

# Architecture, Engineering, and Construction (AEC) Software Sector Brief

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### **Key Trends in the AEC Software Market**

The construction industry continues to embrace new technology and digital transformation efforts to improve safety, efficiency, and profitability.



### Modular, Off-Site, and Prefab Construction

The use of prefabrication and off-site construction is becoming a key strategic advantage for construction companies as speed, safety, and quality are all improved.

#### **Robots and Drones**

Construction robots and drones are helping enhance the safety and productivity of job sites by taking over repetitive, labor-intensive tasks and assisting with site surveys, progress monitoring, and inspections.



#### Wearables

Wearable technologies are becoming increasingly common on the job site. GPS, biometric, and environmental sensors are being outfitted to monitor workers' movements, vital signs, and safety conditions as part of broader efforts to capture more data from the job site.



3D printing continues to emerge as a leading sustainable and efficient method of construction that produces less waste and requires fewer labor resources than traditional site-built construction.



### Green Building

Legislation and public interest in reducing the impact of climate change are driving adoption of green construction technologies, including solar, smart appliances and building systems, and zero-energy building design.

### **Artificial Intelligence and the Connected Construction Site**

Advanced technologies, including IoT ("Internet of Things") devices, AI, and AR/VR, are helping AEC firms improve logistical challenges and increase worker safety while enabling managers to make faster and more informed decisions based on real-time data.





### Perspectives on the AEC Software Landscape

**DESIGN** 



Solutions to aid in the design and modeling of buildings and infrastructure

**Building Information** Modeling

**Computer-Aided Design** 

**Select Market Participants** 









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### **Key Trends**

- Increased mandatory and voluntary adoption of 5D BIM across key project constituents
- Integration of building life-cycle considerations, notably maintenance, operations, and energy usage, into the design stage, resulting in increased complexity and demand for technology innovation

**PLAN** 



Solutions designed to forecast and manage time, materials, and costs prior to work beginning

**Bidding** 

**Cost Estimating** 

Takeoff

**Select Market Participants** 











### **Key Trends**

- Incorporation of real-time material and cost data into the project planning stage to give owners and contractors greater clarity into project costs and timelines
- Integration of third-party estimation and takeoff tools into larger project management suites to create more seamless transitions between construction phases

**BUILD** 



Solutions designed to manage the build phase of the construction process, including planning, scheduling, labor, and logistics

**Project Management**  **Inventory** and Supply Chain

Workforce **Management** 

**Select Market Participants** 











### **Key Trends**

- Expansion of project management suites through addition of native tools or integration of third-party point solutions to create comprehensive platforms
- Adoption of field and mobile tools to connect the job site with the office to increase real-time visibility into projects



### What We're Reading

### **Construction Industry Has Work, Needs More Workers**

#### Wall Street Journal - April 10, 2023

Spending on construction has increased despite a recent decline in residential construction. This decline was more than offset by the growth in nonresidential construction, primarily industrial / manufacturing facilities, infrastructure / public-works projects, and warehouse locations. The aging construction workforce has not kept up with this increased demand, leading to a growing backlog of projects for builders.

Read the full article here.

### Amid High Inflation, the Supply Chain Is Ripe for Optimizing

#### Construction News UK - June 1, 2023

The U.K. construction industry has had a budget problem for years, with mega-projects routinely running over budget by upward of 30%. This issue has been exacerbated by record inflation leading to increasingly tight margins. As a result, supply chain visibility and efficient project management have become paramount, and companies that can facilitate this are quickly gaining traction.

Read the full article here.

### Seven Construction Technology Trends Shaping the Industry in 2023

#### Planning, Building & Construction Today - June 15, 2023

The construction industry has been undergoing a digital transformation driving toward a more data-driven and sustainable future. There has been an increase in the use and quality of digital twins, BIM software, AI, and data management. These advancements will allow the construction industry to capture significant cost savings, improve overall quality, and facilitate more sustainable practices.

Read the full article here.

### How the Construction Industry Is Adopting Al

#### JLL - June 26, 2023

Al and cloud-based technologies are expected to play an ever-increasing role in the construction space, aiming to minimize delays, mitigate rising costs, and address a labor shortage. The new tools and technologies are focused primarily on the project management function, for which improvements to resource allocation, budgeting, and planning can lead to significant cost and time savings during construction.

