



2024 HyperConnected World M&A Year in Review

The Future is Here: Unleashing the Power of Computer Vision

Artificial Intelligence is facilitating action from complex video data streams in a rapidly expanding arena of innovative solutions

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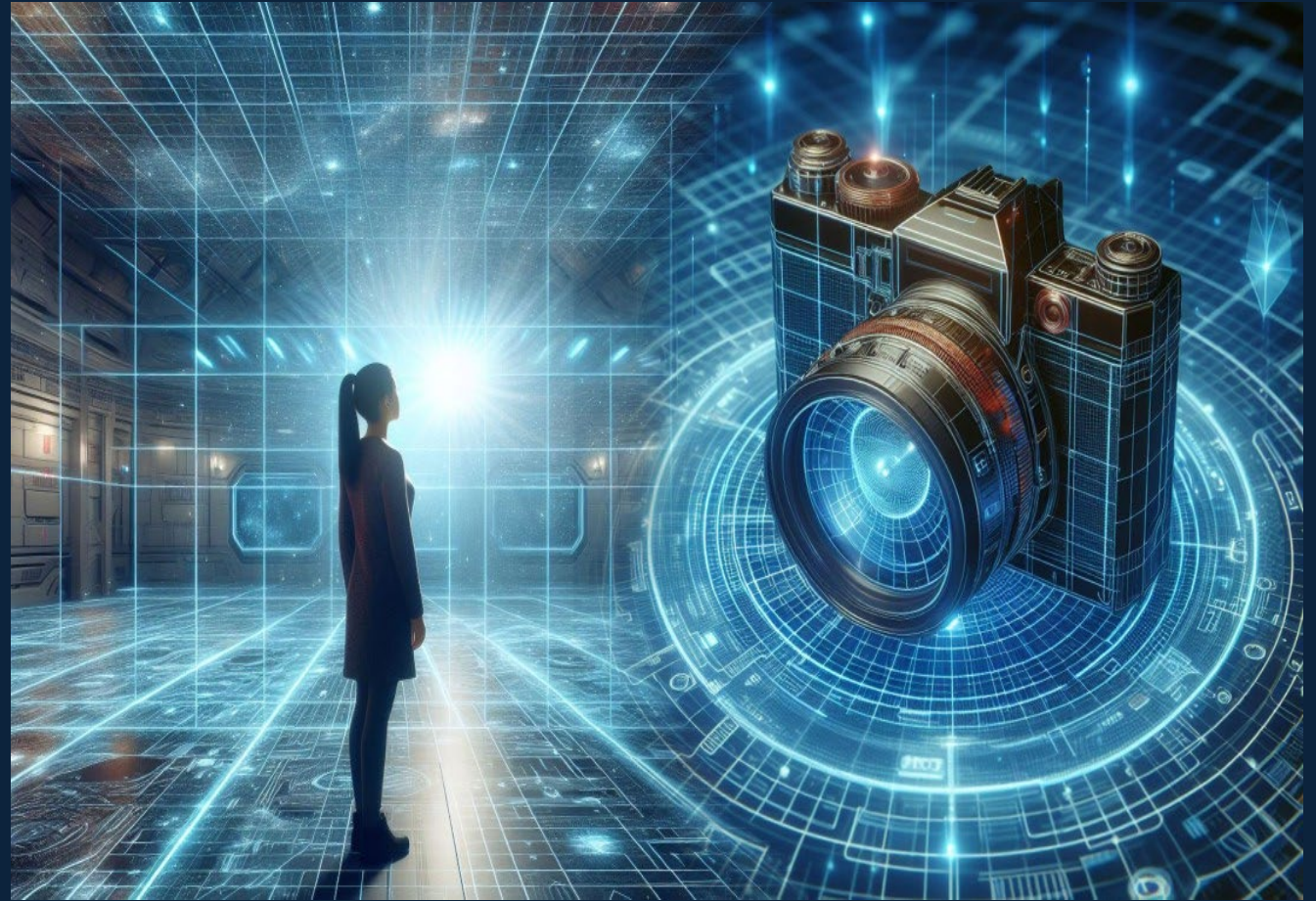


