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**Industry Update** 

# Q4/22 U.S. Earnings Recap – Bits & Bytes Weekly

An Overview Of Large Cap U.S. Tech Reporting

#### **Our Conclusion**

Q4 earnings from the U.S. tech giants have been generally well received by the market, as the overall demand environment remained resilient in the quarter with revenue in line with expectations. On profitability, earnings have skewed somewhat to the downside as inflationary pressures persist, leading to EBITDA that was on average 3% below Street. The global demand outlook and forward guidance have also been a focus of quarterly calls, with some management teams striking a cautionary tone while others see the environment improving. Another common theme in the quarter was layoffs, with the majority of Big Tech having announced workforce restructurings. Similar to Q3, we saw outsized market reactions on earnings misses and beats. SNAP was down 14% post earnings, given worsening competitive headwinds and widening losses, while Meta opened up 20%, on the strength of better-than-expected revenue and a constructive 2023 outlook.

#### **Quick Recaps**

**Microsoft (MSFT):** MSFT reported results that included a slight miss on revenue and EBITDA and a 5% beat on EPS. Growth moderated across the business, and management guided to a softer upcoming quarter given continued weakness in PC sales, softening of Office365 demand, and commentary that cloud growth had slowed in December despite outpacing Street estimates in FQ2. Microsoft also announced that it would be laying off 10,000 employees, under 5% of the workforce.

**Netflix (NFLX):** Netflix report a strong Q4, which saw in-line revenue but net subscriber adds well above consensus. A strong programming slate and recent strategic shifts around cracking down on password sharing and an adsupported tier have opened up avenues for new subscriber growth and should help drive top-line growth in the near term, according to management.

**Meta (META):** Meta's outlook for 2023 was a positive one, with the business expected to return to growth and improve its cost profile going forward, with investments focused on the core social media apps. With Meta shares under pressure from digital ad revenue headwinds and metaverse spending, the outlook worked to ease investor concerns. The company also noted that the margin benefits from restructuring should start to be felt in CQ1/23. Meta also announced an increase to its share purchase authorization to \$40B.

**IBM:** IBM reported flat Y/Y revenue growth (6.3% in constant currency), beating expectations by 3%. On a constant currency basis, IBM's software segment was up 8% Y/Y, the infrastructure segment up 7% Y/Y and the consulting segment up 9% Y/Y. Management commentary noted that clients are looking to continue new development work and guided towards 2023 constant currency revenue growth in the mid single digits.

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All figures in Canadian dollars unless otherwise stated.

#### Exhibit 1: Software & Services – U.S. Earnings Actual Vs. Expectations, Q4/22

#### Software

|            | Caler         | ndar Q4/22      |             |              | Y/Y Change    |         |          |              | Consensus |            |           |              | Ş           | Surprise (%) | )      |
|------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------|----------|--------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------|
| Company    | Revenue (\$M) | EBITDA<br>(\$M) | EPS<br>(\$) | Revenues (%) | EBITDA<br>(%) | EPS (%) | Revenues | ; (\$M)      | EBITDA (  | \$M)       | EPS       | (\$)         | Revenu<br>e | EBITDA       | EPS    |
| Microsoft  | 52,747        | 24,847          | 2.35        | 2%           | -3%           | -5%     | 52,987   | $\downarrow$ | 24,452    | $\uparrow$ | 2.29      | 1            | 0%          | 2%           | 3%     |
| Meta       | 32,165        | 15,979          | 1.76        | -4%          | -6%           | -52%    | 31,551   | $\uparrow$   | 12,920    | Ŷ          | 2.26      | $\downarrow$ | 2%          | 24%          | -22%   |
| Netflix    | 7,852         | 797             | 0.38        | 2%           | 0%            | -75%    | 7,862    | $\downarrow$ | 569       | $\uparrow$ | 0.56      | $\downarrow$ | 0%          | 40%          | -32%   |
| Snap       | 1,300         | 233             | -0.18       | 0%           | -29%          | -100%   | 1,306    | $\downarrow$ | 205       | Ŷ          | -<br>0.11 | $\downarrow$ | -0.5%       | 14%          | -36%   |
| SAP SE (€) | 9,156         | 3,199           | 1.09        | 2.9%         | 2.7%          | -47.3%  | 9,030    | Ţ            | 3,233     | Ļ          | 1.45      | ↓            | 1%          | -1%          | -25%   |
|            |               |                 |             | 1.4%         | -2.8%         | -40.8%  |          |              |           |            |           |              | 0.0%        | 11.4%        | -18.7% |

\*\*Averages exclude SNAP

#### **IT Services**

|   | Calendar Q4/22 |                 |             |              | Y/Y Change    |         | Consensus  |      |          |              |              |              | Surprise (%) |        |      |
|---|----------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------|------------|------|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------|------|
| Company   | Revenue (\$M)  | EBITDA<br>(\$M) | EPS<br>(\$) | Revenues (%) | EBITDA<br>(%) | EPS (%) | Revenues ( | \$M) | EBITDA ( | \$M)         | EPS          | (\$)         | Revenu<br>e  | EBITDA | EPS  |
| IBM   | 16,690         | 4,860           | 3.60        | 0%           | -33%          | 7%      | 16,151     | Ŷ    | 5,009    | $\downarrow$ | 3.59         | <b>↑</b>     | 3%           | -3%    | 0%   |
| Infosys Limited (US)<br>Tata Consultancy Services | 4,698          | 1,149           | 0.19        | 11%          | 1%            | 6%      | 4,612      | Î    | 1,129    | ¢            | 0.19<br>30.0 | -            | 2%           | 2%     | 0%   |
| (Rs)  | 578,620        | 155,540         | 29.64       | 18%          | 16%           | 12%     | 573,326    | ↑    | 152,609  | <b>↑</b>     | 6            | $\downarrow$ | 1%           | 2%     | -1%  |
| Wipro (Rs)  | 232,290        | 46,460          | 5.56        | 14%          | 8%            | 3%      | 234,307    | Ļ    | 42,833   | 1            | 5.30         | ↑            | -1%          | 8%     | 5%   |
| Average   |                |                 |             | 10.8%        | -2.0%         | 7.0%    |            |      |          |              |              |              | 1.3%         | 2.3%   | 0.9% |

Source: Company reports and CIBC World Markets Inc.

