

## MRO and Aftermarket M&A Industry Update

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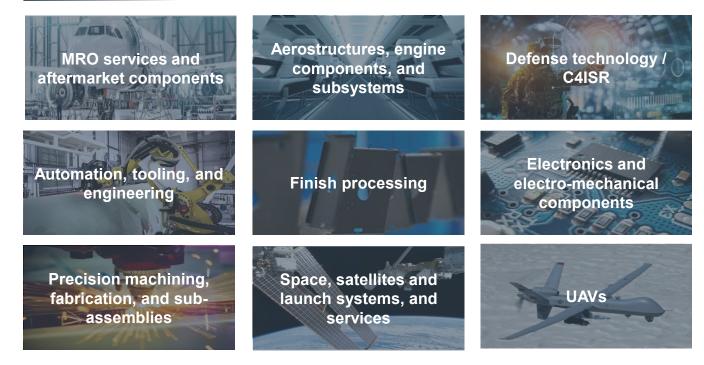
#### **Overview**

Meridian Capital's Aerospace, Defense & Space team has extensive experience within the sector having completed 25+ transactions in the industry.

The coverage team possesses deep industry relationships with leading acquirers in the space and is up-to-date on the latest sector trends and considerations.

Meridian Capital is pleased to present its **Winter 2025 MRO and Aftermarket M&A Industry Update.** 

#### **Sub-Sector Coverage**



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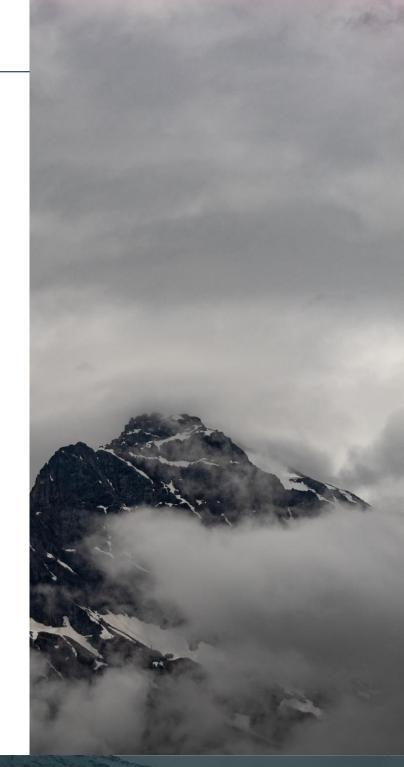
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## Meridian – Select AD&S Transaction Experience





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## MRO AND AFTERMARKET M&A UPDATE



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## **MRO and Aftermarket Industry Trends**

#### **Increasing Air Travel Driving Industry Demand**

Global commercial air travel surpassed historic levels, with 4.9 billion travelers in 2024 compared with 4.5 billion in 2019<sup>1</sup>. Following a recovery phase, the worldwide commercial aviation fleet is expected to grow 28% over the next 10 years, underscoring the demand growth for aircraft and related services<sup>2</sup>.

#### Aging Aircraft Fleet

The average age of the global fleet has increased from 14 to 16 years old from 2019 to 2024 as airlines have been forced to operate older aircraft to meet increasing travel demand in light of slower new aircraft deliveries<sup>3,4</sup>. This aging trend amplifies the need for aftermarket parts and services, as older aircraft undergo more frequent and intensive maintenance and repairs, creating opportunities for aftermarket providers to meet growing demand.

#### **Component Availability and Labor Challenges**

As demand for MRO services continues to increase, the industry is facing a shortage of skilled technicians. This highly technical workforce is critical to ensuring aircraft safety and timely return-to-service. Further, supply chain challenges and increased demand for aftermarket components has led to increased prices and limited availability – this dynamic has created meaningful opportunity for PMA and DER providers.