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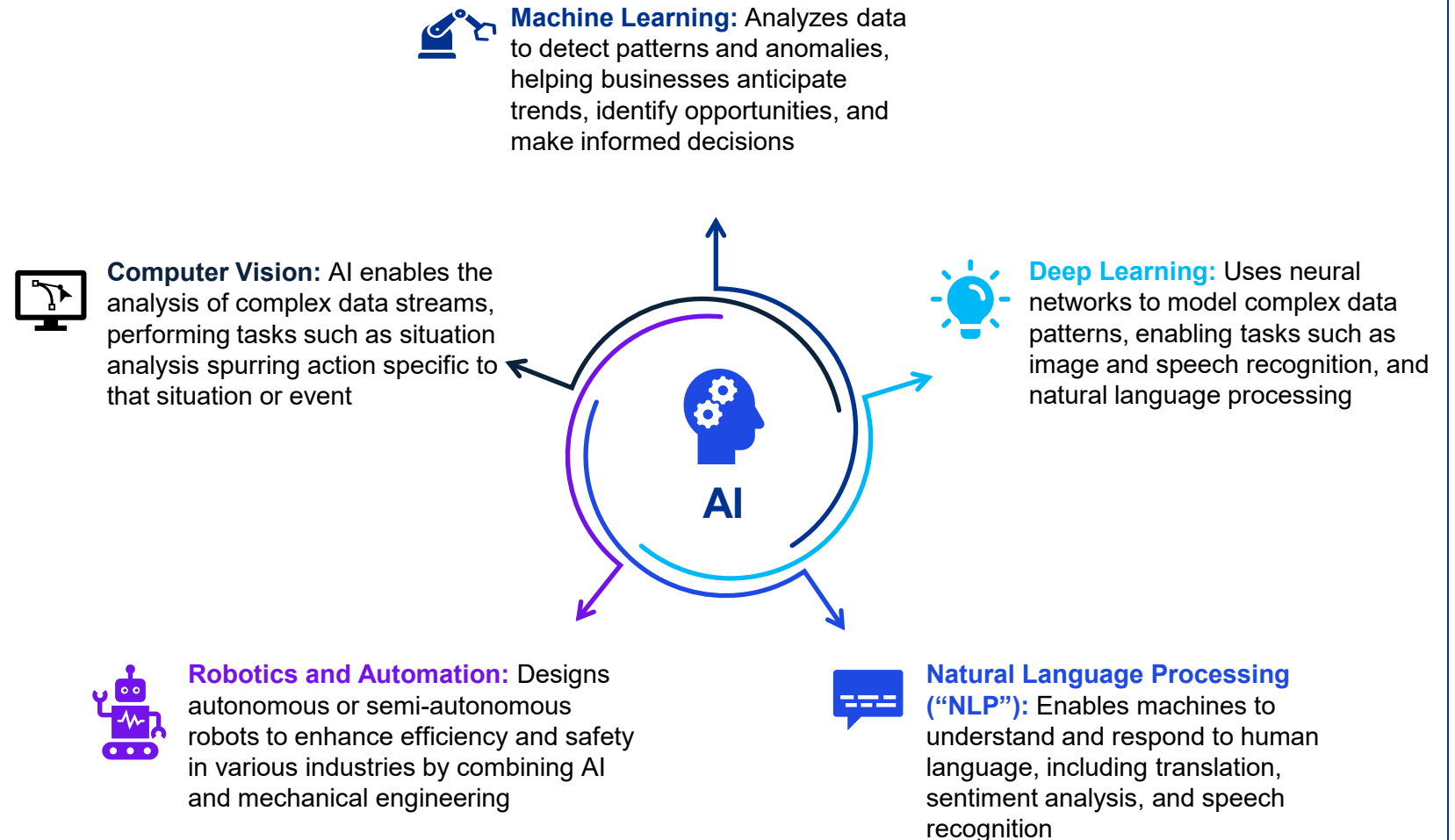
Artificial Intelligence

Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) technology empowers computers and machines to emulate human learning, understanding, problem-solving, decision-making, creativity, and autonomy

AI has long become a buzzword in technology circles, and advancements in Large Language Models (“LLM”) and Generative AI are enabling the emergence of true Computer Vision in new and innovative vertical solutions

Spending on AI-enabled technologies is projected to be \$227B in 2025 and forecasted to surpass \$749B by 2028. Also, significant investments around AI infrastructure by big tech companies, including Microsoft, Meta, Alphabet, and Amazon, highlight the immense growth potential of AI technology

Key AI-Enabled Technologies



Sources: Fobes and IDC



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Evolving AI Space to Present Significant Growth Opportunities



Evolution of Gen AI

Gen AI will continue to pave new ways to integrate itself into applications as its models focus on large databases to identify patterns and make original content (text, image or audio) from scratch



Multimodal AI

Multimodal AI, capable of handling and processing diverse data types, will revolutionize tasks like emotional recognition and robotics navigation, offering a comprehensive understanding of complex situations