### **News Impacting Our Coverage**

#### Research Highlight – CGI – IP & Managed Services Driving Growth

CGI's solid FQ1 results illustrate the company's resiliency in an uncertain market, with client demand accelerating for its cost-savings and digitization initiatives. CGI continues to post organic growth well above historical rates as it benefits from investments in IP and managed services capacity. While margins were down 80 bps Y/Y, we expect margin improvement through F2023 as recent bookings flow through to revenue, global delivery centres drive cost savings, and the company benefits from merger synergies from the \$600MM in M&A completed last year. We regard CGI as well positioned to continue to execute on M&A, with management planning to allocate \$1B in capital to M&A in F2023 and noting a pipeline that includes larger deals.

#### Research Highlight – Thomson Reuters: What An ESG Acquisition Might Look Like

With TRI's multi-year Change Program reaching its final year, the business is well positioned with the financial and operational capacity to expand into a new service vertical or extend into new verticals through acquisition. Recent commentary from management has pointed to ESG as a potential new product area given TRI's expertise in areas with complex rules, regulations and data inputs. The recently announced \$1B sale of LSEG shares to Microsoft gives TRI a significant amount of available liquidity in the near term (~\$6.5B by year-end 2023) to acquire a business with enough scale to make a meaningful contribution. However, given the relatively small size of the ESG data and software market, we expect that an ESG acquisition would be more of an expansion of the Corporates vertical rather than a new vertical in and of itself. Therefore, we view a combination of M&A and capital return as the most likely approach for TRI's liquidity position.

## Descartes' Study Reveals 65% Of Companies Plan To Accelerate Supply Chain And Logistics Innovation Investment

Descartes released findings from a <u>study</u> it conducted that examined how technology innovation is changing supply chain/logistics operations and executives' plans for continued investment. The report found that 59% of companies surveyed accelerated the pace of innovation investment and deployment over the last two years. Moreover, 65% plan to increase their technology spending over the next two years; however, 87% indicated they still face internal inhibitors to supply chain and logistics innovation.

#### CGI And National Bank Of Canada Extend Business Partnership

CGI will acquire the IP of the bank's in-house financial planning solution currently used by the bank's financial advisors. CGI is also entering into a new, 10-year SaaS agreement for the delivery of the solution to the bank, accelerating its development. This financial planning solution will become a multi-tenant SaaS offering and will contribute to accelerating a similar adoption across the remainder of CGI's IP.

#### CGI And Laurentian Bank Of Canada Extend Business Partnership

CGI announced a five-year contract extension with the Laurentian Bank of Canada whereby the company will help Laurentian manage its digital transformation process while supporting its efforts to improve and simplify the end-user experience for external and internal customers.

#### **Open Text Buys Micro Focus**

Open Text closed the acquisition of Micro Focus, announced in October. The following points were released in conjunction with the closing of the acquisition. Most notably, Open Text will



realize a portion of the \$400 million in expected synergies through an 8% workforce reduction after the close of the deal.

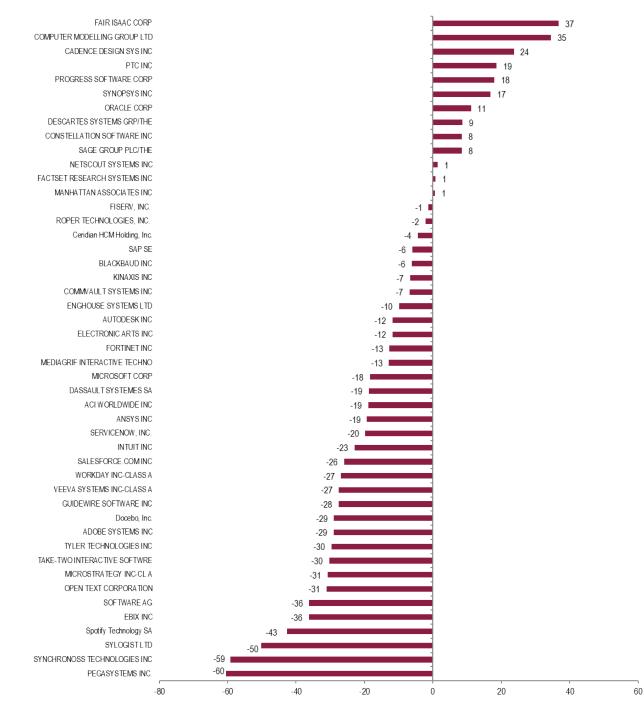
- Total purchase price of approximately \$5.8 billion, inclusive of Micro Focus' cash and debt, subject to final adjustments
- Total purchase price is 2.3x Micro Focus' TTM revenues
- Total purchase price is 6.7x Micro Focus' TTM adjusted EBITDA
- Immediately accretive to F'23 adjusted EBITDA dollars
- Expected to be on the OpenText operating model within 6 full quarters or sooner
- Net leverage expected to be less than 3x within 8 full quarters or sooner
- Consistent with previously announced cost synergies of \$400 million, expect to balance the combined company through an approximate 8% workforce reduction due to the acquisition of Micro Focus

## Q4 Inc. Brings Earnings Calls Into The Future With Seamless Zoom And Microsoft Teams Video Integration

The Q4 Virtual Events Platform now integrates with Zoom and Microsoft Teams, allowing companies to bring their own video to earnings calls. This integration is the most recent enhancement to the platform, following innovative features such as the ability to customize webcast branding, speaker bios, and Q4 Login, which enables users to bypass registration and obtain quick access to events hosted on the platform.