#### **Recurring Revenue and High Barriers to Entry Create Attractive Dynamics for Investment**

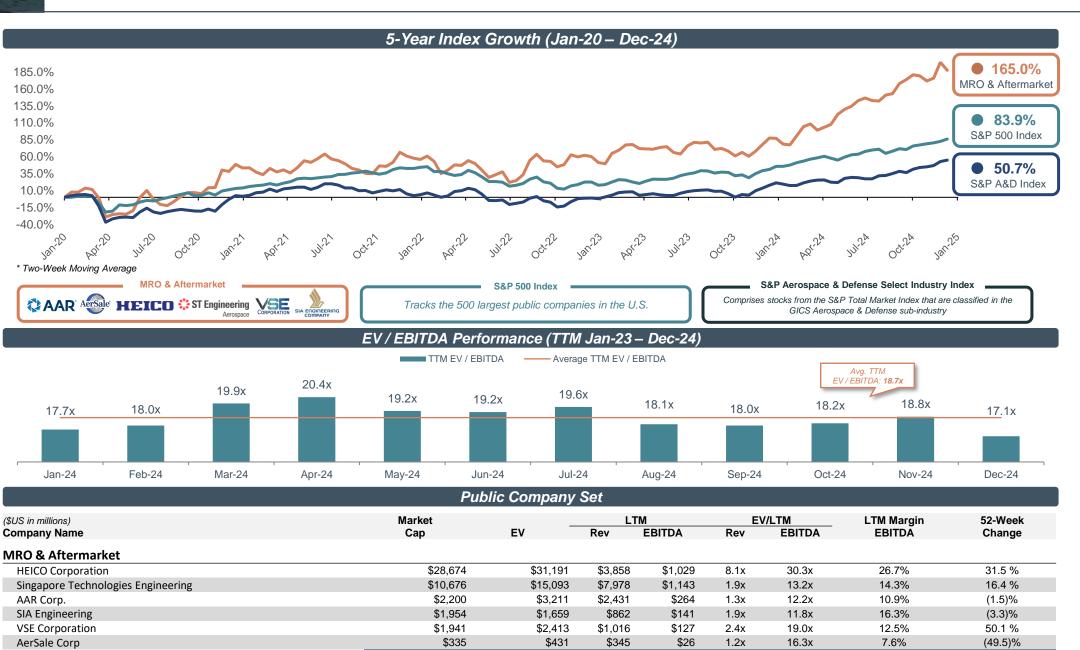
Due to the ongoing MRO cycles of aircraft, and replacement cycles of components, companies operating in the aftermarket are well-positioned to benefit from recurring revenue streams providing predictability and steady financial performance. Companies that have developed aftermarket components are able to obtain PMAs and STCs for their products, creating high barriers of entry for competitors by undertaking meaningful R&D investments and establishing intellectual property. As a result, these providers often have the ability to exhibit pricing power with strong margin opportunities.

#### Active M&A Environment Across MRO Services and Components

Private equity and strategic investors have remained active across the aerospace aftermarket. Fueled by strong underlying growth fundamentals and attractive business characteristics for investment, Meridian expects continued consolidation in the space.

Sources: <sup>1</sup>Statista, <sup>2</sup>Oliver Wyman, <sup>3</sup>International Air Transport Association, <sup>4</sup>Reuters, and <sup>5</sup>Meridian Research

## **Public Market Performance**



\$2,812

\$9,000

Median

Mean

\$1,724

\$2,748

\$202

\$455

1.9x

2.8x

14.8x

17.1x

Source: Pitchbook as of 12/31/2024; Meridian Research

7.4%

7.3%

13.4%

14.7%



## Select Recent M&A Activity – Transaction Profiles







#### **Target Description**

Kellstrom Aerospace is a distributor of engines, aircraft, and spare parts for commercial aerospace engine aftermarkets. The Company offers comprehensive aftermarket support including buying, refurbishing, leasing and trading, as well as inventory management services.

#### **Target Overview**

31	Founded:	1971
$\bigcirc$	Location:	Davie, FL
\$	EV:	\$200M
\$	EV/EBITDA:	10.0x

#### **Investment Rationale**

The acquisition of Kellstrom Aerospace strengthens VSE Corporation's position within the commercial aviation aftermarket by reinforcing an OEM-focused strategy, expanding VSE's aftermarket product and capability offerings, and broadening their growing global footprint.





#### Target Description

Aero Instruments & Avionics is a provider of maintenance services intended for commercial, military, and regional aircraft platforms. The Company specializes in complex components across fuel, hydraulic, pneumatic, and avionic systems.

