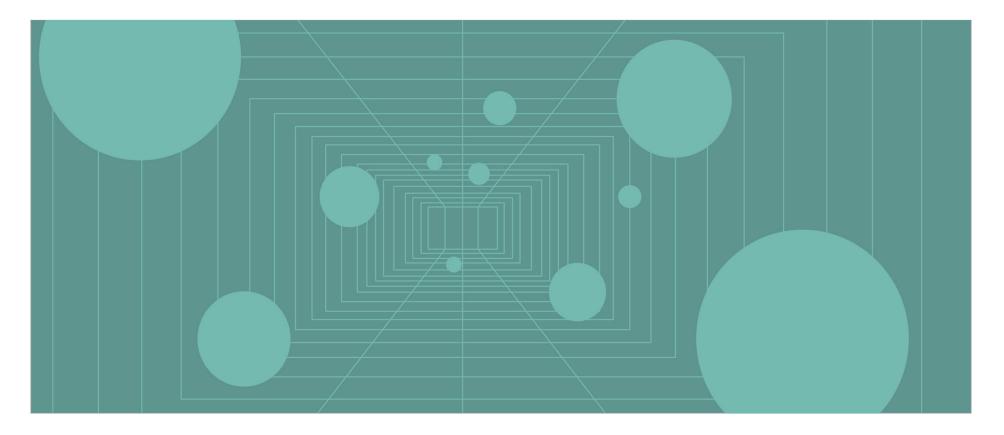
# PRIVATE COMPANY OPERATING METRICS: GLOBAL ANALYSIS





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## Introduction to Operating Metrics

- The data in this report on operating metrics provide insights into key parts of the process by which private equity (PE) managers execute their strategy:
  - Purchasing the company and optimizing the capital structure
  - Improving the performance of the company and transforming the business
- PE managers aim to purchase companies at attractive prices, optimize their capital structures, and then—with operational improvements, revenue growth, and/or other acquisitions—seek to sell the company at a higher price.
- Similar metrics can be used to evaluate both private and public companies, though public market analysts typically focus on company earnings and price-earnings ratios rather than EBITDA (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, and amortization) and use EBITDA multiples as their proxy for cash flow.
- Cambridge Associates has now captured and analyzed current and historical data from global PE funds for ten consecutive years. This year's report includes data through the period ended December 31, 2020.
- Our analysis allows for the comparison of private and public companies across industry sectors and company sizes for various parts of the investment process. The data shed light on key levers and value drivers in private equity, as well as the risks and returns of private equity versus public equity.

## Notes on the Data

- Cambridge Associates collected information from PE firms of all sizes with broad mandates, as well as specialized and sector-focused strategies. The sample of private investments includes about 11,000 companies worldwide, of which about 5,700 are based in the United States, almost 2,900 in Europe, and nearly 1,700 in Asia; they were acquired by PE firms from 2000 through 2020 and range in enterprise value from less than \$1 million to larger than \$130 billion. The universe of private investments is subject to change over time.
- Within the report, depending on the metric analyzed, the set of companies included will vary. This is due to the acquisition and disposition of companies during the period analyzed. Additionally, this reflects the impact of a statistical tool, an interquartile range, used to screen for outliers as part of each calculation. Finally, restatements in company data that sometimes occur may lead to changes in historical metrics.
- Operating metrics data were collected directly from investment managers and have not been independently verified.
- Unless specified, the exhibits include unrealized and realized investments.
- For European and Asian comparisons between the total company universe and public markets, the MSCI All Country Europe and MSCI All Country Asia Pacific indexes were selected based on the market capitalization and country exposures of the underlying stocks.
- Deal type categorizations have been made at the company level and reflect information provided by the private equity managers.
- Sector classifications are based on the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS). GICS was developed and is the exclusive property and a service mark of MSCI Inc. and S&P Global Market Intelligence LLC and is licensed for use by Cambridge Associates.
- Individual company operating metrics (e.g., revenue and EBITDA) have not been adjusted for acquisitions.
- The analyzed holding period for some companies represented in the dataset is short, so EBITDA growth rates may be muted initially, as PE owners may not seek to maximize EBITDA in the first several years of ownership.
- Any company with a negative metric for EBITDA, net debt, or revenue was excluded from analysis using that metric. Metrics are calculated in local currency.
- Company counts for each analysis reflect all submitted transactions, excluding outliers. We eliminate "duplicate" transactions completed by the same firm across funds in a given year. As a result, there have been changes to metrics previously published. For a "club" or syndicated deal that involves two or more separate firms, there would still be two or more companies in our universe.
- When the operating metrics information is disaggregated into deal types, enterprise values, and sectors, the sample sizes are smaller and may be biased by one or several data points. Time periods with fewer than 15 observations have been marked NA.
- Past results are not an indication of future results, provide no guarantee for the future, and will not be constant over time.

## **GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY ANALYSIS**

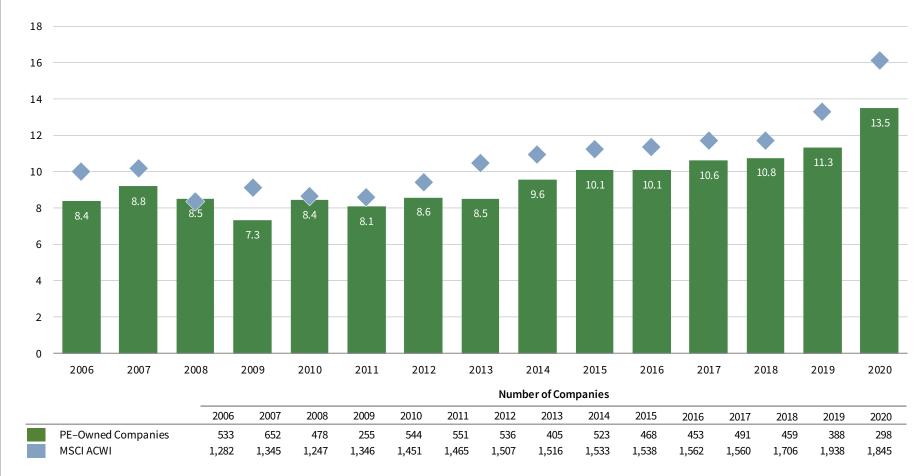
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## Globally, equity valuations have trended higher since 2009

In 2020, the private discount to public counterparts grew to its largest value of the 15-year period

#### AVERAGE EBITDA PURCHASE PRICE MULTIPLES AT ACQUISITION OF GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES As of December 31, 2020 • Enterprise Value/EBITDA



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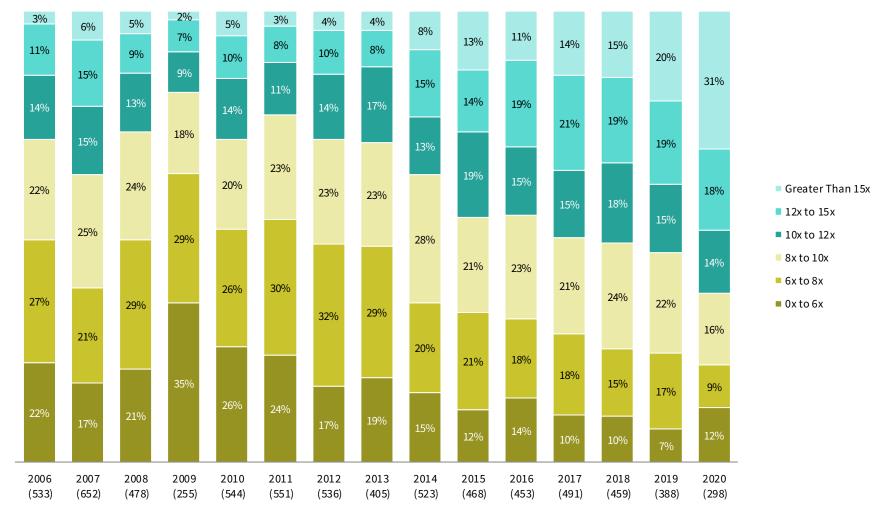
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## Percentage of PE transactions completed at >15x multiples was historically high in 2020

While the percentage of transactions completed between 6x and 8x was historically low

### AVERAGE EBITDA PURCHASE PRICE MULTIPLE BREAKDOWN OF GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES

As of December 31, 2020 • Enterprise Value/EBITDA



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## Buyout PPMs have increased every year since 2012 but they have maintained a considerable discount to publics

Growth equity multiples have increased dramatically since 2015

#### As of December 31, 2020 • Enterprise Value/EBITDA 26 24 24.1 22 21.7 20 18 17.3 16 17.1 14 14.9 14.7 12 12.3 12.2 11.4 10 11.1 10.9 10.8 10.7 10.5 10.5 9.7 10.3 9.6 10.2 9.9 9.3 9.1 8 9.0 8.3 8.2 8.2 8.0 7.9 7.8 6 6.9 4 2 0 2006 2008 2009 2007 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 Number of Companies 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

AVERAGE EBITDA PURCHASE PRICE MULTIPLES AT ACQUISITION OF GLOBAL BUYOUT AND GROWTH EQUITY COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES

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Growth Equity Companies	80	127	113	54	141	114	123	90	107	99	93	95	92	89
MSCI ACWI	1,282	1,345	1,247	1,346	1,451	1,465	1,507	1,516	1,533	1,538	1,562	1,560	1,706	1,938

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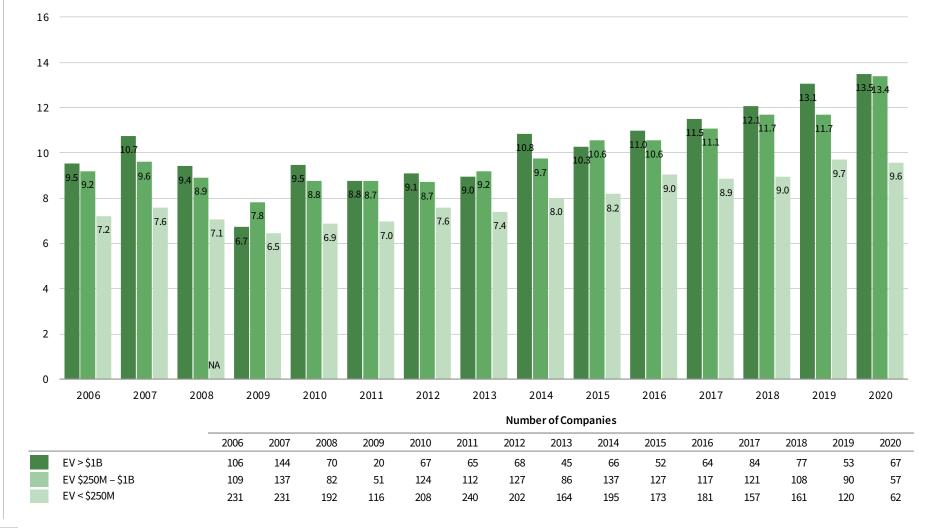
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## From 2006–20, small-cap buyout PPMs averaged 7.8x EBITDA, at least two turns lower than their larger peers

Over the 15-year period, mid- and large-cap companies transacted at similar multiples, 9.9x and 10.3x, respectively

### AVERAGE EBITDA PURCHASE PRICE MULTIPLES AT ACQUISITION OF GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY BUYOUT COMPANIES BY ENTERPRISE VALUE SEGMENT As of December 31, 2020 • Enterprise Value/EBITDA



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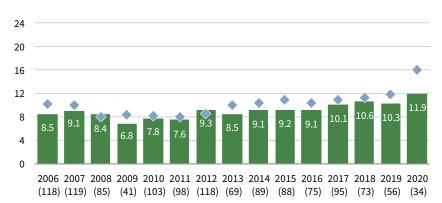
## PE-backed IT company PPMs elevated in 2019 and 2020 driven by preponderance of growth equity and software transactions

PE healthcare and industrial companies have transacted at meaningfully lower multiples than public peers

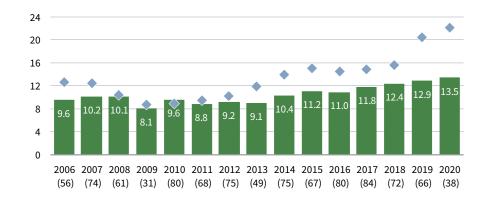
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As of December 31, 2020 • Enterprise Value/EBITDA

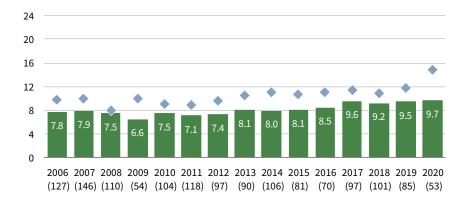
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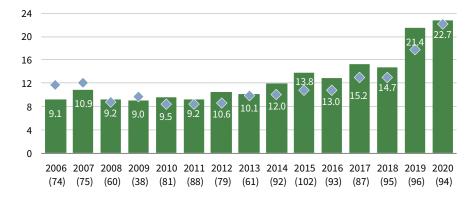
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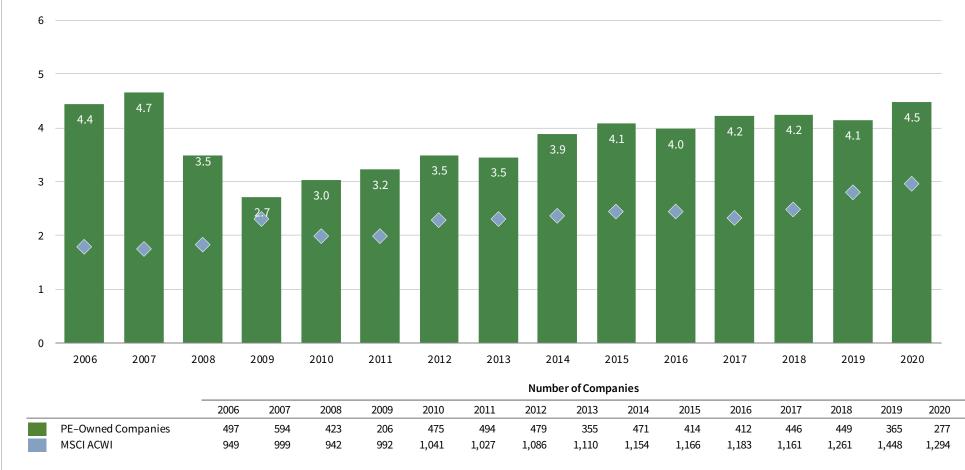
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PE leverage levels have been largely unchanged since 2015, public company leverage has increased every year since 2018

Within the global sample, PE leverage multiples have been higher in the US and Europe than in Asia, due at least in part to higher buyout representation in the US and European samples

AVERAGE EBITDA LEVERAGE MULTIPLES AT ACQUISITION OF GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY–OWNED COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES As of December 31, 2020 • Net Debt/EBITDA



