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How much are companies worth in the Support Services sector?

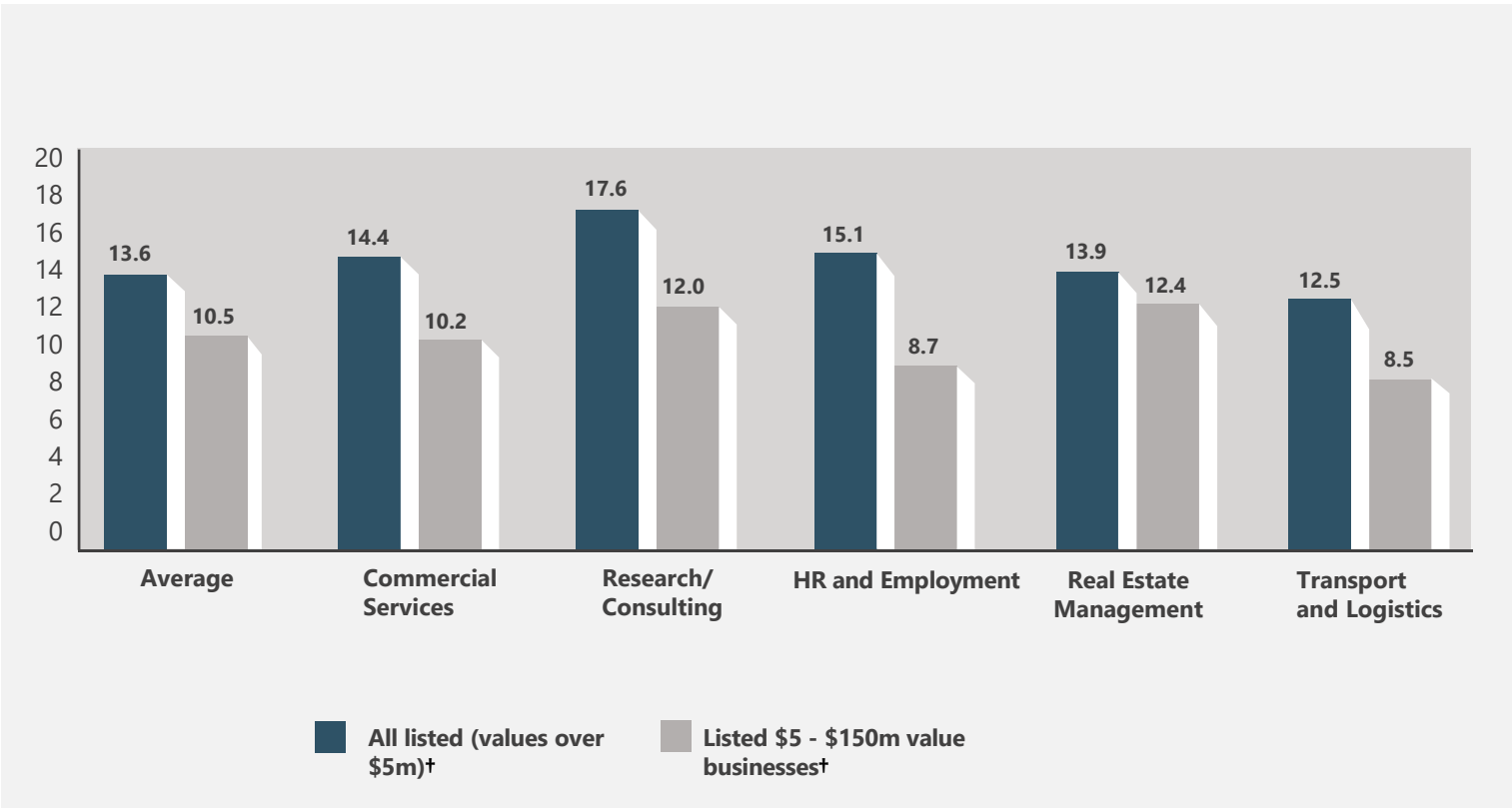
3 key factors can give private business owners an indication of their business valuation:

The Enterprise Value to EBITDA* multiples on which comparable listed companies are trading.

The multiple of EBITDA paid by acquirers of comparable businesses.

The volume of M&A transactions and acquisitions.