Read the full article here.

### **Recent Harris Williams Publications**

Sector Update: Engineering & Construction | Q3 2023



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Opportunities in the Energy Transition | Q2 2023



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Residential Services Sector Brief | Q3 2023



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### **Select Recent AEC Software Transactions**

### Foundation's (Thoma Bravo) acquisition of AboutTime Technologies





Closed: May 4, 2023

Thoma Bravo

- AboutTime is a provider of mobile resource management and employee time-tracking software designed to facilitate field-tooffice communication for the construction industry.
- This acquisition serves to expand AboutTime's customer base and enables Foundation to provide a more holistic suite of solutions to contractors enhancing their back-office operations.

### Fika Ventures' investment in BuildOps





Closed: May 18, 2023

- BuildOps is a provider of field service management software for commercial service contractors to manage workflows, inventory, quality control, and customer service.
- This investment enables BuildOps to reinvest in their platform and sales team to support and accelerate their projected growth.

### Bessemer Venture Partners' investment in Curri





Closed: June 6, 2023

- Curri is a provider of a logistics platform that offers software solutions for middle- and last-mile logistics to construction and industrial companies to move materials, parts, and equipment.
- This investment will enable Curri to accelerate product innovation and speed up new product launches while also funding an expansion in sales and marketing efforts to drive growth.

### The Sage Group's acquisition of Corecon Technologies





Closed: May 5, 2023

- Corecon is a provider of preconstruction and project management solutions for contractors, construction managers, and custom
- This acquisition expands Sage Group's offerings in the construction sector by complementing their existing accounting and ERP solutions with a sector-specific project management platform.

### KPA's (Providence Equity Partners) acquisition of AnchoRock Solutions





Closed: May 23, 2023

Providence Equity Partners

- · AnchoRock is a provider of mobile-first safety and compliance management software for the construction industry.
- The acquisition of AnchoRock expands KPA's existing portfolio of EHS software and services by adding an industry-specific solution targeting the construction end market.