**Target Overview** 

**31** Founded:

Location:

**Investment Rationale** 

The acquisition of Aero Instruments & Avionics enables Aero Accessories to expand its wallet share of existing customers while also strengthening synergistic repair and maintenance capabilities to further penetrate the addressable market.

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#### TURBINEAERO Target Description

TurbineAero specializes in providing APU maintenance, repair, and overhaul services to military, commercial, and OEMs. The Company also offers auxiliary components and services including specialized testing and coating processes for aeroengine components.

#### **Target Overview**

Founded: 1977
 Location: Chandler, AZ

#### **Investment Rationale**

The acquisition of TurbineAero is Snow Peak Capital's first portfolio investment within the aerospace industry. Snow Peak aims to leverage TurbineAero's marquee customer base, industry relationships, and reputation to further its influence and service reach within various markets worldwide.



#### Target Description

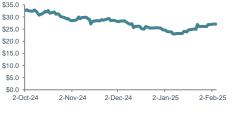
StandardAero Inc is a provider of aftermarket services for fixed and rotary wing aircraft gas turbine engines and APUs to the commercial, business, and military aircraft markets. The Company primarily serves within two segments: Engine Services and Component Repair Services.

#### **Target Overview**

31	Founded:	1911
0	Location:	Scottsdale, AZ
\$  2	Ticker:	SARO
Ø	Total Raise:	\$1.7B

#### **Stock Price Performance**

Since IPO on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024 @ \$31.0



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#### **Target Description**

Turbine Controls provides aftermarket maintenance, repair, and overhaul support. The Company caters to complex aircraft engine components of commercial and military applications.

#### **Target Overview**

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31 Founded: 1979 Bloomfield, CT Location: EV: \$120M

#### Investment Rationale

VSE's acquisition of Turbine Controls helps to expand the Company's OEM-authorized repair capabilities. Turbine Controls further enables VSE to capture new market opportunities through the addition of specialized service capabilities to cater to a more niche segment of the market.



Segers Aerospace provides essential

services on mission-critical platforms.

The Company offers a comprehensive

propeller services for global operators

maintenance, repair, and overhaul

suite of engine, accessory, and

of the C-130 and similar aircraft.

**Target Description** 

#### **Target Overview**

**Founded**: 1976 Location: Fairhope, AL

#### Investment Rationale

HIG's acquisition supports the continued growth of Segers, in congruent with substantial investments into facilities. expertise, and capabilities over the past five decades. With the addition of HIG's capital and resources, Segers will continue to invest in current and forecasted opportunities, enabling market and customer expansion.

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#### Doing It Right **March 2024** (MRO Division)

#### **Target Description**

Triumph's MRO division is a provider of maintenance, repair, and overhaul of structures-related services. The Division specializes in airframe and engine accessories, servicing both commercial and military aftermarkets.

#### **Target Overview**

31	Founded:	1993
$\bigcirc$	Location:	Radnor, PA
\$	EV:	\$725M

EV/EBITDA: 11.7x

#### Investment Rationale

AAR's acquisition of Triumph's MRO division aims to expand AAR's market presence and service offerings in the aerospace industry. The acquisition enables AAR to access new customers, technologies, and capabilities, enhancing its competitive position and ability to provide comprehensive MRO solutions.



BP Aero is a provider of aircraft engine

aftermarket services catering to airlines

and leasing companies. The Company's

services include engine teardowns,

parts overhauls, and component

**Target Description** 

repairs.

#### **Founded**:

2008 0 Location: Irving, TX

#### Investment Rationale

The acquisition of BP Aero marked ITP's first investment into the United States as the Company continued to advance its overall maintenance, repair, and overhaul capabilities in tandem with extending its global reach.





(X) **United Aero Group** 

> BRIGHTWATER February 2024



#### **Target Description**

Arista Aviation Services specializes in helicopter airframe and avionics maintenance, repair, and overhaul services. Arista is also a provider of aircraft parts distribution and leasing services to federal, state, and corporate customers.

