions, including government-issued identity document and chip authentication and biometric facial recognition, for businesses in all industries

## **Significance of Transaction**

- Expanding its reach across the digital identity lifecycle, Acuant will combine its award-winning Trusted Identity Platform for identity proofing and verification with IdentityMind's Digital Identity Platform for identity creation, risk scoring, transaction monitoring and regulatory compliance (KYC and AML)
- The combination results in an advanced orchestration hub that provides accurate risk decisioning, allowing businesses to move faster and deliver the best user experience across all channels

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to IdentityMind
- The transaction underscores FT Partners' successful track record in the Fraud & Risk Management space

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## FT Partners Advises CardinalCommerce on its Strategic Sale to Visa

#### **Overview of Transaction**

- On December 1, 2016, CardinalCommerce announced its strategic sale to Visa in one of the largest payments deals of the year
- Headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, CardinalCommerce is a pioneer and global leader in enabling authenticated payment transactions in the cardnot-present payments industry and is the largest authentication network in the world
- Founded in 1999, CardinalCommerce's products are used globally: across 6 continents (Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and South America), in more than 200 countries and used with more than 180 different currencies

#### Significance of Transaction

- The acquisition will help accelerate the growth of Visa's digital commerce by enabling more secure, seamless payments, through browsers, mobile apps and connected devices
- As Visa plans to integrate tokenization into Visa Checkout over the next 18 months, the addition of CardinalCommerce will allow a more seamless integration of 3-D Secure and delivery of these new fraud mitigation capabilities to merchants

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to CardinalCommerce and its Board of Directors
- This transaction demonstrates FT Partners' continued leadership position as the "advisor of choice" to the highest quality FinTech companies

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\$ 300,000,000



# FT Partners Advises Feedzai on its Series C Financing

#### Overview of Transaction

- On October 17, 2017 Feedzai announced it has raised \$50 million in its Series C financing round from an undisclosed investor with participation from existing investor Sapphire Ventures
- This new funding brings the total venture capital raised to \$82 million from nine major investors including Oak HC/FT, Capital One Growth Ventures, Citi Ventures and more.
- Founded in 2009 and headquartered in San Mateo, CA, Feedzai is a leader in using artificial intelligence to empower enterprises to manage risk and fight fraud in real-time
  - Feedzai's machine learning technology and its omnichannel fraud prevention solutions serve customers that transact in virtually every country in the world, across numerous use cases for leading banks and merchants

### **Significance of Transaction**

- Feedzai will use the capital to continue its rapid growth trajectory
- The Company is on track to more than double its headcount this year from where it was at the end of 2016, planning to reach 300 employees by the end of 2017
- Additionally, Feedzai has added key sales leaders worldwide, including hiring former Box SVP Jim Priestley as Chief Revenue Officer

### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to Feedzai and its Board of Directors
- FT Partners also represented Feedzai on its \$17.5 million Series B financing from Oak HC/FT, Sapphire Ventures and Espirito Ventures
- This transaction demonstrates FT Partners' continued leadership role advising world-class FinTech companies

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in its Series C financing for a total consideration of

\$50,000,000



## FT Partners Advises Emailage on its Sale to RELX

#### **Overview of Transaction**

- On February 3, 2020, RELX announced it has entered into an agreement to acquire Emailage Corp ("Emailage"), a global provider of fraud prevention and risk management solutions
  - Emailage will become a part of the Business Services group of LexisNexis Risk Solutions
- Founded in 2012 and based in the Phoenix metro area with offices across the globe, Emailage helps organizations reduce online fraud by building multidimensional profiles associated with customer email addresses to render predictive risk scores
- RELX (LSE:REL) is a global provider of information-based analytics and decision tools for professional and business customers, headquartered in London, United Kingdom with offices in about 40 countries

### **Significance of Transaction**

- Emailage expands RELX's digital identity intelligence and fraud prevention capabilities, providing customers around the world with a more comprehensive view into consumers for predictive risk assessment
- Emailage's long-standing contributory network database will enhance the LexisNexis® Digital Identity Network®, which analyses an average of 39.9 billion transactions annually to provide organizations with actionable insight into the world's rapidly changing threat landscape