### Stirling Square's acquisition of Infobric (Summa Equity)

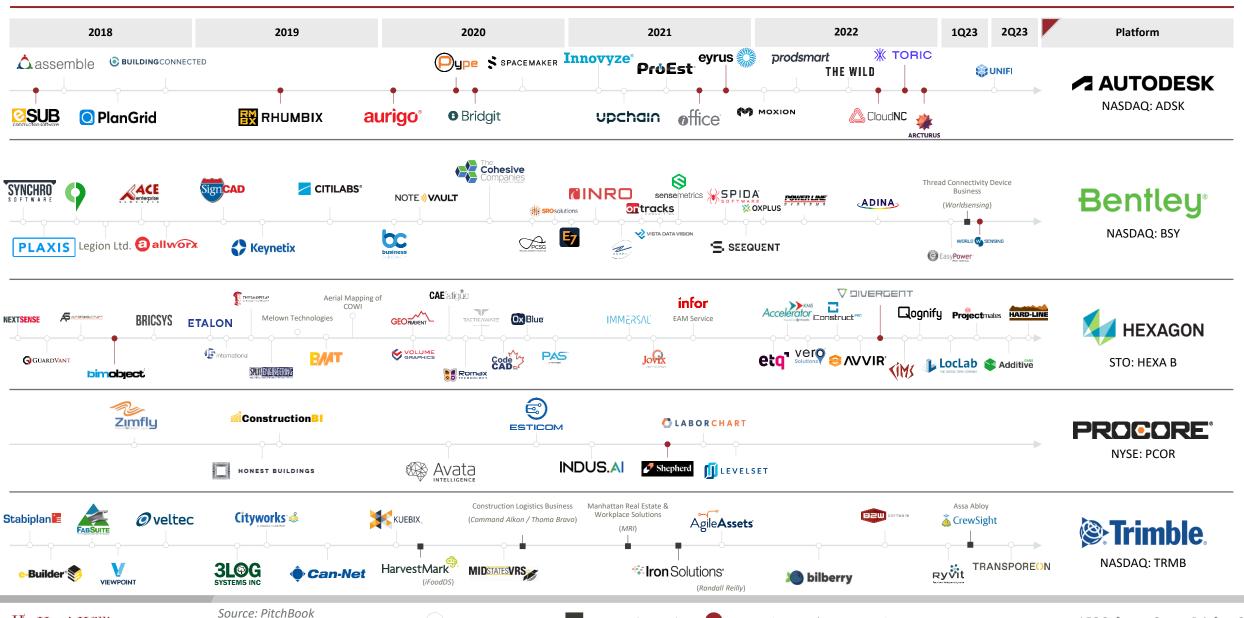




Closed: June 20, 2023

- · Infobric is a provider of a portfolio of construction-focused solutions for managing site safety, equipment, and personnel in
- · This acquisition provides Infobric with the capital needed to continue its growth trajectory by expanding into new geographic markets and accelerating the launch of new software products that enhance the current platform.

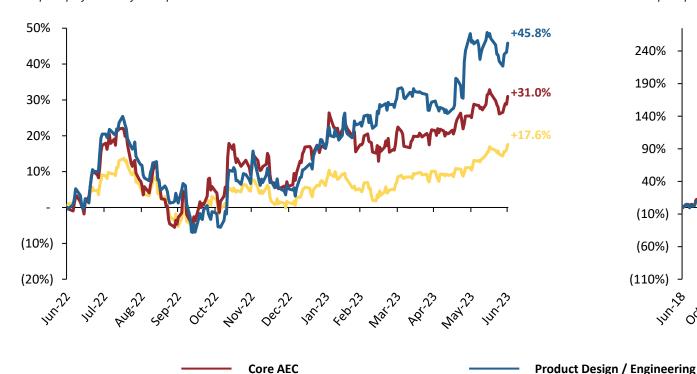
### Select Public Company AEC Software Acquisition Activity



### **AEC Sector Public Company Trended Stock Performance**

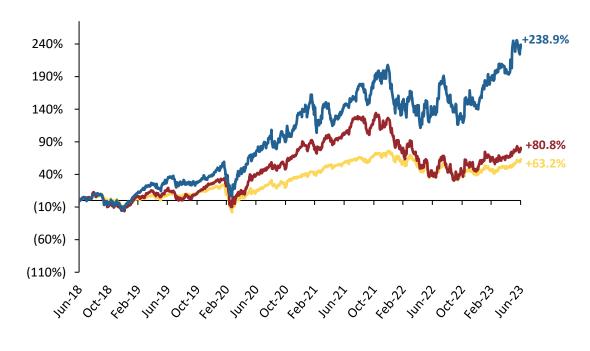
### **Public Company Stock Performance – Past 12 Months**

