Industry Highlights

- On February 13, 2022, Lockheed Martin announced that it had terminated its agreement to acquire Aerojet Rocketdyne. The decision to terminate the agreement follows the U.S. FTC lawsuit seeking to block the acquisition. In September of 2021, Lockheed Martin invested in orbital refueling startup Orbit Fab. Orbit Fab was recently awarded a $12 million deal to ensure its fuel interface works with U.S. military satellites. The funding includes $6 million from the U.S. Air Force and Space Force and $6 million from private investors.

- On December 13, 2021, Rocket Lab announced that it acquired solar power system manufacturer SolAero Holdings for ~$80 million. The acquisition is Rocket Lab’s 4th acquisition following its SPAC merger. In 2021, Rocket Lab acquired Planetary Systems Corporation, which makes satellites systems, and Advanced Solutions, Inc., a flight software, software, and guidance systems company.

- On November 8, 2021, Mercury Systems, Inc. completed the acquisition of Avalex Technologies, a manufacturer and supplier of aerial surveillance mapping systems. The acquisition will enable Mercury to address the growing demand for digitally converged solutions in the C4I and platform/mission management markets.


- On October 28, 2021, CAE and Sabre Corporation announced an agreement for CAE to acquire Sabre’s AirCentre airline operations portfolio (AirCentre) for approximately €1.7 billion. AirCentre is a suite of flight and crew management and optimization solutions. The acquisition will further expand CAE’s reach across its broad customer base beyond pilot training and establish the company as a technology leader in the growing marketplace for industry-leading, digitally enabled flight and crew operations solutions.


- On September 27, 2021, Rolls-Royce announced that it signed a definitive agreement to sell 100% of ITP Aero to Bain Capital Private Equity for approximately €1.7 billion. ITP Aero provides gas turbine engines used in aerospace (both fixed-wing and rotary-wing), naval, energy generation, and other industrial applications.

- On July 26, 2021, VSE Corp. completed the acquisition of Global Parts Group, Inc. for ~$40 million. Global Parts, a manufacturer and distributor of other industrial applications.

Relative Stock Price Returns

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Quarterly Growth in LTM Revenue

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Notable M&A Deals

- On August 16, 2021, Cobham Limited reached agreement on the terms and conditions of a recommended all cash acquisition of Ultra Electronics Holdings for ~$3.56 billion (~£2.6 billion). Cobham Limited announced that it would acquire a “golden share” in Ultra, which would allow it to block the sale of the firm’s assets to protect national security.

- On September 21, 2021, Parker Hannifin Corporation agreed to acquire 100% of Meggitt PLC stock for 800 pence per share, which, together with assumed net debt and pension liabilities, amounts to nearly $10 billion. Parker Hannifin Corporation agreed to acquire 100% of Meggitt PLC stock for 800 pence per share, which, together with assumed net debt and pension liabilities, amounts to nearly $10 billion. Meggitt is a global provider of engineered aerospace solutions, enabling the combined company to advance next-generation civil and military aerospace programs, invest in R&D to develop innovative and sustainable technologies.

- On November 8, 2021, Viasat Inc. announced that it had agreed to acquire Inmarsat Group Holdings, a mobile satellite communications provider. The transaction is valued at ~$7.3 billion, comprised of cash, stock, and assumed debt. Viasat and Inmarsat said the combination would bring about new services in fixed and mobile segments, including broadband and narrowband, IoT services.

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