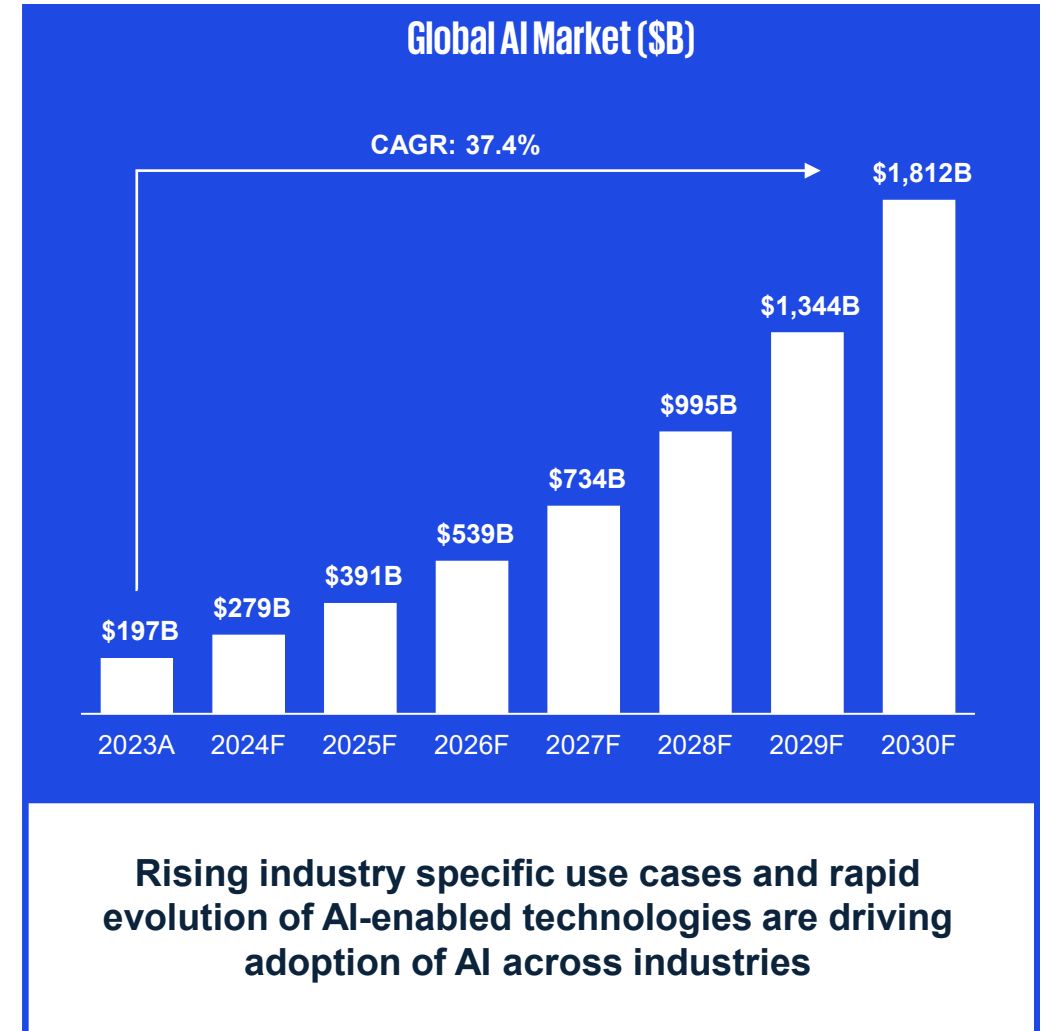
Industry Specific AI Applications

AI's transition from general integration to high-performance industry specific solutions will expand its use cases across various industries including healthcare, finance, law, and manufacturing



Rising Demand for AI Governance Platforms

AI governance platforms ensure compliance and enforce responsible AI policies. Gartner predicts that by 2028, organizations with these platforms will have 40% fewer AI-related ethical incidents



Sources: Grand View Research, Gartner, ZDNET, and ScrumLaunch



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Computer Vision

Computer Vision leverages AI's eminence capabilities in machine learning and neural networks to enable computers and systems to extract meaningful information from recorded and live stream video, as well as digital, thermal, and infrared images

Computer Vision applications use algorithms trained on vast amounts of data. These algorithms can recognize patterns in content and leverage these patterns to enable computers to make recommendations or take direct actions

Computer Vision is a rapidly expanding subfield of AI, experiencing increasing applications across diverse industries such as public safety, industrial manufacturing, traffic management, healthcare, retail, and agriculture, to name a few

Key Computer Vision Features

Computer Vision capitalizes on these features to drive its wide range of applications

Image Classification: Categorizes images into predefined classes by analyzing their visual content using trained algorithms

Semantic Segmentation: Assigns a label to each pixel in an image based on its category class, enabling detailed scene understanding

Instance Segmentation: Identifies and labels pixel-wise boundaries of individual objects in an image

Feature Matching: Identifies and aligns similar features across different images to determine similarities between them

Image Classification with Localization: Identifies objects in an image and pinpoints their locations using bounding boxes or coordinates

Object Detection: Detects specific objects in an image. This is useful when there are multiple types of objects in a single image

Pattern Recognition: Detects and identifies repeating shapes, colors, and other visual indicators from a visual input

Facial Recognition: Identifies and verifies individuals by analyzing and comparing facial features from images or videos