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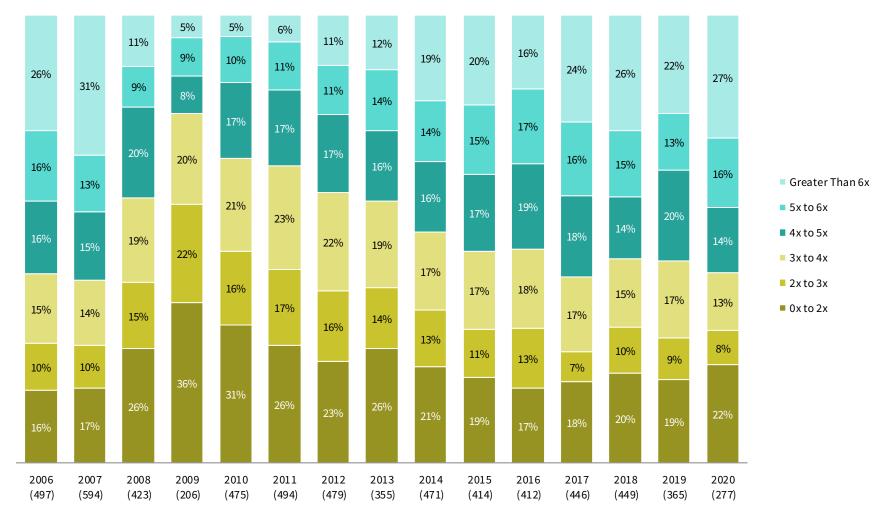
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## In every year since 2014, at least a third of PE deals were levered at 5x EBITDA or higher

In 2020, the percentage of transactions levered at  $6x\ \text{EBITDA}$  or more was the highest since 2007

### AVERAGE LEVERAGE MULTIPLE BREAKDOWN OF GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES

As of December 31, 2020 • Net Debt/EBITDA



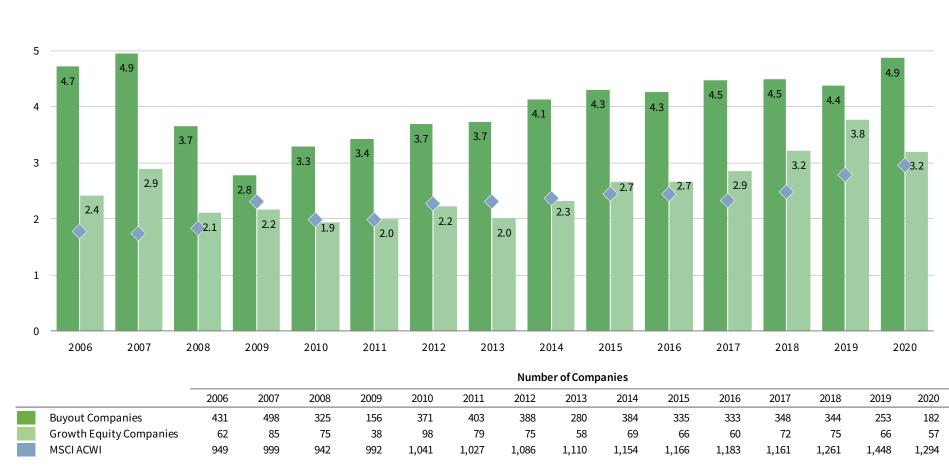
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In 2020, buyout leverage multiples reached highest level since 2007; public company leverage continued to climb

Growth equity leverage multiples returned to their longer-term average and in line with public companies

AVERAGE EBITDA LEVERAGE MULTIPLES AT ACQUISITION OF GLOBAL BUYOUT AND GROWTH EQUITY COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES As of December 31, 2020 • Net Debt/EBITDA



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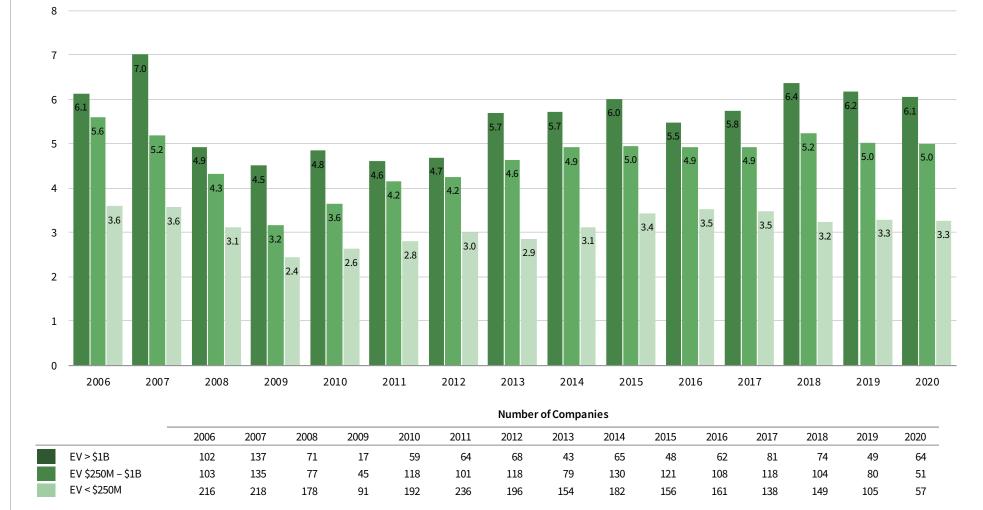
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## Leverage multiples and enterprise value have been positively correlated

Over the period analyzed, small buyout leverage multiples have averaged 3.2x EBITDA compared with 4.6x and 5.6x for mid and large buyouts, respectively

#### AVERAGE EBITDA LEVERAGE MULTIPLES AT ACQUISITION OF GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY BUYOUT COMPANIES BY ENTERPRISE VALUE SEGMENT As of December 31, 2020 • Net Debt/EBITDA



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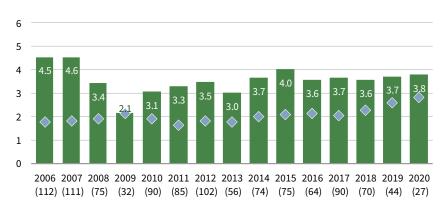
## In all sectors, PE-backed companies have been more highly levered than public peers since 2010

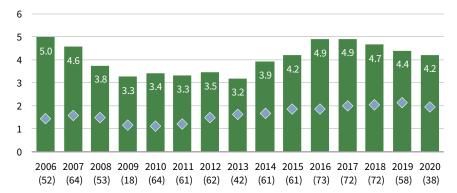
Over the full time period, leverage multiples have been most aligned in industrials and consumer discretionary and least aligned in IT

## AVERAGE EBITDA LEVERAGE MULTIPLES AT ACQUISTION OF GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES BY SECTOR

As of December 31, 2020 • Net Debt/EBITDA

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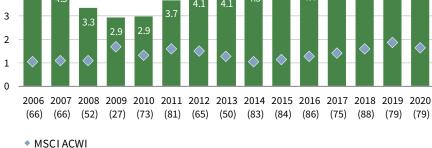


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## **GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY ANALYSIS**

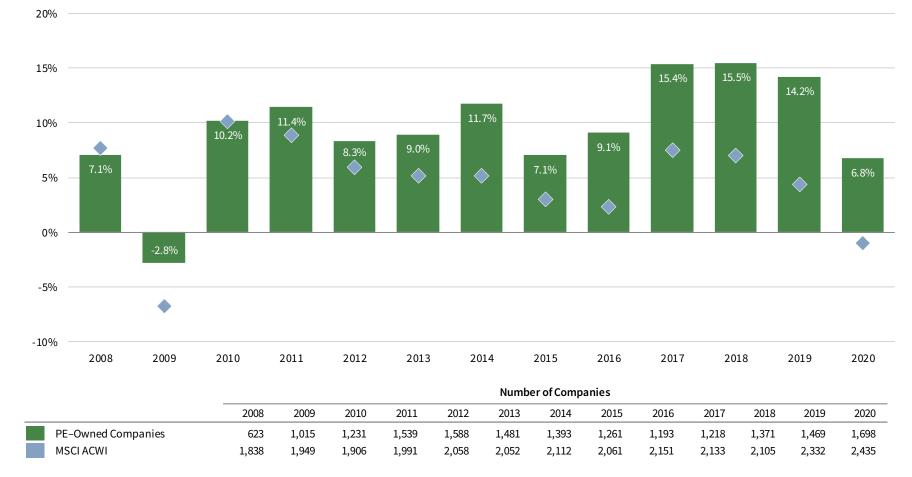
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- EBITDA Margin
- Exit Metrics



Over the 13 years, PE companies averaged more than twice the annual revenue growth of public companies (9.8% vs 4.8%)

Over the past four years, PE companies have widened their lead (12.9% vs 4.7%)

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL REVENUE GROWTH OF GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES As of December 31, 2020 • Annual Growth Rate (%)



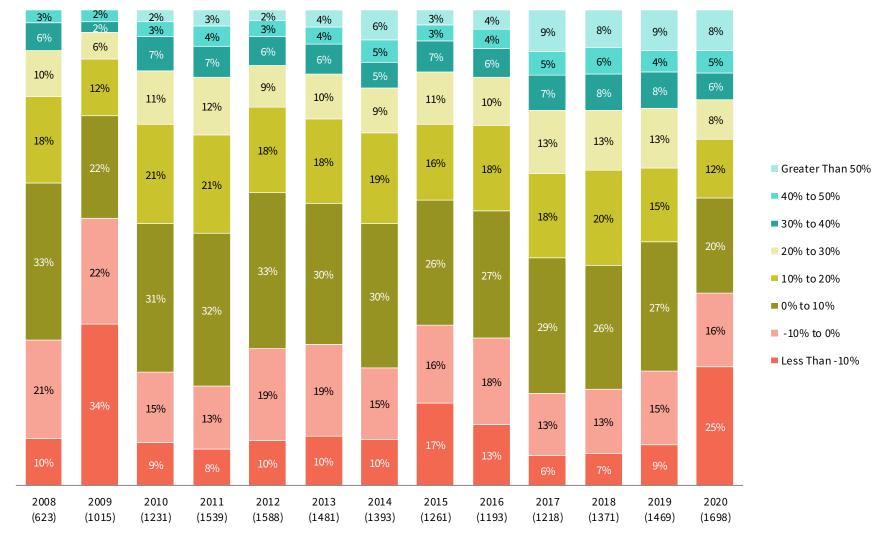
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## For the first time since 2009, revenue declined for more than 40% of the universe in 2020

But despite the pandemic, nearly 40% of the PE universe grew revenue by at least 10%  $\,$ 

### AVERAGE ANNUAL REVENUE GROWTH BREAKDOWN OF GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES

As of December 31, 2020 • Annual Growth Rate (%)



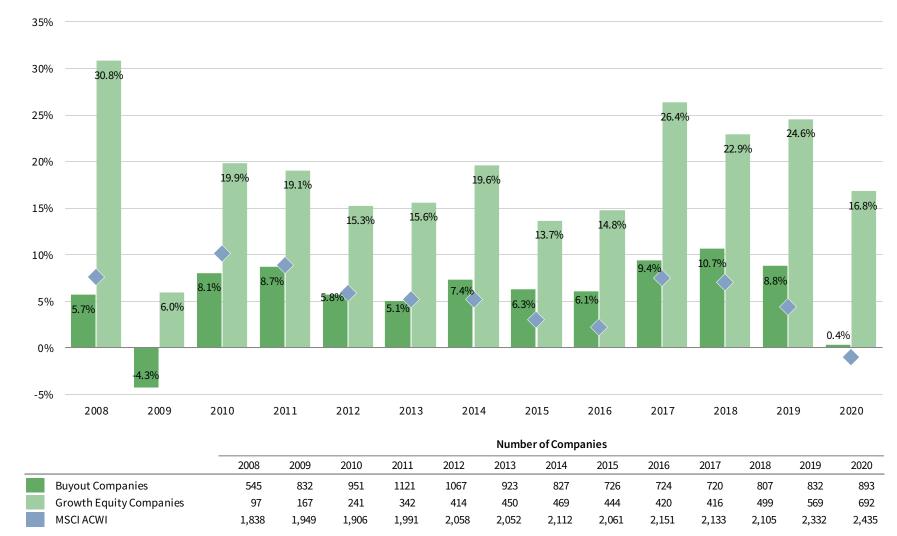
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Excepting 2009, growth equity companies have averaged double-digit annual revenue growth

Average buyout revenue growth exceeded that of public peers (6.2% vs 4.7%) during the time period analyzed

### AVERAGE ANNUAL REVENUE GROWTH OF GLOBAL BUYOUT AND GROWTH EQUITY COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES



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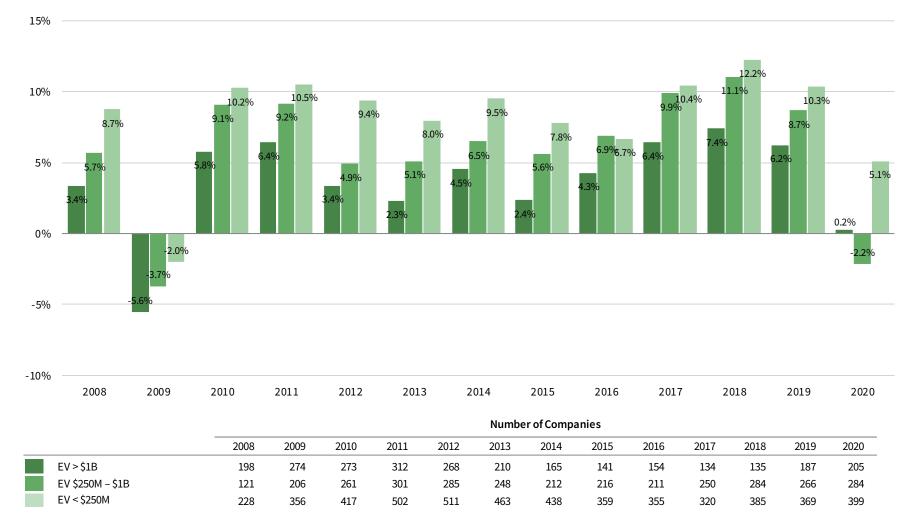
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Company size and revenue growth have had an inverse relationship, with small companies outpacing their larger brethren

Amid the pandemic, small buyouts were the only size segment to average meaningful revenue growth

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL REVENUE GROWTH OF GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY BUYOUT COMPANIES BY ENTERPRISE VALUE SEGMENT As of December 31, 2020 • Annual Growth Rate (%)



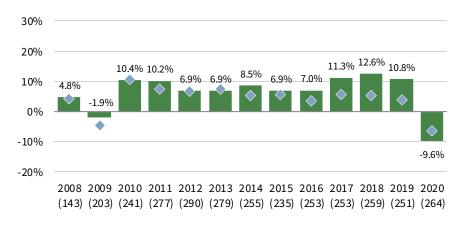
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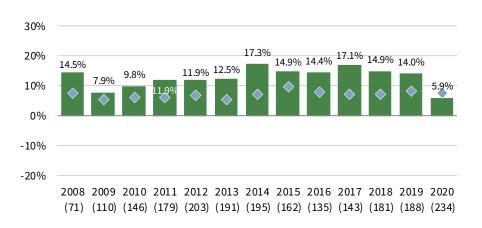
## When measured over the full time period, average PE company revenue growth exceeded that of publics across all sectors

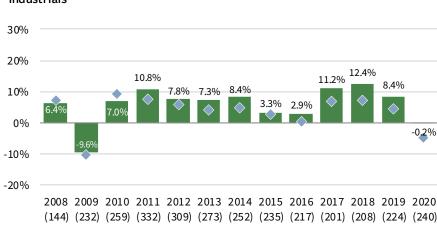
Despite the pandemic, in 2020, PE-backed IT companies extended their streak of 20% average annual revenue growth to four years

### AVERAGE ANNUAL REVENUE GROWTH OF GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY–OWNED COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES BY SECTOR As of December 31, 2020 • Annual Growth Rate (%)

Consumer Discretionary



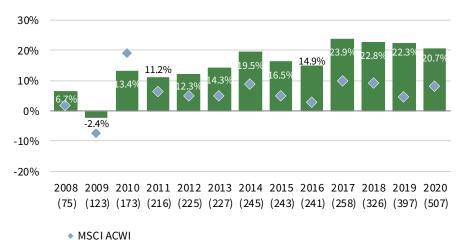




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## **GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY ANALYSIS**

