

# Outsourced Pharma Services & Pharma Tech Sector Update

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## Outsourced Pharma Services and Pharma Tech: Observations and Key Trends

Biopharmaceutical companies increasingly rely on technology and service vendors to accelerate research and development and time to market as well as optimize commercial success of therapies.

Discovery

**Research & Development** 

Launch

Post-Launch / In-Market

#### **Increasing Complexity and Cost of R&D Process**

The indications that pharma is targeting for new therapies are becoming increasingly complex and focused, resulting in higher overall discovery and development costs. These therapeutics, which are more frequently large molecule, are targeting significantly smaller, more complex patient populations, making it more difficult and costly to recruit and retain patients in clinical trials.

#### **Legacy Commercialization Approaches Are No Longer Effective**

As many blockbuster pharmaceuticals approach the end of their patented life and face generic competition, pharma manufacturers are targeting growth through niche opportunities with smaller addressable markets. Effectively commercializing these therapies requires robust services and technology solutions that enable companies to identify key HCP influencers, find affected individuals, and change behavior. Commercialization partners are increasingly needing to specialize their service offerings to accommodate niche therapeutic areas, patient populations, and specific clinician groups.

# maximize returns on approved therapies, and accelerate development cycles, are looking to optimize every portion of the development and commercialization life cycle.

Pharmaceutical companies, under

pressure to increase efficiencies,

Service and technology partners that accelerate time to market and streamline commercialization drive significant value in the increasingly competitive marketplace.

#### Tech Implementation and Evolving Sites of Care Driving Efficiency in Clinical Trials

Increasing development costs are driving a focus on tech and specialized clinical trial sites to create efficiencies, provide cost savings, and allow pharma the ability to manage narrow available patient populations.

COVID-19 has accelerated the pace of change toward remote and decentralized testing, as well as how and where patients receive care. Effectively managing trials and messaging requires technology solutions and service vendors that are able to find and meet stakeholders where they already are.

## **Supply Chain Visibility**

With significant manufacturing capacity in India and China, global supply chain concerns have impacted pharmaceutical companies, which depend on specialized networks to bring finished product to market. Pharma is looking to solutions that either enhance supply chain visibility and enable detailed tracking and monitoring of all stages of the process or bring manufacturing onshore.

#### **Challenges With Payors**

As pharmaceutical products become increasingly specialized and more costly, payors are pushing back and requiring robust outcomes evidence to support reimbursement.

#### **Focus on RWE**

Real-world evidence (RWE) and data is playing an increasingly crucial role in clinical and commercialization stages of development, helping pharma manufacturers quickly and effectively bring therapies to market and identify and prove out additional indications.

#### **Targeting Adherence**

As target populations reduce in size and cost of commercialization increases, pharma is increasingly focused on solutions that keep patients engaged and adherent to their course of care.



## Perspectives on Pharma Services and Pharma Tech

#### **Discovery and Preclinical Development**



Tools and services that facilitate target validation, lead optimization, and R&D processes

Computational Chemistry · Medicinal Chemistry · Lead Optimization · Safety & Toxicology · R&D Workflow · Research Model Services

#### **Key Trends**

- Integrated drug discovery and optimization models are reducing time and cost to clinic as providers aim to offer end-to-end services
- Increasingly sophisticated discovery and preclinical development models are providing greater certainty as novel drug candidates enter the clinical landscape, aiming to reduce risk and overall development costs

#### **Clinical Trials**



Tools and services that facilitate research and development in the clinic

Contract Research Organizations · End-to-End Clinical Solutions · Trial Design, Management, and Administration · Patient and Site Recruitment

#### **Kev Trends**

- Discovery and development partners are becoming increasingly integral to successful, efficient, and timely pharmaceutical and biotech R&D while ensuring data quality and uniformity across complex trials
- Clinical trials are evolving and becoming increasingly decentralized and patientcentric, with more critical activities taking place at remote sites

#### Commercialization



Services and technology tools that enable commercialization of therapies

Sales Force Engagement · Patient Engagement · Healthcare Provider Engagement · Payer Engagement Pharmacy Engagement