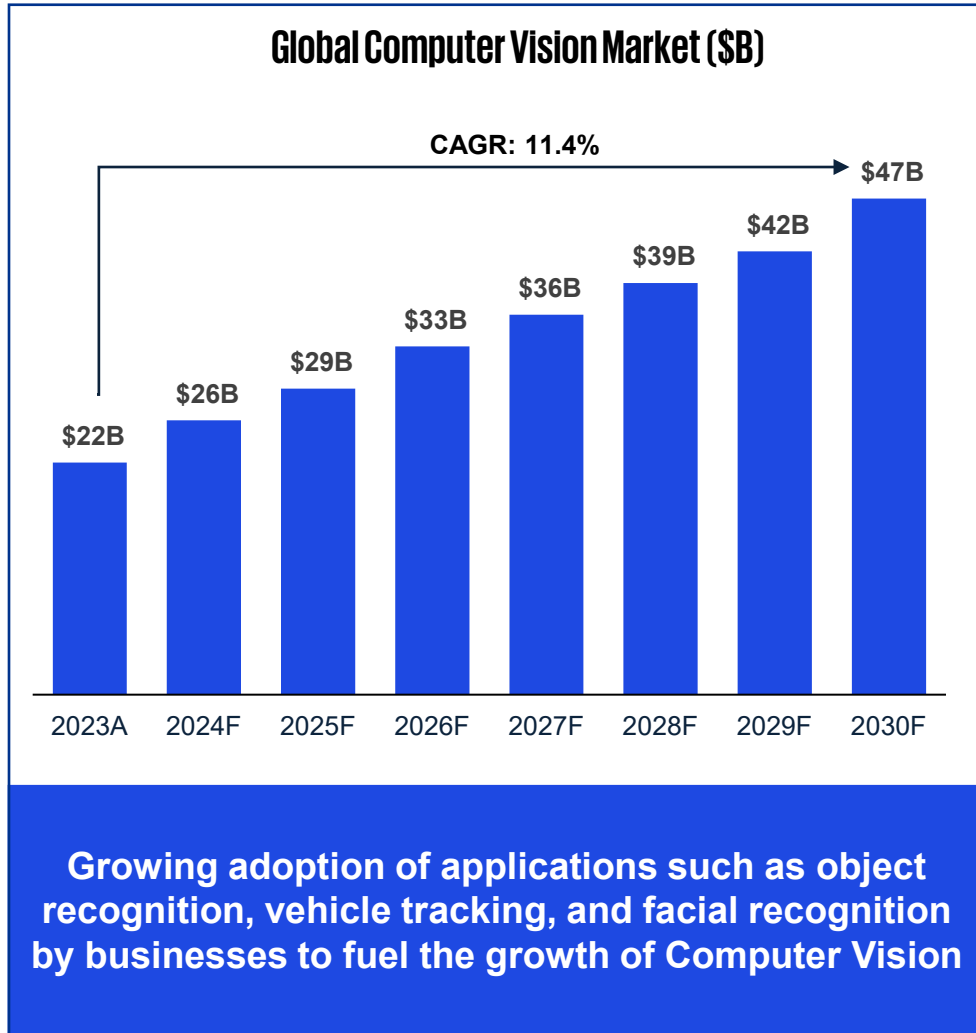


Sources: viso.ai, IBM, and AWS



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Exponential Growth Potential of the Computer Vision Market



Key Computer Vision Trends



Demand for Automation

As businesses seek greater automation, Computer Vision is driving efficiency by enabling machines to interpret visual data and automate tasks that previously required human intervention



Multimodal Vision Systems

Multimodal vision systems are gaining acceptance among businesses as it enables machines to understand multiple sensory inputs, including visual, audio, and text data, providing robust analysis in complex environments



Vision Processing on Edge Devices

Rapid IoT expansion coupled with growing demand for real-time analysis and swift decision-making to surge the need of vision processing on edge devices, reducing dependence on cloud-based solutions



Growing Investment in Autonomous Vehicles

Rising investment in autonomous vehicle technology to boost demand for advanced Computer Vision, as the technology heavily relies on Computer Vision to interpret surroundings, detect obstacles, and make driving decisions

Sources: Statista Market Insights, Edge AI and Vision Alliance, IBM, DataBridge, Progint, and AI Accelerator Institute



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How Computer Vision is Transforming Various End Markets

Healthcare



Rise in adoption of Computer Vision applications across the healthcare space has transformed medical diagnostics, enhanced treatment accuracy, and improved patient care

Retail



Integration of Computer Vision into retail stores has optimized retail operations, from logistics to advertising, thereby boosting customer service and lowering operational costs

Manufacturing



Rapid adoption of Computer Vision technology has enabled factories to significantly increase efficiency, automate tasks, and enhance safety

Agriculture



Computer Vision has transformed crop production and livestock management, paving the way for more sustainable, productive, and resilient agricultural practices

Key Use Cases



Automated Diagnostics & Analysis:

Supports rapid and accurate detection of medical conditions



Surgical Assistance:

Empowers surgeons with real-time, high-resolution images during procedures



Patient Monitoring:

Supports clinicians to assess patients' health through remote monitoring



Inventory Management:

Enables real-time shelf analysis to identify stock discrepancies and forecast demand



Space & Queue Optimization:

Helps retailers to optimize store layout and space utilization



Personalized Advertising:

Develops personalized advertising campaigns for target customers



Quality Control: Automates product quality inspection by comparing products to predefined standards



Process Optimization: Provides real-time insights around production process and machine utilization



Predictive Maintenance: Detects early signs of wear and tear of machine, enabling timely maintenance



Precision Farming: Detects crops' health by leveraging drone enabled aerial imagery



Sustainable Farming: Helps water and soil conservation by identifying irrigation requirements and preventing erosion







Yield Prediction: Streamlines yield estimation, optimizes resource allocation, and minimizes waste

Sources: Medium and Syndell



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Key Computer Vision Related Offerings by Major Tech Players

 IBM Maximo	 Vision AI	 Azure AI Vision	 GeTi
<p>Provides integrated asset lifecycle management solution that streamlines maintenance, inspection and reliability of critical assets by leveraging Gen AI, Computer Vision, and IoT</p> <p>Key Highlights: Maximo includes Computer Vision capabilities for advanced visual inspections and real-time monitoring, ensuring heightened accuracy and efficiency in asset management</p>	<p>Offers advanced Computer Vision capabilities, enabling image analysis, object detection, and text extraction, facilitating enhanced insights and automation for various business applications</p> <p>Key Highlights: Google Cloud Computer Vision offerings include document processing, video intelligence, visual inspection, and image classification tools</p>	<p>Provides cloud-based Computer Vision capabilities that enable image and video analysis across various use cases</p> <p>Key Highlights: Key features of Azure AI Vision includes image analysis, spatial analysis, optical character recognition, and facial recognition</p>	<p>Enables users to build, deploy, and scale Computer Vision models for various AI tasks including classification, object detection, semantic segmentation, and anomaly detection</p> <p>Key Highlights: Supports companies across various sectors including manufacturing, retail, smart cities, healthcare, and smart agriculture</p>