Indexed stock price performance for the period June 2022 – June 2023



### **Public Company Stock Performance – 5 Years**

Indexed stock price performance for the period June 2018 – June 2023



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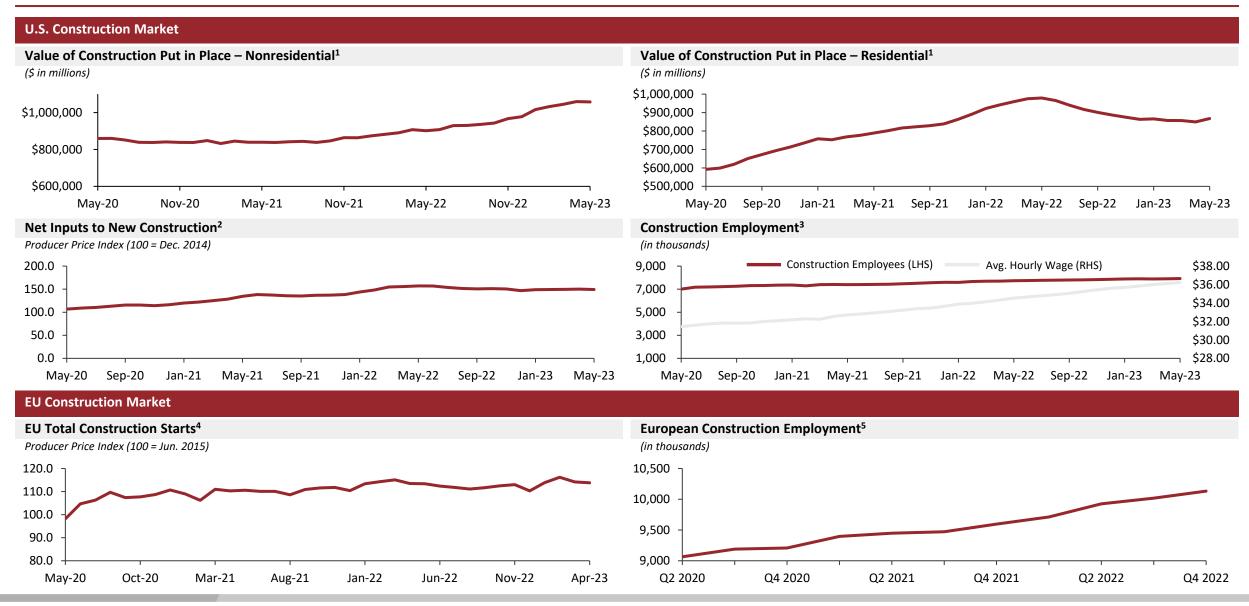




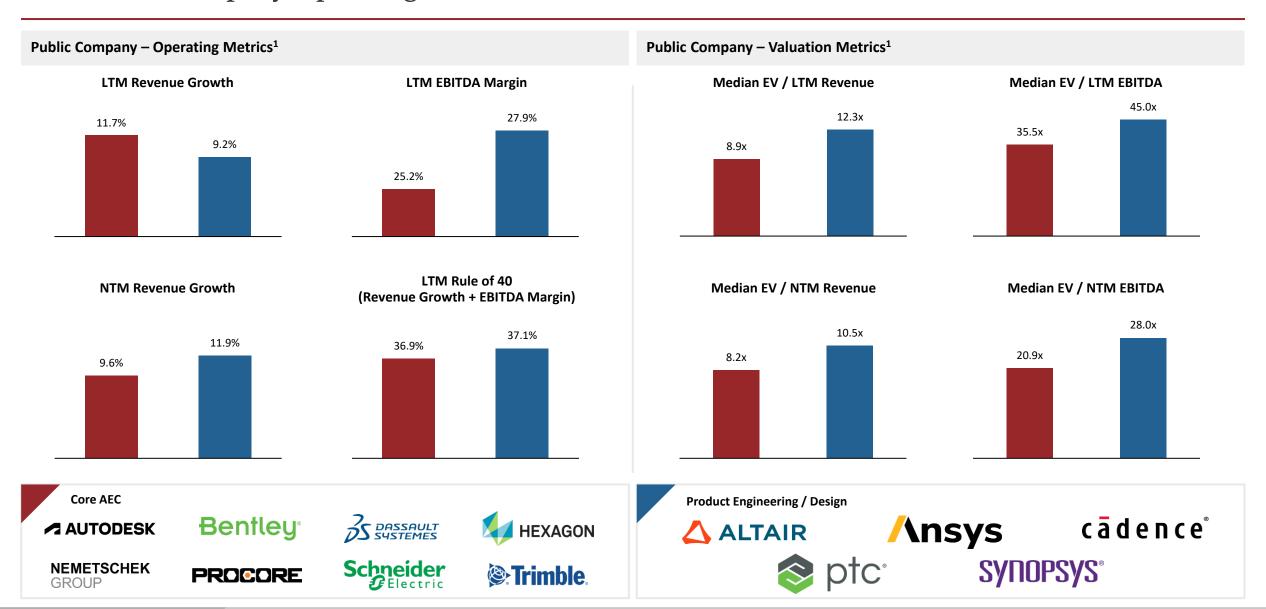


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### **Overall Construction Macroeconomic Environment**