#### **Kev Trends**

- complex indications that feature smaller physician specialists who desire to more deeply understand a therapy's scientific data
- Physician resistance to sales rep visits in office is requiring new ways to communicate
- New phase of consolidation in platforms that aim to be a one-stop shop

#### **CDMO**



Development and manufacturing services for pharmaceutical products from preformulation and formulation development through clinical trials and commercial production

Development · API Production · Formulation · Packaging · Large Molecule · Small Molecule

## **Pharmaceutical Safety** and Risk Management



Tools and services allowing pharma to remain compliant with various regulatory requirements

Pharmacovigilance · Compliance, Quality, and Regulatory · Regulatory Affairs

#### **Key Trends**

#### **RWE**



Collect, analyze, and distribute data from patient experience

Monitoring and Aggregation · Data Marketplaces and Registries

#### Key **Trends**

Pharma companies' data aggregation capabilities are maturing, using RWE not only to demonstrate the value of their products but increasingly to address regulatory requirements, drive drug development, support outcomes-based contracts, and reduce products' time to market

#### **Technology Solutions**



Technology tools that accelerate development and time to market across the entire product life cycle

Lead Optimization · Safety & Toxicology · R&D Workflow · End-to-End Clinical Solutions · Trial Design, Management, and Administration · Patient and Site Recruitment · RTSM, IRT, IWRS · EDC, ePRO, eCOA, eSource, ETMF · Pharmacovigilance · Compliance, Quality, and Regulatory

# Trends

RTSM: Randomization & Trial Supply Management

- Emphasis on outsourcing key functions across marketing, digital enablement, commercialization, market access, and data analytics has driven development of a diverse and well-funded ecosystem of solution providers
- Platforms are accelerating consolidation as they seek to provide a one-stop shop for their pharma clients, widening the scope of offerings while deepening their insight capabilities through acquisition of unique data assets or best-in-class analytical engines
- Manufacturers and service providers are looking for technology solutions that add robust data and analytics functions to their commercialization efforts, enabling faster and more efficient targeting of patients, providers, and key stakeholders
- Growing volumes of virtual trials require capabilities for increasingly specific trial designs, requiring solutions that are capable of enhanced patient targeting, trial management, patient adherence, and agile response and data collection

# Pharma Services and Pharma Tech Market Landscape



## What We're Reading

## McKinsey | Emerging from Disruption: The Future of Pharma Operations Strategy

#### **Operations**

As pharmas emerge from triaging COVID-19 response, there is an opportunity to address operations strategies that have taken a back seat to more pressing priorities. Despite industry-specific and global trends increasing operational complexity for pharmas, the advancement of digital and analytical tools is a clear tailwind driving not just cost savings and quality, but delivering increased resiliency in the face of mounting pressures.

Read the full article here.

## BCG | Biopharma Is Betting Big on Digital and Data. Are Companies Organized for Success?

#### **Digital Integration**

COVID-19's reshaping of the pharma value chain and the corresponding investment in digital and data tools has left some organizations still determining how to fully integrate new systems. Organizations that successfully leverage their digital and data investments have adopted parallel internal and partnership paths, in addition to incorporating digital leadership and strategy at the highest levels of decision making. *Read the full article here.* 

#### **LEK** | *Realising the Promise of Omnichannel Engagement*

#### Commercialization

Omnichannel engagement has accelerated, especially as COVID-19 reduced the number of traditional in-person engagements between sales teams and physicians. Although omnichannel strategies are now viewed as a necessity, challenges remain as organizations grapple with effectively organizing strategy across functional areas, integrating data across channels, and meeting and understanding customer expectations. Read the full article <u>here</u>.

## Deloitte | Intelligent Post-Launch Patient Support: Enhancing Patient Safety with AI

#### **Pharmacovigilance**

Increasing post-launch adverse event reports alongside a rising consumer expectation of personalized, preventative, predictive, and participatory medicine creates an opportunity to leverage advances in AI to increase safety and enhance patient experiences. By applying AI to RWE, pharmas can create real-time and predictive post-launch monitoring and trigger faster interventions and personalized patient experiences.

Read the full article <u>here</u>.

