

Recent trends and general considerations



## Agenda

Current state of M&A, recent trends

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Valuation considerations in M&A



# 1 Recent N&A Trends

### MeAtrends through 2021

#### **US Annual Closed M&A Transactions Value & Count**





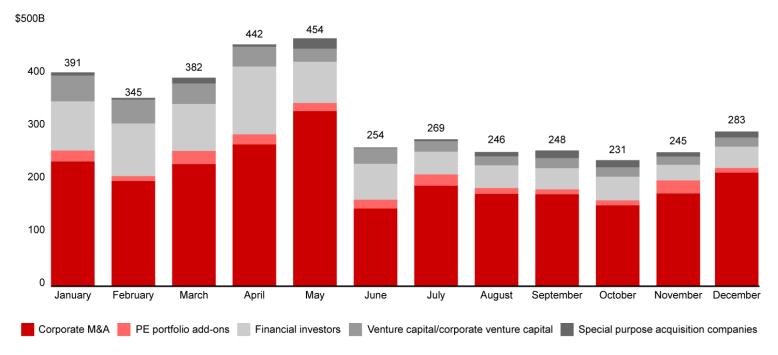


Broadly speaking, annual transaction value has increased steadily from 2012 through 2019. In 2021, the post pandemic Global M&A market rebounded. M&A volumes topped 5 trillion for the first time ever, comfortably eclipsing the previous record of \$4.55 trillion set in 2007.



## 2022 disruption

#### 2022 M&A deal market value (in billions of US dollars)



Notes: Strategic deals include corporate M&A and PE portfolio add-ons; categorizations based on deal technique, industry, and acquirer business description Source: Dealogic

The 2021 M&A boom continued through the first half of 2022, however, a big turning point occurred on June 16, 2022, when an interest rate hike by the US Federal Reserve Bank, combined with heightened macro-economic uncertainty put a chill on the deal market.



## State of N&A 2022 decline—major factors





**Inflation** issues arose from a multitude of geopolitical issues including but not limited to: COVID-19 and supply chain issues; stimulus money; war and foreign conflict; and sanctions.



**Interest rates** rose in 2022 as the Federal Reserve responds to US inflation peak.



**Capital availability** decreased as interest rates rose, most affecting financial investors reliant on debt for financing deals.

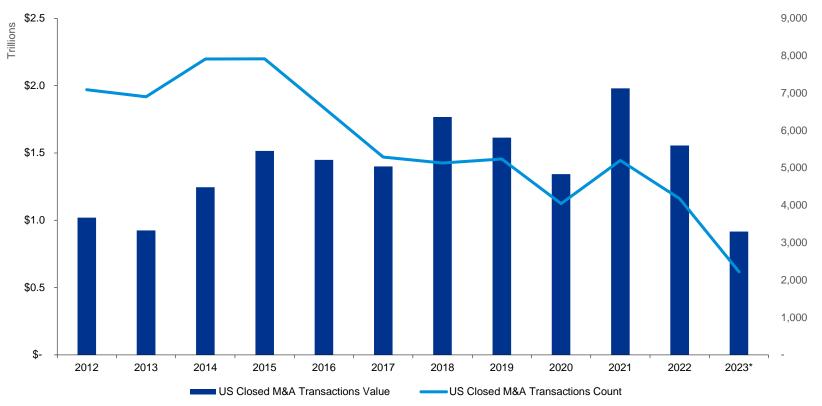


**Industrial policy** changes during 2022 for transformational transactions increased regulatory scrutiny and iced deals from continuing.



## Metactivity—trends into Q2023<sup>1,2</sup>

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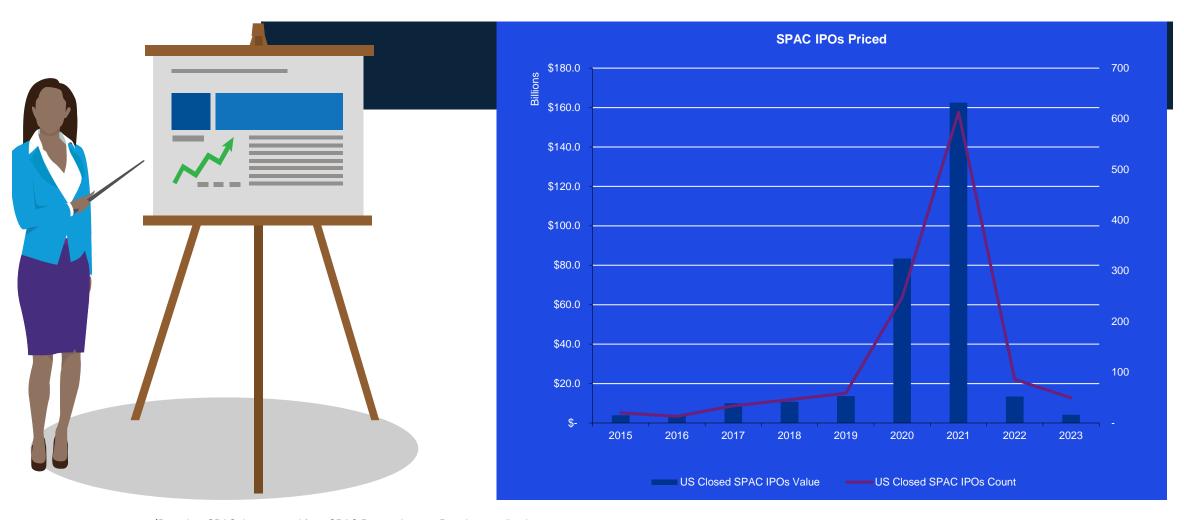
Overall, volume is slowing with the last four months reflecting consistent declines in transaction count. 2022 volumes and count are down on average compared to 2021 and the first two months of 2023 are showing continued declines.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Transaction value is defined by S&P Capital IQ as Consideration to Shareholders plus Other Consideration plus Total Earnout/Contingent Payments plus Total Rights/Warrants/Options plus Net Assumed Liabilities plus Cash and Short Term Investments.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Based on closed M&A transactions as reported by S&P Capital IQ. Excludes transactions with no disclosed value. Values and counts on this slide a slightly lower than prior slide which includes asset and branch acquisitions.

