

# Mufson Howe Hunter

# Business Services Update October 2024

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### **Last Twelve Months Performance**

Daily from September 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024. Price as % of Base (September 1, 2023 = 0%)

## **Professional Services Index**



## Facilities Management Index



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## **Comparative Index Performance**

The MHH Professional Services Index increased by 4.2% in September 2024.





Price Appreciation	3-Year	LTM	1-Month
MHH Professional Services Index	63.9%	49.3%	8.4%
NASDAQ	25.9%	37.6%	6.1%
S&P 500	33.8%	34.4%	4.2%

Source: S&P Capital IQ

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## Selected Valuation Metrics

Staffing Services

(\$ in millions, except per share data)	Ma	rket & Capitali	zation	LTM	Performance	(3)		Valuation		Mar	gins
		Equity	Enterprise				Enterpris	se Value/	Price/	Gross	
Company	Price (1)	Value	Value (2)	Revenue	EBITDA (4)	EPS	Revenue	EBITDA	EPS	Profit	EBITDA
Commercial Staffing											
ManpowerGroup Inc. (MAN)	\$73.52	\$3,488.4	\$4,519.8	\$18,230.1	\$476.8	\$0.93	0.2 x	9.5 x	NM	17.5%	2.6%
Kelly Services, Inc. (KELY.A)	21.41	761.5	995.7	4,452.8	112.1	1.32	0.2 x	8.9 x	16.2 x	19.9%	2.5%
TrueBlue, Inc. (TBI)	7.89	235.3	270.8	1,764.5	1.0	(3.53)	0.2 x	NM	NM	25.7%	0.1%
Mean		\$1,495.1	\$1,928.7	\$8,149.1	\$196.6	(\$0.4)	0.2 x	9.2 x	16.2 x	21.0%	1.7%
Median		761.5	995.7	4,452.8	112.1	0.9	0.2 x	9.2 x	16.2 x	19.9%	2.5%
Professional Staffing											
Robert Half Inc. (RHI)	\$67.41	\$6,896.0	\$6,587.5	\$5,985.2	\$380.4	\$3.01	1.1 x	17.3 x	22.4 x	39.5%	6.4%
Kforce Inc. (KFRC)	61.45	1,143.2	1,195.4	1,444.8	76.5	2.69	0.8 x	15.6 x	22.9 x	27.5%	5.3%
Resources Connection, Inc. (RGP)	9.70	324.7	229.1	632.8	38.9	0.62	0.4 x	5.9 x	15.6 x	38.9%	6.1%
Mean		\$2,787.9	\$2,670.7	\$2,687.6	\$165.2	\$2.1	0.8 x	12.9 x	20.3 x	35.3%	5.9%
Median		1,143.2	1,195.4	1,444.8	76.5	2.7	0.8 x	15.6 x	22.4 x	38.9%	6.1%
Healthcare Staffing											
AMN Healthcare Services, Inc. (AMN)	\$42.39	\$1,610.9	\$2,798.5	\$3,233.3	\$371.8	\$2.60	0.9 x	7.5 x	16.3 x	32.1%	11.5%
Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. (CCRN)	13.44	454.4	389.5	1,575.3	48.1	0.25	0.2 x	8.1 x	NM	21.3%	3.1%
Mean		\$1,032.6	\$1,594.0	\$2,404.3	\$210.0	\$1.4	0.6 x	7.8 x	16.3 x	26.7%	7.3%
Median		1,032.6	1,594.0	2,404.3	210.0	1.4	0.6 x	7.8 x	16.3 x	26.7%	7.3%
IT Staffing											
ASGN Incorporated (ASGN)	\$93.23	\$4,176.7	\$5,149.6	\$4,274.6	\$432.8	\$4.13	1.2 x	11.9 x	22.6 x	28.6%	10.1%
RCM Technologies, Inc. (RCMT)	20.28	154.7	180.9	270.2	25.2	2.05	0.7 x	7.2 x	9.9 x	29.3%	9.3%
Christie Group plc (CTG)	1.27	32.4	47.3	86.0	1.1	(0.16)	0.6 x	NM	NM	28.1%	1.2%
Mean		\$1,454.6	\$1,792.6	\$1,543.6	\$153.0	\$2.0	0.8 x	9.5 x	16.2 x	28.7%	6.9%
Median		154.7	180.9	270.2	25.2	2.1	0.7 x	9.5 x	16.2 x	28.6%	9.3%

NA = Not Available; NM = Not Meaningful; LTM = Latest Twelve Months

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Source: Public Filings, Press Releases and Published Research Reports.