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to Emailage
- The transaction is one of the largest in the sector and underscores FT Partners' successful track record in generating highly favorable outcomes for Fraud & Risk Management companies worldwide

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# FT Partners Advises Signicat on its Sale to Nordic Capital

#### Overview of Transaction

- On April 11, 2019, Signicat announced its sale to Nordic Capital
  - Signicat was acquired from Secure Identity Holding<sup>1</sup> and other shareholders
  - Viking Venture, Signicat's other major shareholder, will re-invest all proceeds and continue as a minority owner, together with employee shareholders and with Nordic Capital as the majority owner
- Headquartered in Trondheim, Norway, Signicat is a SaaS verified digital identity hub, which enables its enterprise customers to seamlessly onboard and authenticate end-users as well as sign and store their documents
  - Signicat provides a single integration point providing customers access to the widest available pool of electronic IDs (eIDs), registry lookups, and ID document scanning solutions via a single interface
- Nordic Capital is a leading private equity firm based in Sweden with offices across
  the Nordics and Europe, which invests in large and middle-market companies
  globally with a primary focus in Northern Europe and the DACH region
- Viking Venture is a Norwegian venture capital firm that invests in growth companies in the technology sector
- This transaction is comprised of both primary and secondary capital from Nordic Capital, as well as reinvestment from Viking Venture and current management

#### **Significance of Transaction**

- This transaction will enable Signicat to expand into new markets across Europe, North America and globally through hiring and establishing local offices, entering into partnerships with digital identity players, and by supporting existing customers to expand into new geographies
- This transaction will also support Signicat's development of its proprietary platform and widen its product capabilities

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to Signicat
- This transaction underscores FT Partners' expertise in sell-side advisory across a broad range of SaaS-based companies in the fraud and identity management space

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# NORDIC CAPITAL



# FT Partners Advises DataX on its Sale to Equifax

#### Overview of Transaction

- DataX has been acquired by Equifax
- Headquartered in Las Vegas, NV, DataX is one of the fastest growing alternative data credit reporting agencies, offering premier financial management solutions to businesses through a suite of advanced products focused on mitigating risk and improving profitability
- Equifax (NYSE:EFX) uses unique data, analytics and technology to help organizations and individuals make more informed business decisions
- Through the acquisition, DataX and its employees are now part of the Equifax Banking and Lending division

### Significance of Transaction

- DataX's data assets complement the Equifax core credit database adding alternative credit and payment data, analytics and identity solutions on underbanked consumers to the installment loan, rent-toown and lease-to-own markets
- The acquisition of DataX also complements other unique Equifax data assets that help provide greater depth and reach to those seeking credit

#### FT Partners' Role

- FT Partners served as exclusive strategic and financial advisor to DataX
- This transaction highlights FT Partners' versatility and expertise across the FinTech universe and exhibits its position as the "Advisor of Choice" to the highest quality FinTech Companies

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- o FT Partners' Steve McLaughlin was featured on Bloomberg / Bloomberg TV
- View the full article and watch the live TV interview



#### **M&A Advisor Awards**

- Technology Deal of the Year (2019)
- Cross Border Deal of the Year and Corporate / Strategic Deal of the Year (2018)
- Investment Banker of the Year (2017) Steve McLaughlin, CEO & Managing Partner of FT Partners
- Investment Banking Firm of the Year (2016) FT Partners



## **LendIt FinTech Industry Awards 2018:**

o FT Partners wins Top Investment Bank in FinTech

# Institutional Investor





## The FinTech Finance 40:

Steve McLaughlin ranked #1 in 2017 and 2018





## The Information's "Silicon Valley's Most Popular Dealmakers"

- o Ranked as the #2 top Technology Investment Banker by The Information subscribers (2016)
- o Only FinTech focused investment banking firm and banker on the list

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