- Purchase Price Multiple
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## Post GFC, PE companies have averaged better annual EBITDA growth than public companies (8.4% vs 6.1%)

EBITDA growth has trended downward in PE and public company universes over the last three years

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA GROWTH OF GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES As of December 31, 2020 • Annual Growth Rate (%) 25% 20% 15% 12.3% 10% 8.6% 11.1% 9.8% 9.2% 7.0% 8.6% 4.8% 7.5% 7.3% 6.6% 5% 5.3% $\bigcirc$ 0% -1.6% -5% -10% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 **Number of Companies** 2008 2009 2013 2019 2010 2011 2012 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2020 **PE-Owned Companies** 584 889 1,068 1,335 1,334 1,176 1,113 1,011 930 916 1,021 1,057 1,167 MSCI ACWI 1,320 1,408 1,465 1,583 1,683 1,670 1,696 1,688 1,751 1,738 1,758 1,961 1,996

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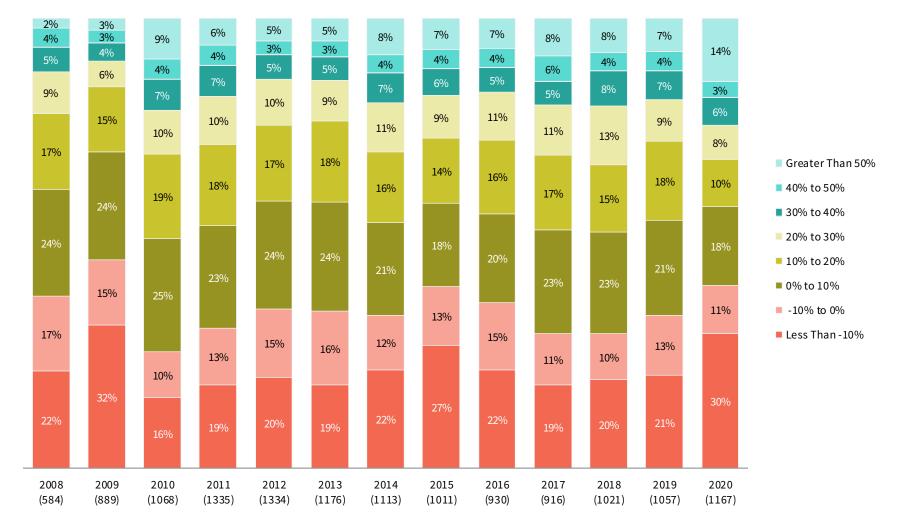
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## Pandemic headwinds and tailwinds evidenced in the distribution of EBITDA growth in 2020

EBITDA declined for 41% of companies, while it grew by more than 30% for almost a quarter of the universe (the largest amount over the full period)

### AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA GROWTH BREAKDOWN OF GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES

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## Growth equity stood above the rest, averaging 12.2% annual EBITDA growth from 2008–20

Over the same time period, buyouts averaged 6.4% annual EBITDA growth, which outpaced publics at 5.4%

### AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA GROWTH OF GLOBAL BUYOUT AND GROWTH EQUITY COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES

25% 21.3% 20.5% 20% 18.1% 17.6% 17.6% 15% 13.8% 12.1% 12.0% 11.8% 10% 10.9% 10.1% 7.5% 9.6% 9.0% 8.8% 7.7% 7.6% 5.5% 7.2% 7.1% 7.0% 5% 6.1% 5.6% 5.3% 3.8% 0% -2.3% -5% -10% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 Number of Companies 2012 2013 2008 2009 2010 2011 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 **Buyout Companies** 526 759 867 1,052 1,011 867 792 697 662 651 739 748 795 **Growth Equity Companies** 272 66 123 191 257 279 280 261 230 215 246 268 308 MSCI ACWI 1,320 1,408 1,465 1,583 1,683 1,670 1,696 1,688 1,751 1,738 1,758 1,961 1,996

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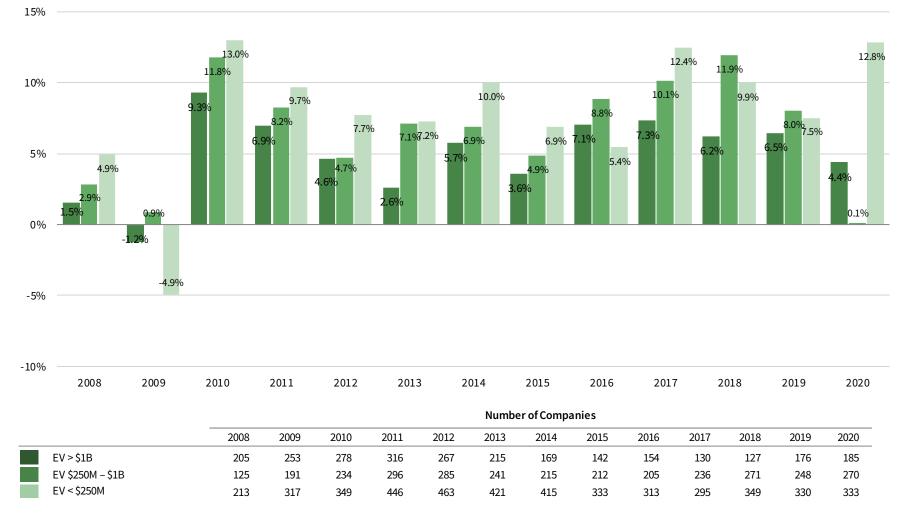
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Within buyouts, small companies have generally outperformed other size segments

Amid the pandemic, small buyouts grew EBITDA at the fastest pace since 2010 while mid-sized companies had their worst year of the period

### AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA GROWTH OF GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY BUYOUT COMPANIES BY ENTERPRISE VALUE SEGMENT

As of December 31, 2020 • Annual Growth Rate (%)



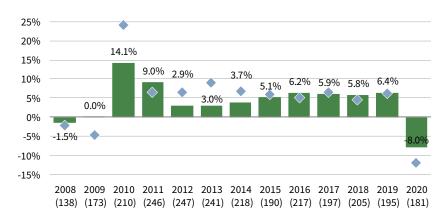
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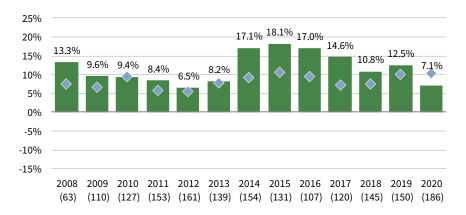
## PE-backed healthcare and IT averaged doubledigit EBITDA growth over the time period

Pandemic experience borne out as consumer discretionary EBITDA fell while IT had its best year of the period

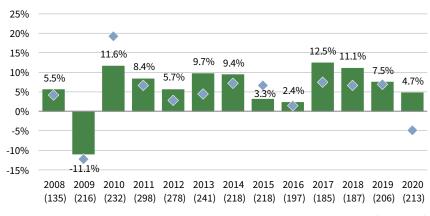
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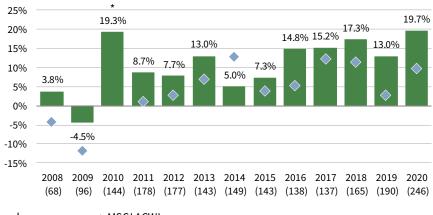




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MSCI ACWI

\* Axis has been capped at -15% and 25% for scaling purposes. Information technology in the MSCI ACWI saw EBITDA growth of 33.0% in 2010.

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Healthcare

## **GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY ANALYSIS**

- Purchase Price Multiple
- Leverage Multiple
- Revenue Growth
- EBITDA Growth
- EBITDA Margin
- Exit Metrics



## Despite averaging 20%, PE margins have lagged those of public companies

In 2020, PE-backed companies operated at their highest margins over the years analyzed

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA MARGIN OF GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES As of December 31, 2020 • EBITDA/Revenue (%)

30% 25% 22.2% 20% 20.7% 20.6% 20.3% 20.2% 20.1% 20.1% 19.6% 19.6% 19.3% 19.2% 19.2% 19.1% 18.8% 15% 10% 5% 0% 2010 2012 2013 2017 2018 2020 2007 2008 2009 2011 2014 2015 2016 2019 Number of Companies 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2019 2020 **PE-Owned Companies** 670 990 1,281 1,665 2,039 2,172 1,754 1,925 1,670 1,704 1,743 1,861 1,839 1,839 1,959 MSCI ACWI 1,885 1,723 1,910 1,932 1,999 2,231 2,385 1,616 1,867 1,941 1,969 1,978 2,019 2,502 2,502

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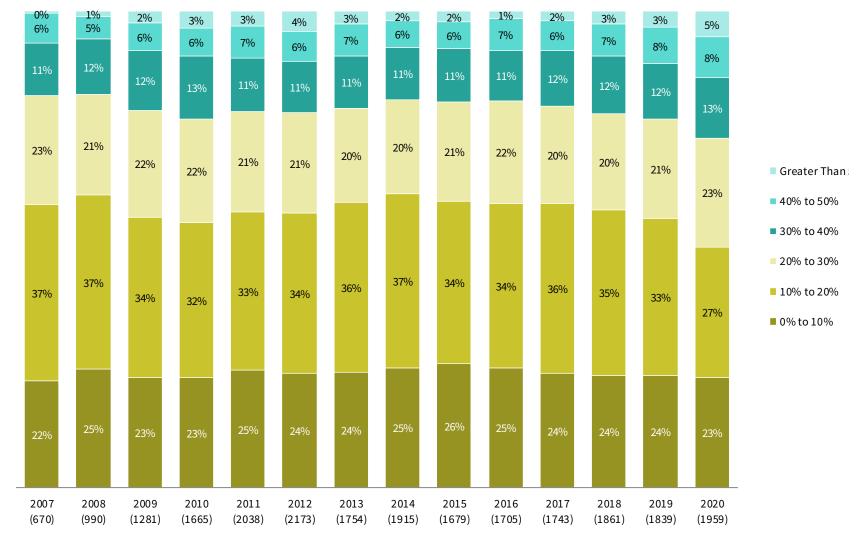
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## **EBITDA** margins have remained consistent

The percentage of companies with margins higher than 30% has increased each year since 2017 and in 2020; those companies accounted for over a quarter of the sample

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA MARGIN BREAKDOWN OF GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES

As of December 31, 2020 • EBITDA/Revenue (%)



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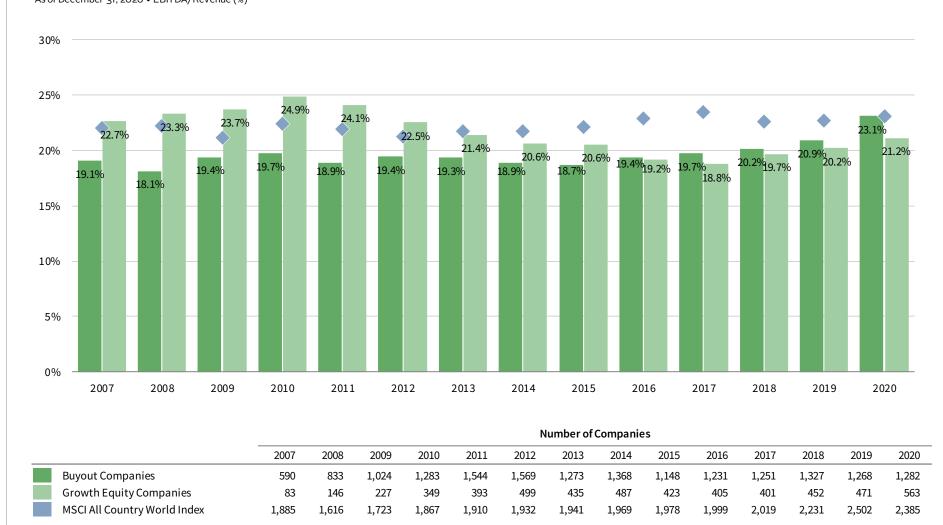
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## Buyout margins have trended upward since 2016, equaling those of publics for the first time in 2020

Growth equity margins have been on a similar trajectory but still trail those of buyouts and public companies

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA MARGIN OF GLOBAL BUYOUT AND GROWTH EQUITY COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES As of December 31, 2020 • EBITDA/Revenue (%)



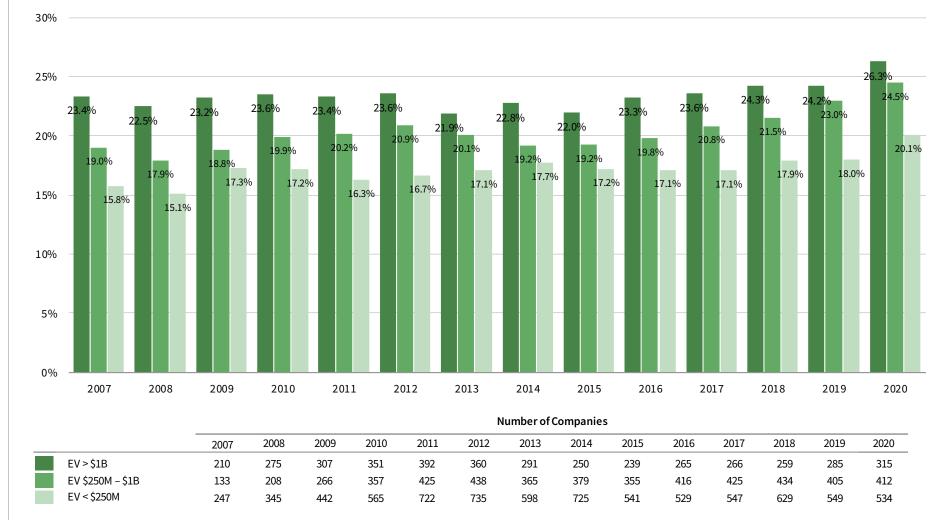
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## For buyouts, the larger the company, the higher the margins

Among the groups, mid-sized buyout EBITDA margins have risen the most since 2015

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA MARGIN OF GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY BUYOUT COMPANIES BY ENTERPRISE VALUE SEGMENT As of December 31, 2020 • EBITDA/Revenue (%)



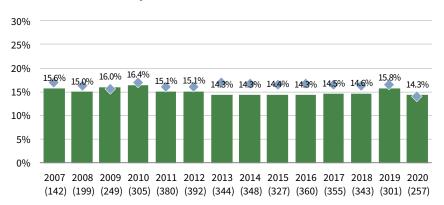
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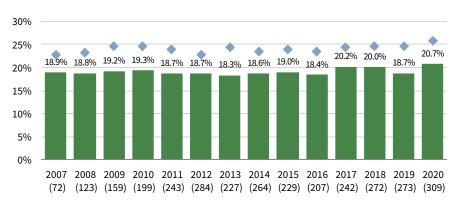
## Private equity IT companies continued to operate at the highest margins

Healthcare has remained the only sector where PE margins are consistently lower than those of public peers

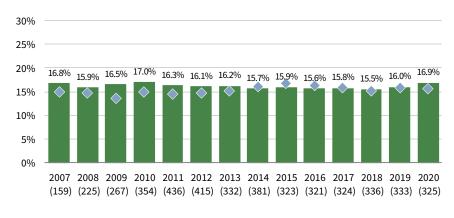
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Consumer Discretionary



