

## M&A FACTS – H2 2025 AEROSPACE & DEFENSE

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## AEROSPACE & DEFENSE – M&A-HIGHLIGHTS AND MARKET INSIGHTS

Deal activity and multiples in the Aerospace & Defense industry experienced a significant increase in H2 2025

### H2 2025 Deal activity

**125**  
Deals

Small and mid cap transactions and strategic investors looking to consolidate the market continue to drive deal activity in the Aerospace & Defense sector, with only a few notable sponsor-backed transactions

**EUR 10.4bn**  
Deal value

The published transaction volume has been slightly decreasing compared to the previous half-year

### Valuations

Median EBITDA (LTM) trading multiples increased by 0.8x compared to the previous six months

H1 2025	H2 2025
16.9x	↗ 17.7x
Median Trading EBITDA Multiple	

Median EBITDA transaction multiples increased by 7.2x compared to the previous six months

H1 2025	H2 2025
12.9x	↗ 20.1x
Median Transaction EBITDA Multiple	

### Insights

In H2 2025, Aerospace & Defense M&A remained resilient, driven by elevated defense spending and geopolitical tensions despite cost and capacity pressures



#### Strategies

During H2 2025, strategic buyers focused on scaling core defense capabilities, securing critical technologies and increasing production capacity, while carve-outs, partnerships and spin-offs were used to enhance strategic flexibility



#### Trends

M&A activity in H2 2025 was driven primarily by defense-related demand, with strong momentum in naval systems, missiles and munitions, electronics and sensor technologies. Investment in unmanned systems, digital integration, cyber and space capabilities remained elevated. Transaction volumes declined slightly compared to H1, while valuation levels increased, reflecting competition for high-quality assets and strategically critical capabilities.



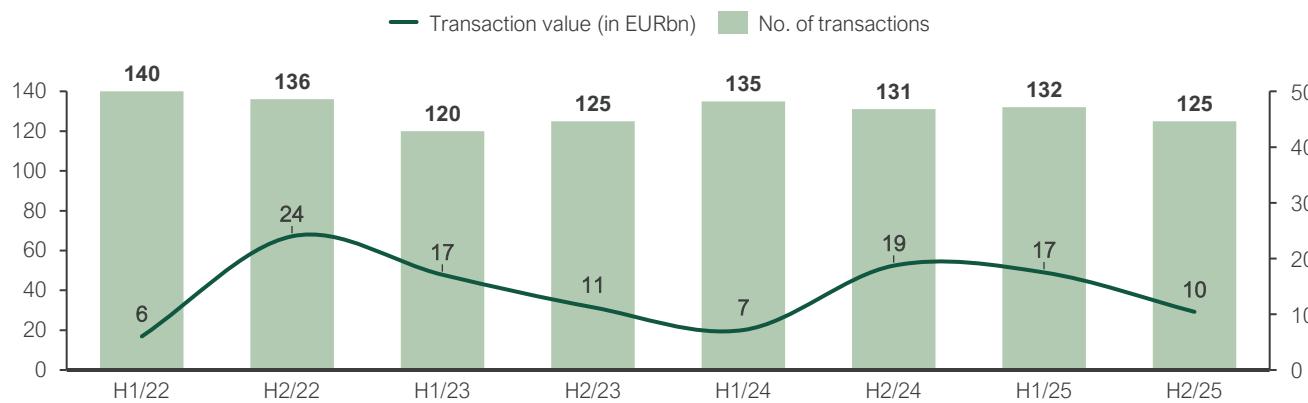
#### Key growth areas

Growth in H2 2025 was driven by continued investment in unmanned and autonomous systems, secure digital and cyber capabilities, naval defense solutions and space-related applications for defense and dual-use purposes

## M&A SUMMARY

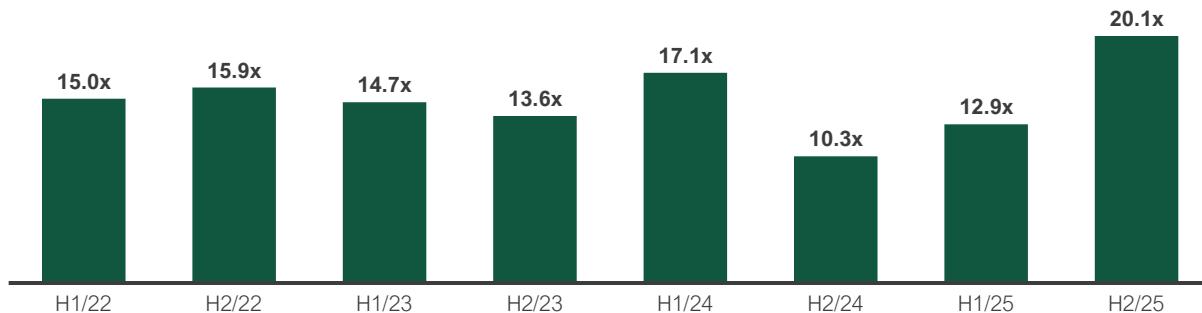
Geopolitical uncertainties drive the M&A market for Aerospace & Defense over the recent years

