Sector Spotlight:
HCM
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### Market Trends



Generative Artificial Intelligence (**GenAI**), including chatbots and automation solutions, has the potential **to increase productivity by up to 30% across the HR value chain** in the near term

**Compliance** with the evolving and **growing complexity of contemporary labour laws** increases the need for efficient, reliable, and data-driven HR solutions





**Growing adoption of cloud-based HR solutions** among existing organisations fuels the industry demand

With companies adopting multiple technologies simultaneously, **data inconsistency** emerges as the **primary challenge** to market growth





HCM Software **evolves from personnel management to a crossfunctional business partner**, integrating talent management, employee experience, productivity, and service delivery

Most CIOs intend to maintain or increase essential HR-related spending, demonstrating HCM market's resilience compared to other enterprise software verticals, even in uncertain times



## Recent Notable Transactions

Target	Buyer	Date	Target Subsector	Buyer Subsector	Deal Value (\$m)
HiredScore	workday.	26-Feb-24	Worforce data and intelligence	Integrated HCM software	n.d.
VEDA	INVESTCORP	02-Jan-24	HR & Payroll software	Private Equity	n.d.
blue	.IRIS	21-Nov-23	Recruitment software	Software conglomerate	n.d.
aconso	KEENSIGHT CAPITAL	27-Sep-23	HR document management	Private Equity	n.d.
💈 symfonia	AKKR	11-Sep-23	ERP & Payroll software	Private Equity	108
Replicon	Deltek.	21-Aug-23	Timesheet software	ERP	335
rsora	æ	03-Aug-23	Employee onboarding	Integrated HCM software	n.d.
immedis	ÜKG	01-Jul-23	Payroll software	Integrated HCM software	597
Reward Gateway	Edenred	16-May-23	Employee engagement	Services and payments platform	1,437
HRWORKS	MAGUAR	08-May-23	Integrated HCM software	Private Equity	253
Modern Hire	Hire <b>≮</b> √ue	03-May-23	Hiring platform	Hiring platform	375
BHRdownloads	The Citation Group	24-Apr-23	HR management platform	Compliance and quality services	n.d.
<b>W</b> work <b>vivo</b>	zoom	21-Apr-23	Employee communication	Employee communication	222
人に真価を。 WHI Holdings	₩GIC	31-Mar-23	HR & Payroll software	Sovereign wealth fund	2,600

Note: HCM includes applications used for recruiting, applicant tracking, applicant screening, performance management, benefits administration, employee engagement, and employee analytic; Source: Pitchbook

Deal Volume



# **HCM Deal Activity**

#### M&A & Buyouts over the last 5 years



#### VC & Growth Equity over the last 5 years



## Most Active Buyers



1996 **Foundation** 

\$2.4bn Revenue TTM Sep-23

Oslo, Norway HQ

15,000+ employees

Recent acquisitions (2)







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1987 Foundation

\$868m Revenue TTM Dec-21

**Austin, USA** HQ

1400+ employees

Recent acquisitions (2)





2010 Foundation \$135m Revenue TTM Dec-22

Aix En Provence. France HQ

500+ employees

Recent acquisitions (2)

Deal Value (\$bn) (1)

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1978 **Foundation** 

c.\$400m Revenue TTM Apr-23

London, UK HQ

2.100+ employees

Recent acquisitions (2)



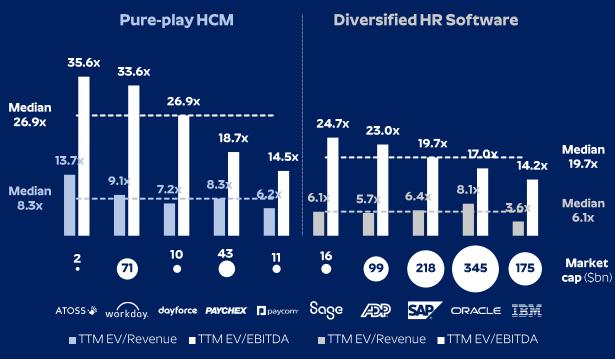






# Public Comps

#### **Valuation Multiples**



#### **Recent CEO Commentary**



"I think AI is as important and maybe as disruptive as the cloud was"

- Aneel Bhusri, Co-Founder & Co-CEO

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"Applications like ChatGPT give us a foretaste of the sheer unimagined possibilities of artificial intelligence. In this new world, it is imperative for every company to tackle the digitalization of all processes." – Andreas Obereder, CEO

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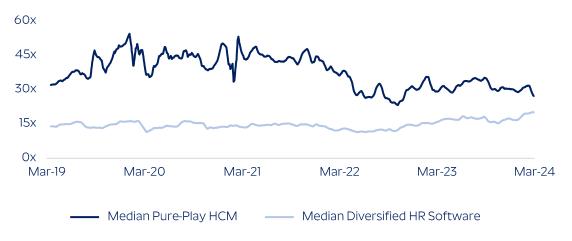
"At the end of the day, if you have garbage data, you're not going to get what you want." – David Lloyd, Chief Data Officer

## Sector Valuations Over Time

#### TTM EV/Revenue over the last 5 years



#### TTM EV/EBITDA over the last 5 years





#### Leadership



Chris Sahota Founder & CEO

13+ years of leading Ciesco

20+ years of corporate leadership



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>£7bn deal value executed



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