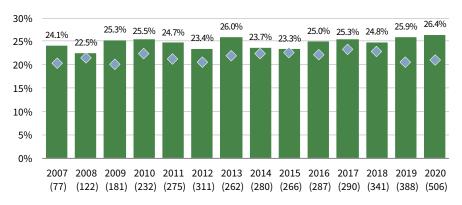


Industrials



#### Information Technology

Healthcare



Private Equity-Owned

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### **GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY ANALYSIS**

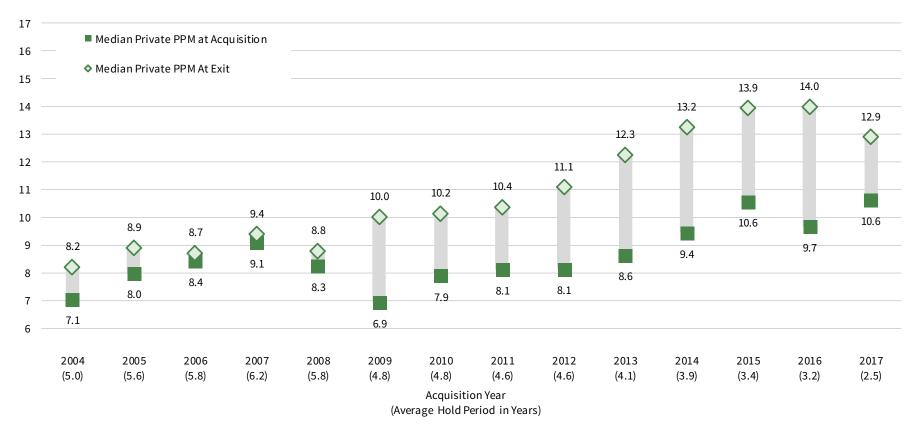
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Despite increasing entry valuations, there has still been significant multiple expansion for exited companies acquired from 2009–17

Median expansion for companies acquired from 2013 to 2016 has been particularly meaningful (3.8X)

#### MEDIAN EBITDA MULTIPLE EXPANSION OF EXITED GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES BY ACQUISITION YEAR As of December 31, 2020 • Enterprise Value/EBITDA



		Number of Companies													
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
PE-Owned Companies	174	242	376	410	322	166	351	270	258	180	192	136	86	28	

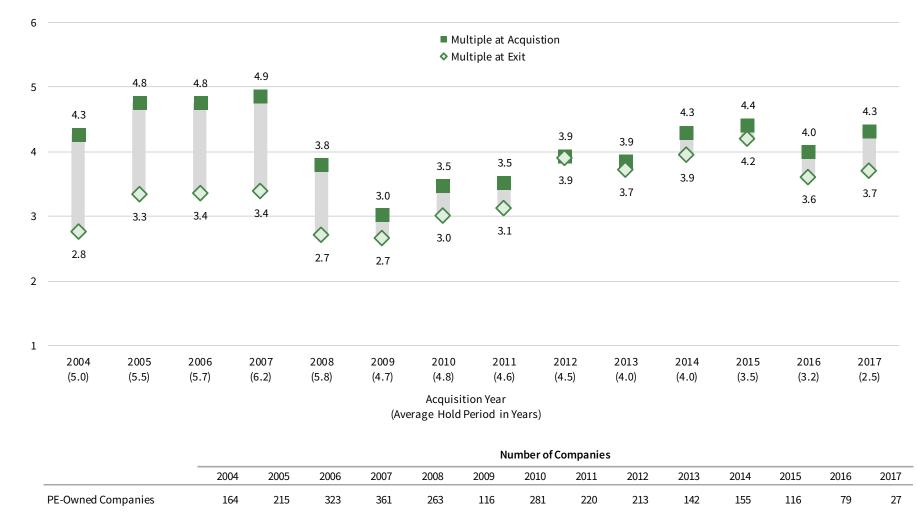
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Note: Analysis only includes companies that have both acquisition and exit data.

# Except for companies acquired in 2012, leverage multiples have generally decreased during PE ownership

Deleveraging, however, has been limited for exited companies acquired after 2008

#### EBITDA LEVERAGE MULTIPLE COMPRESSION OF GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES BY ACQUISITION YEAR As of December 31, 2020 • Net Debt/EBITDA

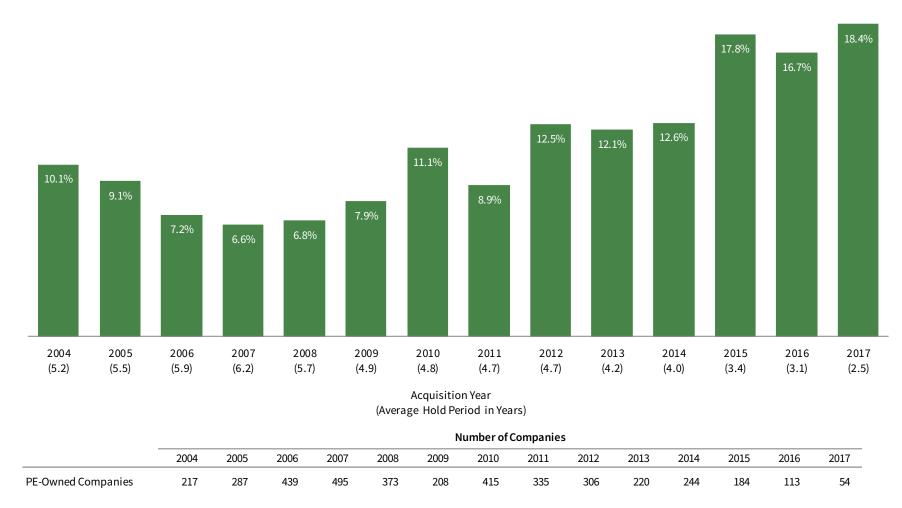


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#### MEDIAN REVENUE CAGR OF EXITED GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES BY ACQUISITION YEAR

As of December 31, 2020 • Compound Annual Growth Rate (%)



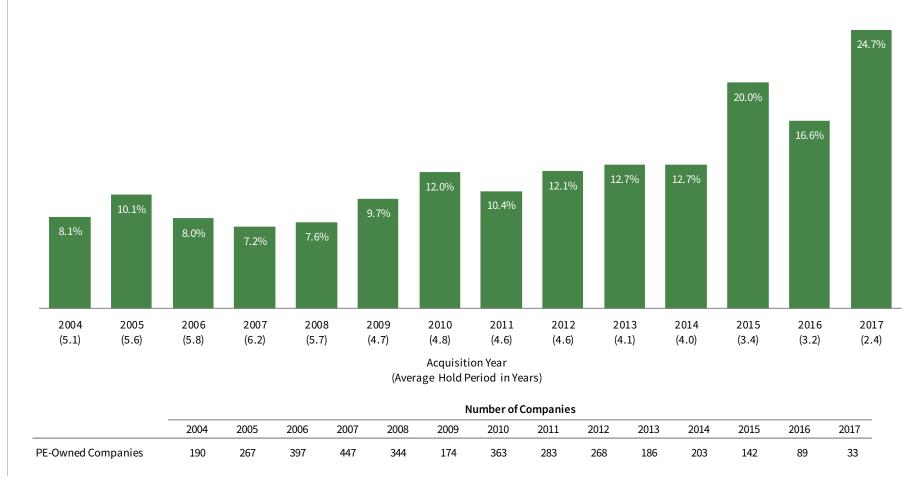
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Acknowledging the short average hold periods, median EBITDA CAGR for exited companies acquired from 2015–17 spiked to 18.5%

For exited companies with longer average hold periods, like those acquired between 2004 and 2008, the median EBITDA CAGR was 7.7%

#### MEDIAN EBITDA CAGR OF EXITED GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES BY ACQUISITION YEAR

As of December 31, 2020 • Compound Annual Growth Rate (%)



Source: Cambridge Associates LLC Private Investments Database (as reported by investment managers).

# EBITDA margins have historically been relatively stable from acquisition to exit

Given strong revenue and EBITDA CAGRs, the 2017 vintage companies exited to this point have sacrificed margins for growth

#### MEDIAN EBITDA MARGIN EXPANSION OF EXITED GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES BY ACQUISITION YEAR As of December 31, 2020 • EBITDA/Revenue (%)

24 Margin at Acquisition 22.6 22.3 ♦ Margin at Exit  $\diamond$ 21.9 21.7 22  $\diamond$  $\diamond$ 20.8 21.8 21.5 20.3 21.3 20.0  $\diamond$  $\diamond$ 19.4 20  $\bigcirc$ 19.1 19.0 18.8 20.0  $\bigcirc$  $\bigcirc$ 18.6 18.5 19.3  $\diamond$ 18.2  $\diamond$ 19.0 19.0 18 18.4 18.4 18.2 18.1 17.9 17.5 16  $\Diamond$ 15.114 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 (5.1)(5.5)(5.7)(4.0) (4.6) (4.2) (3.2) (6.2) (5.8) (4.0)(4.6) (4.0) (3.4) (2.4)Acquisition Year (Average Hold Period in Years) **Number of Companies** 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 **PE-Owned Companies** 183 429 329 278 184 201 144 90 34 257 383 170 355 263

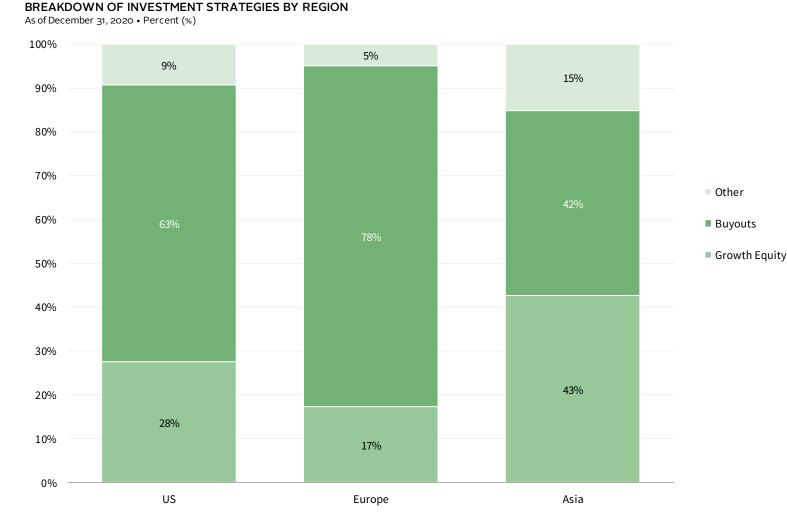
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Note: Analysis only includes companies that have both acquisition and exit data.

REGIONAL COMPARISONS: ASIA, EUROPE, AND THE UNITED STATES



# Among the regions, the European sample has the largest concentration in buyouts and the Asia universe has substantially more growth equity than the other two regions



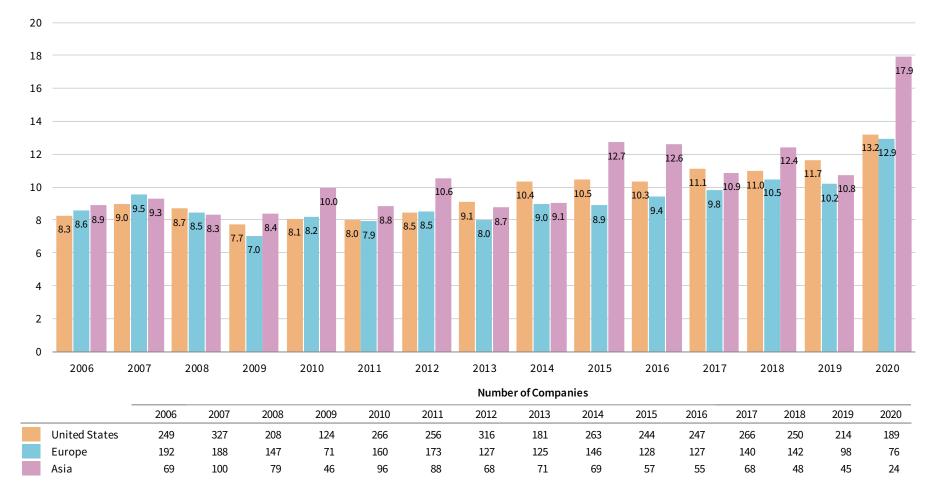
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Notes: "Other" includes strategies reported as: 'Venture' (including late stage), 'Debt' and other strategies that do not fit into any of the categories. The breakdown of these regions includes investments for which we have one usable data point (e.g., enterprise value).

# In 2020, PPMs across regions climbed to their highest levels of the time period

Acquisition multiples for Asia-based companies have historically been the highest among the regions, due to the growth bias and sector breakdown of the sample

#### AVERAGE EBITDA PURCHASE PRICE MULTIPLES AT ACQUISITION OF PRIVATE COMPANIES BY REGION As of December 31, 2020 • Enterprise Value/EBITDA



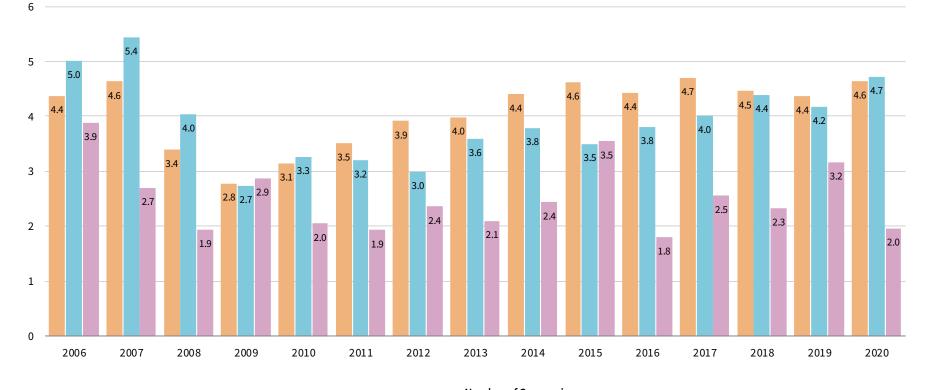
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## Leverage multiples in Europe have moved higher since 2013, overtaking those in the US in 2020

With few exceptions, leverage levels in the US and Europe have been meaningfully higher than those in Asia

#### AVERAGE EBITDA LEVERAGE MULTIPLES AT ACQUISITION OF PRIVATE COMPANIES BY REGION

As of December 31, 2020 • Net Debt/EBITDA



	Number of Companies														
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
United States	239	304	181	109	247	248	287	165	248	226	238	249	256	218	180
Europe	186	185	144	56	148	162	118	113	143	122	119	131	133	86	71
Asia	51	68	57	26	58	49	45	52	46	31	31	50	33	35	17

Sources: Cambridge Associates LLC Private Investments Database (as reported by investment managers), FactSet Research Systems, Frank Russell Company, and MSCI Inc.