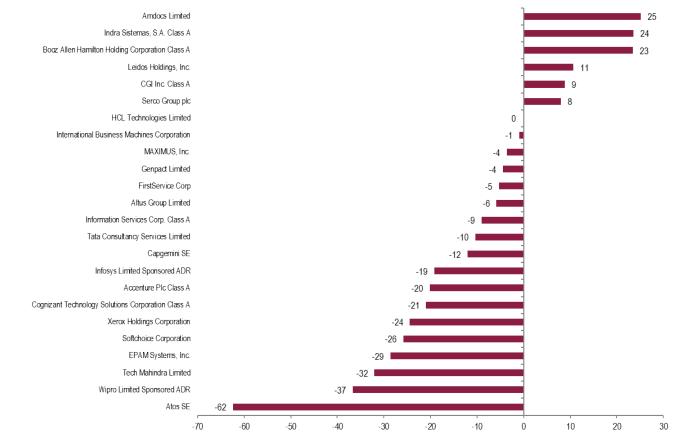
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#### Exhibit 2: Software Stocks - Return Performance (%), 1/2/2022 - 1/2/2023



Source: Company reports, FactSet and CIBC World Markets Inc.

#### Exhibit 3: Business Services Stocks – Return Performance (%), 1/2/2022 - 1/2/2023



Source: FactSet and CIBC World Markets Inc.

#### Exhibit 4: Software Stocks – Comp Table, 2022 - 2023E

|                                   | Enterprise |       | EV/S  |       | E     | V/EBITD | Α      |       | P/E   |       |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                   | Value      | C22   | C23E  | C24E  | C22   | C23E    | C24E   | C22   | C23E  | C24E  |
| Enterprise Application Software   |            |       |       |       |       |         |        |       |       |       |
| Constellation Software Inc.*      | 39,065     | 6.0x  | 5.3x  | 4.5x  | 23.8x | 20.6x   | 17.6x  | 32.3x | 30.5x | 25.6x |
| BlackBerry Limited*               | 2,490      | 3.7x  | 2.6x  | 2.2x  | NEG   | NEG     | >50    | NEG   | NEG   | NEG   |
| Sage Group plc                    | 8,711      | 4.4x  | 4.0x  | 3.7x  | 19.1x | 16.9x   | 15.4x  | 29.3x | 25.2x | 22.4> |
| Tyler Technologies, Inc.          | 14,956     | 8.1x  | 7.5x  | 6.8x  | 31.4x | 29.9x   | 26.0x  | 44.1x | 43.2x | 37.1> |
| Roper Technologies, Inc.          | 51,736     | 9.6x  | 8.7x  | 8.2x  | 23.6x | 21.1x   | 19.6x  | 30.3x | 26.8x | 25.0  |
| Enghouse Systems Limited          | 1,999      | 4.7x  | 4.62x | 4.55x | 14.5x | 13.8x   | 13.72x | 20.2x | 28.3x | 27.94 |
| Oracle Corporation                | 300,393    | 6.4x  | 5.8x  | 5.3x  | 12.8x | 11.5x   | 10.3x  | 18.4x | 17.0x | 14.8  |
| SAP SE                            | 138,711    | 4.1x  | 4.2x  | 3.9x  | 17.0x | 15.0x   | 13.0x  | 26.8x | 20.2x | 17.5  |
| Enterprise Application Software A | verage     | 5.9x  | 5.3x  | 4.9x  | 20.3x | 18.4x   | 16.5x  | 28.7x | 27.3x | 24.3  |
|                                   |            |       |       |       |       |         |        |       |       |       |
| Extended ERP                      |            |       |       |       |       |         |        |       |       |       |
| Adobe Incorporated                | 172,588    | 9.7x  | 8.9x  | 7.9x  | 19.9x | 18.3x   | 16.5x  | 27.5x | 24.6x | 21.5  |
| Open Text Corporation             | 11,688     | 3.3x  | 3.2x  | 3.1x  | 9.6x  | 8.6x    | 8.5x   | 10.9x | 9.6x  | 9.4x  |
| Manhattan Associates, Inc.        | 8,188      | 10.9x | 10.1x | 9.0x  | 41.6x | 38.2x   | 33.0x  | >50   | >50   | 45.1  |
| Pegasystems Inc.                  | 3,617      | 2.9x  | 2.6x  | 2.3x  | >50   | 39.0x   | 19.2x  | >50   | >50   | 27.3  |
| Software AG                       | 1,853      | 2.0x  | 1.8x  | 1.7x  | 9.4x  | 8.1x    | 6.9x   | 14.4x | 12.8x | 10.5  |
| Fiserv, Inc.                      | 89,284     | 5.3x  | 5.0x  | 4.7x  | 12.3x | 11.4x   | 10.5x  | 16.5x | 14.7x | 13.0  |
| Extended ERP Average              |            | 5.7x  | 5.3x  | 4.8x  | 18.6x | 20.6x   | 15.8x  | 17.3x | 15.4x | 21.1> |
| 0.5%                              |            |       |       |       |       |         |        |       |       |       |
| Software As A Service             |            | 10.5  |       | 10.0  |       |         |        |       |       |       |
| Descartes Systems Group Inc.      | 6,085      | 12.5x | 11.4x | 10.3x | 28.3x | 25.6x   | 23.1x  | >50   | >50   | >50   |
| Kinaxis, Inc.*                    | 3,083      | 8.3x  | 7.6x  | 6.3x  | 41.7x | 41.2x   | 33.6x  | >50   | >50   | >50   |
| Docebo, Inc.*                     | 1,061      | 7.4x  | 5.5x  | 4.2x  | NEG   | >50     | >50    | >50   | >50   | >50   |
| Lightspeed Commerce Inc*          | 1,957      | 2.8x  | 2.2x  | 1.7x  | NEG   | NEG     | 45.6x  | NEG   | NEG   | >50   |
| Veeva Systems Inc Class A         | 24,564     | 11.6x | 10.3x | 8.9x  | 29.3x | 26.7x   | 22.5x  | 41.7x | 38.6x | 33.1  |
| Shopify, Inc. Class A             | 50,472     | 9.2x  | 7.6x  | 6.1x  | NEG   | >50     | >50    | NEG   | >50   | >50   |
| Q4 Inc*                           | 37         | 0.7x  | 0.6x  | 0.6x  | NEG   | NEG     | NEG    | NEG   | NEG   | NEG   |
| Ceridian HCM Holding, Inc.        | 12,279     | 9.9x  | 8.5x  | 7.3x  | >50   | 41.3x   | 31.8x  | >50   | >50   | >50   |
| ServiceNow, Inc.                  | 93,424     | 12.9x | 10.5x | 8.6x  | 40.9x | 33.9x   | 26.8x  | >50   | >50   | 41.4  |
| Workday, Inc. Class A             | 45,951     | 7.5x  | 6.4x  | 5.4x  | 29.4x | 24.2x   | 19.7x  | >50   | 40.7x | 32.7  |
| Software As A Service Average     |            | 8.3x  | 7.1x  | 6.0x  | 33.9x | 32.1x   | 29.0x  | 41.7x | 39.7x | 35.7> |
| Infrastructure Vendors            |            |       |       |       |       |         |        |       |       |       |
| Microsoft Corporation             | 1,849,184  | 9.1x  | 8.4x  | 7.4x  | 18.5x | 17.0x   | 14.7x  | 27.1x | 25.0x | 21.4  |
| Infrastructure Vendors Average    | 1,040,104  | 9.1x  | 8.4x  | 7.4x  | 18.5x | 17.0x   | 14.7x  | 27.1x | 25.0x | 21.4  |
|                                   |            |       |       |       |       |         |        |       |       |       |
| Software Average                  |            | 6.9x  | 6.1x  | 5.4x  | 23.5x | 23.1x   | 20.4x  | 26.1x | 25.5x | 25.0  |
| *Share Price Converted to USD     |            |       |       |       |       |         |        |       |       |       |