#### **Target Overview**

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**Founded**: 2012 Location: Enterprise, AL

#### Investment Rationale

United Aero's acquisition of Arista helps to expand the Company's existing offerings by introducing more advanced manufacturing capabilities while extending its customer base into rotary-wing focused markets. Arista provides United Aero with additional revenue streams and the opportunity to expand market share.

### HEICO August 2023



#### **Target Description**

Wencor is a manufacturer of parts and highly-engineered aftermarket replacement components intended for its global customer base of commercial airlines and MRO providers.

#### **Target Overview**

31	Founded:	1995
$\bigcirc$	Location:	Peachtree City, GA
\$	EV:	\$2.1B
\$	EV/EBITDA:	13.7x

#### Investment Rationale

The acquisition of Wencor was driven by synergistic considerations as HEICO sought to expand its PMA portfolio offerings. Wencor's expertise in engineering solutions and parts distribution also enabled HEICO to capture additional wallet share from existing customers.



#### **Target Description**

Yingling is a provider of maintenance, repair. overhaul and fixed-base services for aviation and government customers. The Company specializes in airframe maintenance, engine and repairs, design and custom interiors, aircraft painting, avionics installations, and propeller upgrades.

#### **Target Overview**

31	Founded:	1946
0	Location:	Wichita, KS

#### Investment Rationale

AE Industrial Partners' investment in Yingling marks the beginning of AEI's strategic vision of creating a unique, independent platform of scale, providing best-in-class services within the growing MRO market. Operating as AEI's leading platform, Yingling will initiate an addressive roll-up strategy to expand its capabilities while growing its customer base.





AVIATION SPARES LLC

#### **Target Description**

AOG Aviation is a provider of aircraft component and repair services for the domestic and international aerospace market. The Company's offerings include providing overhaul services and PMA parts to airline operators, repair stations, and global distributors.

#### **Target Overview**

31	Founded:	2002
9	Location:	Oswego, IL

#### Investment Rationale

The acquisition of AOG Aviation enabled Loar Group to expand its presence in the aviation aftermarket industry and strengthen its capabilities in providing spare parts and support services for aircraft operators. The purchase also expanded the Company's customer and geographic reach, creating additional revenue streams.



## **Recent M&A Transactions**

Date	Target	Acquirer	Target Description
Jan-25	SkyNorth Air	Northway Aviation (Westcap Management)	Provider of air ambulance and aircraft management services.
Jan-25	Jamco	Bain Capital	Provider of aircraft products and services, including maintenance and repairs of aircrafts, jets, and helicopters.
Jan-25	Great Lakes Turbines	Sky Aviation Holdings	Provider of aerospace component repair, fabrication, and machining services.
Jan-25	Rotating Machinery Services	Arcline	Provider of aftermarket repair, maintenance, and overhaul services intended for large and engineered rotating machinery.
Jan-25	Global Engineering & Technology	Yingling Aviation (AE Industrial Partners)	Provider of interior aircraft design, restoration, and other services.
Jan-25	Glendale Aero Services (MRO Division)	The Blackhawk Group	Operator of maintenance, repair, and overhaul ("MRO") business division intended to ensure the safety, performance, and longevity of aircraft.
Dec-24	Air Works India	Adani Enterprises	Provider of maintenance, repair, and overhaul services intended for the airline industry.
Dec-24	AAR (Landing Gear Overhaul Business)	GA Telesis	Provider of landing gear and overhaul services intended for commercial and government customers.
Dec-24	Industry Diesel & Turbo Services	Gridiron Capital	Provider of turbochargers, offering a wide range of services for all makes of turbochargers including those for marine vessels.
Dec-24	Milestone Aviation Services	TAJ Holding	Provider of aircraft maintenance services.
Dec-24	Kellstrom Aerospace	VSE Corporation	Provider of aftermarket distribution and repair services.
Nov-24	Brim Aviation	Wexford Capital Partners	Provider of helicopter services designed to meet the needs of a diverse range of industries.
Nov-24	Aero Instruments & Avionics	Aero Accessories (ATL Partners)	Provider of avionics and instrumentation maintenance services intended for commercial, military, and regional aircraft platforms.
Oct-24	TurbineAero	Snow Peak Capital	Provider of aftermarket services and repairs for aeroengine components and other aerospace applications.
Oct-24	Japa Aero Design	Sunaero	Provider of aircraft maintenance services for structures and cabins.
Oct-24	RJAero	Sunaero	Manufacturer of specialized maintenance and repair products and services for the aircraft industry.
Oct-24	Britten-Norman	Beechlands Enterprises	Manufacturer and provider of aircraft and related modification and upgrade services.
Oct-24	Prima Air	SinKung Logistics	Operator of an aviation company providing private air charter, aircraft management, maintenance, and aeromedical evacuations.
Sep-24	Icon Aerospace	Precision Aviation Group (GenNx360 Capital Partners)	Operator of the repair station intended for the aviation industry.
Sep-24	TAG Aero	Precision Aviation Group (GenNx360 Capital Partners)	Provider of auxiliary power units (APUs) sales and repair services intended for commercial, regional and military aviation sectors.