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### Pandemic-related disruption apparent as revenue growth dipped significantly for all regions in 2020

The most pronounced impact was seen in Asia where growth was the lowest for any year of the period analyzed

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL REVENUE GROWTH OF PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES BY REGION

As of December 31, 2020 • Annual Growth Rate (%)



	Number of companies													
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
United States	295	509	633	766	790	720	745	661	667	663	747	839	1018	
Europe	254	340	402	466	474	406	340	338	289	293	319	311	311	
Asia	62	121	139	225	243	262	226	184	151	172	197	218	268	

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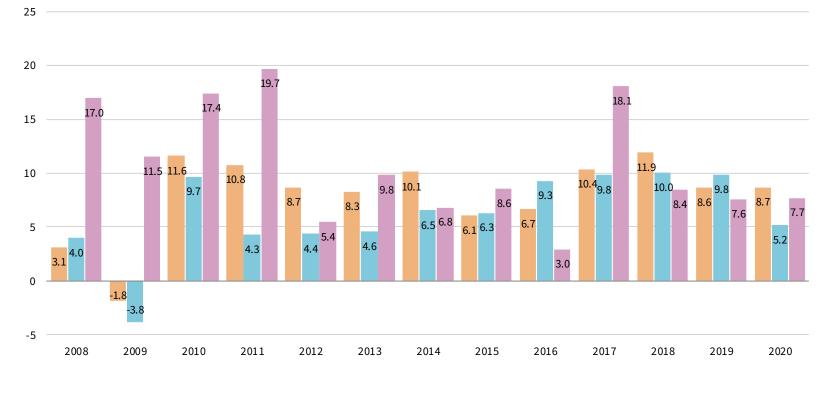
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# PE-backed companies were able to maintain EBITDA growth amid the pandemic

Over the full time period, Asia-based companies have averaged much faster annual EBITDA growth (10.4%) than their counterparts in the US and Europe (8.3% and 6.0%, respectively)

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA GROWTH OF PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES BY REGION

As of December 31, 2020 • Annual Growth Rate (%)



	Number of Companies													
 -	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
United States	276	448	542	678	686	600	610	510	497	486	531	591	700	
Europe	234	314	348	431	438	363	308	313	257	244	274	258	235	
Asia	65	108	134	173	156	153	128	120	109	124	131	145	170	

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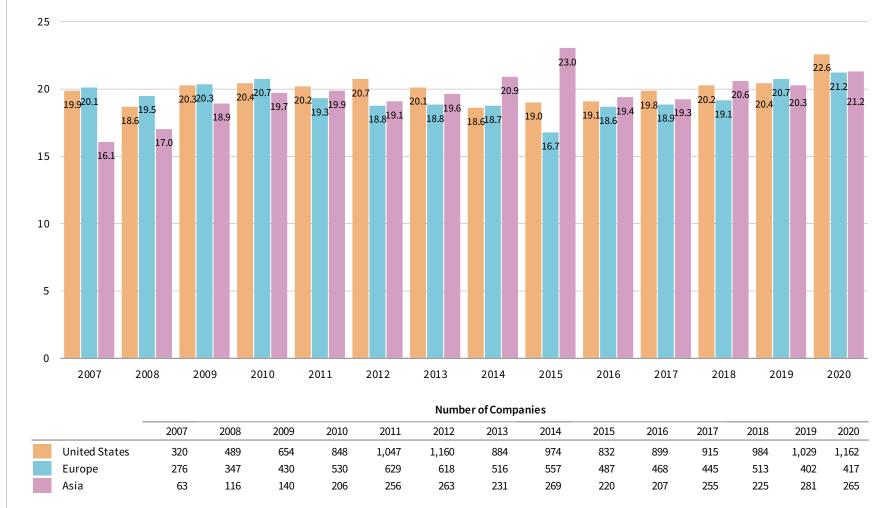
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# EBITDA margins in the US and Europe have improved every year since 2016

Over the full time period, PE-backed companies across the globe have averaged around 20% annual margins

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA MARGIN OF PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES BY REGION

As of December 31, 2020 • EBITDA/Revenue (%)



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### EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY ANALYSIS

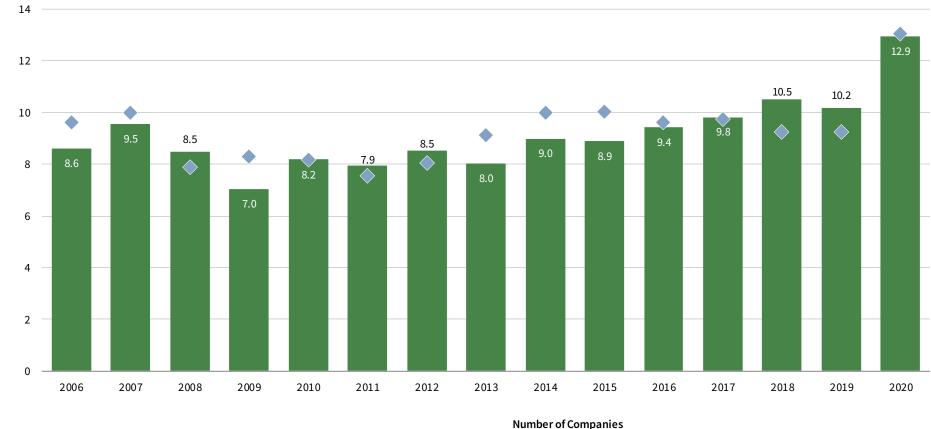
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On average, over the 15-year period, private PPMs closely tracked public ones (9.0 vs 9.1)

Both hit new heights in 2020

#### AVERAGE EBITDA PURCHASE PRICE MULTIPLES AT ACQUISITION OF EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES As of December 31, 2020 • Enterprise Value/EBITDA



	Number of companies														
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
PE–Owned Companies	192	188	147	71	160	173	127	125	146	128	127	140	142	98	76
MSCI AC Europe Index	292	321	239	221	229	237	231	225	226	229	224	223	207	197	193

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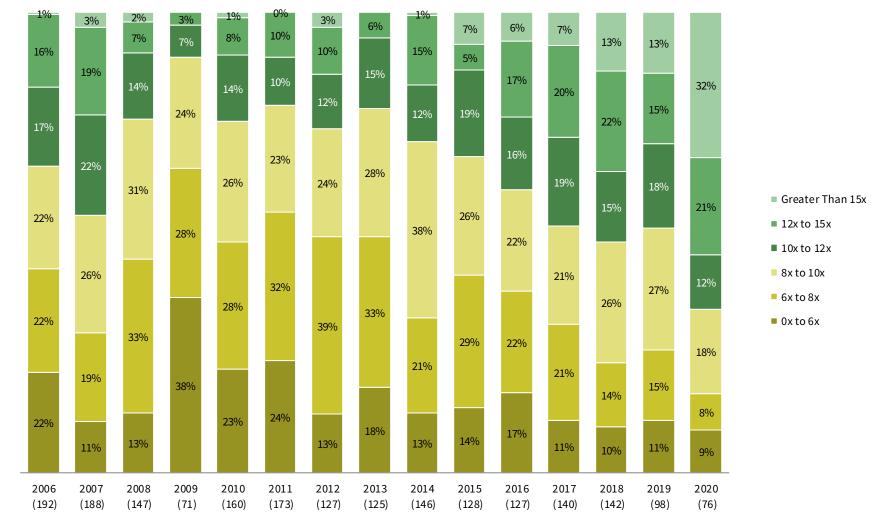
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### From 2013–20, the percentage of deals acquired at 10X EBITDA or higher has more than tripled (21% to 66%)

In 2020, PPMs for nearly a third of acquisitions were higher than 15x EBITDA, by far the most of any year analyzed.

### AVERAGE EBITDA PURCHASE PRICE MULTIPLE BREAKDOWN OF EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES

As of December 31, 2020 • Enterprise Value/EBITDA



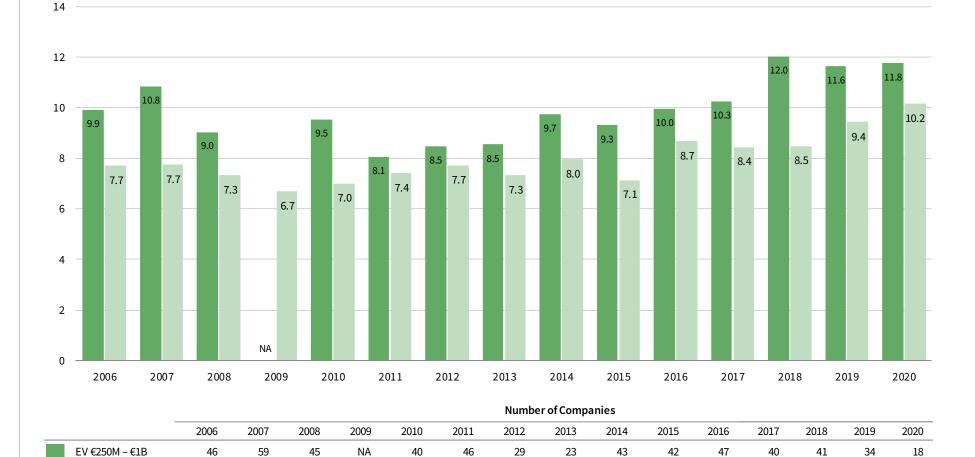
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# Small buyout average PPMs have increased in each of the last three years

Over the full time period, PPMs for mid-sized buyouts have averaged over two turns higher (9.7x) than those of small buyouts (7.6x)

AVERAGE EBITDA PURCHASE PRICE MULTIPLES AT ACQUISITION OF EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY BUYOUT COMPANIES BY ENTERPRISE VALUE SEGMENT As of December 31, 2020 • Enterprise Value/EBITDA



Source: Cambridge Associates LLC Private Investments Database (	as reported by	y investment managers	.).

Notes: Outliers were identified and excluded from the private equity company universes. Companies with an enterprise value over €1B were excluded from this analysis due to

lack of data, however the average PPMs have increased significantly in recent years.

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### EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY ANALYSIS

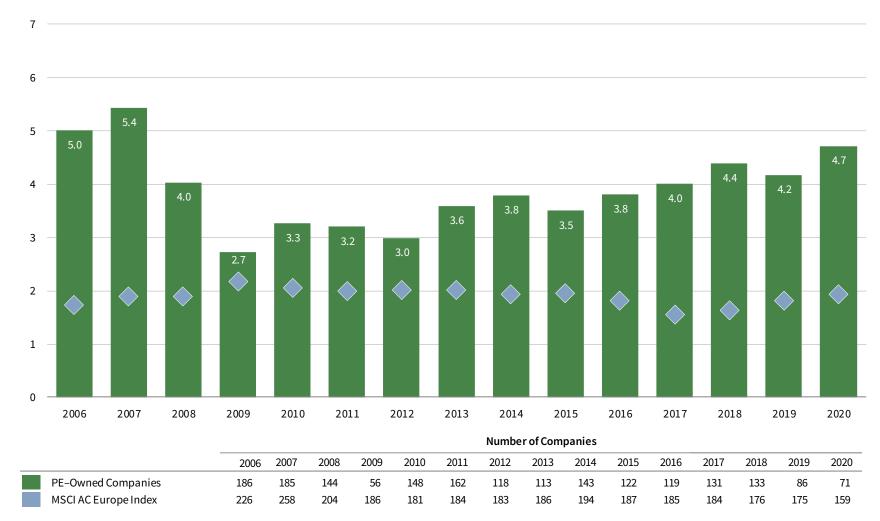
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# In 2020, PE leverage multiples continued their ten-year climb, and reached their highest level since 2007

Public leverage levels have remained relatively consistent across the full time period

#### AVERAGE EBITDA LEVERAGE MULTIPLES AT ACQUISITION OF EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES As of December 31, 2020 • Net Debt/EBITDA



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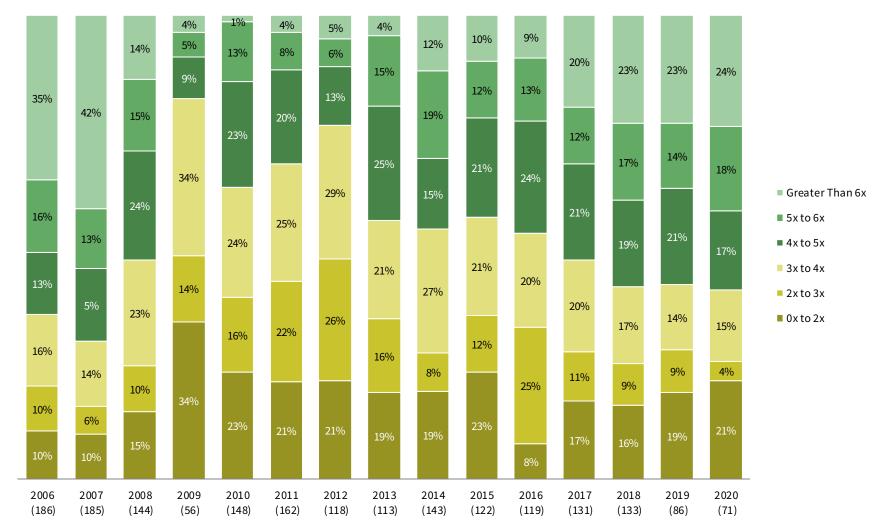
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# From 2018–20, the distribution of leverage multiples was fairly consistent

The percentage of deals levered at 4x or greater has generally increased since 2013

#### AVERAGE LEVERAGE MULTIPLE BREAKDOWN OF EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES

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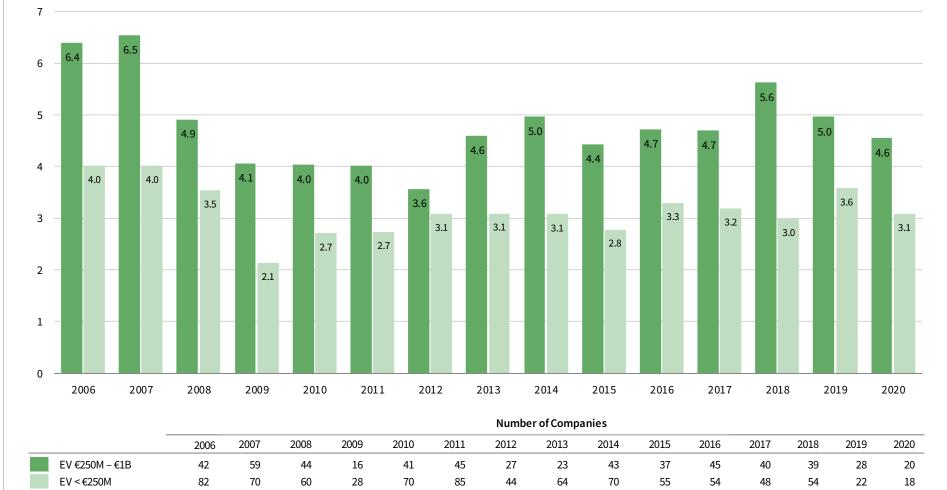
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# After climbing from 2015–18, mid-sized buyout leverage multiples fell in 2019 and 2020

Small buyouts have remained less levered than larger peers

#### AVERAGE EBITDA LEVERAGE MULTIPLES AT ACQUISITION OF EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY BUYOUT COMPANIES BY ENTERPRISE VALUE SEGMENT As of December 31, 2020 • Net Debt/EBITDA



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### **EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY ANALYSIS**

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### PE company revenue growth proved resilient in the pandemic, and had its best year relative to publics in 2020

Over the full time period, PE companies averaged 6.7% revenue growth, almost twice public counterparts (3.4%)

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL REVENUE GROWTH OF EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES As of December 31, 2020 • Annual Growth Rate (%)



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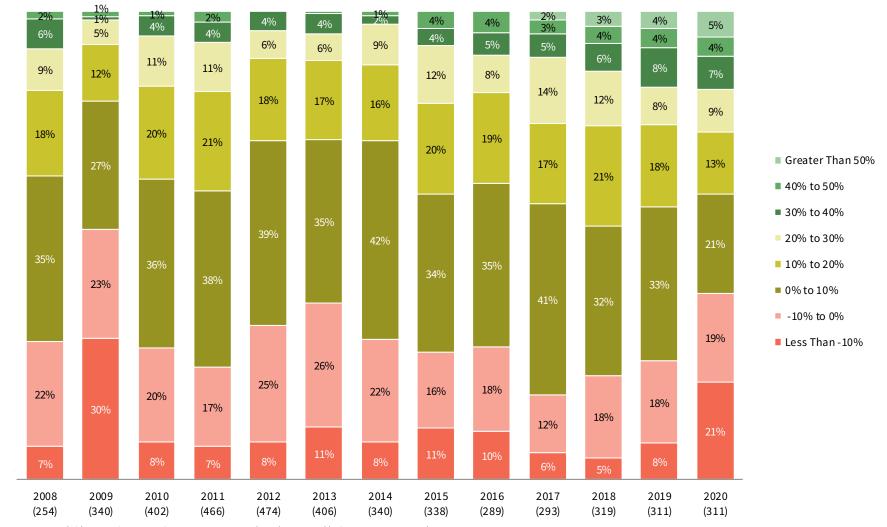
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# For the first time since 2009, revenue declined for 40% of the universe in 2020