Source: FactSet and CIBC World Markets Inc.

#### Exhibit 5: Business Services Stocks – Comp Table, 2021 - 2023E

|   |             |                    | Price           | Dividend       | FCF             | Shares     | Market                | Net Debt            | Enterprise      | EV/EBIT          | F              | V/EBITD             | Δ             | 1              | P/E                   |                      |              | EV/S         |                     |
|---|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
|   | Ticker      | FactSet            | 2/1/2023        | Yield          | Yield           | Out        | Cap                   | (\$mlns.)           | Value (\$mlns.) | C21              | C22            | C23E                | C24E          | C22            | C23E                  | C24E                 | C22          | C23E         | C24E                |
| Business & IT Services                                      |             |                    |                 |                |                 |            |                       | 0 - 1               |                 |                  |                |                     |               |                |                       |                      |              |              |                     |
| CGI Inc. Class A  | GIB.A       | GIB.A-CA           | 118.93          | 0.00%          | 5.92%           | 238        | 28,330                | 2,500               | 30,830          | 12.5x            | 12.5x          | 11.0x               | 10.7x         | 19.0x          | 17.0x                 | 16.2x                | 2.3x         | 2.2x         | 2.1x                |
| TELUS International (CDA), Inc.                             | TIXT        | TIXT-US            | 23.87           | 0.00%          | 2.87%           | 266        | 6,351                 | 843                 | 7,194           | 13.3x            | 11.9x          | 10.5x               | 9.8x          | 20.2x          | 16.9x                 | 15.7x                | 2.9x         | 2.6x         | 2.4x                |
| Accenture Plc Class A                                       | CAN         | ACN-US             | 283.16          | 1.35%          | 4.85%           | 658        | 186,429               | (4,568)             | 181,861         | 18.9x            | 15.8x          | 14.9x               | 13.8x         | 25.8x          | 23.9x                 | 21.6x                | 2.9x         | 2.8x         | 2.6x                |
| Booz Allen Hamilton   | BAH         | BAH-US             | 94.755          | 1.75%          | 5.14%           | 132        | 12,534                | 2,404               | 14,937          | 16.7x            | 15.0x          | 14.1x               | 13.0x         | 21.4x          | 19.7x                 | 17.7x                | 1.7x         | 1.5x         | 1.4x                |
| CACI International Inc Class A                              | CACI        | CACI-US            | 305.395         | 0.00%          | 10.30%          | 24         | 7,179                 | 2,001               | 9,180           | 12.4x            | 13.7x          | 12.7x               | 11.9x         | 17.0x          | 16.1x                 | 14.6x                | 1.4x         | 1.4x         | 1.3x                |
| DXC Technology Co.  | DXC         | DXC-US             | 28.58           | 0.00%          | 23.73%          | 230        | 6,575                 | 3,496               | 10,071          | 5.0x             | 4.1x           | 4.1x                | 4.0x          | 8.2x           | 6.6x                  | 5.8x                 | 0.7x         | 0.7x         | 0.7x                |
| Genpact Limited   | G           | G-US               | 47.61           | 0.81%          | 6.98%           | 183        | 8,725                 | 1,101               | 9,826           | 15.2x            | 12.7x          | 11.4x               | 10.3x         | 17.4x          | 15.9x                 | 14.2x                | 2.3x         | 2.1x         | 1.9x                |
| International Business Machines                             | IBM         | IBM-US             | 134.52          | 4.68%          | 6.99%           | 904        | 121,623               | 45,172              | 166,795         | 12.4x            | 10.8x          | 11.1x               | 10.7x         | 14.7x          | 14.2x                 | 13.3x                | 2.8x         | 2.7x         | 2.6x                |
| Atos SE   | ATO         | ATO-FR             | 12.18           | 0.00%          | 6.29%           | 111        | 1,351                 | 1,771               | 3,122           | 3.0x             | 3.1x           | 2.9x                | 2.6x          | 13.8x          | 6.4x                  | 3.9x                 | 0.3x         | 0.3x         | 0.3x                |
| Capgemini SE  | CAP<br>SOP  | CAP-FR<br>SOP-Fr   | 176.8           | 1.11%          | 7.12%           | 174<br>21  | 30,689                | 5,353               | 36,042          | 12.5x            | 10.2x          | 9.7x                | 8.8x          | 16.3x          | 15.3x                 | 13.9x                | 1.6x<br>0.9x | 1.6x<br>0.8x | 1.5x                |
| Sopra Steria Group SA                                       |             |                    | 155.2<br>5.74   | 2.03%<br>0.00% | 12.73%<br>6.95% | 21<br>210  | 3,189<br><b>1.207</b> | 1,246<br><b>195</b> | 4,435           | 8.4x<br>14.9x    | 7.3x<br>10.1x  | 6.7x<br><b>7.6x</b> | 6.2x<br>6.8x  | 11.3x<br>36.1x | 10.2x<br><b>28.7x</b> | 9.3x<br><b>24.2x</b> | 0.9x<br>0.6x | 0.8x<br>0.5x | 0.8x<br><b>0.4x</b> |
| Converge Technology Solutions                               | CUIS        | CTS-CA             | 5./4            | 0.00%          | 6.95%           | 210        | 1,207                 | 195                 | 1,402           |                  |                |                     |               |                |                       |                      |              |              |                     |
| Business & IT Services Average                              |             |                    |                 |                |                 |            |                       |                     |                 | 11.8x            | 10.7x          | 9.9x                | 9.3x          | 16.8x          | 14.7x                 | 13.3x                | 1.8x         | 1.7x         | 1.6x                |
| HR Outsourcing  | _           |                    |                 |                |                 |            |                       |                     |                 | EV/EBIT          | E              | V/EBITD             | A             |                | P/E                   |                      |              | EV/S         |                     |
