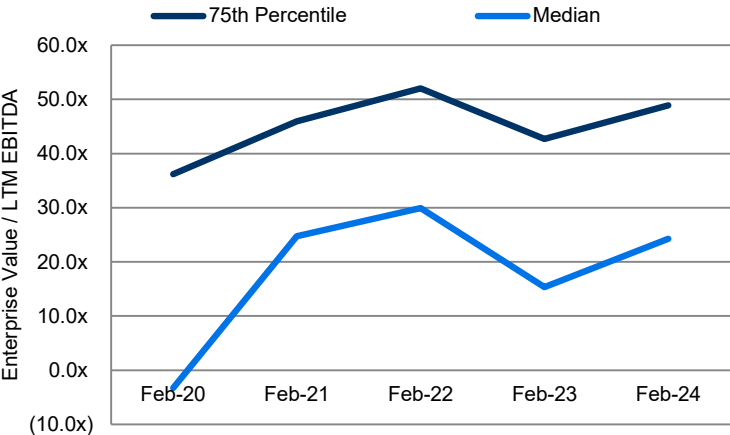


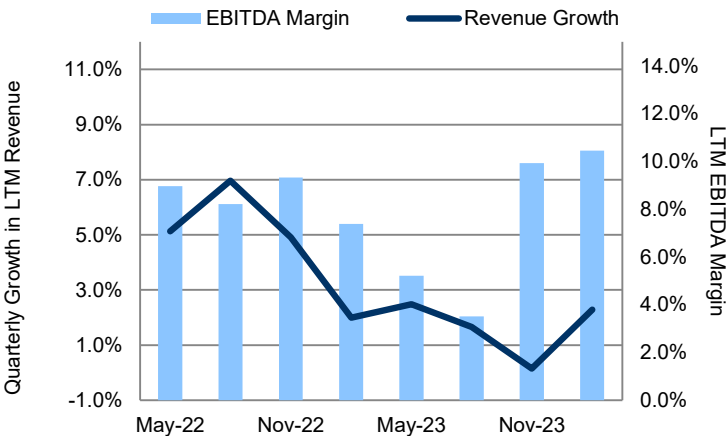
M&A Activity

- Putting 2023's slow second half in the rear-view, early indicators for 2024 deal activity are somewhat positive, particularly in the US market. Inflation is easing and rate cuts are expected, which offers some potential relief to the broader deal environment. M&A activity is expected to increase in 2024, broadly speaking, with motivating factors such as industry consolidation, digital transformation, AI, and private debt financing. Regulatory environments are seen as being the main obstacle, particularly in advanced economies, with antitrust figuring prominently as well as consideration for ESG compliance.

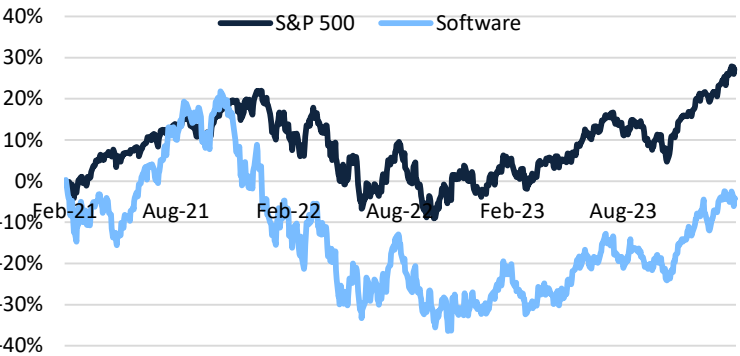
Trend in Industry EBITDA Multiples<sup>1</sup>



Trends in Revenue Growth and EBITDA Margins<sup>1</sup>



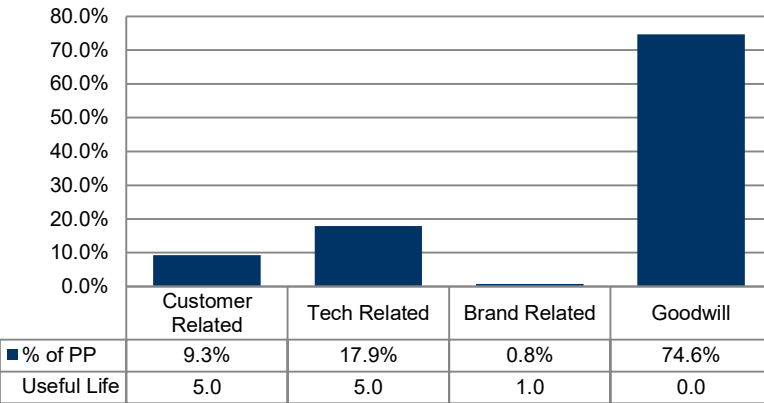
Relative Stock Price Returns<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Calculated using OTEX, TSX:CSU, WDAY, CTXS, SPLK, COUP, SNPS, PAYC, TSX:LSPD, DOCU, TEAM, ADSK, ZM, DBX, NOW, ZEN, BOX, DDOG

<sup>2</sup> Software Industry is a custom, equal-weighted index constructed with the aforementioned companies.

Purchase Price Allocation (PPA) % from Recent Transactions



Notable M&A Deals



On January 16, 2024, Synopsys and Ansys announced that they have entered into a definitive agreement under which Synopsys will acquire Ansys. Under the terms of the agreement, Ansys shareholders will receive \$197.00 in cash and 0.3450 shares of Synopsys common stock for each Ansys share, representing an enterprise value of approximately \$35 billion based on the closing price of Synopsys common stock.



On November 28, 2023, Rocket Software, Inc., a global technology leader driving modernization for the world's largest companies, announced that it signed a definitive agreement to acquire the Application Modernization and Connectivity business of OpenText, which was formerly part of Micro Focus. The total purchase price is approximately \$2.3 billion.