At the same time, nearly 40% of companies grew revenue by at least 10%  $\,$ 

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL REVENUE GROWTH BREAKDOWN OF EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES

As of December 31, 2020 • Annual Growth Rate (%)



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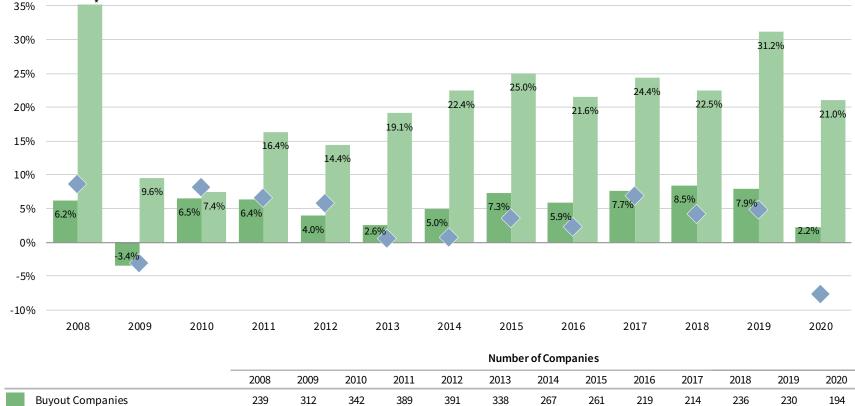
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### Amid the pandemic, growth equity's average revenue increase was 21%, just beating its longterm norm

Over the full time period, buyouts have averaged the same or faster revenue growth as publics in every year but three

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL REVENUE GROWTH OF EUROPEAN BUYOUT AND GROWTH EQUITY COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES As of December 31, 2020 • Annual Growth Rate (%)



\*Axis capped for scaling purposes. The 2008 Growth Equity average is 37.8%.

**Growth Equity Companies** 

MSCI AC Europe Index

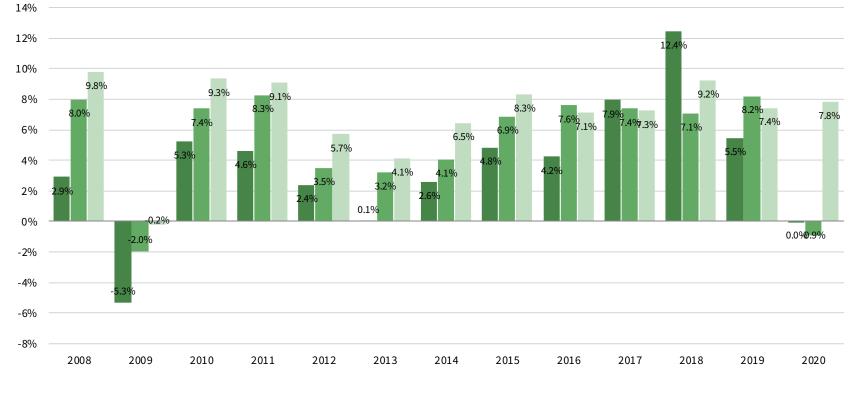
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# In 2020, small buyouts were the only size segment to grow revenue

Over the longer term, small buyouts averaged 6.8% annual revenue growth, outpacing mid and large counterparts (5.5% and 2.8%, respectively)

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL REVENUE GROWTH OF EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY BUYOUT COMPANIES BY ENTERPRISE VALUE SEGMENT



As of December 31, 2020 • Annual Growth Rate (%	.)

	Number of Companies   2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020   88 105 108 113 85 72 44 34 28 20 25 36 34												
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
EV >€1B	88	105	108	113	85	72	44	34	28	20	25	36	34
EV €250M – €1B	74	101	123	144	125	98	76	80	73	88	91	87	84
EV < €250M	78	106	117	141	178	169	146	151	119	104	121	99	73

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### **EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY ANALYSIS**

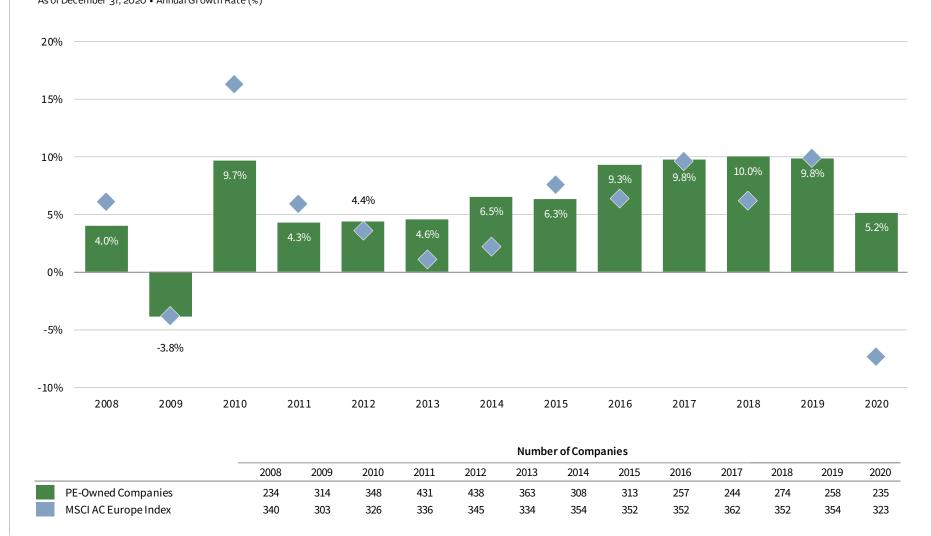
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### Relative to public company EBITDA growth, PEbacked companies had their best year in 2020

Over the full period, PE-backed companies averaged only slightly better annual EBITDA growth than their public peers

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA GROWTH OF EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY–OWNED COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES As of December 31, 2020 • Annual Growth Rate (%)



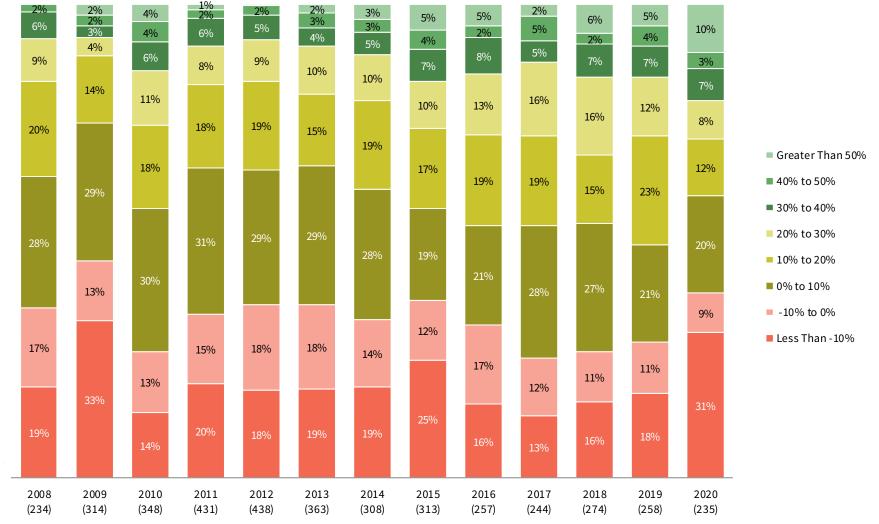
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# On average, about 34% of European PE companies suffered EBITDA declines per year

In 2020, 40% of the universe experienced EBITDA decline, the largest amount since 2009

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA GROWTH BREAKDOWN OF EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES

As of December 31, 2020 • Annual Growth Rate (%)



Source: Cambridge Associates LLC Private Investments Database (as reported by investment managers).

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### Growth equity businesses averaged the fastest EBITDA growth eight years in a row (2013–20)

Buyout EBITDA growth approximated or exceeded that of public companies in eight of the 13 years analyzed

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA GROWTH OF EUROPEAN BUYOUT AND GROWTH EQUITY COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES As of December 31, 2020 • Annual Growth Rate (%)

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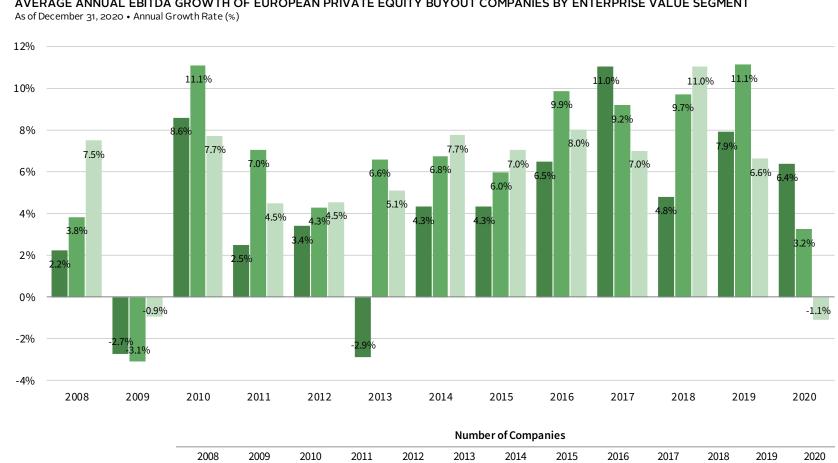
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	2008	2009	2010	2011	20	12	2013	2014	2015	2	2016	2017	2018	20	019	2020
									Number	<sup>r</sup> of Comp	anies					
				2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
B	uyout Compa	nies		227	294	308	376	380	319	258	258	213	200	227	215	178
G	rowth Equity	Companies		NA	18	35	49	57	40	49	42	31	38	36	30	44
М	SCI AC Europ	e Index		340	303	326	336	345	334	354	352	352	362	352	354	323

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Among the size segments, mid-sized buyouts had strongest EBITDA growth, averaging 6.7% compared to 5.9% (small) and 3.6% (large)

Large buyouts averaged the best annual growth in only two of the years observed (2017 and 2020)



AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA GROWTH OF EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY BUYOUT COMPANIES BY ENTERPRISE VALUE SEGMENT

Source: Cambridge Associates LLC Private Investments Database (as reported by investment managers). Note: Outliers were identified and excluded from the private equity company universes.

EV >€1B

EV <€250M

EV €250M - €1B

### **EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY ANALYSIS**

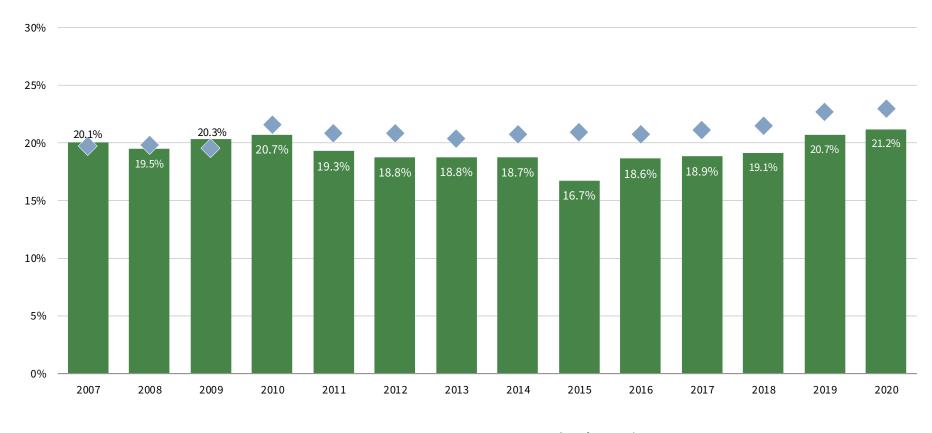
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- Revenue Growth
- EBITDA Growth
- EBITDA Margin
- Exit Metrics



# EBITDA margins have trended upward since 2016, and in 2020, they hit a new peak for the time period

Public companies have consistently operated at higher margins than PE-backed ones

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA MARGIN OF EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES As of December 31, 2020 • EBITDA/Revenue (%)



	Number of Companies													
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
PE-Owned Companies	276	347	430	530	629	618	516	557	487	468	445	513	402	417
MSCI AC Europe Index	519	402	379	402	388	388	395	403	410	406	409	398	390	379

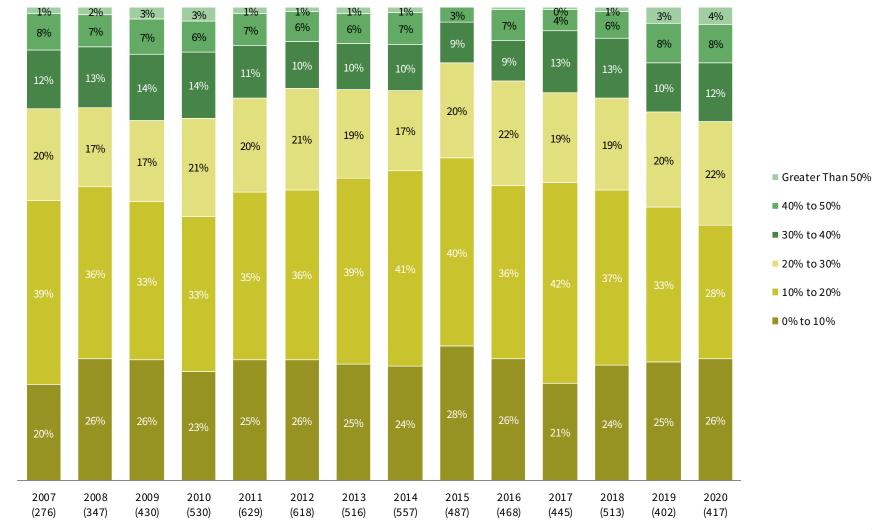
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# The percentage of companies operating at margins above 30% has expanded since 2016

There has been a concomitant reduction in the percentage of companies with EBITDA margins below 20%

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA MARGIN BREAKDOWN OF EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES

As of December 31, 2020 • EBITDA/Revenue (%)



Notes: Outliers were identified and excluded. Numbers in parentheses represent total private companies in a year. Each range includes the lower bound value. For example the "0%–10%" range includes companies with reported margins of exactly 0%.