| Ceridian HCM Holding, Inc.                                  | CDAY        | CDAY-US            | 74.92           | 0.00%          | -0.13%          | 154        | 11,507                | 807                 | 12,315          | >50              | >50            | 41.4x               | 31.9x         | >50            | >50                   | >50                  | 10.0x        | 8.5x         | 7.3x                |
| Willis Towers Watson  | WTW         | WTW-US             | 253.245         | 1.27%          | 5.68%           | 108        | 27,411                | 769                 | 28,180          | 12.6x            | 12.2x          | 11.3x               | 10.3x         | 18.9x          | 16.7x                 | 14.4x                | 3.2x         | 3.1x         | 2.9x                |
| Aon Plc Class A   | AON         | AON-US             | 319.64          | 0.66%          | 2.83%           | 207        | 66,118                | 9,587               | 75,705          | 19.8x            | 18.8x          | 17.5x               | 16.4x         | 24.3x          | 21.8x                 | 19.6x                | 6.1x         | 5.7x         | 5.5x                |
| Automatic Data Processing, Inc.                             | ADP         | ADP-US             | 225.815         | 1.93%          | 3.08%           | 415        | 93,674                | 2,107               | 95,782          | 25.0x            | 20.8x          | 18.7x               | 17.1x         | 30.0x          | 26.7x                 | 24.0x                | 5.6x         | 5.2x         | 4.9x                |
| Paychex, Inc.   | PAYX        | PAYX-US            | 117.62          | 2.24%          | 3.21%           | 360        | 42,398                | (368)               | 42,030          | 25.4x            | 19.5x          | 18.1x               | 16.8x         | 29.1x          | 26.7x                 | 24.9x                | 8.7x         | 8.2x         | 7.7x                |
| HR Outsourcing Average                                      |             |                    |                 |                |                 |            |                       |                     |                 | 20.7x            | 17.8x          | 21.4x               | 18.5x         | 25.6x          | 23.0x                 | 20.7x                | 6.7x         | 6.1x         | 5.7x                |
|   |             |                    |                 |                |                 |            |                       |                     |                 |                  |                |                     |               |                |                       |                      | -            |              |                     |
| Information Services  |             |                    |                 |                |                 |            |                       |                     |                 | EV/EBIT          | F              | V/EBITD             | <u>۸</u>      |                | P/E                   |                      |              | EV/S         |                     |
| Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc.                        | BR          | BR-US              | 152.87          | 1.80%          | 2.29%           | 118        | 17.986                | 3,841               | 21.827          | 18.8x            | 16.6x          | 15.5x               | 14.8x         | 22.8x          | 21.2x                 | 19.5x                | 3.7x         | 3.5x         | 3.3x                |
| Dye & Durham Ltd.   | DND         | DND-CA             | 21.21           | 0.34%          | 6.85%           | 66         | 1,408                 | 932                 | 2,340           | 14.7x            | 14.7x          | 12.1x               | 10.4x         | 0.1x           | 0.1x                  | 0.1x                 | 4.8x         | 4.8x         | 4.2x                |
| Deluxe Corporation  | DLX         | DLX-US             | 19.88           | 3.74%          | 11.94%          | 43         | 858                   | 1,458               | 2,316           | 6.3x             | 5.6x           | 5.7x                | 5.2x          | 4.9x           | 5.0x                  | 3.9x                 | 1.0x         | 1.1x         | 1.0x                |
| Information Services Average                                |             |                    |                 |                |                 |            |                       | ,                   | ,               | 13.3x            | 12.3x          | 11.1x               | 10.1x         | 9.3x           | 8.8x                  | 7.8x                 | 3.2x         | 3.1x         | 2.8x                |
|   |             |                    |                 |                |                 |            |                       |                     |                 |                  |                |                     |               |                |                       |                      |              |              |                     |
| Financial Services Technology                               |             |                    |                 |                |                 |            |                       |                     |                 | EV/EBIT          |                | V/EBITD             |               |                | P/E                   |                      |              | EV/S         |                     |
| Fidelity National Information Service                       |             | FIS-US             | 77              | 1.43%          | 9.39%           | 593        | 45,690                | 18,867              | 64,557          | 10.6x            | 10.4x          | 10.0x               | 9.3x          | 11.6x          | 11.7x                 | 10.5x                | 4.5x         | 4.3x         | 4.1x                |
| Fiserv, Inc.  | FISV        | FISV-US            | 107.75          | 0.00%          | 4.13%           | 635        | 68,424                | 21,139              | 89,563          | 16.1x            | 12.4x          | 11.5x               | 10.5x         | 16.6x          | 14.8x                 | 13.0x                | 5.3x         | 5.0x         | 4.7x                |
| Jack Henry & Associates, Inc.                               | JKHY        | JKHY-US            | 181.19          | 1.06%          | 3.53%           | 73         | 13,218                | 176                 | 13,394          | 19.2x            | 21.1x          | 19.3x               | 17.5x         | 36.8x          | 34.9x                 | 31.5x                | 6.6x         | 6.2x         | 5.7x                |
| ACI Worldwide, Inc.   | ACIW        | ACIW-US            | 28.065          | 0.00%          | 6.00%           | 112        | 3,154                 | 1,011               | 4,165           | 11.3x            | 11.2x          | 10.5x               | 10.0x         | 20.7x          | 22.5x                 | 20.0x                | 3.0x         | 2.9x         | 2.8x                |
