

Valuation Webinar

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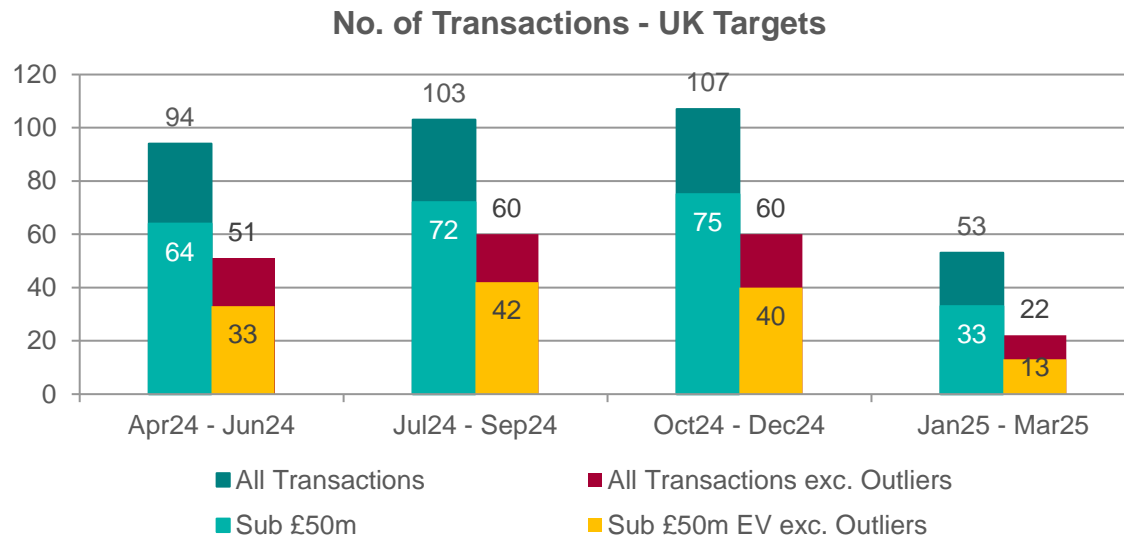
Between April 2024 and March 2025, there were 357 reported UK acquisitions with reported EBITDA multiples made by trade and PE.

Of these, 193 were profitable, reported an EBITDA multiple and were not considered outliers (Multiple >25x).

Q4 2024 had the most transactions at 107.

Q1 2025 had the fewest transactions at 53.

Fluctuation in M&A transactions with UK-based targets

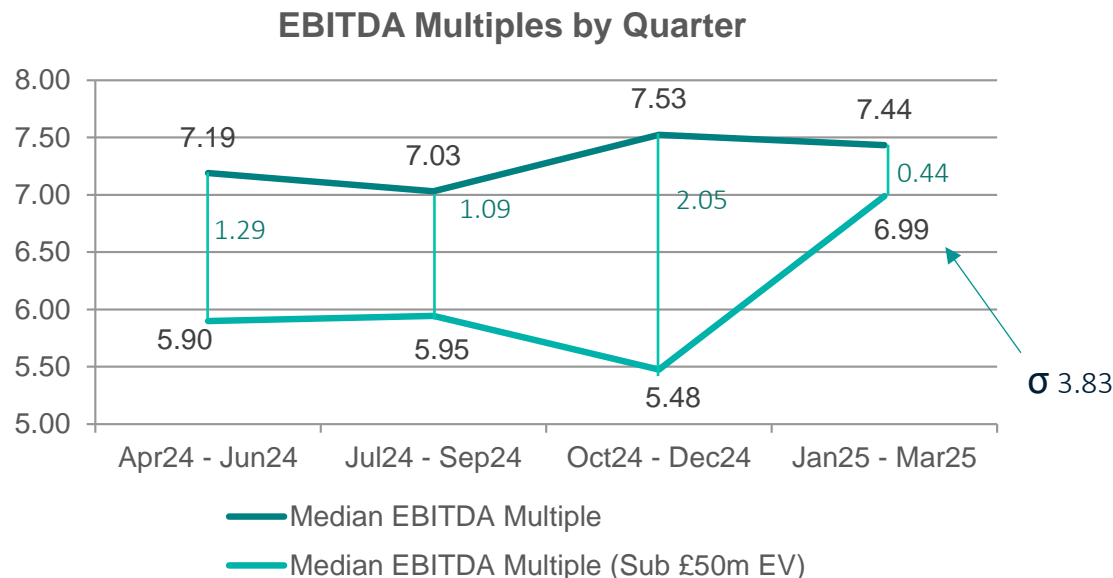


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EBITDA multiples have remained relatively steady at an overall level between 7.19x and 7.53x.