Source: Pitchbook and MergerMarket as of 1/23/2025; Meridian Research



Date	Target	Acquirer	Target Description
Sep-24	Intercal	Torraval Cooling	Provider of installations, repairs and maintenance services.
Sep-24	Bevan Aviation	Yingling Aviation (AE Industrial Partners)	Provider of avionics and maintenance services for single-piston aircraft and small jets.
Sep-24	ecube Solutions	Unical Aviation (Platinum Equity)	Provider of aircraft end-of-life management services such as storage, disassembly, and transition services.
Sep-24	Axient	Astrion (Brightstar Capital Partners)	Provider of technical engineering services intended for the defense and space sectors.
Aug-24	Farsound Aviation	Onex Partners	Provider of aerospace MRO services.
Aug-24	Component Repair Technologies	Safran Aircraft Engines	Operator of a repair station offering gas turbine engine component inspection and repair services for the airlines and engine manufacturers.
Aug-24	Aero Turbine	StandardAero	Provider of turbine engine development and accessory, repair, and overhaul maintenance services.
Aug-24	ETP Thermal Dynamics	Lufthansa Technik	Manufacturer of aircraft thermal management products and provider of repair services for heat transfer components and systems.
Jul-24	Innodyne Systems	FCAH Aerospace	Operator of a repair station intended to serve commercial, regional, and business aircraft customers.
Jul-24	Part 21 International	Shannon Technical Services	Provider of aircraft engineering and creative design service.
Jul-24	Certified Aviation Services	Ironwood Capital, P4G Capital Management	Provider of aircraft maintenance, modification, and inspection services.
Jul-24	Allor-Plesh	Webster Industries (MPE Partners)	Manufacturer of custom engineering products including replacement components as well as provides servicing to various aftermarket products.
Jul-24	EmpowerMX	Industrial and Financial Systems	Developer of aircraft maintenance software designed to assist airlines and help companies in the management of their assets.
Jul-24	MRO Holdings	Bain Capital	Provider of maintenance, repair, and revision aviation services.
Jun-24	Aerodyne Corporation	Sky Aviation Holdings (Corbel Capital Partners)	Provider of repair and maintenance services intended for the aviation sector.
Jun-24	QOCO	Juuri Partners	Developer of aviation software designed to offer digital software solutions for airlines and MROs.
Jun-24	Adria Tehnika	Hartenberg Holding	Provider of aircraft maintenance and repair services for commercial aircrafts.
May-24	British Airways (Maintenance Business)	Evergreen Aviation Technologies	Operator of an aircraft maintenance business.
May-24	Sunvair Aerospace Group	Greenbriar Equity Group	Provider of landing gear overhaul services.
May-24	Essential Turbines	Balance Point Capital, Swift Anchor Holdings	Provider of maintenance, repair, and overhaul services intended for the aviation sector.