Sources: Company websites



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Computer Vision Landscape

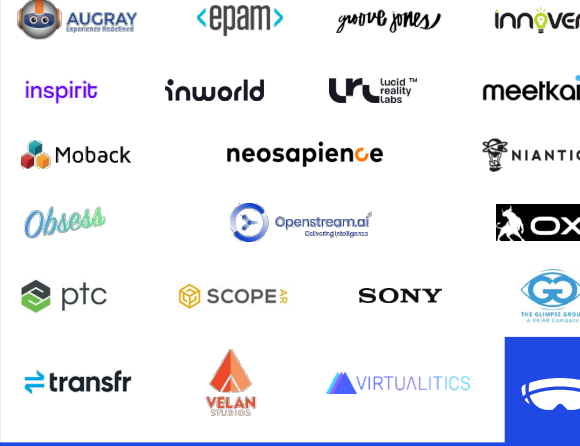
Image Recognition



Facial Recognition



AR and VR



Intelligent Retail



Video Intelligence



Mobility



Medical Imaging

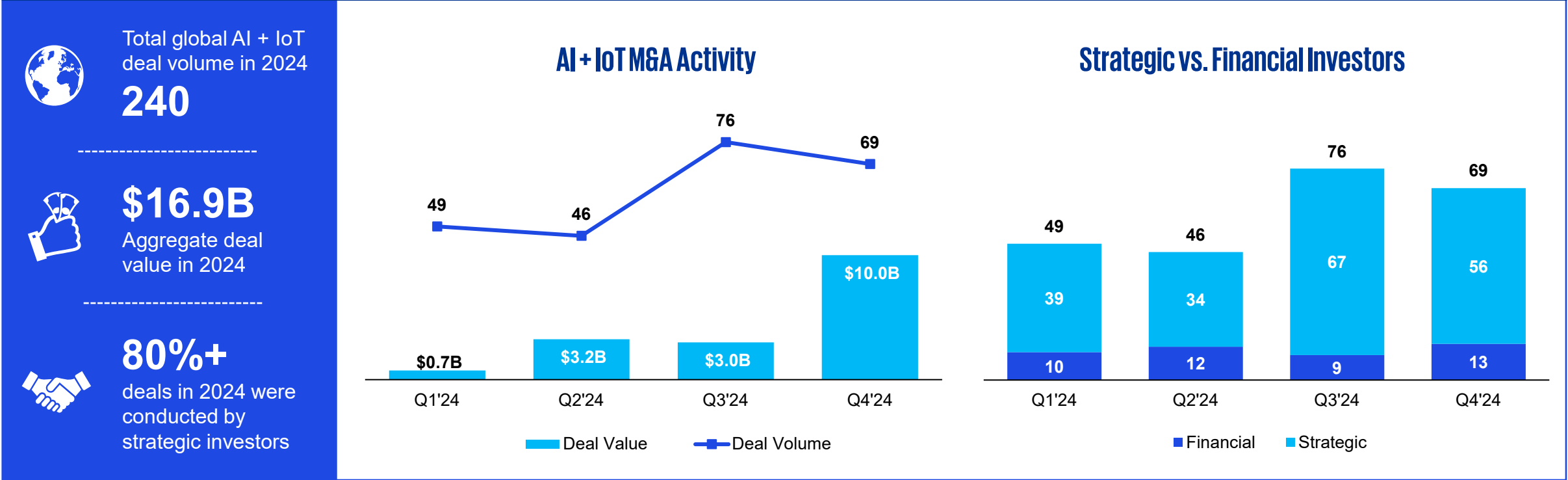


Crop Monitoring and Analysis



2024 AI + IoT M&A Highlights

Sustained M&A activity in the AI + IoT space throughout 2024 has been driven by strong industry tailwinds, with aggressive strategic players actively engaging in deal-making to strengthen their product portfolio and capabilities in this promising landscape



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Transaction Spotlight (1/2)

Date	Target	Acquirer
Oct 2024	 ALT AIR	SIEMENS
EV: \$10.1B	EV / Revenue: 15.7x	EV / EBITDA: 120.0x

Target Overview


A computational intelligence company that provides software and cloud solutions in simulation, high-performance computing, data analytics, and AI space

Deal Rationale

The acquisition **enhanced Siemens' industrial software and AI capabilities** by integrating Altair's data science and AI-powered simulation portfolio

“*The addition of Altair's capabilities in simulation, high performance computing, data science, and artificial intelligence together with Siemens Xcelerator will create the world's most complete AI-powered design and simulation portfolio.*”

- Roland Busch, President and CEO, Siemens

Date	Target	Acquirer
Oct 2024	 ZAPPAR	INFINITE REALITY
EV: \$45.0M	EV / Revenue: NA	EV / EBITDA: NA

Target Overview

Provides no-code AR, VR, and extended reality software and hardware supporting businesses in offering 3D virtual experiences and content creation

Deal Rationale

The acquisition enabled Infinite Reality to **expand its product portfolio** by adding advanced technology suite such as XR software, mixed reality headset, and accessible QR

“*Zappar's strong European presence and partnerships with global brands align perfectly with our expansion strategy. By integrating their expertise into our portfolio, we're creating a powerhouse of immersive technology that spans continents and industries.*”

- Amish Shah, Co-Founder, Infinite Reality

Date	Target	Acquirer
Aug 2024	 iteris	Almaviva
EV: \$323.7M	EV / Revenue: 1.9x	EV / EBITDA: 29.1x

Target Overview

Provides IoT sensors and AI-powered data analytics software that enable users to analyze, model, and forecast data on traffic, roads, weather, water, soil, and crops

Deal Rationale

The acquisition of Iteris **enhanced Almaviva's footprint in the United States**

“*This acquisition reflects Almaviva Group's ongoing strategy to strengthen its presence in high-growth, technology-driven markets. This new strategic move enhances our international standing, particularly in the sustainable mobility sector.*”