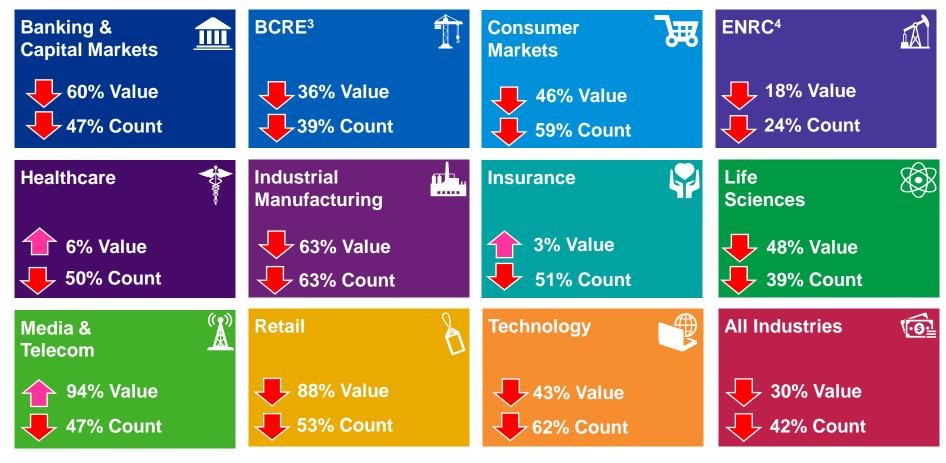
## SPACtrends in the market place<sup>1</sup>







## Trailing 12 month MeAtransaction growth by inclustry 1,2



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>ENRC: Energy, Natural Resources, and Chemicals



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<sup>3</sup>BCRE: Building, Construction, and Real Estate

## State of N&Alooking aheadin 2023

1). Well-capitalized companies making acquisitions in their core business. Company balance sheets are still relatively strong compared to previous recessionary periods, thus there is anticipation for large corporates (especially healthcare, technology, and energy industries) to lead the way to greater activity.

3). Uneven performance among companies stoking shareholder activism. The number of activism campaigns at U.S. companies in 2022 exceeded 2021 levels by approximately 14%, with M&A and improvement operations as the most common activist demands last year, each occurring in 49% of campaigns.

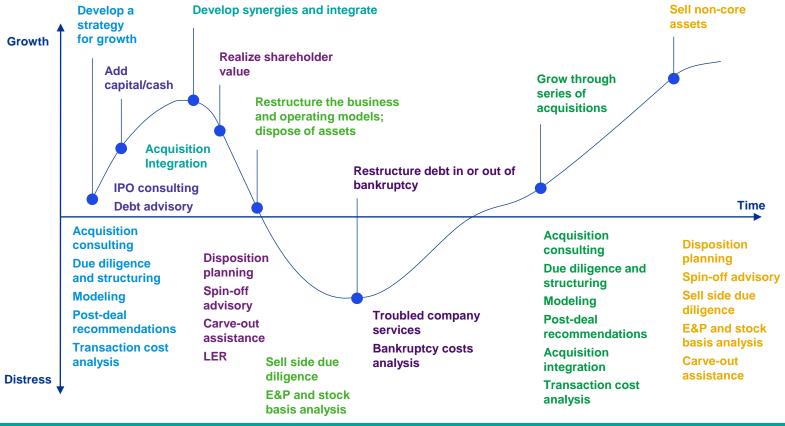
2). Financial sponsors, which are holding record amounts of capital, deploying it in acquisitions. Global financial sponsors currently have more equity capital available than in prior years. Once the financing market stabilizes, we can expect to see a number of private equity firms bring companies to market.

**4).** Cross Border M&A making a comeback. Companies around the world seeking to fortify global supply chains coupled with cooling global tensions will lead to an increase in investment in international markets.