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# European buyout and public companies have increased EBITDA margins in recent years

Conversely, growth equity margins have decreased, ending with their lowest level in 2020

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA MARGIN OF EUROPEAN BUYOUT AND GROWTH EQUITY COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES As of December 31, 2020 • EBITDA/Revenue (%)



	Number of Companies													
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Buyout Companies	263	320	377	462	544	507	440	462	391	392	352	435	325	310
Growth Equity Companies	NA	22	41	59	76	100	65	78	73	53	69	61	58	90
MSCI AC Europe Index	519	402	379	402	388	388	395	403	410	406	409	398	390	379

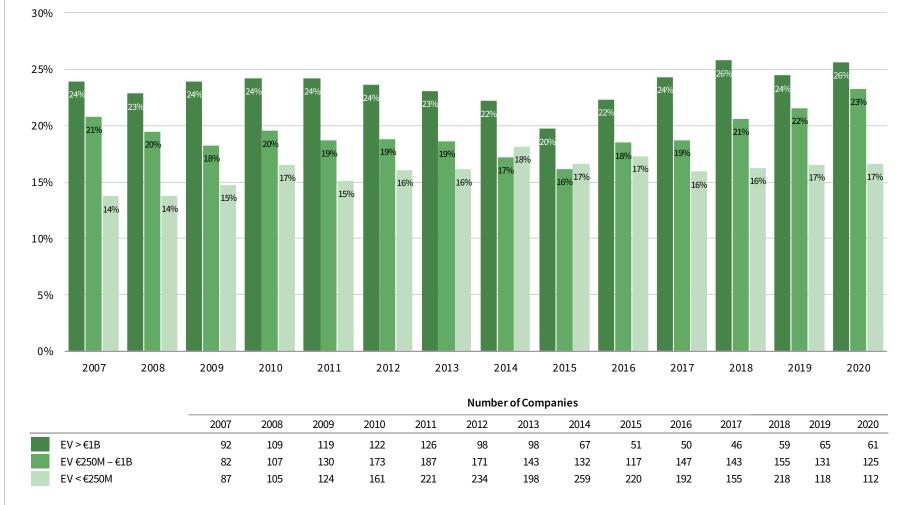
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### EBITDA margins and enterprise value have been positively correlated with large buyouts consistently operating at the highest margins

Margins for mid-cap buyouts have improved since 2016, while those for small buyouts plateaued

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA MARGIN OF EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY BUYOUT COMPANIES BY ENTERPRISE VALUE SEGMENT As of December 31, 2020 • EBITDA/Revenue (%)



Source: Cambridge Associates LLC Private Investments Database (as reported by investment managers).

Note: Outliers were identified and excluded from the private equity company universes.

## EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY ANALYSIS

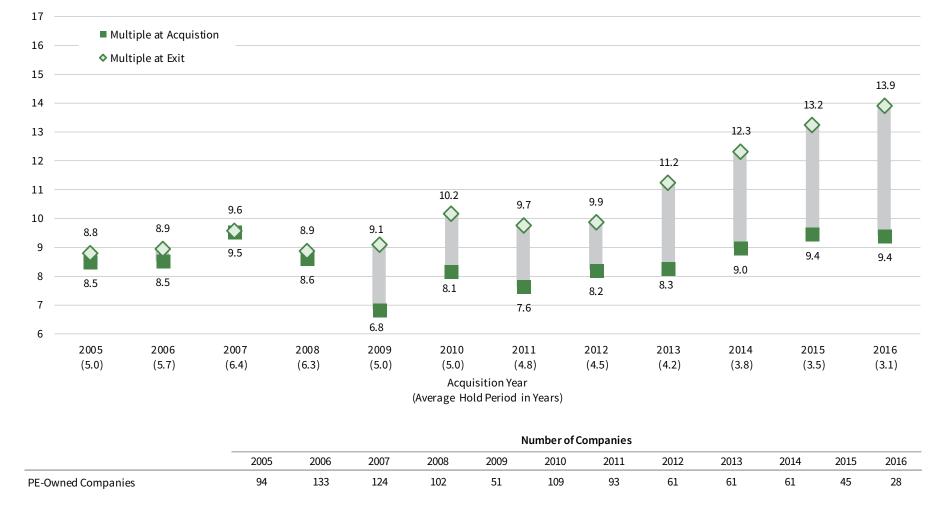
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For realized companies acquired since 2009, median multiple expansion at exit has been 2.8X

In general, multiple expansion has been greatest for companies held the shortest amount of time

#### MEDIAN EBITDA MULTIPLE EXPANSION OF EXITED EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES BY ACQUISITION YEAR As of December 31, 2020 • Enterprise Value/EBITDA

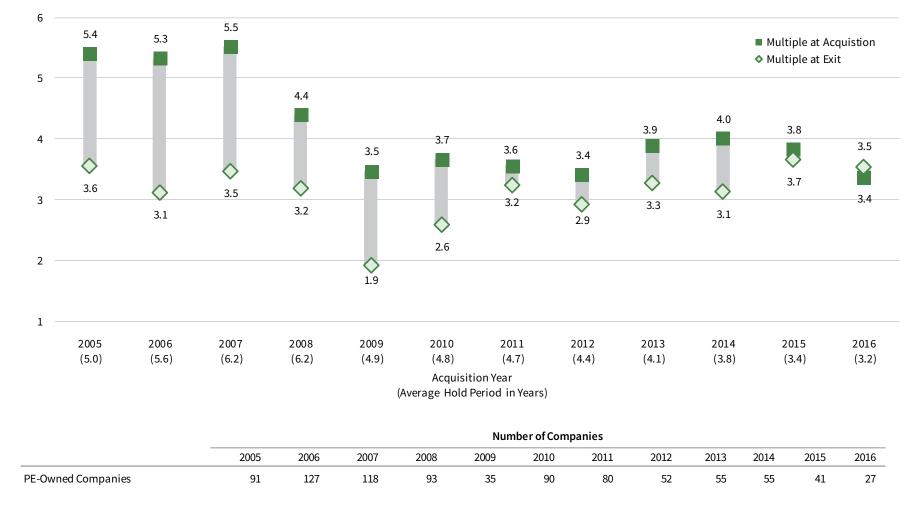


Sources: Cambridge Associates LLC Private Investments Database (as reported by investment managers). Note: All companies with negative EBITDA and negative enterprise value were excluded from the analysis.

# In Europe, leverage multiples have generally fallen during PE ownership

But the difference between multiples at acquisition and multiples at exit has declined over time.

#### MEDIAN EBITDA LEVERAGE MULTIPLE COMPRESSION OF EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES BY ACQUISITION YEAR As of December 31, 2020 • Net Debt/EBITDA



Sources: Cambridge Associates LLC Private Investments Database (as reported by investment managers). Note: All companies with negative EBITDA and negative net debt were excluded from the analysis. For realized companies acquired since 2012, the For those acquired before 2012, the median CAGR was around 6% median revenue CAGR was about 12% MEDIAN REVENUE CAGR OF EXITED EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES BY ACQUISITION YEAR As of December 31, 2020 • Compound Annual Growth Rate (%) 17.3% 15.4% 11.2% 10.6% 8.5% 8.0% 7.7% 6.5% 5.8% 5.6% 4.4% 4.2% 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 (6.0) (5.7)(6.0) (5.2) (5.1)(4.7) (4.7) (4.2) (3.6) (3.2) (6.2) (3.8) Acquisition Year (Average Hold Period in Years) Number of Companies 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2012 2013 2014 2015 2010 2011 2016 **PE-Owned Companies** 104 137 54 115 96 68 67 49 30 144 108 67

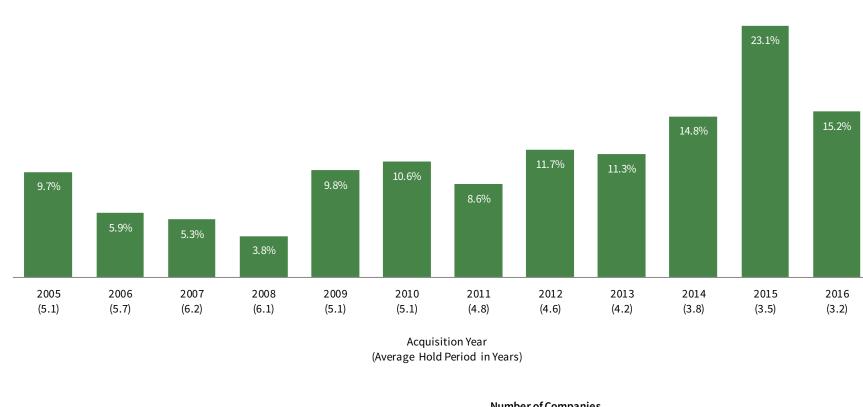
Source: Cambridge Associates LLC Private Investments Database (as reported by investment managers). Note: All companies with negative revenue were excluded from the analysis.

# Median EBITDA CAGRs have been north of 10% for half of the acquisition years analyzed

For exited companies acquired since 2009, the median EBITDA CAGR was 11.8%, twice what it was for companies acquired before then

#### MEDIAN EBITDA CAGR OF EXITED EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES BY ACQUISITION YEAR

As of December 31, 2020 • Compound Annual Growth Rate (%)



					IN		mpames					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
PE-Owned Companies	102	136	136	108	53	111	94	63	64	63	44	28

Source: Cambridge Associates LLC Private Investments Database (as reported by investment managers). Note: All companies with negative EBITDA were excluded from the analysis.

## Median EBITDA margins expanded during PE ownership for half of the acquisition years observed

Margins at both acquisition and exit have trended higher

#### MEDIAN EBITDA MARGIN EXPANSION OF EXITED EUROPEAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES BY ACQUISITION YEAR As of December 31, 2020 • EBITDA/Revenue (%)

24 23.2 Margin at Acquisition 23 ♦ Margin at Exit 21.7 22  $\diamond$ 21.0 21.0 20.7 21.8 20.5 21 20.2 21.5 19.6 20  $\bigcirc$ 20.5 19.0  $\bigcirc$ 19.8 19.8 19 17.5 18.8 18 17.1 18.1 18.0 17.9 16.4 17  $\diamond$ 16  $\diamond$ 16.5 16.4 15 15.8 14 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 (5.0)(5.7)(6.3)(6.2)(5.0) (5.1)(4.7)(4.6) (4.2) (3.8) (3.5) (3.2) Acquisition Year (Average Holding Period in Years) Number of Companies 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 **PE-Owned Companies** 98 130 130 97 49 107 90 61 62 61 46 30

Source: Cambridge Associates LLC Private Investments Database (as reported by investment managers). Note: All companies with negative EBITDA were excluded from the analysis.

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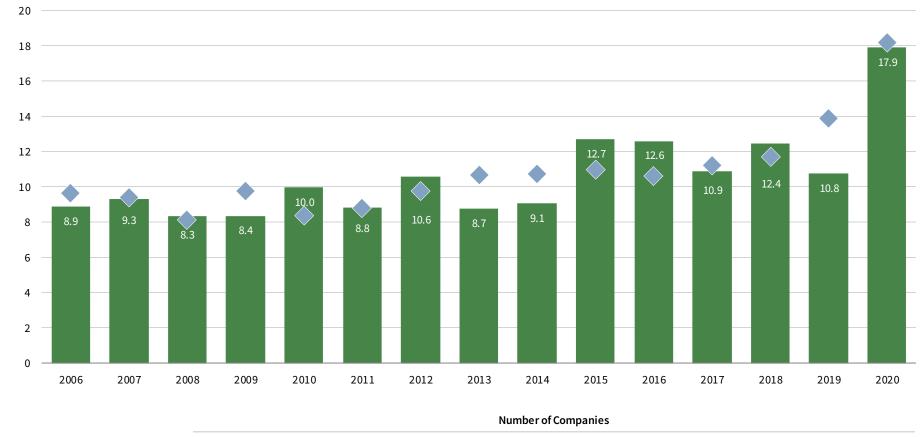


Private equity PPMs trailed public valuations by roughly a turn of EBITDA over the 15-year period

During the pandemic, acquisition multiples soared to a new high for the region

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#### AVERAGE EBITDA PURCHASE PRICE MULTIPLES AT ACQUISITION OF ASIAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES As of December 31, 2020 • Enterprise Value/EBITDA



	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
PE–Owned Companies	69	100	79	46	96	88	68	71	69	57	55	68	48	45	24
MSCI AC Asia Pacific Index	320	339	357	458	546	550	570	579	580	586	599	609	783	1,009	980

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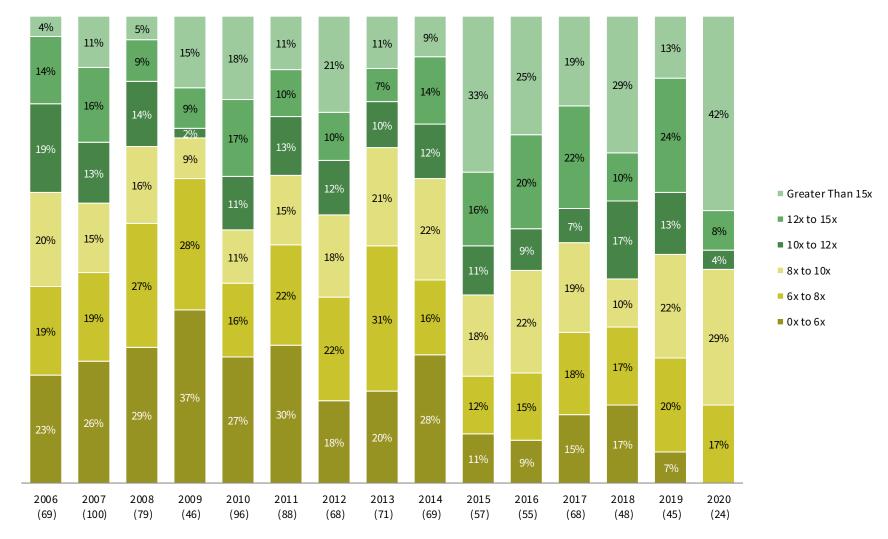
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### PPMs have trended higher since 2015

In every year since then, about half or more of the companies acquired transacted at multiples greater than 10x EBITDA

## AVERAGE EBITDA PURCHASE PRICE MULTIPLE BREAKDOWN OF ASIAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES

As of December 31, 2020 • Enterprise Value/EBITDA



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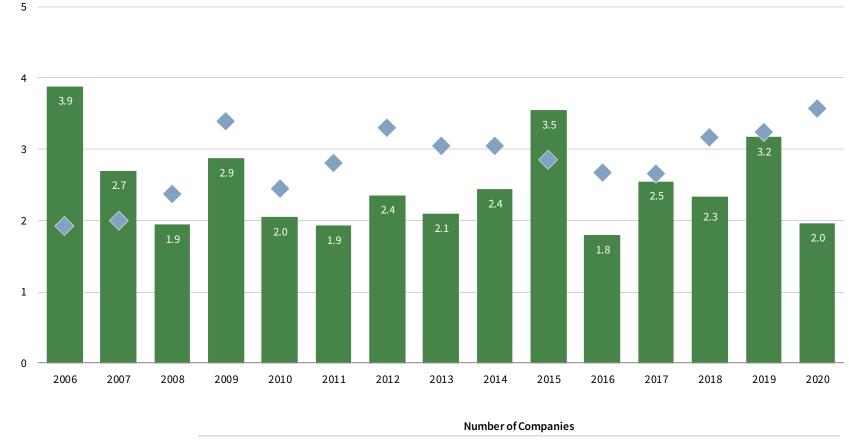
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Unlike in other regions, leverage multiples for PE-backed companies in Asia have generally trailed those of public counterparts

Private company leverage levels are driven at least in part to the heavy weighting toward growth equity in the Asia Pacific sample

AVERAGE EBITDA LEVERAGE MULTIPLES AT ACQUISITION OF ASIAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES As of December 31, 2020 • Net Debt/EBITDA



	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
PE–Owned Companies	51	68	57	26	58	49	45	52	46	31	31	50	33	35	17	
MSCI AC Asia Pacific Index	206	223	230	301	345	339	360	359	363	362	369	366	487	628	545	

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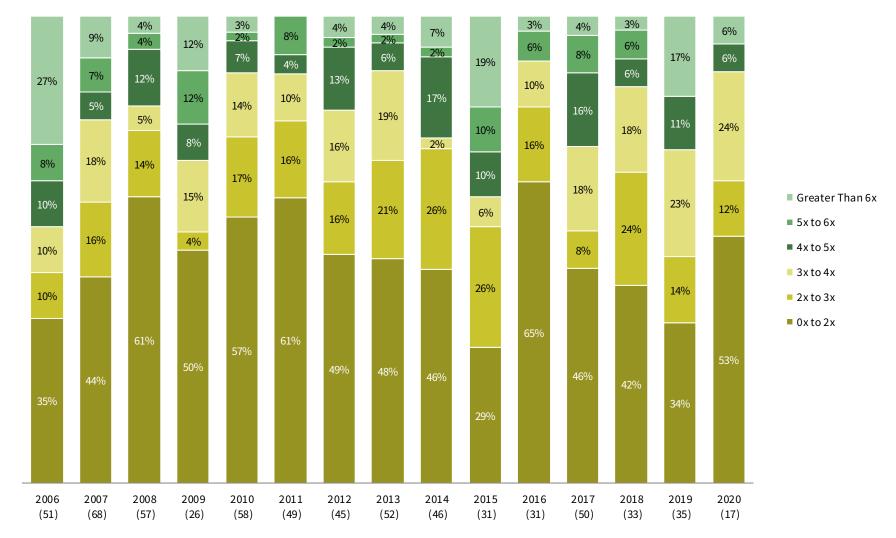
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# Low leverage multiples are characteristic of the Asian PE sample

Since 2006, just 13% of deals were levered at greater than 5x, while almost 50% of deals were levered below 2x

#### AVERAGE LEVERAGE MULTIPLE BREAKDOWN OF ASIAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES

As of December 31, 2020 • Net Debt/EBITDA



Source: Cambridge Associates LLC Private Investments Database (as reported by investment managers).

