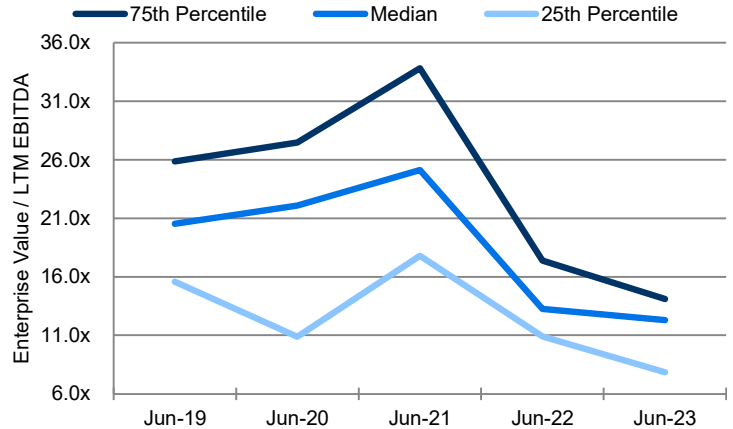


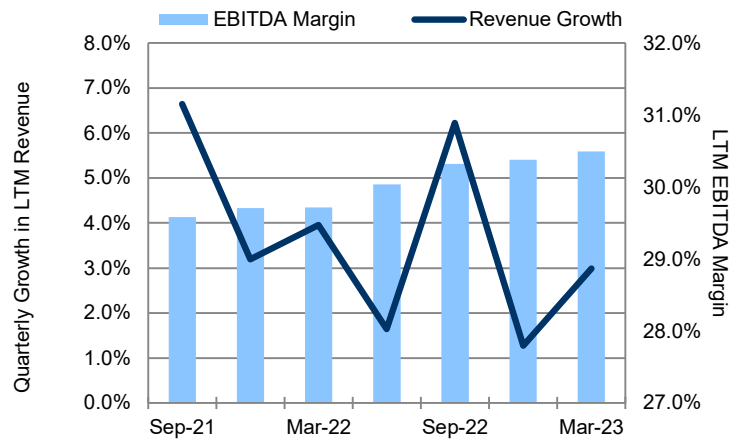
M&A Activity

- M&A activity has recently come under considerable pressure as market participants navigate inflationary pressures, rising interest rates and continued geopolitical tension. 2021's abundant liquidity and record setting activity is firmly in the rear view. Despite this, 2023 M&A activity is poised for a modest bounce back as equity markets and EBITDA multiples have come down to more attractive levels for buyers. Boosting growth, restructuring business models, digital transformation and geographic expansion are expected to be top priorities for deal makers as they navigate the remainder of 2023.
- Despite equities generally underperforming the broader market, online payment developers and service providers are expected to benefit from a rise in e-commerce and consumer spending habits. The integration of digital currencies is both a threat and opportunity for existing providers as they navigate integration and potential services.

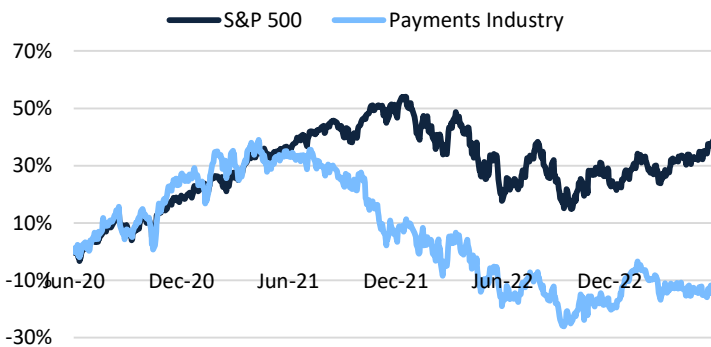
Trend in Industry EBITDA Multiples¹



Trends in Revenue Growth and EBITDA Margins¹

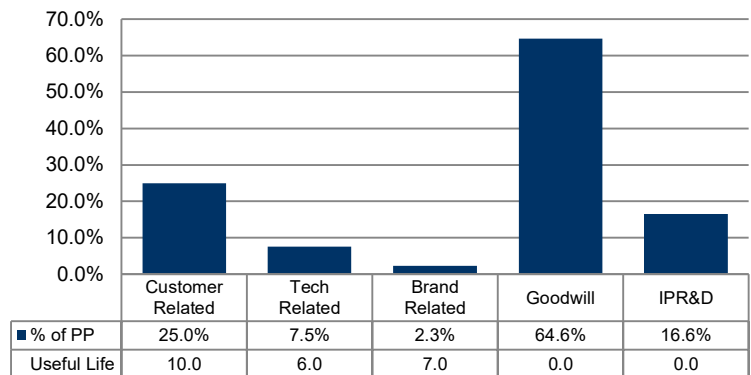


Relative Stock Price Returns²



¹ Calculated using aggregated data for FIS, SQ, PYPL, FDC, TSS, GPN, ACIW, CASS, EVTC, QIWI, EFT, WEX, WP, FISV.
² Digital Payments Industry is a custom, equal-weighted index constructed with the aforementioned companies.

Purchase Price Allocation (PPA) % from Recent Transactions



Notable M&A Deals



On March 28, 2023, Worldline, a global leader in payment services, completed the \$99 million acquisition of Banco Desio's merchant acquiring activities and the set-up of a commercial partnership aiming to leverage Banco Desio's banking network in order to distribute Worldline's payment products and services to customers in Italy.



On March 20, 2023, Mastercard acquired cloud-based cybersecurity company Baffin Bay Networks to better help businesses deal with the increasingly challenging nature of cyberattacks. Baffin Bay Networks, based in Sweden, adds to Mastercard's multi-layered approach to cybersecurity and helps to stop attacks, while mitigating exposure to risk across the ecosystem.