#### **Recent Harris Williams Publications**

# **Clinical Trial Technology:** *Emerging Trends and Opportunities*



Professionals from HW's Pharma Services and Technology team review how paradigm shifts in pharmaceutical development are driving innovation across clinical trial technology.

Link to Read

#### **HW Sector Updates**

Perspectives, Commentary, and Market Activity



#### **Return on Innovation:**

Seven-Part Outsourced Pharma Services Whitepaper Series Link



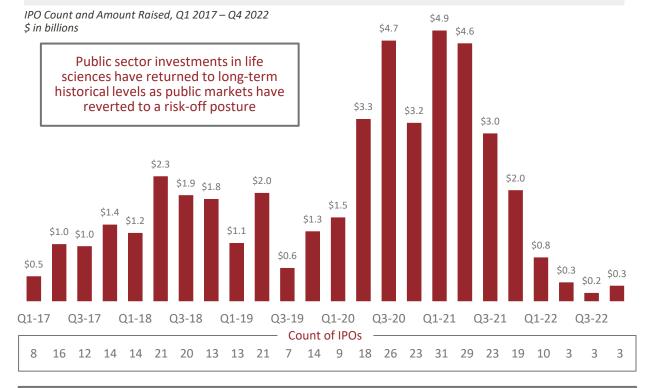
**2023 HCLS Outlook** *Healthcare & Life Sciences Group*Link

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## What We're Seeing

While the capital markets are currently more risk averse for life sciences investments, Harris Williams believes that small pharma and biotech, not large pharma, will continue to drive innovation and thus, in the long run, attract capital to fund research and development activities.

## Life Sciences IPOs by Quarter on North American and European Exchanges

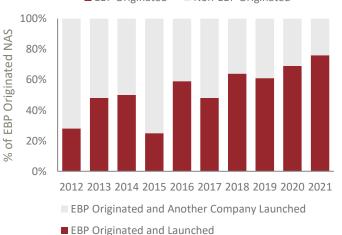


"According to our latest investor survey, 66% think that biotech will outperform the broader market in 2022 and 58% plan to increase their exposure to the sector. The majority of investors (64%) also see the sector as undervalued versus our survey results from the second half of 2021, where only 49% thought biotech was undervalued." – RBC Capital Markets, March 21, 2022

# Emerging Biopharma Companies (EBP) Are Increasingly Launching New Products Independently<sup>1</sup>

Companies Originating and Filing FDA Regulatory Submissions for NASs and Percent of Launches by NAS Launch Year





Drugs in preclinical or clinical development worldwide, a 10% YoY increase

Of new drugs launched in 2021 were originated by emerging biopharma companies

76%
Of FDA regulatory submissions for novel active substances (NAS) in 2021 were originated and launched by emerging biopharma companies

Small pharma and biotech companies are increasingly leading novel compounds through commercialization, driving a new wave of customers for outsourced pharma services and tech providers

\$500 million annual revenue

## **Select Recent Pharma Services Transactions**

#### **Knox Lane's Pending Acquisition of Spectrum Science**



#### KNOX-LANE

January 13, 2023

Purchase Price Not Disclosed

**Target** 

Buyer

- Spectrum is an operator of a media agency serving the healthcare and science industry. The company offers integrated marketing, communications, media solutions and other related services to its clients
- Knox Lane's acquisition will help position the company to broaden its service capabilities and continue cultivating key talent to deliver its value proposition to clients

#### GHO and The Vistria Group's Acquisition of Alcami







January 3, 2023

EV: ~\$2.0B

- Alcami is a contract development and manufacturing organization headquartered in North Carolina
- The partnership will further support its strategic transformation that has enhanced the growth profile of the business. Major initiatives include having acquired TriPharm Services, a world-class sterile fill-finish operation, and Masy Bioservices, a premier cGMP biostorage and pharma services business

#### **AmerisourceBergen Acquisition of Pharmalex**





**AmerisourceBergen** 

December 29, 2022

EV: ~\$1.3B

**Target** 

Buyer

- Pharmalex is a leading, global provider of technology-enabled services for clients in the highly regulated pharmaceutical/biotech industry. Pharmalex guides clients from early planning and nonclinical requirements through clinical development, regulatory processes, and post-approval/maintenance post-launch activities
- The transaction will broaden AmerisourceBergen's portfolio of solutions to support its manufacturer partners