At the end of H1 2019, the global, all market average Enterprise Value to EBITDA multiple for listed Support Services companies was **13.6x**. This was greater than the previous six months and up on the previous year, when listed Support Services companies were trading on a multiple of 13.0x. Within the Support Services sector, trading multiples varied between 12.5x and 17.6x across the range of sub-sectors. Smaller businesses generally traded on lower multiples.



* EBITDA is Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation

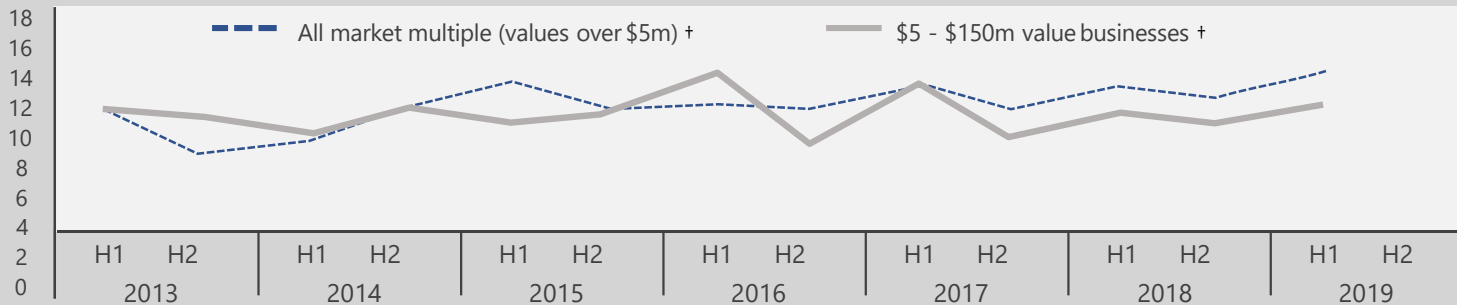
† Note, the Enterprise Value to EBITDA multiples above are for listed businesses, and it is generally the case that privately owned businesses are valued at a discount. Listed company data was accurate at 01/07/2019

The average multiple of EBITDA paid globally in Support Services transactions has fluctuated somewhat over the past few years. It currently stands at

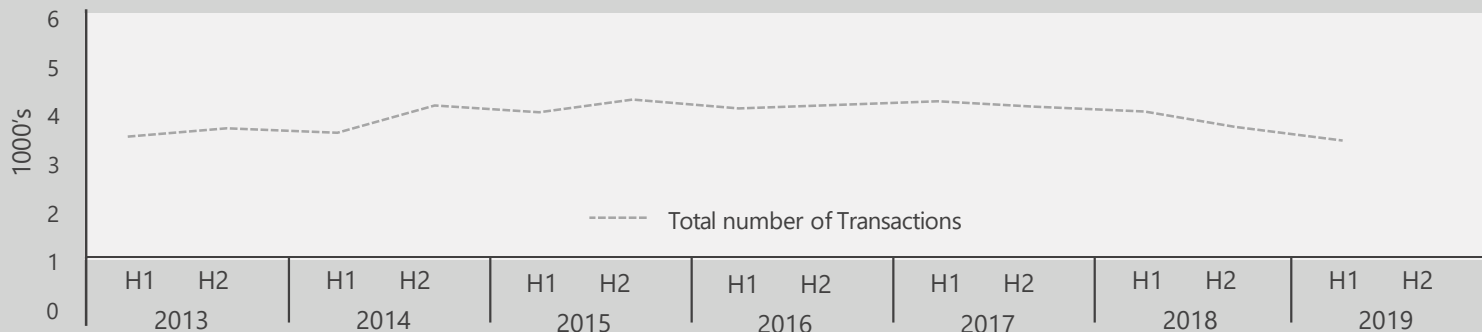
13.1x

† Note, the transaction multiples above are calculated from raw data. This typically understates profits and therefore valuations actually achieved are generally at lower multiples of “normalised” profits.

When reviewing these multiples we break out businesses in the range \$5-150m, as they tend to have unique attributes which affect their valuation. Smaller businesses have generally been sold on lower multiples.



In H1 2019, there were 2,930 transactions globally in the Support Services sector. This is down on the preceding 6 months, when there were 3,195 transactions. Although volumes have slightly dropped, the high number in the last 6 months suggests demand for Support Services businesses remains buoyant.



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