

- Despite strong initial anticipations for 2025 tech M&A, market volatility over the past two months from tariffs / threat of a trade war and stubborn inflation have contributed to subdued deal activity as the market awaits more stable conditions
- Although financial sponsors face growing hold periods for existing portfolio companies and are starved for new platform investment opportunities, 2025 tech M&A deal count has been muted so far
- Macroeconomic stability, when it arrives, could bring to bear the pent-up demand of sponsor-backed sellers and buyers into the market, generating high levels of deal activity

### S&S M&A Weather Report



Partly Cloudy With a Chance of Sunshine

As concerns around macro volatility, tariffs, and inflation continue to suppress deal activity vear-to-date, look to the back half of 2025 for clearer skies

# Software Trends We Are Tracking / Market Snapshots

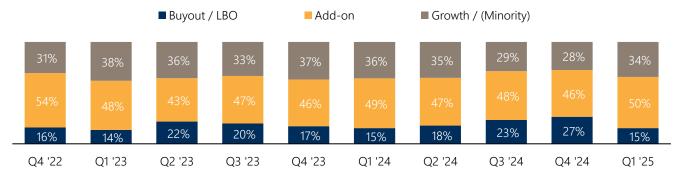
### Software M&A Valuations (EV / LTM Revenue)

5.5x Revenue

5.3x 4.7x 4.5x 5.5x 6.0x 6.1x 7.7x 6.8x 7.3x 5.5x 5.3x 5.3x 5.3x 3.9x 4.2x 5.6x 5.2x 5.1x 5.0x 5.2x 5.5x

Jan-20 Jul-20 Jul-21 Jan-22 Jul-22 Jan-23 Jul-23 Jan-24 Jul-24 Jan-21 Jan-25

# Percent (%) of Private Equity M&A Deals by Type



# Noteworthy Deals – March 2025

**Alphabet** Acquirer **Target** Sector Cybersecurity **Enterprise Value** \$32B EV / LTM Rev 45.7x

CLEARWATER ANALYTICS. beacon Vertical SaaS \$561M

12.7x



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## **Examples of Intrepid's Software & Services Power Alleys**

# Median 5-Year M&A Enterprise Value / Revenue Multiples...

### SalesTech

The rise in AI chatbots and digital heightened enterprise focus on sales



Technology-enabled workforce businesses to better source, develop,



#### Vertical SaaS

become deeply entrenched through mission-critical and efficiency-

# Compliance Technology

Constantly-evolving regulatory



Sources: Pitchbook; Proprietary Research



Compliance Technology



Cybersecurity



Data & Analytics



**Human Capital Management** 



PropTech



SalesTech



**Tech-Enabled Services** 



Transportation & Logistics Technology



Vertical SaaS

# **Intrepid's Software & Services Coverage**

# Intrepid

- + Mergers & Acquisitions
- + Capital Advisory

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