#### Open Health's Acquisition of CM Group





December 12, 2022

Purchase Price Not Disclosed

- AlphaGroup provides a focused set of scientific and medical communications solutions centered on key medical activities throughout a product's life cycle
- · The acquisition brings new clients and an extended service line to the combined business

#### **HIG's Acquisition of Celerion**





EV: ~\$680M

November 3, 2022

- Celerion is a clinical research organization that provides comprehensive clinical trial solutions to pharmaceutical and biotechnology clients conducting early clinical research throughout North America, Europe, and Asia
- The transaction brings capital allowing Celerion to continue building its global footprint while delivering its industry-leading customer service

#### **Avista Capital's Acquisition of Taconic**



Target

AVISTA CAPITAL PARTNERS

November 1, 2022

**Buyer** 

Purchase Price Not Disclosed

- · Taconic specializes in genetically engineered research models and services, specifically murine models for use in drug discovery research and non-clinical safety testing
- The acquisition provides additional capital and resources that will enable the company to accelerate Taconic's strategic priorities both organically and through acquisitions

## **Select Recent Pharma Tech Transactions**

#### Certara's Acquisition of Vyasa







Buyer

January 4, 2023

Purchase Price Not Disclosed

- Vyasa is a provider of deep-learning software that enables life sciences organizations to perform predictions and answer complex questions across structured and unstructured biomedical information
- The acquisition will enhance Certara's software platforms and expand capabilities by bringing artificial intelligence
  (Al) capabilities to its end-to-end platform

#### **GLO Healthcare's Acquisition of Calyx**



**Target** 



Investor

December 23, 2022

Purchase Price Not Disclosed

- Calyx is a provider of clinical technology solutions including web-based portal services and tracking tools, electronic data capture, medical imaging, and clinical trial management systems (CTMS)
- The transaction will expand CapVest Partner's GLO Healthcare platform and its offerings, as Calyx joins GLO's development and delivery of diagnostic testing for major cancers and other diseases

#### **RealTime Software Solutions' Acquisition of Complion**





December 7, 2022

Purchase Price Not Disclosed

Target

- Buyer
- Complion is a provider of electronic regulatory solutions for clinical research sites, academic medical centers (AMCs), hospitals, health systems, sponsors, and contract research organizations (CROs)
- The partnership of RealTime and Complion bolsters the combined organization's position as a leading provider of eClinical solutions to make clinical research processes more efficient and compliant

## QHP Capital's Acquisition of AutoCruitment



**Target** 



Investor

October 27, 2022

Purchase Price Not Disclosed

- AutoCruitment provides a digital patient screening platform intended to recruit qualified patients for clinical trials and research studies, enabling clients to increase patient acquisition and retention
- AutoCruitment's partnership with QHP will help the company scale and leverage its digital platforms and workflows to recruit diverse populations of patients across numerous therapeutic areas

#### GTCR's Launch of Harpula

Harpula Health Holdings, LLC

**Platform** 

GTCR

Investor

July 26, 2022

Purchase Price Not Disclosed

- GTCR, a leading private equity firm, announced in October of 2022 that it entered into a partnership with Steve Powell and Mary Mattes to form Harpula Health Holdings
- Harpula will seek to acquire companies and assets in the technology-enabled pharmaceutical solutions industry as
  part of a strategy to become a market leader in improving the efficiency of drug research and development