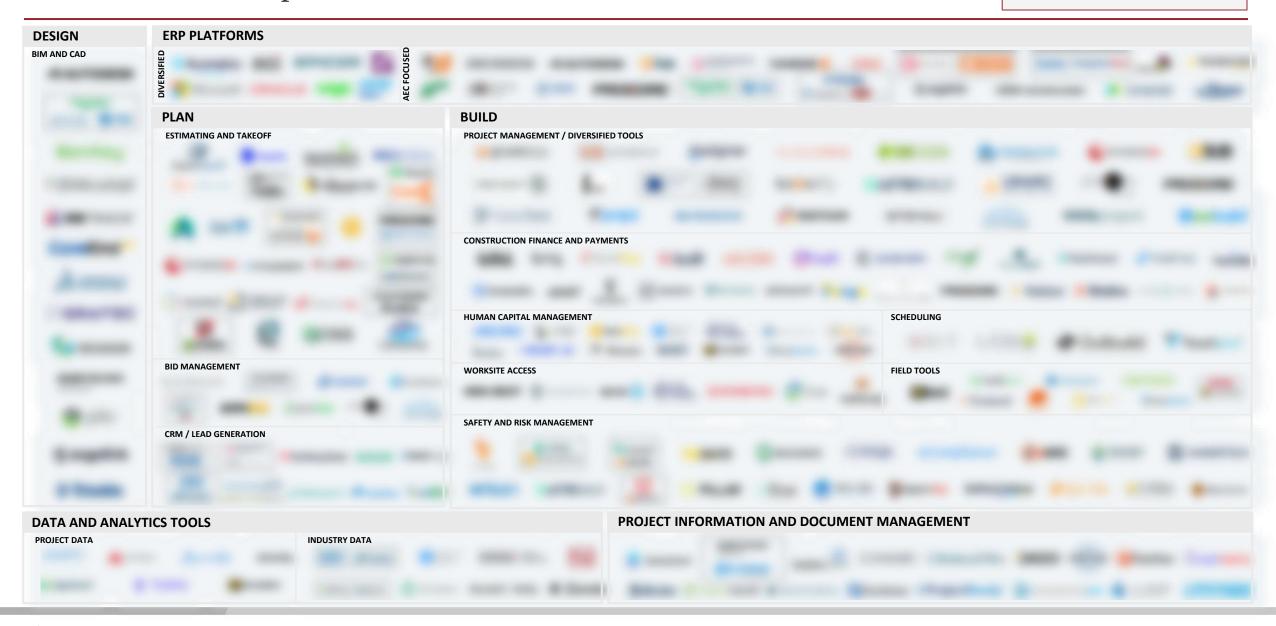
### **AEC Public Company Operating and Valuation Metrics**



### **AEC Market Landscape**

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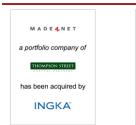
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### Harris Williams Transaction Experience



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Financial Technology

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Compliance Software





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**▼VESTAR** 

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a portfolio company of

**SOUTHFIELD** 

has been acquired by

**PSP** 

IT Services





FLOWBIRD

a portfolio company of

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has been acquired by

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**Industrial Software** 







THOMABRAVO

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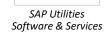
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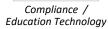
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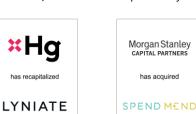
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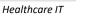


Healthcare IT



AutoTech / Data





Education Technology

a portfolio company of

**GTCR** 

has been acquired by

BlackRock.

Healthcare IT



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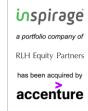
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IT Services