- Marco Tripi, CEO, Almaviva

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Transaction Spotlight (2/2)

Date	Target	Acquirer
Apr 2024		 JR AUTOMATION <small>A Hitachi Group Company</small>
EV: \$76.5M	EV / Revenue: 1.5x	EV / EBITDA: NA

Target Overview

Provides robotic and automation systems including automation equipment and specialty machines for automotive, electronic, and medical sectors

Deal Rationale

The acquisition **to grow JR Automation's reach in the global advanced automation market**, such as Europe, North America, and Southeast Asia

“*MA micro automation's capabilities are a perfect complement to JR Automation's plans for growth in the medical segment. We have been impressed not only by their solutions and R&D capabilities, but also by their strong culture and shared values.*”

- Dave DeGraaf, CEO, JR Automation

Date	Target	Acquirer
Apr 2024	 Matterport	 CoStar Group
EV: \$1.6B	EV / Revenue: 10.1x	EV / EBITDA: NA

Target Overview

Provides AI-based 3D capturing and image-processing solution that enable users to capture and edit images to create 3D models of physical spaces and digital twins

Deal Rationale

The acquisition is expected to **increase development and deployment of advanced AI and digital twin technology** across all of CoStar Group's product lines

“*This transaction is another significant milestone that acknowledges the groundbreaking work Matterport has accomplished in 3D digital twin technology and AI-driven property intelligence.*”

- RJ Pittman, Chairman and CEO, Matterport

Date	Target	Acquirer
Jan 2024	 vision-box	amadeus
EV: \$346.7M	EV / Revenue: 4.5x	EV / EBITDA: 15.7x

Target Overview

Provides ML-based biometric identification management software offering features such as business intelligence, process control, and facial recognition

Deal Rationale

The acquisition **offered new capabilities around biometrics hardware and software**, adding border control solutions to the Amadeus portfolio

“*Biometrics is a strategic and fast-growing industry, and Vision-Box's capabilities will allow us to accelerate our growth in this area.*”

- Decius Valmorbida, President - Travel, Amadeus

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Notable AI + IoT M&A Activity (1/3)

Date	Target	Acquirer	Target Country	Buyer Type	Enterprise Value (\$M)	LTM Revenue (\$M)	EV / LTM Revenue (x)	Target Description
Dec-24	Inertial Labs	Viavi Solutions	USA	Strategic	\$150.0	-	-	Inertial positioning & navigation systems
Dec-24	Machfu	New Asia Holdings	USA	Strategic	\$1.2	-	-	Machine health monitoring systems & software
Nov-24	Quercus Technologies	TagMaster	Spain	Strategic	\$6.8	\$6.7	1.0x	Parking guidance systems & cameras
Nov-24	BlueHalo	AeroVironment	USA	Strategic	\$4,100.0	\$886.0	4.6x	Laser weapon & communications system
Nov-24	NetComm Wireless	Lantronix	Australia	Strategic	\$6.5	-	-	Enterprise IoT portfolio of NetComm Wireless
Oct-24	Altair Engineering	Siemens	USA	Strategic	\$10,148.3	\$644.7	15.7x	CAE, analytics & EDA software
Oct-24	Simumatik	Virtualware 2007	Sweden	Strategic	\$1.5	-	-	Digital twin tools development software
Oct-24	Zappar	Infinite Reality	UK	Strategic	\$45.0	-	-	AR, VR & XR experience creation software
Oct-24	CODA Cloud	EP&T Global	UK	Strategic	\$0.1	\$1.4	0.1x	Building energy management software
Sep-24	Nokra	Vishay Precision Group	Germany	Strategic	\$4.4	-	-	Measuring & inspection systems
Sep-24	Fleet Complete	PowerFleet	Canada	Strategic	\$205.0	-	-	GPS-based fleet management software & systems
Sep-24	Azure Summit Technology	CACI International	USA	Strategic	\$1,275.0	-	-	RF electronics & DF detection systems
Sep-24	Inseego (fleet management and telematics business)	Convergence Partners	UK	Financial	\$52.0	-	-	Fleet management software & systems
Sep-24	Piezocryst Advanced Sensorics	Spectris	Austria	Strategic	\$147.9	-	-	High-precision pressure sensors

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Notable AI + IoT M&A Activity (2/3)

Date	Target	Acquirer	Target Country	Buyer Type	Enterprise Value (\$M)	LTM Revenue (\$M)	EV / LTM Revenue (x)	Target Description
Sep-24	Preligens	Safran Electronics & Defense	France	Strategic	\$243.3	-	-	Geospatial data & analytics software
Aug-24	Sequans Communications (4G IoT technologies)	Qualcomm Technologies	France	Strategic	\$190.0	-	-	5G/4G semiconductors & IoT modules
Aug-24	Perceive Corporation	Amazon.com Services	USA	Strategic	\$68.0	-	-	AI processor
Aug-24	Iteris	Almaviva	USA	Strategic	\$323.7	\$174.2	1.9x	IoT sensors & data analytics software & services
Aug-24	Amelia US	SoundHound AI	USA	Strategic	\$245.9	\$45.0	5.5x	Enterprise conversational AI software
Aug-24	Exscientia	Recursion Pharmaceuticals	UK	Strategic	\$342.1	\$26.6	12.9x	Drug development software
Jul-24	KNOBS	SG Company	Italy	Strategic	\$4.3	\$1.5	2.8x	Blockchain-based web-IoT application development software
Jun-24	Atmotics	Lemonsoft	Finland	Strategic	\$0.8	\$0.8	1.0x	Field service maintenance & management software
Jun-24	PAR Government Systems	Booz Allen Hamilton	USA	Strategic	\$95.0	-	-	Geospatial intelligence & situational awareness software
May-24	Paessler	Turn/River Management	Germany	Financial	\$450.0	\$75.0	6.0x	IT & IoT network monitoring SaaS
Apr-24	RedWave Technology	908 Devices	USA	Strategic	\$53.6	\$13.7	3.9x	Spectroscopic analyzer systems
Apr-24	MA micro automation	Hitachi	Germany	Strategic	\$76.5	\$51.3	1.5x	Automation systems manufacturer
Apr-24	Matterport	CoStar Group	USA	Strategic	\$1,600.0	\$157.7	10.1x	3D capturing hardware & software
Apr-24	Snap One	Resideo Technologies	USA	Strategic	\$1,323.4	\$1,061.0	1.2x	Smart-living products, services, and software