#### TriNetX's Acquisition of Oncology Information Service (OIS)

O.I.s

**Target** 



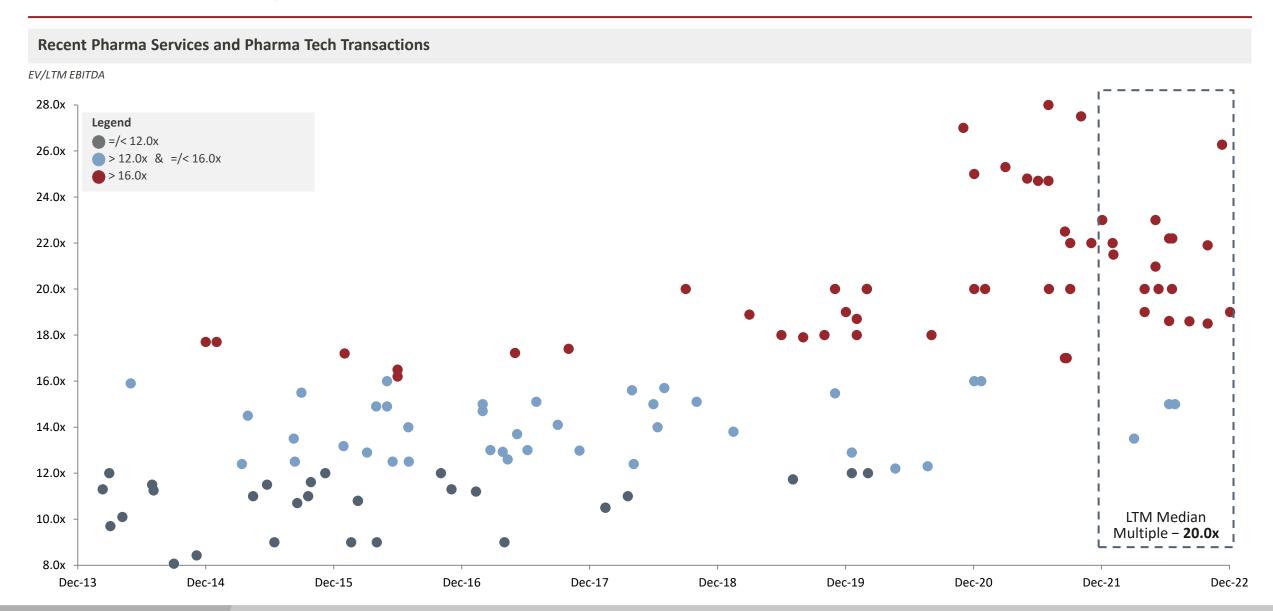
Buyer

October 18, 2022

Purchase Price Not Disclosed

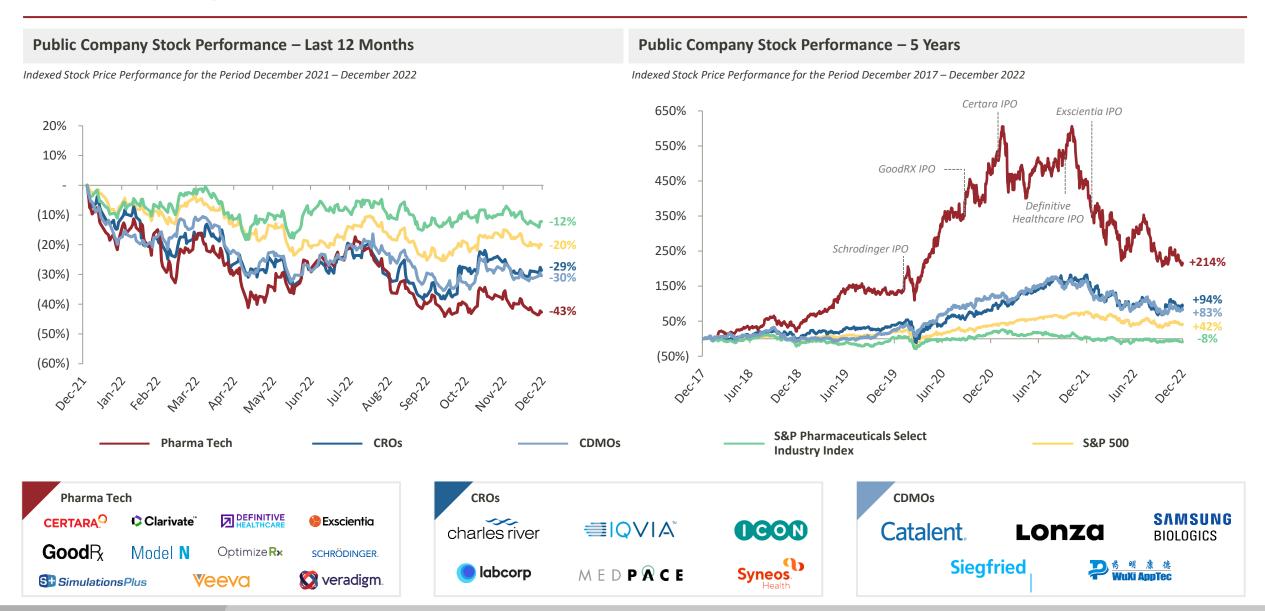
- Oncology Information Service (OIS) is a provider of health economics and outcomes research for the European oncological market, enabling access to clinical insights into patient characteristics and healthcare structures
- The acquisition will add deep, regulatory-grade transferable oncology data from Europe to TriNetX and will
  enhance its global footprint