### Aerospace & Defense M&A Deal Count, Recorded Transaction Volume H1 2022 – H2 2025



### Aerospace & Defense M&A Transaction Multiples H1 2022 – H2 2025

Implied Transaction Enterprise Value / EBITDA of announced transactions with disclosed multiple



Source: S&P Capital IQ



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**“In H2 2025, heightened geopolitical tensions, rising defense budgets and accelerated rearmament programs continue to drive consolidation in the A&D sector, while increased demand for autonomous systems, secure digital integration, space capabilities and resilient supply chains is accelerating innovation and strategic M&A activity.”**

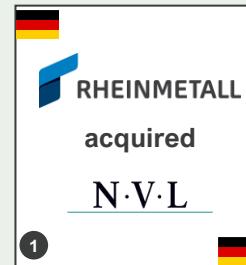
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## NOTABLE TRANSACTIONS IN THE AEROSPACE & DEFENSE SECTOR

Transaction multiples have increased in the second half of 2025

Announced Date	Target	Acquirer	Stake %	Total Transaction Value (EUR m)	Implied EV / EBITDA
01.07.25	Woot Tech Aerospace LLC	Wakeb	100	n/a	n/a
21.07.25	Collins Aerospace Flight Control & Actuation	Safran S.A.	100	1,544	n/a
26.08.25	Nordic Shield Group AB	Scandinavian Astor Group AB	6	2.05	n/a
1 27.08.25	NVL B.V. & Co. KG	Rheinmetall AG	100	n/a	n/a
28.08.25	Saab TransponderTech AB	FLIR Systems AB	100	n/a	n/a
04.09.25	Attollo Engineering, LLC	Safran Defense & Space, Inc.	100	n/a	n/a
05.10.25	SciTec, Inc.	Firefly Aerospace Inc.	100	514	n/a
07.10.25	Paul Boyé Technologies SAS	NFM Holding AS	100	n/a	n/a
11.10.25	Exosens	Theon International Plc	9.8	269	26.8x
2 19.10.25	TKMS AG & Co KGaA	Public Listing	49	n/a	n/a
29.10.25	MT Aerospace AG	OHB SE	100	n/a	n/a
04.11.25	Lanteris Space LLC	Intuitive Machines, Inc.	100	723	n/a
14.11.25	GuideTech, LLC	Palladyne AI Corp.	100	40	n/a
21.11.25	Marshall Land Systems Limited	Flowing River Capital Partners	100	n/a	n/a
27.11.25	Operational Solutions Ltd	Terma A/S	100	n/a	n/a

### Selected Transactions in H2 2025



#### Deal Specs:

Rheinmetall successfully acquired the naval warship activities of NVL Group.

#### Details:

The acquisition expands Rheinmetall's naval defense capabilities and strengthens its role as a holistic defense systems supplier, adding naval platforms and integrated combat systems.



#### Deal Specs:

Thyssenkrupp completed the spin-off of Thyssenkrupp Marine Systems into a standalone entity.

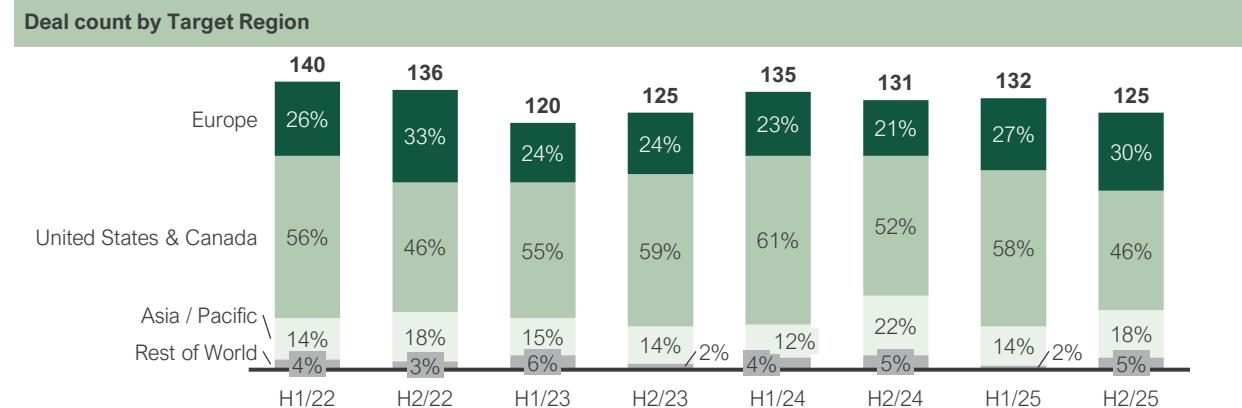
#### Details:

The spin-off separated the naval shipbuilding business from thyssenkrupp's industrial operations, increasing strategic focus and flexibility. As an independent entity, tkMS is better positioned to pursue growth initiatives in naval defense programs and international government contracts.