| Temenos AG<br>Global Payments Inc.                          | TEMN<br>GPN | TEMN-SWX<br>GPN-US | 64.86<br>115.68 | 0.79%<br>0.66% | 9.21%<br>6.73%  | 75<br>270  | 4,860<br>31,280       | 821<br>10,509       | 5,681<br>41,789 | 10.4x            | 15.8x<br>10.7x | 14.9x<br>10.1x      | 12.6x<br>9.2x | 23.3x<br>12.4x | 21.5x<br>11.2x        | 18.0x<br>9.8x        | 6.0x<br>5.2x | 5.6x<br>4.9x | 5.1x<br>4.6x        |
| Financial Services Technology A                             |             | GPN-05             | 115.06          | 0.00%          | 0.73%           | 270        | 31,260                | 10,509              | 41,769          | 11.4x<br>13.2x   | 13.6x          | 12.7x               | 9.2x<br>11.5x | 20.2x          | 19.4x                 | 9.8x                 | 5.2x<br>5.1x | 4.9x         | 4.6x                |
| Financial Services Technology A                             | werage      |                    |                 |                |                 |            |                       |                     |                 | 13.28            | 13.0X          | 12.7 X              | 11.5X         | 20.2X          | 15.4x                 | 17.18                | 5.1X         | 4.0X         | 4.5X                |
| Diversified Real Estate Services                            | _           |                    |                 |                |                 |            |                       |                     |                 | EV/EBIT          | E              | V/EBITD             | A             |                | P/E                   |                      |              | EV/S         |                     |
| Colliers International Group Inc.                           | CIGI        | CIGI-US            | 107.85          | 0.14%          | 3.81%           | 43         | 4,629                 | 849                 | 5,478           | 10.0x            | 8.7x           | 8.2x                | 7.7x          | 15.3x          | 15.1x                 | 14.0x                | 1.2x         | 1.2x         | 1.1x                |
| CBRE Group, Inc. Class A                                    | CBRE        | CBRE-US            | 85.03           | 0.00%          | 8.08%           | 316        | 26,865                | 1,769               | 28,634          | 13.4x            | 10.1x          | 10.7x               | 9.4x          | 15.4x          | 16.3x                 | 13.9x                | 0.9x         | 0.9x         | 0.8x                |
| Jones Lang LaSalle Incorporated                             | JLL         | JLL-US             | 178.7           | 0.00%          | 9.36%           | 47         | 8,482                 | 1,873               | 10,355          | 7.1x             | 8.2x           | 8.8x                | 7.8x          | 11.5x          | 12.1x                 | 10.2x                | 0.5x         | 0.5x         | 0.5x                |
| Diversified Real Estate Services                            | Average     |                    |                 |                |                 |            |                       |                     |                 | 10.2x            | 9.0x           | 9.2x                | 8.3x          | 14.1x          | 14.5x                 | 12.7x                | 0.9x         | 0.9x         | 0.8x                |
|   | ADe         |                    |                 |                |                 |            |                       |                     |                 | EV/EDIT          |                |                     |               | 1              | D/F                   |                      |              | EV/S**       |                     |
| Software Focused IT Solutions/V                             |             | SFTC-CA            | 42.64           | 1.19%          | 6.40%           | 59         | 770                   | 86                  | 856             | EV/EBIT<br>35.1x | 10.5x          | EV/EBITD            | A<br>8.3x     | 24.0.          | P/E                   | 45.4.                | 0.7.         | 2.5x         | 2.3x                |
| Softchoice Corporation* USD                                 | SFTC        |                    | 13.14           |                |                 |            |                       |                     |                 |                  |                | 9.2x                |               | 21.0x          | 16.0x                 | 15.1x                | 2.7x         |              |                     |
| Softcat Plc*  | SCT         | SCT-GB             | 12.21           | 1.71%          | 3.36%           | 199        | 2,435                 | (91)                | 2,345           | 13.9x            | 14.0x          | 12.9x               | 11.8x         | 18.8x          | 18.0x                 | 16.9x                | 5.9x         | 5.2x         | 4.7x                |
| Crayon Group Holding ASA*                                   | BYIT        | N CRAYN-OSL        | 98.4            | 0.00%          | -1.17%          | 89         | 8,797<br>934          | 1,094               | 9,891           | >50              | >50            | >50                 | >50           | >50            | >50                   | >50                  | 23.2x        | 19.9x<br>NA  | 17.3x               |
| Bytes Technology Group Plc*                                 | BYIT        | BYIT-GB<br>SWON-CH | 3.902           | 1.35%          | 5.38%<br>6.26%  | 239<br>159 | 2.342                 | (66)                | 869             | 17.9x<br>11.0x   | 13.2x<br>6.8x  | 11.6x<br>6.2x       | 10.4x<br>5.5x | 18.1x<br>16.2x | 17.0x<br>14.4x        | 15.2x<br>12.1x       | NA<br>1.7x   | NA<br>1.5x   | NA<br>1.4x          |
| SoftwareONE Holding Ltd.*<br>Bytes Technology Group Plc* Av |             | SWUN-CH            | 14.77           | 1.67%          | 6.26%           | 159        | 2,342                 | (520)               | 1,822           | 11.0x<br>19.5x   | 6.8x           | 6.2x<br>10.0x       | 9.0x          | 16.2x<br>18.5x | 14.4x<br>16.3x        | 12.1x<br>14.8x       | 1./x<br>8.4x | 1.5x<br>7.3x | 1.4x<br>6.4x        |
|   |             |                    |                 |                |                 |            |                       |                     |                 |                  |                |                     |               |                |                       |                      |              |              |                     |
| Business Services Average                                   |             |                    |                 |                |                 |            |                       |                     |                 | 14.2x            | 12.2x          | 12.3x               | 11.1x         | 17.8x          | 16.3x                 | 14.6x                | 4.0x         | 3.7x         | 3.4x                |