However EBITDA multiples for sub £50m EV transactions have shown a notable increase in the last quarter.

Variation in EBITDA Multiples between all deals and the sub £50m EV deals closed in the latest quarter



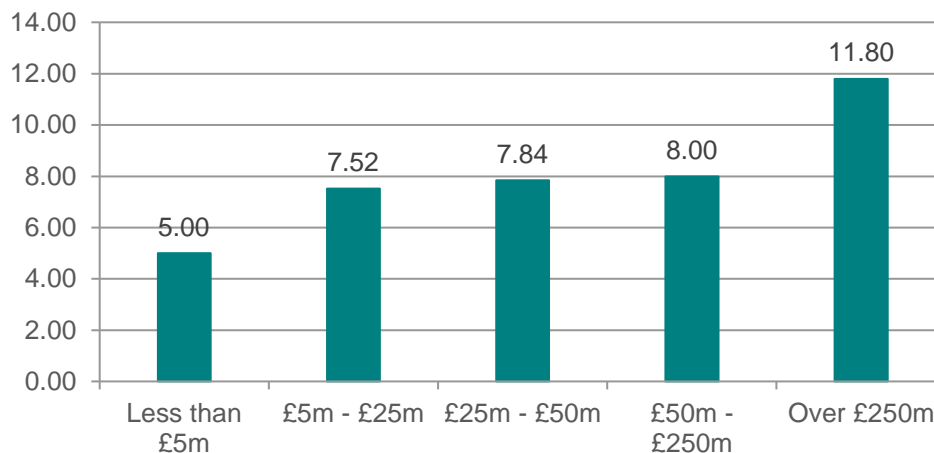
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Median EBITDA Multiple by EV