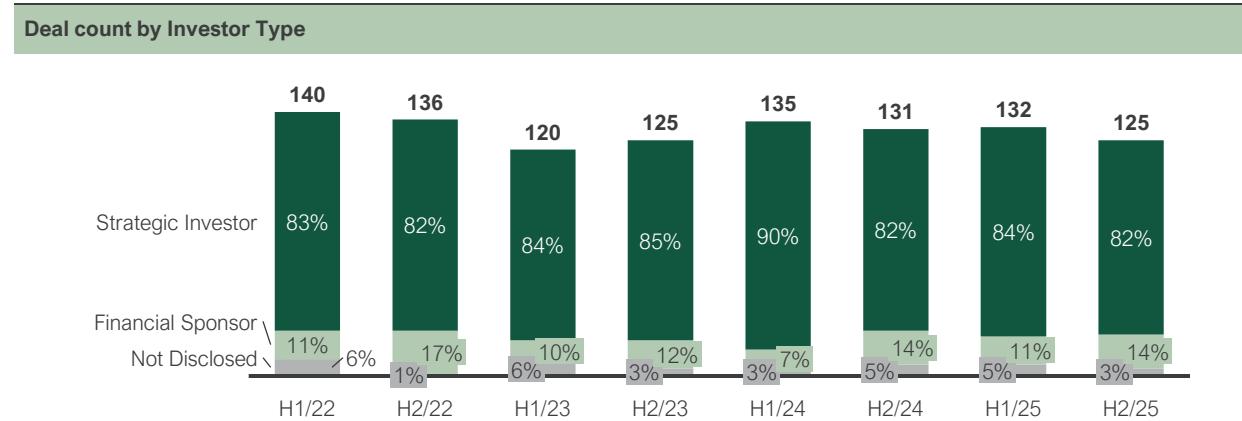
## AEROSPACE & DEFENSE M&A DEAL ANALYSIS<sup>1</sup>

United States and Europe represent the majority of deals. Strategic buyers have offered slightly higher valuations than financial investors

### Deal Volume by Region



### Deal Volume by Investor Type



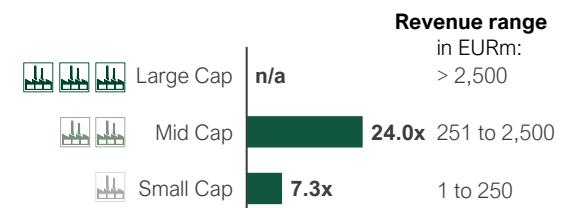
### EBITDA Multiple (LTM) by Target Region H2 2025