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Notable AI + IoT M&A Activity (3/3)

Date	Target	Acquirer	Target Country	Buyer Type	Enterprise Value (\$M)	LTM Revenue (\$M)	EV / LTM Revenue (x)	Target Description
Apr-24	Simulacra	Tokens.com Corp.	USA	Strategic	\$7.4	-	-	Humanoid robots developer
Mar-24	Singapore White Lingjun	Highest Performances	Singapore	Strategic	\$232.5	-	-	AI humanoid hardware manufacturer
Mar-24	Informatics	Renovo Capital	USA	Financial	\$34.0	\$350.0	0.1x	Inventory management & RFID asset tracking systems
Mar-24	Elpis2	Itron	USA	Strategic	\$35.0	-	-	Utility grid & portfolio managment software
Feb-24	LogIT Corporation	Terilogy Holdings	Japan	Strategic	\$3.8	-	-	RPA and speech recognition-enabled contact centers software
Feb-24	AiTuring Technologies	Zen Technologies	India	Strategic	\$0.9	-	-	Electro-optics & video surveillance systems
Jan-24	WaveForm Technologies (CGM assets)	Trinity Biotech	USA	Strategic	\$16.4	-	-	Continuous glucose monitoring sensor
Jan-24	Vision-Box	Amadeus IT Group	Portugal	Strategic	\$346.7	\$77.3	4.5x	Biometric identification management software
Jan-24	Bulloch Technologies	Dover Fueling Solutions Segment	Canada	Strategic	\$111.6	-	-	POS systems & software
Jan-24	Lightning eMotors (substantially all assets)	GERCO	USA	Strategic	\$12.6	-	-	Commercial & EV manufacturer

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Publicly Traded AI + IoT Companies

Public Market Trends ⁽¹⁾								
Company	Share price (\$)	% of 52 Week High	Market Cap (\$M)	Enterprise Value (\$M)	LTM Revenue (\$M)	LTM EBITDA (\$M)	EV / LTM Revenue (x)	EV / LTM EBITDA (x)
Cisco	\$59.2	98.3%	235,779.3	249,646.3	52,976.0	14,272.0	4.7x	17.5x
Siemens	\$195.2	95.9%	153,116.6	197,293.1	84,686.6	13,265.7	2.3x	14.9x
Deere & Co.	\$423.7	90.3%	115,066.4	175,178.4	51,532.0	11,349.0	3.4x	15.4x
Honeywell	\$225.9	93.0%	146,884.4	168,514.4	37,850.0	9,164.0	4.5x	18.4x
CNH Industrial	\$11.3	85.2%	14,151.0	40,494.0	21,752.0	2,611.0	1.9x	15.5x
Corpay	\$338.4	87.8%	23,591.6	30,192.7	3,877.5	2,066.4	7.8x	14.6x
Legrand	\$97.4	87.4%	25,522.4	28,848.4	9,300.2	2,008.5	3.1x	14.4x
Ericsson	\$8.1	97.3%	27,063.4	26,599.1	24,338.4	2,724.1	1.1x	9.8x
Hubbell	\$418.9	87.0%	22,482.1	24,142.0	5,640.0	1,266.2	4.3x	19.1x
PTC	\$183.9	90.5%	22,088.1	23,752.7	2,298.5	699.1	10.3x	34.0x
Trimble	\$70.7	91.8%	17,255.7	18,130.8	3,632.3	737.7	5.0x	24.6x
Aspen Tech	\$249.6	98.1%	15,789.0	15,690.4	1,094.1	377.0	14.3x	41.6x
The Toro Co.	\$80.1	79.4%	8,104.9	8,946.6	4,583.8	661.9	2.0x	13.5x
Acuity Brands	\$292.1	86.4%	8,928.5	8,656.2	3,841.0	642.9	2.3x	13.5x
Advantech	\$10.6	80.2%	9,126.9	8,643.5	1,845.3	317.9	4.7x	27.2x
Lindsay Corp.	\$118.3	87.5%	1,284.4	1,227.9	607.1	97.4	2.0x	12.6x
Digi International	\$30.2	86.8%	1,105.9	1,215.8	424.0	81.7	2.9x	14.9x
PowerFleet	\$6.7	90.2%	879.7	1,010.2	221.1	3.0	4.6x	NM
Mean		89.6%					4.5x	18.9x
Median		89.0%					3.8x	15.4x