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## Meathroughout the business cycle

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M&A Tax services applicable throughout all stages of business cycle

Section 382 analysis; tax compliance assistance; financial statement audit assistance; general Sub C and consolidated returns consulting; partnership planning and modeling



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## Valuation+ modeling considerations

## Valuation and modeling in the deal process



#### **Deal Generation**

#### M&A Strategy

- Market Segment Identification
- Market Segment Evaluation / Prioritization
- Target Identification
- Target Evaluation / Prioritization
- Investment Thesis Development
- Pre-approach Synergy Due Diligence
- Active portfolio management

#### Business modeling

- · Deal model & valuation model builds
- Client model accuracy assessment
- · Cash flow forecast development
- · Value driver assessment and insights



#### Due Diligence - Financial and Tax

#### Financial Due Diligence

- Top line analytics
- · Cost base analysis
- Non-recurring items
- Pro forma considerations
- Working capital / AR profile
- · Deferred revenue / backlog
- Net debt and contingencies

#### Accounting and finance

- Key accounting policies
- Financial reporting (carve-out financial statements, proforma financial statements, MD&A, and discontinued operations/HFS reporting)
- Finance integration/separation operations, systems and processes
- Regulatory requirements
- Preliminary PPA valuation
- Chart of account mapping

#### Tax Due Diligence

- Tax exposures
- Deal structuring alternatives



#### Due Diligence – Commercial and Operational

#### Commercial Due Diligence

- Market Attractiveness/Relative Offer Position
- Competitive Landscape
- Sources of growth, profitability
- Management business plan evaluation/validation
- Assess business value creation, capture, defense mechanisms

#### Operational Due Diligence

- EBITDA Improvement
- · Synergy Identification and standalone costs
- Manufacturing 4-wall analysis

#### HR Due Diligence

- HR benefits and compensation impact on valuation
- Assumed liabilities and hidden items
- Retention considerations

#### IT Due Diligence

- IT organization and spend profile
- IT security, cyber and compliance



## Aftersigning: the PPA

The new draft AICPA Business Combination + Valuation Guide addresses a number of accounting issues related to business combinations in the following chapters:



Chapter 1: Business Combinations – Accounting Overview



Chapter 2: Identifying Business Combination Transactions



Chapter 3: Identifying the Acquirer



Chapter 4: Determining the Acquisition Date



Chapter 5: Measuring the Consideration Transferred



Chapter 6: Recognize and Measure the Identifiable Assets Acquired and Liabilities Assumed, and any Noncontrolling Interests in the Acquiree



Chapter 7: Recognizing and Measuring Goodwill or a Gain from a Bargain Purchase



**Chapter 8: Other Accounting Topics** 



## Valuation Chapters

The guide also discusses a number of valuation topics related to business combinations in the following chapters:



Chapter 9: Valuation Considerations in a Business Combination



Chapter 10: Internal Rate of Return Analysis



Chapter 11: Selecting Valuation Approaches and Techniques for Acquired Intangible Assets



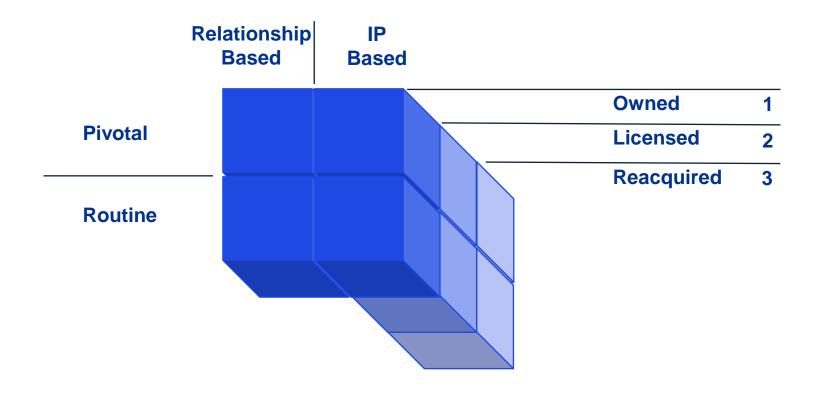
Chapter 12: Valuation Approaches and Techniques



Chapter 13: Measuring Fair Value of Identifiable Assets Acquired and Liabilities Assumed



## Types of Intangible Assets



Source: AICPA Guide, section 11.11



## Pivotal vs Routine Intangible Assets

#### **Pivotal Intangible Asset**

- Creates a significant amount of the excess profit generated along the business unit's value chain
- Their functions are not available from alternative sources since they are unique or scarce assets
- It provides a distinct competitive advantage that drive the excess returns of the business unit
- E.g. Unique and innovative IP in the technology industry, intellectual capital of a consulting firm

#### **Routine Intangible Asset**

- Secondary elements of the operations
- They provide an economic benefit in the form of a routine profit (when the routine asset is relationship-based)
- Provide functionality that can be accessed from a third party in an arms' length transaction or recreated internally, which drives down excess returns
- Assets that are not unique or scarce
- E.g. Internally-used software



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