### EBITDA Multiple (LTM) by Investor Type H2 2025



### EBITDA Multiple (LTM) by Company Size H2 2025

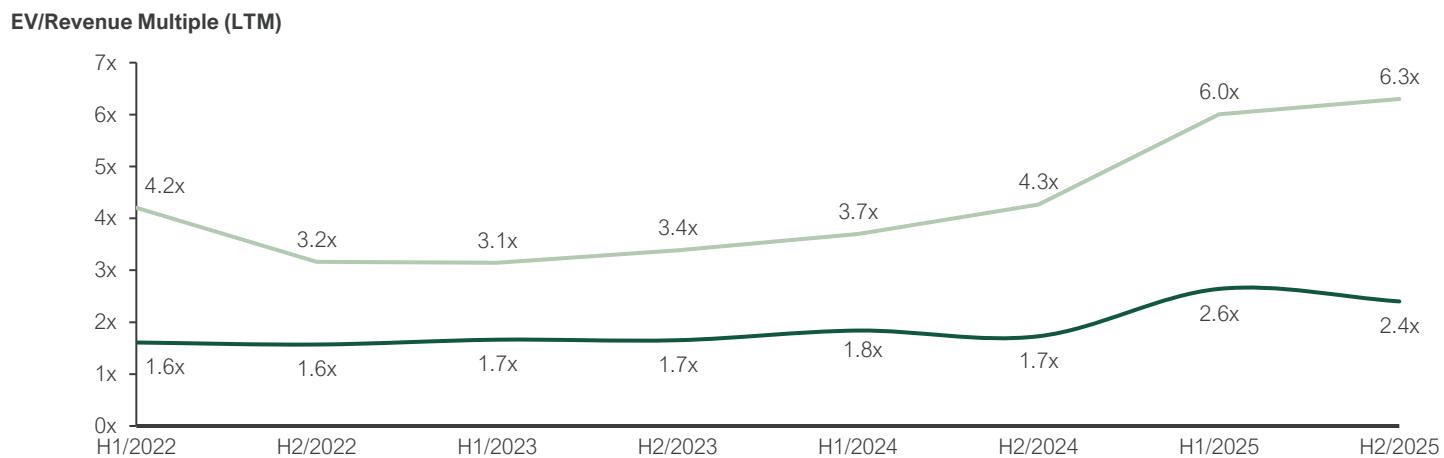
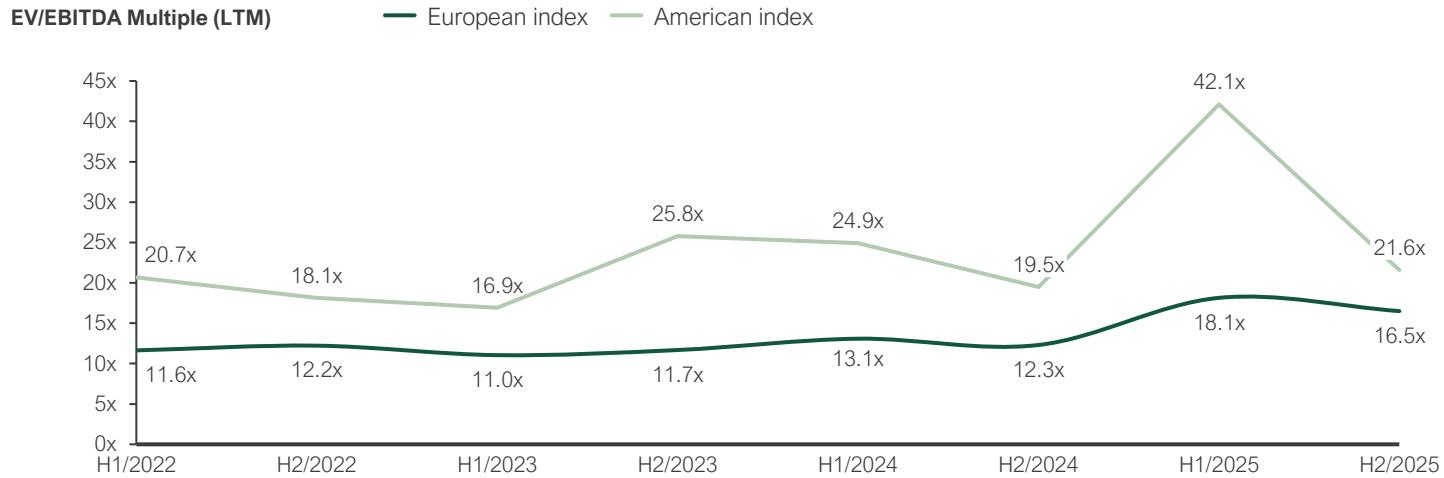


Source: S&P Capital IQ; Note(s): 1) Announced transactions, Implied Enterprise Value / LTM EBITDA of announced transactions with disclosed multiples

## TRADING MULTIPLES | DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY, MULTI-PLATFORM CONTRACTORS AND AERO-/DEFENSE EQUIPMENT OEM

Median enterprise value multiples of selected comparable listed companies since H1-2022