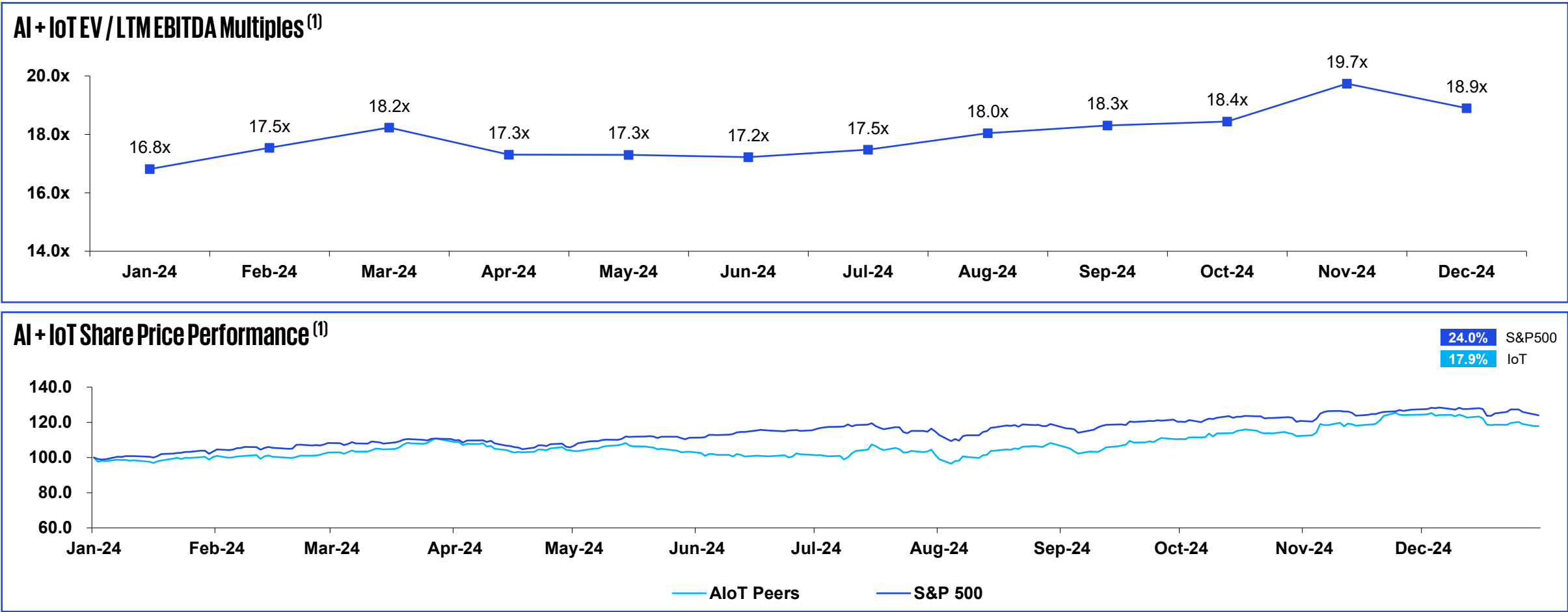
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AI + IoT Comps EBITDA Multiple & Stock Analysis



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Representative Transactions

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Project Nighthawk

Sale of an AI+IoT application development stack solution

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Project Kent


Sale of an AI digital transformation company serving brick and mortar retailers

KPMG 


Project Shade

Sale of IoT enabled Smart Building solutions

KPMG  

Talis 

has been acquired by

GETINGE 

Healthcare IoT

KPMG  

matrix 

has been acquired by

BRIDGES 

IoT / Fleet Management

KPMG  

LOCKMASTERS 

has been acquired by

DOMINUS CAPITAL 

IoT / Smart Building

KPMG  

ACD  **DIVERSITECH** 

a portfolio company of

PERMIRA 

has been acquired by

BEIJER REF 

IoT / Smart Building

KPMG  

ESC 

has been acquired by

AINSWORTH 

IoT / Smart Building

KPMG  

Cognizant

has acquired

ZENITH 

Industrial IoT

Technology Deal of the Year
M&A Atlas Award

KPMG  

Ubisense 

has sold its Smart Space division to

INVESTCORP

Industrial IoT

KPMG   

OSRAM


has divested


LEDVANCE

to


IDG  **MLS** 

Smart Lighting


KPMG  


TBS Technologies 

has been acquired by

TATCA 



Sensor Technologies


KPMG 

FREEWAVE 


FreeWave has been acquired by its founder

Industrial IoT



KPMG  

GREENCREATIVE 

has been acquired by


HARBOUR GROUP 

Smart Lighting

KPMG  

CLIFFORD THAMES

has been acquired by

OECConnection 

a portfolio company of

PROVIDENCE EQUITY

IoT / Connected Car



KPMG  


3M

has divested its Smart Traffic and Tolling Technologies business to

NEOLOGY 


IoT / Smart Traffic

KPMG  


FINELITE 

Better Lighting

has been acquired by

legrand 

Smart Lighting

KPMG 

WABCO

Buyside financial advisory on an undisclosed fleet management company

Fleet Management

KPMG   

ALPINE INVESTORS

has sold

Linx 

to

ARGOSY CAPITAL 

IoT Platform


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PINNACLE 

has been acquired by

legrand 

Smart Lighting

KPMG 

lytx 

Financial advisory on Lytx for an undisclosed bidder

IoT / Fleet Management

Let's Connect

We look forward to talking with you and sharing the insights we have gathered in our extensive travels in the AI + IoT space.



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