# **Transactions Trading at Record Valuations**

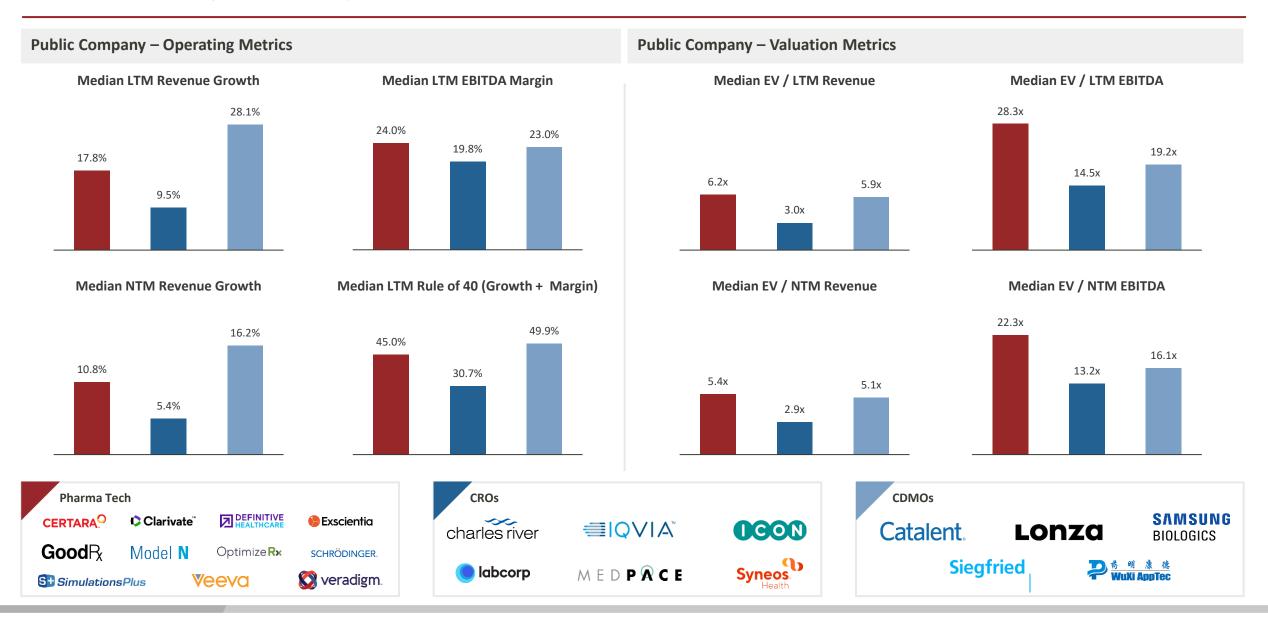




# **Public Company Trended Stock Performance**



# **Public Company Operating and Valuation Metrics**



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## Harris Williams Pharma Services and Pharma Tech Transaction Spotlights

> PHARMALEX

has been acquired by

AmerisourceBergen

Dec. 29, 2022

**Company Background:** PharmaLex is a leading provider of specialized services for the pharma, biotech, and medtech industries worldwide. The company provides strategic assistance and regulatory support throughout the entire product life cycle.

Successful Outcome: The transaction is set to deliver a successful outcome for PharmaLex and AUCTUS Capital Partners. The acquisition will enable PharmaLex to expand its international footprint and build upon AmerisourceBergen's expertise in pharmaceutical supply and manufacturer services.