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Date	Target	Acquirer	Target Description
May-24	M1 Support Services	Cerberus Capital Management	Provider of aviation support service intends to serve a wide range of Federal Government customers.
May-24	Victory Lane Aviation	Adelphi Capital Partners	Provider of comprehensive aviation services catering to the needs of aircraft owners and operators.
May-24	FMS Aerospace	Bridger Aerospace Group Holdings	Manufacturer of airframe modification and integration solutions for government and commercial customers.
May-24	Ontic Engineering & Manufacturing	CPP Investments	Manufacturer of aircraft products, spare parts and fittings and offers maintenance, repair, and overhaul services.
May-24	Aviocraft	Salt River Aviation (Weinberg Capital Group)	Provider of maintenance, repair, and overhaul services catering to the aviation industry.
May-24	GT Engine Services	STS Aviation Group	Provider of jet engine care and maintenance services catering to airlines, aviation companies and aircraft leasing firms.
Apr-24	2Excel Aviation	Crestline Investors	Provider of aviation maintenance and repair services intended for various sectors including defense.
Apr-24	Turbine Controls	VSE Corporation	Provider of aftermarket MRO support services catering to complex aircraft engine components.
Apr-24	Segers Aerospace Corporation	H.I.G Capital	Provider of maintenance, repair, and overhaul services intended for mission-critical military platforms.
Apr-24	Austrian Techniks Bratislava	SAMCO Aircraft Maintenance	Provider of maintenance services to regional aircraft operators for various aircraft models.
Apr-24	Alpha Aircraft Services	Ventura Air Services	Provider of maintenance services intended for aircraft.
Mar-24	Mayo Aviation	Stevens Aerospace	Provider of aircraft maintenance services.
Mar-24	Mid-Continent Aviation Services	Yingling Aviation (AE Industrial Partners)	Provider of maintenance, repair, and overhaul services to business and general aviation.
Mar-24	Techni Air 2000	Argo MRT Americas	Provider of aircraft maintenance services.
Mar-24	Triumph Group (MRO Business)	AAR	Provider of maintenance, repair, and overhaul of structures-related services.
Feb-24	TRS Services	Battle Investment Group	Provider of component repair and manufacturing services for industrial aerospace and aircraft gas turbines.
Feb-24	BP Aerospace	ITP Aero	Provider of aircraft engine aftermarket services.
	Arista Aviation Services	United Aero Group	Distributor and provider of aviation aftermarket parts and repair services.
	Aviation Concepts	CORE Industrial Partners	Provider of mission-critical, rotable components to the aftermarket commercial aviation industry.
Jan-24	AeroCision	Verus Aerospace	Manufacturer of engine components and assemblies intended for the aerospace industry.

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## REPRESENTATIVE INVESTOR UNIVERSE







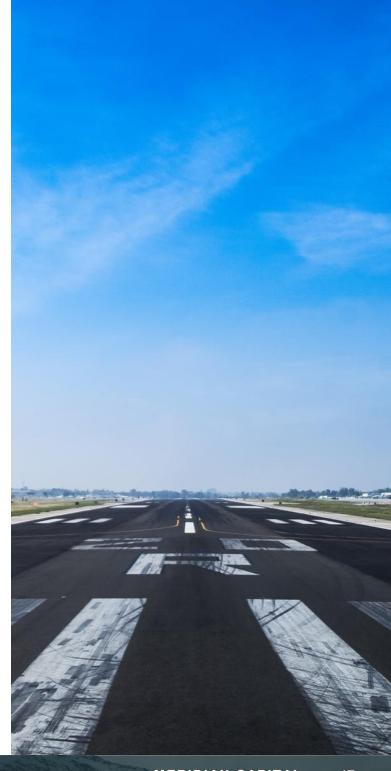
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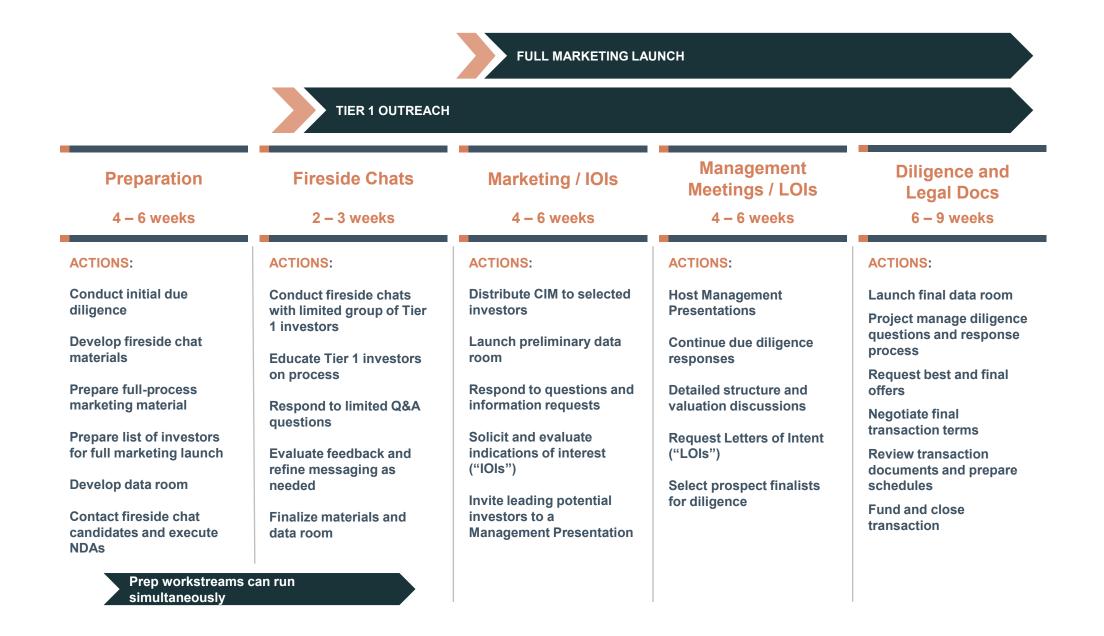
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## ILLUSTRATIVE TRANSACTION PROCESS