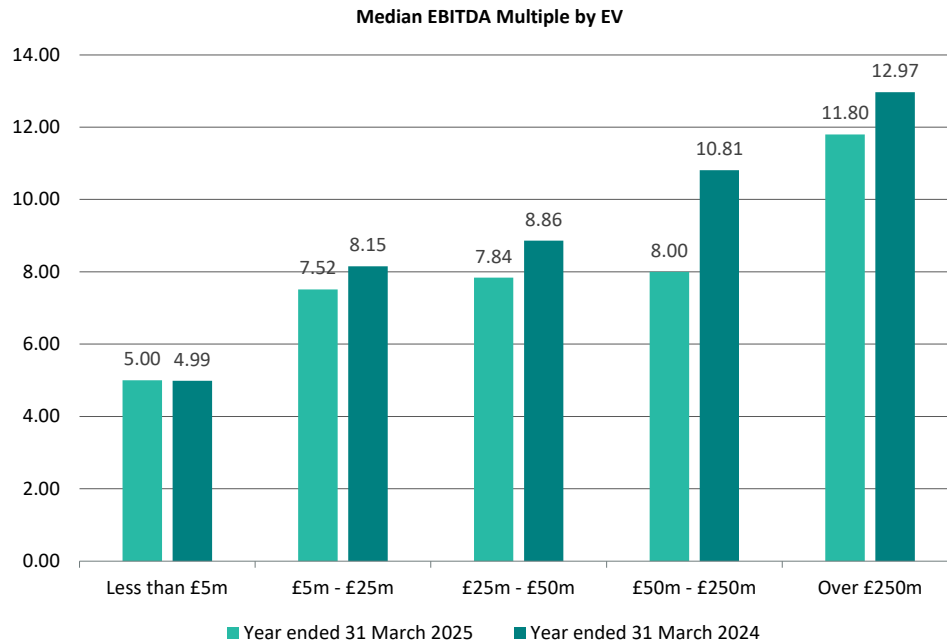


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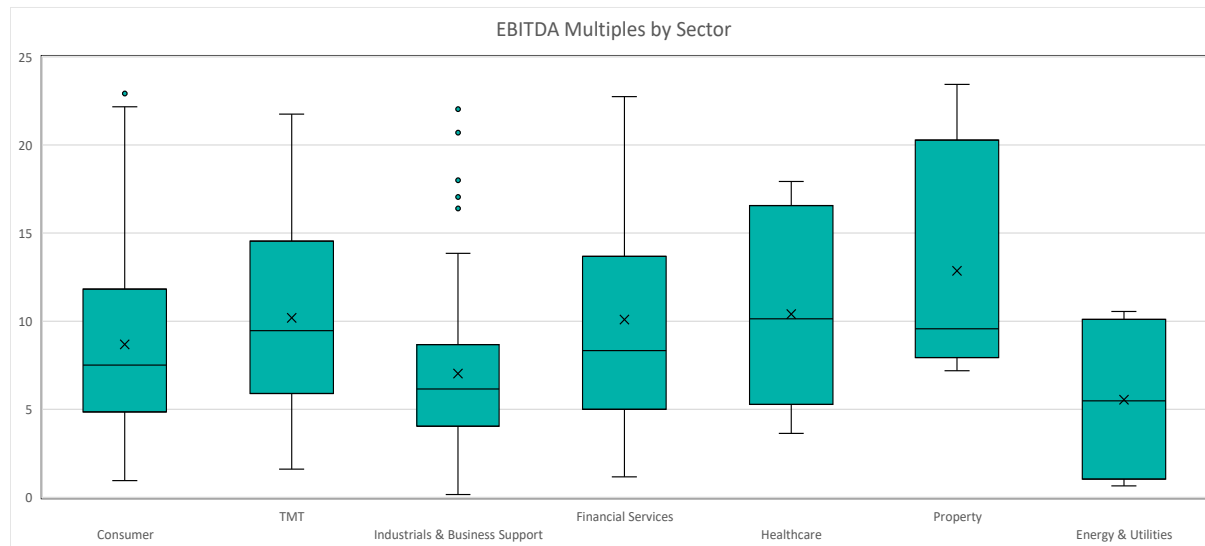
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After removing outliers, most sectors show that a wide spread exists within individual industries.

Companies in the healthcare industry achieved the highest median EBITDA multiple at 10.4x.

TMT companies also remain highly valued with a median multiple of 10.2x EBITDA.

High levels of volatility persist in most sectors



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Overseas transactions are typically reserved for the most valuable companies – in part due to the complexity of completing the deal and managing operations in a foreign jurisdiction.

Of 128 transactions valued at under £50m EV, just 13% were acquired by an overseas entity compared with over 28% of all UK-based targets.

US continues to dominate overseas acquisitions of UK firms

Acquirer Country	No. of Transactions	Median EV	No. of Transactions (Sub £50m EV)	Last Webinar's Median EV
UK	258	£6,625,000	111	£7,450,000
US	42	£242,015,000	3	£238,500,000
Canada	6	£14,480,000	4	£24,000,000
India	6	£64,980,000	1	£26,500,000
Sweden	5	£230,000,000	0	£120,000,000
Denmark	4	£424,000,000	1	£424,000,000
France	4	£425,500,000	2	£425,500,000
Other	32	£47,000,000	6	£69,000,000
Total	357	£12,000,000	128	£14,000,000

Limitations

We note that the data analysis may be naturally limited in some respects.

Financial information may be incomplete for some entries – Our sources of information are limited to the disclosures made by either party in a particular transaction, or through investigative journalism conducted by our data providers or other reputable news source in discussion with either company participating in the transaction.

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Previous deal data may not be indicative of future market trends – Valuations (and multiples) may fluctuate with the economic cycle.

Adjustments made to Enterprise Value are subjective – The adjustments made to the Enterprise Value to arrive at Equity Value will depend on the particular companies and transactions in a number of respects.



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