Harris Williams served as financial advisor to PharmaLex, a portfolio company of AUCTUS Capital Partners, in this transaction.

a portfolio company of **⊗** NAVIMED has been acquired by

0 a portfolio company of astora.

Sept. 5, 2022

Company Background: The CM Group is an integrated commercialization platform enabling biopharmaceutical manufacturers to build market insights and to disseminate scientific information to healthcare providers (HCPs) and patients, supporting brand strategy and execution throughout the product life cycle.

Successful Outcome: The transaction delivered a successful outcome for The CM Group and NaviMed Capital. The acquisition will support The CM Group's growth through partnership with Open Health's existing commercialization partnerships and platform.

Harris Williams served as financial advisor to The CM Group, a portfolio company of NaviMed Capital, in this transaction.



July 19, 2022

Company Background: Jordi Labs is a provider of laboratory testing services intended to serve the polymers, medical devices, and pharma industries. The company's proprietary testing methods enable clients to easily get analytical services for regulatory, investigative, and quality control analysis.

Successful Outcome: The transaction delivered a successful outcome for Jordi Labs and will create significant synergies to help accelerate the growth of the combined platform.

Harris Williams served as financial advisor to Jordi Labs, a second-generation family business.



a portfolio company of

has been acquired by

novo holdings

Jan. 4, 2022

Company Background: Medical Knowledge Group (MKG) is an integrated, analytics-driven commercialization platform delivering healthcare provider targeted solutions on behalf of biopharmaceutical customers to maximize the commercial potential of their brands.

Successful Outcome: The transaction delivered a successful outcome for MKG and Court Square Capital Partners. Novo, a life science investor wholly owned by Novo Nordisk, will bolster MKG's growth through its deep expertise and network across life sciences.

Harris Williams served as financial advisor to MKG, a portfolio company of Court Square Capital Partners, in this transaction. Harris Williams previously served as exclusive financial advisor to MKG, a portfolio company of Windrose Health Investors, in their 2019 acquisition by Court Square Capital Partners.



Aug. 16, 2021

Company Background: RQM+ is the leading international provider of regulatory, quality, and compliance consulting services for medical device and diagnostics manufacturers. The company delivers transformative solutions by providing unrivaled collective expertise fueled by passion for client success.

Successful Outcome: The transaction delivered a successful outcome for RQM+, DFW Capital Partners, and Chartwell Investments. The acquisition will accelerate RQM+'s growth strategy of expanding its suite of end-to-end capabilities.

Harris Williams served as financial advisor to RQM+, a portfolio company of DFW Capital Partners and Chartwell investments, in this transaction.



BlackRock.

May 17, 2021

Company Background: Transaction Data Systems' (TDS) comprehensive solution suite powers the "last mile" of healthcare, enabling independent, retail, chain, and specialty pharmacies to manage all aspects of their clinical and financial operations – from dispensing to point of sale – and increase operational efficiency.

Successful Outcome: The transaction delivered a successful outcome for TDS and GTCR. The acquisition will support TDS's strategy of expanding its network of independent and community pharmacies across the U.S.

Harris Williams served as financial advisor to TDS, a portfolio company of GTCR, in this transaction.



April 30, 2021

Company Background: Velocity Clinical Research, headquartered in Durham, North Carolina, is a leading integrated site organization for clinical trials, offering dedicated site capabilities to help biopharmaceutical and contract research organization customers find the right patients for their studies. The company has 16 sites across the United States.

Successful Outcome: The transaction delivered a successful outcome for Velocity and NaviMed Capital. The acquisition positions Velocity for its next phase of growth and will allow it to continue accelerating its rate of patient recruitment in an effort to get drugs and vaccines to market more quickly.