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## Keys to Maximizing Outcome: Deal Prep

- Creation of CIM, detailed financial model, and data room
- Data driven industry research to support industry and market share growth

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- Develop support analysis and messaging strategy
- Complete QoE and tax structure analysis

Wee	k 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Bus	iness a	nd financial due	diligence					
		Complete Qol	E, industry trend	analysis, and ta	x structure analy	vsis		
		Prepare finan	cial model					
		Populate elec	tronic data room	ı				
		Draft marketin	ng materials					
					Refine potent	tial investor list		
				-		Draft Confidentiality Agreement	/	
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## **Transition Preparation Checklist**

Key steps and initiatives to execute on, integrate, and maximize options for an eventual business transition

Management Team Continuity	•	Identify management succession and/or post-transaction transition plan Secure any key hires for needed positions within the management team
Accounting Consolidation and QoE	•	3 <sup>rd</sup> party validation of consolidated historical financial performance Determine credible and supportable adjustments to EBITDA
Establish Budget and Financial Forecasts	•	Robust 2024 bottoms-up monthly budget, replicate in future years Develop 3 to 5-year financial projections including required capex/infrastructure investment to achieve plan
Validate Growth Plan	•	Vet / establish 3 to 5-year growth plan and required metrics (Budget to Actuals) Compile and analyze historical KPIs Identify key revenue and cost drivers (track KPIs)
Evaluate Market Landscape	•	Validate or calculate current market share Identify new and adjacent market opportunities Consolidate list of potential acquisition targets
Evaluate Legal, Tax, and Compliance Considerations	• • •	Ongoing litigation and potential exposure Transferability and term considerations of intellectual property Renewal or securing any key major contracts Tax structuring analysis