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## PE-backed companies have typically averaged much stronger revenue growth than public counterparts

As of December 31, 2020 • Annual Growth Rate (%)

MSCI AC Asia Pacific Index

During the pandemic, public and private universes struggled to grow revenue

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL REVENUE GROWTH OF ASIAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES

25% 21.8 20% 20.2 19.3 16.5 16.4 15%  $\bigcirc$ 13.2 12.9 11.8 10% 8.7 5% 0% 0.2 -5% -10% Number of Companies **PE-Owned Companies** 

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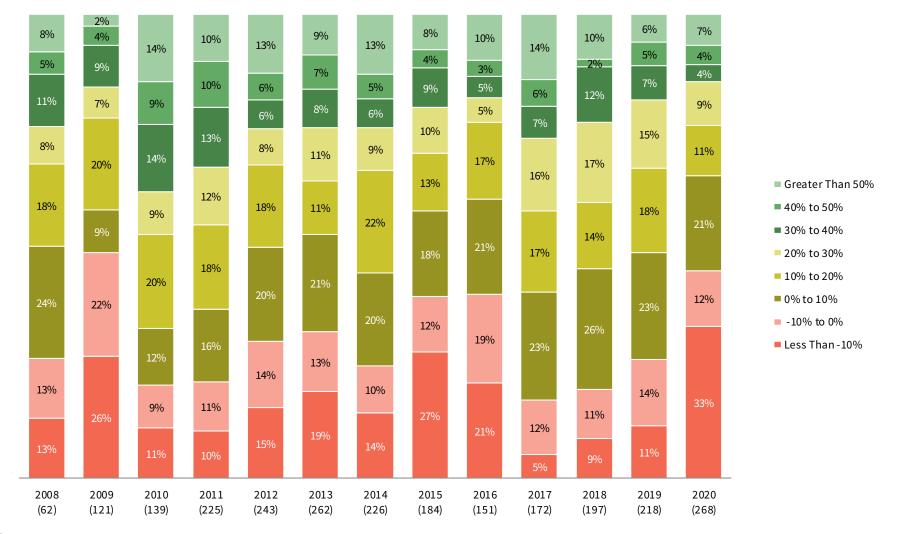
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# Pandemic impact visible in 2020 as 45% of companies experienced revenue declines, the most since 2009

In every year from 2008–19, at least 40% of PE-backed companies grew revenue by 10% or more; in 2020, that number was 35%

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL REVENUE GROWTH BREAKDOWN OF ASIAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES

As of December 31, 2020 • Annual Growth Rate (%)



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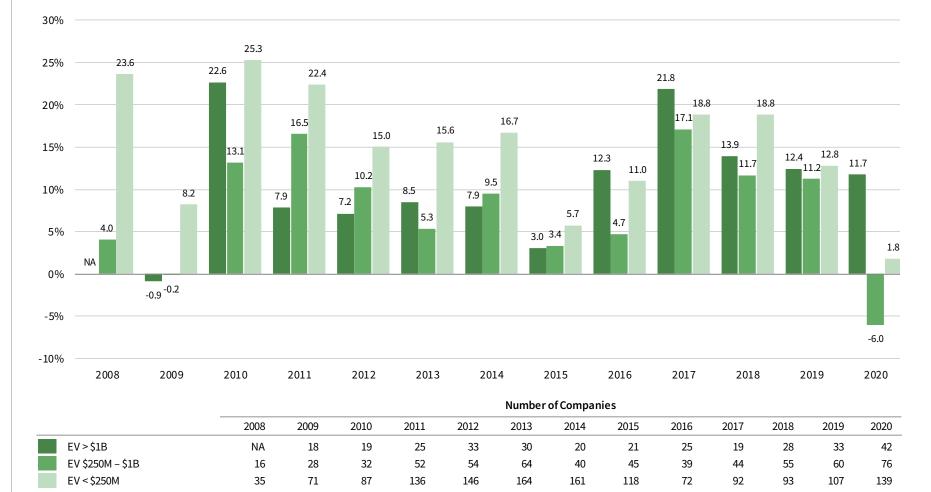
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Large companies averaged double-digit revenue growth every year from 2016–20

Mid-cap companies were most severely impacted by the pandemic in  $^{\rm 2020}$ 

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL REVENUE GROWTH OF ASIAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES BY ENTERPRISE VALUE SEGMENT

As of December 31, 2020 • Annual Growth Rate (%)



Source: Cambridge Associates LLC Private Investments Database (as reported by investment managers).

Note: Outliers were identified and excluded from the private equity company universes.

## EBITDA growth has fluctuated since 2008, but on average, PE-backed companies grew EBITDA by 10.4% annually

In all but two of the years analyzed, PE company EBITDA growth exceeded that of public universe

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA GROWTH OF ASIAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES

As of December 31, 2020 • Annual Growth Rate (%)



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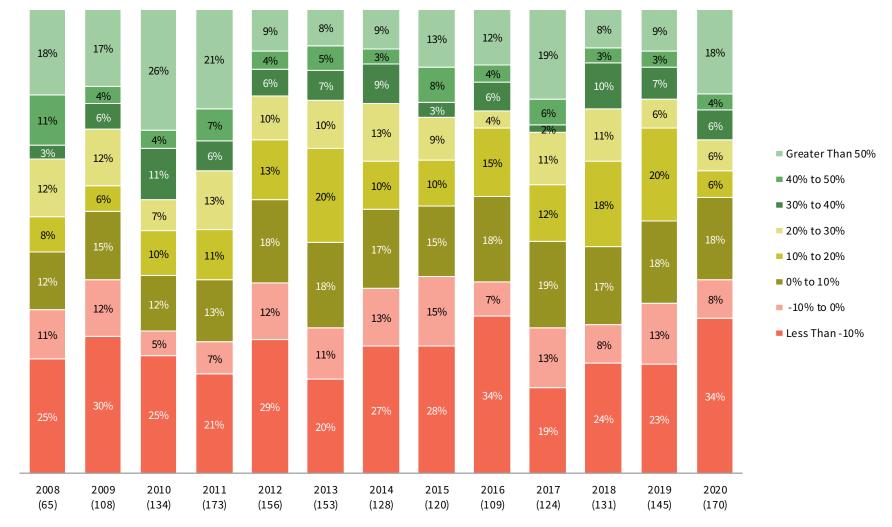
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# In 2020, while 40% of companies grew EBITDA by at least 10%...

...42% of the universe suffered EBITDA declines

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA GROWTH BREAKDOWN OF ASIAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES

As of December 31, 2020 • Annual Growth Rate (%)



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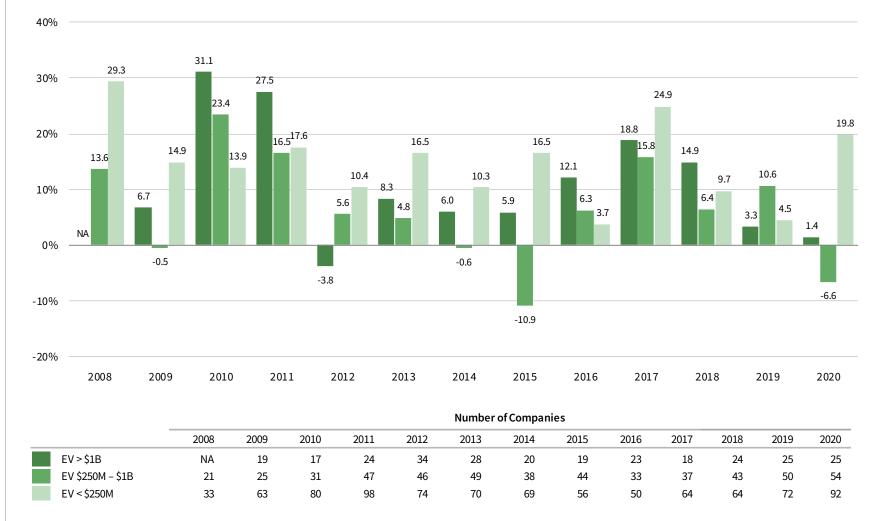
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From 2008–20, small companies averaged 12.8% annual EBITDA growth, outpacing their larger peers by more than 5%

Mid-size businesses averaged EBITDA declines in four of the 13 years observed

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA GROWTH OF ASIAN PRIVATE EQUITY–OWNED COMPANIES BY ENTERPRISE VALUE SEGMENT As of December 31, 2020 • Annual Growth Rate (%)

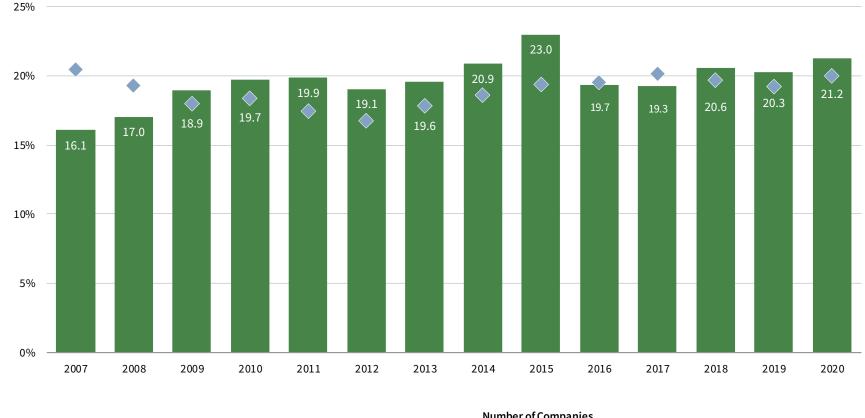


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# EBITDA margins have remained relatively consistent for PE and public companies

While there are meaningful differences between PE and public company margins in some years, across the full time period, the gap is less than 1% (favoring PE)

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA MARGIN OF ASIAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES VS PUBLIC COMPANIES As of December 31, 2020 • EBITDA/Revenue (%)



	Number of Companies													
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
PE–Owned Companies	63	116	140	206	256	263	231	269	220	207	255	225	281	265
MSCI AC Asia Pacific Index	620	515	617	719	743	752	762	776	787	790	801	1,063	1,289	1,233

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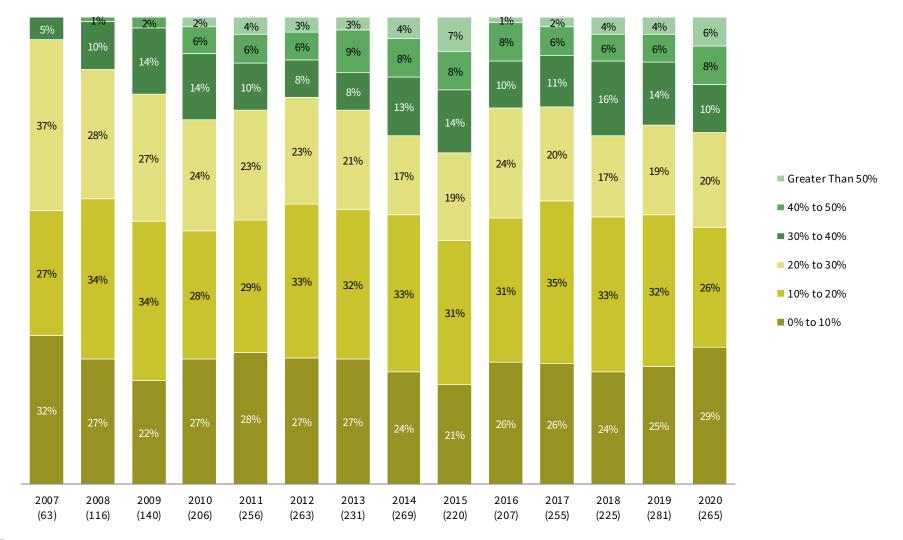
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## Within the PE sample, the distribution of EBITDA margins has remained relatively stable regardless of market environment

In every year analyzed, almost 40% of companies operated at margins of 20% or higher and at least 21% operated at margins of 10% or lower

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA MARGIN BREAKDOWN OF ASIAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES

As of December 31, 2020 • EBITDA/Revenue (%)



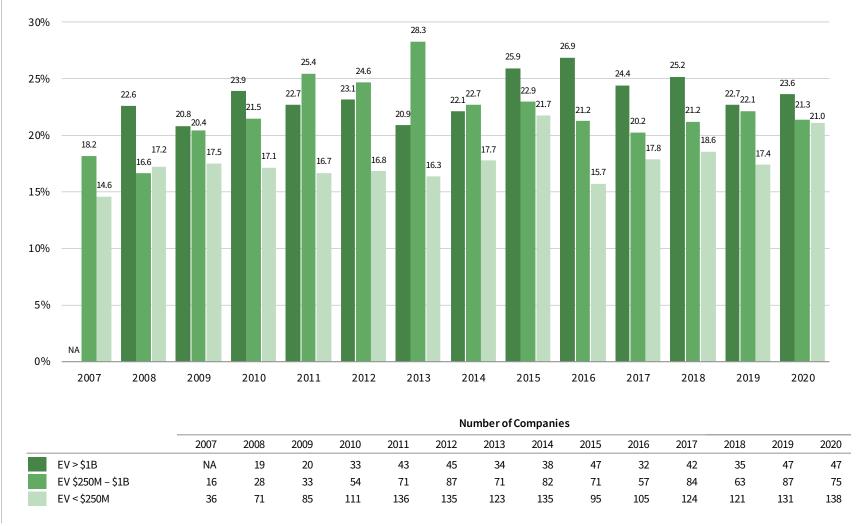
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Over the full time period, large companies averaged the highest EBITDA margins at 24%, leading both mid and small deals

Small companies have historically operated at the lowest margins among the size segments; in 2020, they hit their highest level since 2007

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL EBITDA MARGIN OF ASIAN PRIVATE EQUITY-OWNED COMPANIES BY ENTERPRISE VALUE SEGMENT As of December 31, 2020 • EBITDA/Revenue (%)



Source: Cambridge Associates LLC Private Investments Database (as reported by investment managers).

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