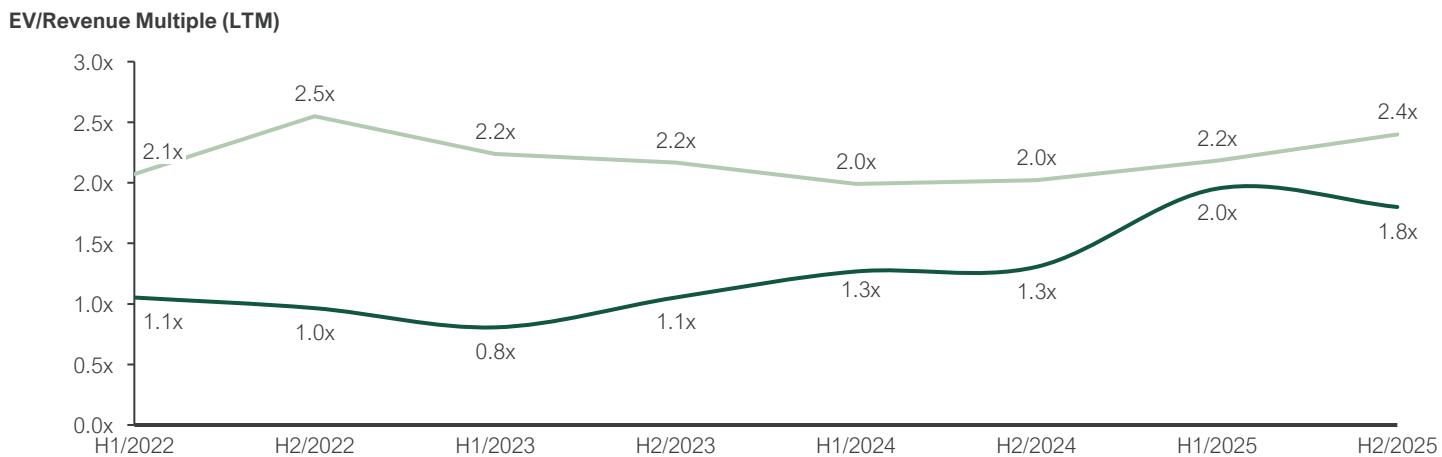
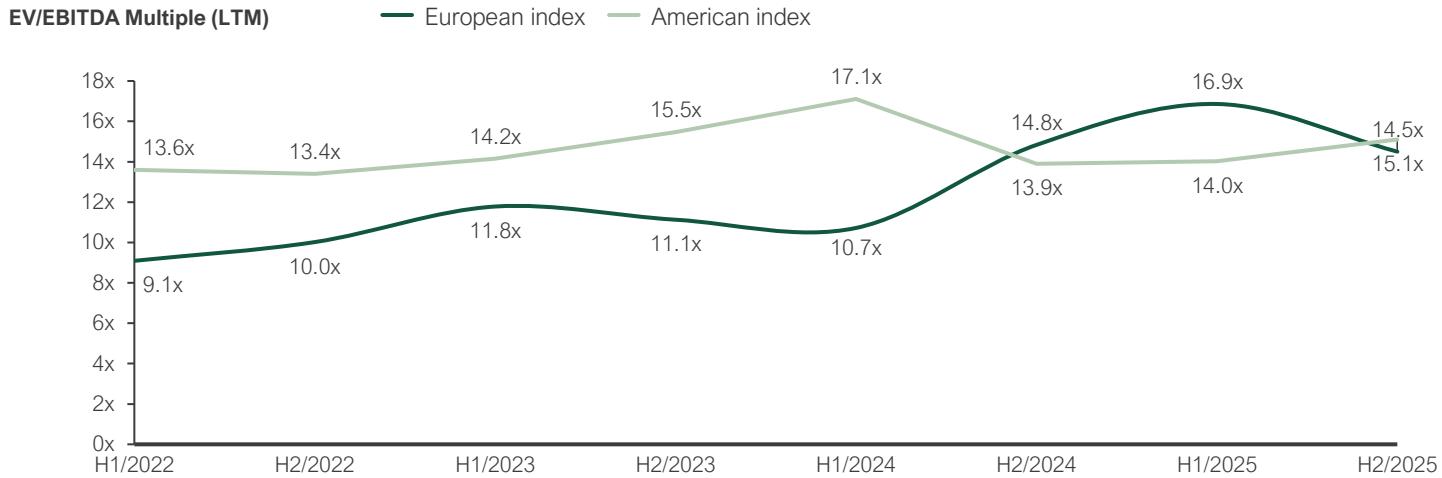
Defense Technology		
Company	EV/Revenue	EV/EBITDA
BAE SYSTEMS	2.1x	15.3x
HENSOLDT	4.0x	28.6x
THALES	2.4x	16.5x
KONGSBERG	4.0x	23.5x
Atos	0.3x	6.8x
SAFRAN	4.2x	20.1x
Indra	1.7x	16.3x
sopraSteria	0.7x	6.1x
Elbit Systems	3.4x	27.1x
AeroVironment	9.0x	91.2x
CURTISS - WRIGHT	6.3x	25.9x
KRATOS	9.6x	146.6x
mercury	5.1x	50.4x
Palantir	107.2x	NM
TELEDYNE TECHNOLOGIES Everywhere	4.3x	17.3x
TEXTRON	1.3x	11.0x



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Multi-Platform Contractors		
Company	EV/Revenue	EV/EBITDA
<b>AIRBUS</b>	2.2x	19.0x
<b>DASSAULT AVIATION</b>	1.8x	11.6x
<b>FINCIANTIERI</b>	0.9x	14.5x
<b>RHEINMETALL</b>	6.7x	38.1x
<b>LEONARDO</b>	1.7x	14.4x
<b>Babcock</b>	1.3x	12.4x
<b>SAAB</b>	4.1x	33.0x
<b>GENERAL DYNAMICS</b>	1.9x	14.8x
<b>Huntington Ingalls Industries</b>	1.3x	13.3x
<b>L3HARRIS® FAST. FORWARD.</b>	3.1x	15.5x
<b>LOCKHEED MARTIN</b>	1.8x	17.3x
<b>NORTHROP GRUMMAN</b>	2.4x	13.7x
<b>RTX</b>	3.3x	19.0x
<b>BOEING</b>	2.5x	NM