### **APPENDIX – MERIDIAN OVERVIEW**

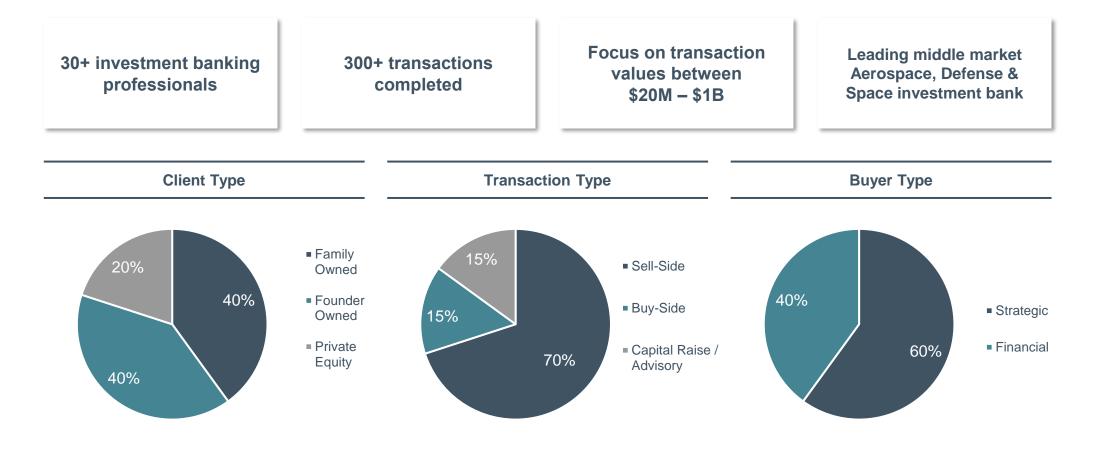


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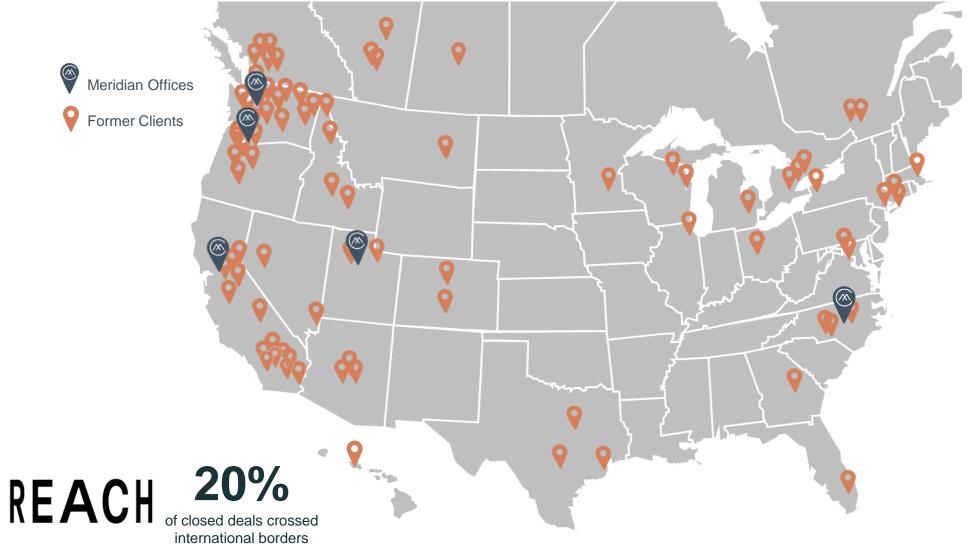


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#### SELL-SIDE PROCESS

#### RECAPITALIZATION

Strategic Sales Minority Sales Subsidiary Divestitures Mergers Growth Equity Shareholder Liquidity Management Buyouts

#### **BUY-SIDE PROCESS**

#### STRATEGIC ADVISORY

Targeted Buy-side Execution Add-on Acquisitions Vertical and Horizontal Acquisitions

Exit Strategy Assessment Exit Planning and Preparations Corporate Finance Consulting





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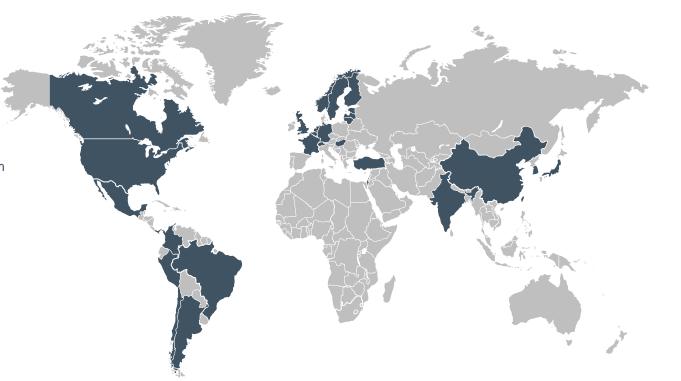
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