\*Share Price Converted to USD \*\*Software Focused IT Solutions/VARs uses EV/GP metric.

Source: Company reports, FactSet and CIBC World Markets Inc.

#### Exhibit 6: SaaS Stocks – Comp Table, 2021 - 2024E

|                               | LTM Revenue | LTM FCF | NTM Revenue | NTM FCF | LTM Rule | NTM Rule | Enterprise   | EV/S  |       | EV/S  |      |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|----------|----------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|------|
|                               | Growth      | Margin  | Growth      | Margin  | Of 40    | Of 40    | Value (\$MM) | C21   | C22   | C23E  | C24E |
| Tier 1 SaaS (Rule of 40 > 60) | )           |         |             |         |          |          |              |       |       |       |      |
| Zoom Video Communications     | 11%         | 28%     | 4%          | 27%     | 39%      | 30%      | 16,600       | 6.3x  | 3.8x  | 3.6x  | 3.4x |
| CrowdStrike Holdings, Inc.    | 58%         | 30%     | 36%         | 29%     | 88%      | 65%      | 23,601       | 27.0x | 10.9x | 8.1x  | 6.3x |
| Shopify, Inc.                 | 25%         | -4%     | 21%         | -10%    | 21%      | 11%      | 46,735       | 10.1x | 8.5x  | 7.1x  | 5.6x |
| Zscaler, Inc.                 | 60%         | 23%     | 34%         | 21%     | 82%      | 55%      | 17,220       | 25.6x | 13.5x | 10.1x | 7.9x |
| Lightspeed Commerce Inc*      | 72%         | -18%    | 25%         | -4%     | 53%      | 21%      | 1,818        | 8.2x  | 2.6x  | 2.1x  | 1.6x |
| DocuSign, Inc.                | 25%         | 18%     | 8%          | 18%     | 42%      | 26%      | 12,272       | 8.4x  | 5.0x  | 4.6x  | 4.2x |
| Veeva Systems Inc             | 18%         | 38%     | 13%         | 36%     | 56%      | 48%      | 24,231       | 16.5x | 11.4x | 10.2x | 8.7x |
| Atlassian Corp. Plc           | 34%         | 26%     | 22%         | 21%     | 59%      | 43%      | 41,153       | 19.7x | 13.1x | 10.6x | 8.3x |
| Twilio, Inc.                  | 43%         | -7%     | 17%         | -3%     | 36%      | 14%      | 6,958        | 2.4x  | 1.8x  | 1.6x  | 1.3x |
| ServiceNow, Inc.              | 25%         | 27%     | 21%         | 30%     | 53%      | 50%      | 90,338       | 15.3x | 12.5x | 10.2x | 8.4x |
| HubSpot, Inc.                 | 38%         | 16%     | 19%         | 11%     | 53%      | 31%      | 16,371       | 12.6x | 9.6x  | 8.0x  | 6.5x |
| Tier 1 SaaS (Rule of 40 > 60) | Average     |         |             |         |          |          |              | 13.8x | 8.4x  | 6.9x  | 5.7x |