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Aero-/Defense Equipment OEM		
Company	EV/Revenue	EV/EBITDA
MTU	2.4x	12.6x
RENK	4.5x	25.2x
Rolls-Royce	4.9x	24.6x
Melrose	2.6x	10.7x
GE	7.6x	28.1x
Honeywell	3.7x	14.8x
Parker	6.0x	22.1x
MOOG	2.4x	17.1x



## SUB-SEGMENTS OF AEROSPACE & DEFENSE

The various sub-segments are interlinked, with technological innovations, supply chains and security policy requirements influencing development, production and operational capability



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### Selected Aerospace & Defense Deals\*

#### M&A Buy-Side

##### **Project Shield** *Ongoing*

Proventis Partners is advising a private equity fund in building a leading defense technology platform



#### M&A Sell-Side

##### **e.sigma**

e.sigma Systems was sold to Diehl Defence

##### **DIEHL** Defence

#### M&A Sell-Side

##### **CODECHAMP** La solution Caduc Optique **Semip** Précision dans la précision

High-precision optical encoder specialist SEMIP-Codechamp was sold to Eiréné, Weinberg CP's Security-Defense investment fund

##### **WCP** WEINBERG CAPITAL PARTNERS

#### M&A Sell-Side

##### **FIRST** SWITZERLAND STPI REL

The manufacturer of electromechanical components for harsh environment applications was sold to Crouzet

##### **CROUZET**

TIKEHOU CAPITAL bpifrance SOCIETE GENERALE  
bpiFrance Capital Partners

#### M&A Buy-Side

##### **TIKEHOU CAPITAL Ace**

Tikehau Ace Capital acquired a majority stake in Rossi Aéro, a leading player in speedshop services for the French aeronautical industry

##### **GROUPE ROSSI AERO** A subsidiary of Meesmann

#### M&A Sell-Side

##### **SECA** automatismes

Seca Automatismes, active in the development and production of assemblies for satellites and launch vehicles, was sold to Alkan