Retail Technology



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## Appendix



### **Recent Sector M&A Transactions Detail**

Closed Date	<u>Target</u>	Acquirer / Investors	Business Description	Enterprise Value (\$M)	Implied EV / Revenue	Implied EV / EBITDA
Pending	4ps Group	Hilti	Provider of business management (ERP) solutions for the construction industry.	NA	NA	NA
07/12/23	Vitruvi	Bow River Capital	Provider of construction project management software for telecommunications and infrastructure projects.	NA	NA	NA
07/11/23	Bridgit	CIBC	Provider of workforce planning and scheduling software for general contractors and specialty contractors.	NA	NA	NA
06/27/23	Clearstory (fka ExTracker)	GS Futures	Provider of construction software for subcontractors, general contractors, and owners to communicate their project changes in real time.	NA	NA	NA
06/23/23	CADS Additive	Hexagon	Provider of a 3D-printing software that helps companies prepare designs for metal additive manufacturing.	NA	NA	NA
06/20/23	Infobric (Summa Equity)	Stirling Square Capital Partners	Provider of communication equipment for information management in the construction industry.	NA	NA	NA
06/19/23	HelpHero	Byggfakta	Provider of marketplace that connects homeowners to service providers for residential construction and repairs.	NA	NA	NA
06/06/23	Curri	Bessemer Venture Partners	Provider of on-demand and last-mile logistics services for construction and industrial supplies deliveries.	NA	NA	NA
05/30/23	UpCodes	Bragiel Brothers; Building Ventures; CapitalX	Provider of a digital building codes library for the construction industry.	NA	NA	NA
05/23/23	AnchoRock Solutions	KPA (Providence Equity)	Provider of construction safety and compliance management solutions for job-site safety.	NA	NA	NA
05/05/23	Corecon Technologies	The Sage Group	Provider of project management software solutions for general contractors, subcontractors, homebuilders, remodelers, developers, and professional service firms.	\$16	NA	NA
05/04/23	AboutTime Technologies	Foundation Software (Thoma Bravo)	Provider of enterprise mobile time tracking and real-time resource management solutions for the construction industry.	NA	NA	NA
05/01/23	eSUB	Catalyst Investors; Revolution Ventures	Provider of construction management software for subcontractors.	NA	NA	NA
04/24/23	Constrafor	Motive Partners	Provider of a cloud-based procurement software and financial solution for general contractors and subcontractors to manage procurement, onboarding, and process payments.	NA	NA	NA
04/13/23	Built Technologies	Citigroup	Provider of a cloud-based construction loan administration and draw management platform to manage risk and maximize productivity.	NA	NA	NA
03/21/23	UNIFI Labs	Autodesk	Developer of a cloud-based platform to create and manage BIM content across the life cycle of building projects.	NA	NA	NA
03/15/23	CrewSight (Trimble)	Assa Abloy	Provider of access control and workforce management solutions to the global construction industry. The company offers electronic worker self-enrollment, real-time labor reporting, and authorized labor-site access control	NA	NA	NA



### Public Market Operational and Valuation Metrics<sup>1</sup>

\$ in Thousands	Market Capitalization	Enterprise Value	% of 52-Week High	LTM Gross Margin	LTM EBITDA Margin	Enterprise Value/			
Company						LTM Revenue	NTM Revenue	LTM EBITDA	NTM EBITDA
			Core	AEC					
Schneider Electric	\$101,605,052	\$115,488,775	99.1%	40.6%	18.7%	3.2x	2.8x	16.9x	13.9x
Dassault Systèmes	58,298,857	57,812,982	93.6%	83.6%	26.0%	9.2x	8.4x	35.5x	23.4x
Autodesk	43,730,563	44,283,563	87.1%	91.5%	21.3%	8.7x	8.0x	40.7x	20.9x
Hexagon	33,096,352	36,865,148	98.6%	65.8%	34.0%	6.4x	6.0x	18.9x	14.9x
Trimble	13,115,716	14,264,116	73.3%	61.2%	20.2%	4.0x	3.6x	19.6x	14.2x
Bentley Systems	17,006,704	18,629,670	99.5%	78.8%	26.1%	16.4x	14.9x	NM	43.6x
Nemetschek SE	9,142,176	8,621,727	94.7%	80.0%	NM	11.1x	9.0x	NM	NM
Procore Technologies, Inc.	8,654,935	8,573,330	91.1%	53.3%	25.2%	9.7x	8.8x	38.5x	29.4x
Core AEC Median	\$25,051,528	\$27,747,409	94.2%	72.3%	25.2%	8.9x	8.2x	27.5x	20.9x
			Product Design	n / Engineering					
Synopsys	\$66,251,794	\$65,287,243	93.0%	79.9%	22.6%	12.3x	10.5x	54.5x	28.0x
Cadence Design Systems	63,949,852	63,711,190	96.6%	89.2%	33.1%	17.3x	15.5x	52.3x	35.0x
ANSYS	28,621,641	29,001,289	97.3%	91.5%	35.7%	13.5x	12.5x	37.8x	27.4x
PTC	16,841,699	18,640,552	98.4%	79.4%	27.9%	9.4x	8.2x	33.7x	20.5x
Altair Engineering	6,120,955	6,082,549	96.6%	78.6%	2.6%	10.5x	9.6x	NM	48.1x
Product Design / Engineering Median	\$28,621,641	\$29,001,289	96.6%	79.9%	27.9%	12.3x	10.5x	45.0x	28.0x
Comp Set Median	\$28,621,641	\$29,001,289	96.6%	79.4%	25.6%	9.7x	8.8x	36.6x	25.4x