|                                   | LTM Revenue        | LTM FCF           | NTM Revenue      | NTM FCF           | LTM Rule          | NTM Rule          | Enterprise            | EV/S                 |                      | EV/S                 |                      |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                                   | Growth             | Margin            | Growth           | Margin            | Of 40             | Of 40             | Value (\$MM)          | C21                  | C22                  | C23E                 | C24E                 |
| Tier 2 SaaS (Rule of 40 b         | o/w 40-60)         |                   |                  |                   |                   |                   |                       |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Docebo, Inc.*                     | 46%                | 0%                | 29%              | -4%               | 46%               | 25%               | 1,045                 | 10.0x                | 7.3x                 | 5.5x                 | 4.1x                 |
| Qualys, Inc.<br>Descartes Systems | 18%<br><b>17%</b>  | 38%<br><b>37%</b> | 17%<br><b>8%</b> | 35%<br><b>38%</b> | 56%<br><b>54%</b> | 52%<br><b>46%</b> | 4,026<br><b>5,964</b> | 9.8x<br><b>14.0x</b> | 8.2x<br><b>12.3x</b> | 7.1x<br><b>11.2x</b> | 6.3x<br><b>10.1x</b> |
| Five9, Inc.                       | 32%                | 1%                | 16%              | 7%                | 33%               | 22%               | 5,910                 | 9.7x                 | 7.6x                 | 6.6x                 | 5.5x                 |
| Dropbox, Inc.                     | 9%                 | 34%               | 6%               | 34%               | 43%               | 39%               | 9,077                 | 4.2x                 | 3.9x                 | 3.7x                 | 3.5x                 |
| Wix.com Ltd.                      | 12%                | -1%               | 8%               | 4%                | 10%               | 12%               | 4,821                 | 3.8x                 | 3.5x                 | 3.2x                 | 2.8x                 |
| Workday, Inc.                     | 21%                | 21%               | 17%              | 21%               | 42%               | 38%               | 45,080                | 10.5x                | 7.4x                 | 6.3x                 | 5.3x                 |
| VMware, Inc.                      | 4%                 | 25%               | 5%               | 30%               | 30%               | 35%               | 62,217                | 5.3x                 | 4.7x                 | 4.4x                 | 4.1x                 |
| Tier 2 SaaS (Rule of 40 b         | y/w 40-60) Average |                   |                  |                   |                   |                   |                       | 8.4x                 | 6.9x                 | 6.0x                 | 5.2x                 |

|                             | LTM Revenue      | LTM FCF | NTM Revenue | NTM FCF | LTM Rule | NTM Rule | Enterprise   | EV/S  |       | EV/S |      |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------|-------------|---------|----------|----------|--------------|-------|-------|------|------|
|                             | Growth           | Margin  | Growth      | Margin  | Of 40    | Of 40    | Value (\$MM) | C21   | C22   | C23E | C24E |
| Tier 3 SaaS (Rule of 40 b/w | / 28-40)         |         |             |         |          |          |              |       |       |      |      |
| BlackLine, Inc.             | 23%              | 9%      | 18%         | 4%      | 32%      | 22%      | 4,227        | 9.9x  | 8.1x  | 6.9x | 5.8x |
| MongoDB, Inc.               | 53%              | -1%     | 26%         | 3%      | 51%      | 28%      | 14,253       | 24.1x | 11.6x | 9.1x | 7.2x |
| LivePerson, Inc.            | 15%              | -30%    | 4%          | -4%     | -15%     | 0%       | 1,034        | 2.2x  | 2.0x  | 1.9x | 1.7x |
| Rapid7 Inc.                 | 31%              | 4%      | 17%         | 10%     | 35%      | 27%      | 3,051        | 5.7x  | 4.5x  | 3.8x | 3.3x |
| Paylocity Holding Corp.     | 36%              | 17%     | 28%         | 16%     | 53%      | 44%      | 11,534       | 18.1x | 11.7x | 9.2x | 7.7x |
| Q2 Holdings, Inc.           | 16%              | 3%      | 13%         | 1%      | 19%      | 15%      | 2,073        | 4.2x  | 3.6x  | 3.2x | 2.8x |
| Akamai Technologies, Inc.   | 6%               | 24%     | 3%          | 22%     | 30%      | 25%      | 15,767       | 4.6x  | 4.4x  | 4.2x | 3.9x |
| Tier 3 SaaS (Rule of 40 b/w | / 28-40) Average |         |             |         |          |          |              | 9.8x  | 6.6x  | 5.5x | 4.6x |

|                           | LTM Revenue  | LTM FCF | NTM Revenue | NTM FCF | LTM Rule | NTM Rule | Enterprise   | EV/S  |      | EV/S |      |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------|-------------|---------|----------|----------|--------------|-------|------|------|------|
|                           | Growth       | Margin  | Growth      | Margin  | Of 40    | Of 40    | Value (\$MM) | C21   | C22  | C23E | C24E |
| Tier 4 SaaS (Rule of 40 < | <28)         |         |             |         |          |          |              |       |      |      |      |
| RingCentral, Inc.         | 29%          | 7%      | 17%         | 10%     | 36%      | 28%      | 4,924        | 3.1x  | 2.5x | 2.1x | 1.8x |
| Teradata Corporation      | -6%          | 20%     | -1%         | 24%     | 14%      | 23%      | 3,531        | 1.8x  | 2.0x | 2.0x | 1.9x |
| Zuora, Inc.               | 14%          | 3%      | 9%          | 0%      | 17%      | 9%       | 902          | 3.0x  | 2.3x | 2.1x | 1.8x |
| New Relic, Inc.           | 19%          | 3%      | 15%         | 2%      | 22%      | 17%      | 3,902        | 5.8x  | 4.4x | 3.8x | 3.3x |
| Kinaxis, Inc.*            | 44%          | 3%      | 19%         | 10%     | 46%      | 29%      | 3,054        | 12.2x | 8.3x | 7.5x | 6.3x |
| Yext, Inc.                | 5%           | 4%      | 3%          | -1%     | 8%       | 2%       | 720          | 2.0x  | 1.8x | 1.7x | 1.6x |
| Splunk Inc.               | 31%          | 9%      | 17%         | 18%     | 40%      | 35%      | 17,370       | 7.8x  | 5.1x | 4.4x | 3.7x |
| Tier 4 SaaS (Rule of 40 < | <28) Average |         |             |         |          |          |              | 5.1x  | 3.8x | 3.4x | 2.9x |
| Tier 4 SaaS (Rule of 40 < | <28) Average |         |             |         |          |          |              | 5.1x  | 3.8x | 3.4x |      |
| SaaS Average              |              |         |             |         |          |          |              | 9.8x  | 6.7x | 5.6x | 4.7  |

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| Outperformer               | 151   | 50%                  | Outperformer               | 151   | 100%    |
| Neutral                    | 133   | 44%                  | Neutral                    | 132   | 99%     |
| Underperformer             | 7     | 2%                   | Underperformer             | 6     | 86%     |
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