##### **ALKAN** Electronics in Aerospace & Defense Systems

Note(s): \* Includes deals conducted by Mergers Alliance partners

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**35**

M&A Professionals

**> 430**

Successful Deals

**> EUR 22 bn**

Transaction Volume

**> 70%**

Cross-border Transactions

**Independent**

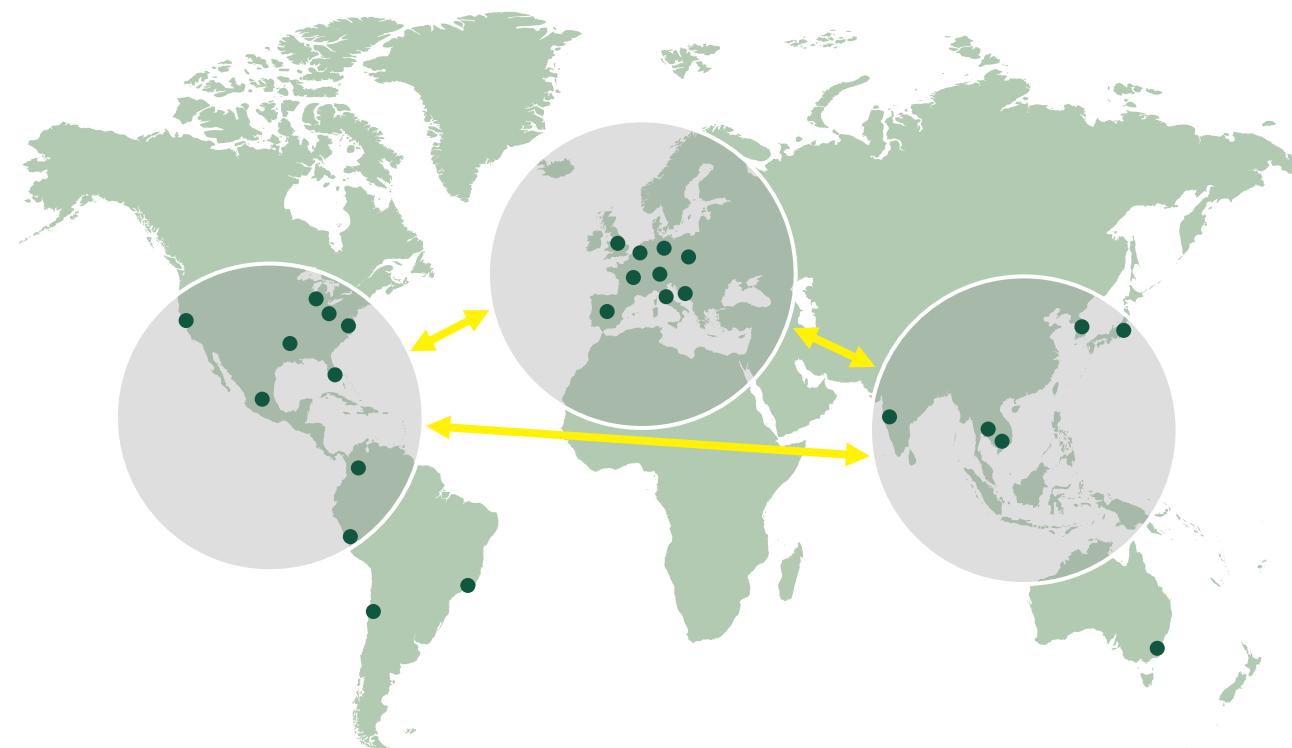
**Entrepreneurial**

**Experienced**

**International**

## OUR GLOBAL ORGANIZATION

As part of the Mergers Alliance with approx. 300 M&A professionals at 36 locations, we successfully implement M&A transactions for our clients worldwide



 **1**  
Global organization

 **19**  
Partner companies

 **26**  
Countries

 **36**  
Offices

 **approx. 300**  
M&A professionals

 **> 1.800**  
Successful transactions since 2010

 **> EUR 96bn**  
Transaction volume since 2010

A large, modern naval ship, likely a frigate or destroyer, is shown sailing on a calm sea. The ship is white with dark grey superstructure. It features a tall mast with various antennas and a large cylindrical structure on the deck. The word "APPENDIX" is overlaid in large, bold, black capital letters in the center of the image.

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### Peer group Defense Technology

Company Name	Country	Market Cap	TEV	Total Revenue LTM	EBITDA LTM	TEV/EBITDA LTM H1 2025	TEV/EBITDA LTM H2 2025	H2-25 vs. H1-25 Trend
BAE Systems	United Kingdom	58,493	67,032	31,972	4,171	15.3x	17.2x	△
Hensoldt	Germany	8,478	9,578	2,399	332	28.6x	40.4x	△
Thales	France	47,195	50,650	21,349	2,935	16.5x	18.1x	△
Kongsberg Gruppen	Norway	19,218	18,397	4,653	745	23.5x	34.5x	△
Atos	France	972	2,422	8,633	358	6.8x	4.2x	▼
Safran	France	124,127	122,809	29,377	5,965	20.1x	20.4x	△
Indra Sistemas	Spain	8,529	8,707	5,124	541	16.3x	12.7x	▼
Sopra Steria Group	France	2,970	4,180	5,671	689	6.1x	6.6x	△
Elbit Systems	Israel	22,780	23,079	6,580	792	27.3x	23.1x	▼
AeroVironment	United States	10,240	10,442	1,188	111	91.2x	106.7x	△
Curtiss-Wright	United States	17,313	18,087	2,877	699	25.9x	25.2x	▼
Kratos Defense & Security Solutions	United States	10,916	10,548	1,099	72	146.6x	88.2x	▼
Mercury Systems	United States	3,737	4,031	798	80	50.4x	59.0x	△
Palantir Technologies	United States	360,828	355,628	3,321	786	NM	NM	
Teledyne Technologies	United States	20,423	22,131	5,198	1,272	17.3x	18.4x	△
Textron	United States	13,083	15,383	12,117	1,409	11.0x	10.9x	▼
<b>Median</b>						<b>20.1x</b>	<b>20.4x</b>	△