### Public Market Operational and Valuation Metrics<sup>1</sup>

\$ in Thousands	Market	Enterprise	% of 52-Week	LTM	LTM	Enterprise Value/				
Company	Capitalization	Value	High	Gross Margin	EBITDA Margin	LTM Revenue	NTM Revenue	LTM EBITDA	NTM EBITDA	
Residential										
D.R. Horton, Inc.	\$41,504,951	\$45,184,251	98.1%	27.7%	20.5%	1.3x	1.4x	6.6x	9.3x	
Lennar Corp.	36,016,945	37,308,358	98.6%	18.9%	17.5%	1.1x	1.2x	6.3x	6.8x	
NVR, Inc.	20,620,146	18,862,378	99.4%	25.9%	20.9%	1.8x	2.0x	8.7x	11.2x	
PulteGroup, Inc.	17,340,058	18,513,850	98.1%	29.7%	21.8%	1.1x	1.2x	5.1x	7.0x	
Residential Median	\$28,318,545	\$28,085,368	98.4%	26.8%	20.7%	1.2x	1.3x	6.4x	8.1x	
		Engi	ineering, Procurem	ent, and Constru	ıction					
WSP Global Inc.	\$16,471,629	\$19,457,417	96.1%	19.1%	9.6%	2.1x	2.4x	21.7x	13.5x	
Jacobs Solutions Inc.	15,081,197	18,765,661	86.1%	21.6%	8.7%	1.2x	1.1x	13.9x	12.2x	
AECOM	11,771,808	13,800,875	91.9%	6.5%	6.7%	1.0x	1.0x	15.1x	13.6x	
KBR, Inc.	8,830,082	10,387,082	99.1%	13.4%	8.2%	1.6x	1.4x	19.4x	13.7x	
HOCHTIEF Aktiengesellschaft	6,501,025	8,006,373	95.2%	24.3%	2.8%	0.3x	0.3x	9.8x	5.7x	
Hochtief	5,755,146	6,258,167	76.4%	10.1%	5.5%	0.4x	0.4x	7.1x	7.1x	
SNC-Lavalin Group Inc.	4,606,940	6,125,596	95.2%	6.0%	5.4%	1.1x	1.0x	19.8x	10.9x	
John Wood Group PLC	1,164,948	1,917,548	59.2%	12.1%	2.7%	0.4x	0.3x	12.9x	4.7x	
EP&C Median	\$7,665,553	\$9,196,728	93.6%	12.7%	6.1%	1.0x	1.0x	14.5x	11.5x	
		E	European Public - P	rivate Partnershi	ps					
Vinci SA	\$65,530,026	\$91,837,603	94.6%	14.8%	15.0%	1.4x	1.2x	9.2x	7.1x	
Ferrovial SA	22,915,507	32,597,029	96.8%	83.0%	8.2%	4.0x	3.7x	49.3x	30.1x	
Bouygues SA	12,497,507	26,951,005	92.5%	56.1%	8.8%	0.5x	0.4x	5.9x	5.2x	
Eiffage SA	9,879,316	23,161,351	88.6%	82.8%	15.1%	1.0x	1.0x	6.9x	5.7x	
Euro Median	\$17,706,507	\$29,774,017	93.6%	69.4%	11.9%	1.2x	1.1x	8.0x	6.4x	
Construction Median	\$13,426,502	\$16,157,362	95.7%	19.0%	8.4%	1.1x	1.1x	11.3x	10.1x	