Harris Williams served as financial advisor to Velocity Clinical Research, a portfolio company of NaviMed Capital Partners, in this transaction.



has been acquired by



April 2, 2021

sciences industry. As real-world evidence and commercialization partners, Kantar Health enables clients to bring safe and effective treatment to patients around the world across myriad therapy areas, including oncology and

Company Background: Kantar Health, a division of Kantar, provides data, analytics, and research to the life

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# **Public Market Operational and Valuation Metrics**

As of December 31, 2022	Market	Enterprise	% of 52-Week	LTM	LTM				
\$ in Thousands						Enterprise Value/			
Company	Capitalization	Value	High	Gross Margin	EBITDA Margin	LTM Revenue	NTM Revenue	LTM EBITDA	NTM EBITDA
			Pharma Tech						
Veeva Systems Inc.	\$25,125,004	\$22,164,339	62.6%	72.0%	24.0%	10.7x	9.5x	44.5x	24.7x
Clarivate Plc	5,623,285	12,148,285	33.6%	64.5%	42.0%	4.8x	4.7x	11.4x	11.4x
Certara, Inc.	2,565,945	2,658,908	55.3%	59.9%	27.2%	8.2x	7.4x	30.1x	20.9x
Veradigm Inc.	1,927,343	1,653,553	75.9%	50.6%	7.5%	1.1x	2.6x	14.3x	8.7x
GoodRx Holdings, Inc.	1,846,244	1,815,909	14.1%	92.3%	8.6%	2.3x	2.4x	26.5x	9.8x
Model N, Inc.	1,530,519	1,489,205	95.5%	55.7%	NM	6.8x	6.1x	NM	37.7x
Schrödinger, Inc.	1,331,428	953,732	50.2%	52.1%	NM	5.6x	4.5x	NM	NM
Definitive Healthcare Corp.	1,154,830	1,625,044	36.5%	88.4%	12.0%	7.8x	6.6x	NM	23.7x
Simulations Plus, Inc.	743,451	613,212	54.1%	79.9%	26.8%	11.5x	10.0x	42.7x	31.4x
Exscientia plc	654,942	37,234	21.5%	NM	NM	1.4x	1.4x	NM	NM
OptimizeRx Corporation	288,166	209,622	26.2%	61.6%	NM	3.3x	2.8x	NM	30.4x
Median	\$1,688,381	\$1,639,298	52.1%	64.5%	24.0%	6.2x	5.4x	28.3x	22.3x
			CROs						
IQVIA Holdings Inc.	\$38,056,273	\$49,348,273	72.5%	34.7%	19.3%	3.4x	3.3x	17.9x	13.8x
Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings	20,863,528	26,826,128	75.0%	31.4%	20.7%	1.8x	1.8x	8.5x	10.4x
ICON Public Limited Company	15,859,596	20,267,414	62.2%	28.2%	18.3%	2.6x	2.5x	14.4x	12.7x
Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.	11,086,460	14,289,499	57.8%	37.4%	26.0%	3.8x	3.5x	14.5x	13.8x
Medpace Holdings, Inc.	6,588,601	6,855,188	90.1%	62.7%	20.3%	5.0x	4.2x	24.6x	21.2x
Syneos Health, Inc.	3,774,519	6,635,973	35.7%	23.8%	13.4%	1.2x	1.3x	9.1x	9.0x
Median	\$13,473,028	\$17,278,456	67.4%	33.1%	19.8%	3.0x	2.9x	14.5x	13.2x
			CDMOs						
Samsung Biologics Co.,Ltd.	\$46,464,205	\$46,007,748	89.0%	48.0%	42.6%	26.6x	17.1x	NM	42.0x
Lonza Group AG	36,353,612	36,398,644	58.9%	38.7%	22.2%	5.9x	5.1x	26.8x	16.1x
WuXi AppTec Co., Ltd.	34,762,061	34,274,197	67.2%	36.5%	24.9%	7.0x	5.3x	28.1x	19.0x
Catalent, Inc.	8,100,161	11,972,161	35.1%	32.6%	23.0%	2.5x	2.5x	10.8x	9.4x
Siegfried Holding AG	2,817,487	3,242,310	68.1%	24.8%	21.8%	2.5x	2.3x	11.6x	10.8x
Median	\$34,762,061	\$34,274,197	67.2%	36.5%	23.0%	5.9x	5.1x	19.2x	16.1x
Total Comp Set Median	\$5,623,285	\$6,855,188	58.9%	49.3%	22.0%	4.8x	4.2x	16.2x	13.8x



# **Precedent Transactions**