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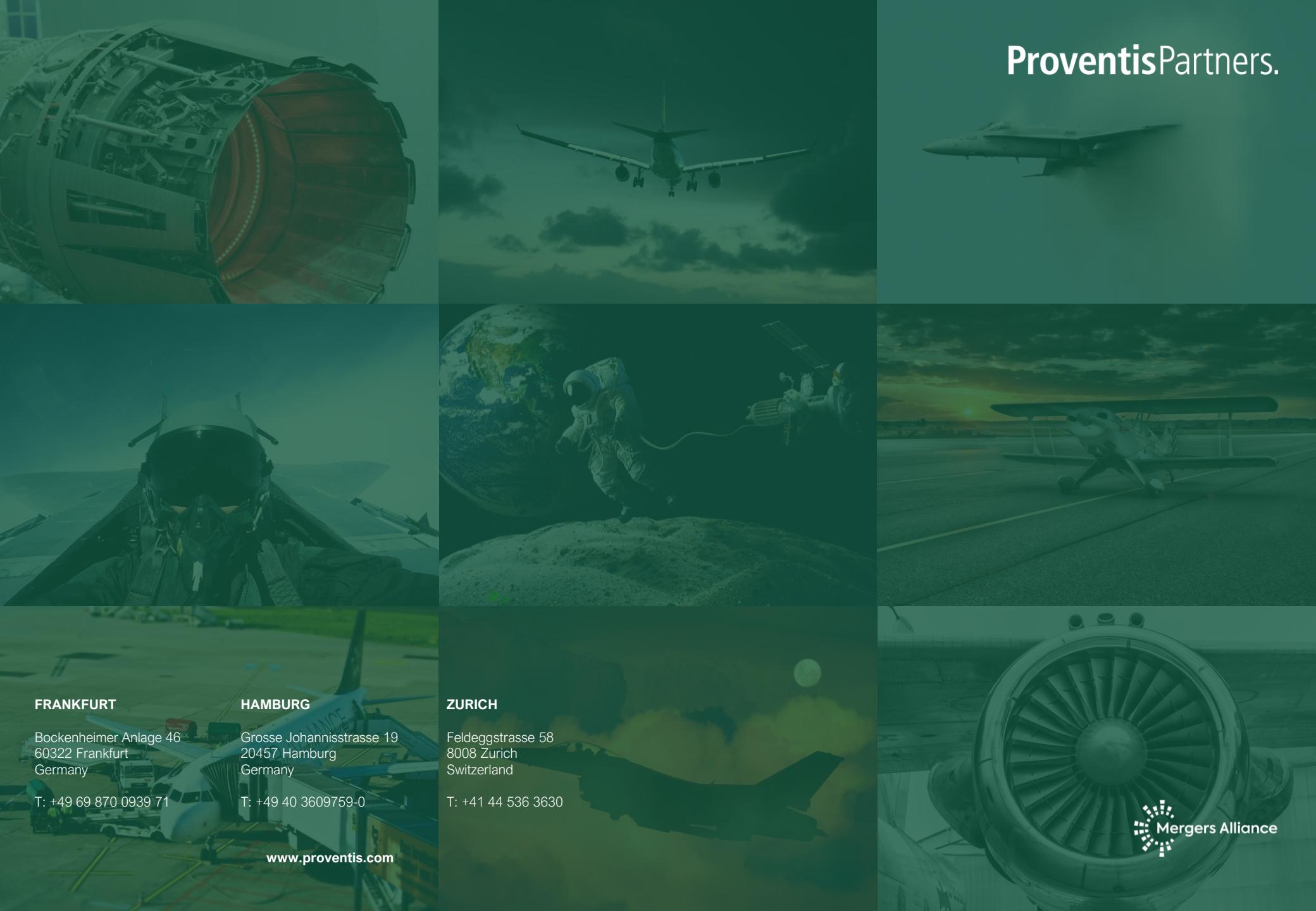
### Peer group Multi-Platform Contractors

Company Name	Country	Market Cap	TEV	Total Revenue LTM	EBITDA LTM	TEV/EBITDA LTM H1 2025	TEV/EBITDA LTM H2 2025	H2-25 vs. H1-25 Trend
Airbus	Netherlands	156,613	158,204	72,152	7,989	19.0x	18.0x	▼
Dassault Aviation	France	21,417	12,049	6,555	746	11.6x	13.8x	△
Fincantieri	Italy	5,411	7,987	8,836	541	14.5x	16.9x	△
Rheinmetall	Germany	71,620	73,973	10,998	1,970	38.1x	44.8x	△
Leonardo	Italy	28,338	32,102	19,131	2,111	14.4x	14.9x	△
Babcock International Group	United Kingdom	7,091	7,528	5,684	611	12.4x	13.5x	△
SAAB	Sweden	26,684	27,087	6,540	787	33.0x	36.2x	△
General Dynamics	United States	77,337	83,602	44,050	5,691	14.8x	14.0x	▼
Huntington Ingalls Industries	United States	11,366	13,592	10,238	1,023	13.3x	11.2x	▼
L3Harris Technologies	United States	46,769	56,567	18,512	3,660	15.5x	14.1x	▼
Lockheed Martin	United States	95,322	111,265	62,728	6,429	17.3x	14.1x	▼
Northrop Grumman	United States	69,312	82,103	34,883	6,003	13.7x	12.9x	▼
RTX	United States	209,431	240,622	73,288	12,659	19.0x	17.0x	▼
Boeing	United States	140,558	169,031	68,829	(4,793)	NM	NM	
<b>Median</b>						14.1x	14.2x	△

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MTU Aero Engines	Germany	19,110	20,262	8,454	1,424	12.6x	14.8x	△
RENK Group	Germany	5,362	5,793	1,290	230	25.2x	35.2x	△
Rolls-Royce Holdings	United Kingdom	110,297	109,074	22,793	4,371	24.6x	24.7x	△
Melrose Industries	United Kingdom	8,485	10,412	4,020	990	10.7x	23.9x	△
General Electric	United States	276,730	284,413	34,378	9,955	28.1x	27.2x	▼
Honeywell International	United States	105,492	127,489	34,663	8,582	14.8x	17.2x	△
Parker-Hannifin	United States	94,465	102,870	17,072	4,509	22.1x	18.6x	▼
Moog	United States	6,962	7,861	3,302	460	17.1x	14.0x	▼
<b>Median</b>						<b>19.6x</b>	<b>21.3x</b>	△



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