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<sup>(2)</sup> Enterprise value is defined as equity value plus net debt, preferred stock and minority interests. Net Debt includes long term debt, short term debt, postretirement benefits and unfunded pensions, if applicable, less cash and cash equivalents.

<sup>(3)</sup> As of September 30, 2024 except Korn Ferry (July 31, 2024); CRA International, Inc. & RCM Technologies, Inc. (June 29, 2024); Exponent, Inc. (June 28, 2024); Resources Connection, Inc. (May 25, 2024)

<sup>(4)</sup> Excludes non-recurring and discontinued operations.

# Selected Valuation Metrics (cont'd)

Professional Services

(\$ in millions, except per share data)	Ma	ırket & Capitaliz	zation	LTM <sup>*</sup>	Performance	(3)		Valuation	Margins		
		Equity	Enterprise				Enterpri	se Value/	Price/	Gross	
Company	Price (1)	Value	Value (2)	Revenue	EBITDA (4)	EPS	Revenue	EBITDA	EPS	Profit	EBITDA
Executive Search											
Korn Ferry (KFY)	\$75.24	\$3,913.3	\$3,827.5	\$2,738.4	\$330.0	\$3.51	1.4 x	11.6 x	21.4 x	22.6%	12.0%
Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc. (HSII)	38.86	789.5	588.8	1,060.1	99.6	1.84	0.6 x	5.9 x	21.1 x	25.6%	9.4%
Mean		\$2,351.4	\$2,208.1	\$1,899.3	\$214.8	\$2.7	1.0 x	8.8 x	21.2 x	24.1%	10.7%
Median		2,351.4	2,208.1	1,899.3	214.8	2.7	1.0 x	8.8 x	21.2 x	24.1%	10.7%
Professional & Consulting											
Fair Isaac Corporation (FICO)	\$1,943.52	\$47,652.3	\$49,647.6	\$1,653.5	\$714.7	\$19.02	NM	NM	NM	79.3%	43.2%
FTI Consulting, Inc. (FCN)	227.56	8,028.8	8,114.5	3,695.7	477.0	9.20	2.2 x	17.0 x	24.7 x	33.0%	12.9%
CBIZ, Inc. (CBZ)	67.29	3,362.7	3,972.7	1,652.4	198.5	2.32	2.4 x	20.0 x	29.0 x	13.8%	12.0%
Exponent, Inc. (EXPO)	115.28	5,848.2	4,220.1	508.5	128.3	2.03	8.3 x	NM	NM	36.5%	25.2%
Huron Consulting Group Inc. (HURN)	108.70	1,782.0	2,315.9	1,425.0	164.0	4.16	1.6 x	14.1 x	26.1 x	31.2%	11.5%
CRA International, Inc. (CRAI)	175.32	1,188.6	1,352.4	652.4	69.3	5.73	2.1 x	19.5 x	30.6 x	28.9%	10.6%
Mean		\$11,310.4	\$11,603.9	\$1,597.9	\$292.0	\$7.1	3.3 x	17.7 x	27.6 x	37.1%	19.3%
Median		4,605.4	4,096.4	1,538.7	181.2	4.9	2.2 x	18.3 x	27.5 x	32.1%	12.5%

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# Selected M&A Transactions & News

Professional Services

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There were no announced/completed transactions for the period of 9/01/2024 - 9/30/2024 for our Professional Services Watchlist.

## **Selected News**

**Korn Ferry (NYSE:KFY)** reported first quarter net income of \$62.6 million for fiscal year 2025 as compared to \$46.6 million for the prior year period. Earnings per share were \$1.17 versus \$0.89 for the prior year period. Revenues for the quarter decreased to \$674.9 million from \$699.2 million for the same period in fiscal year 2024.

Source: S&P Capital IQ

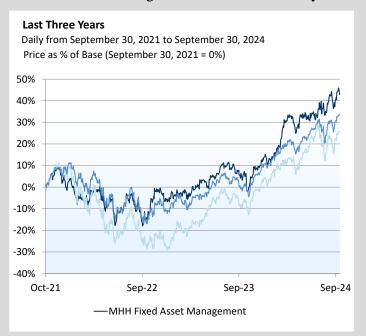
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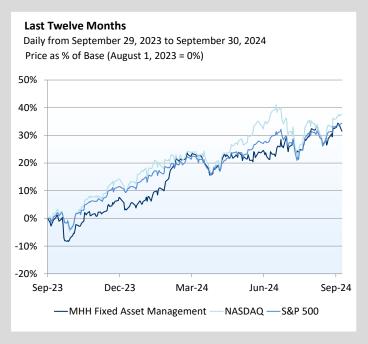
## **Facilities Management**

Outsourced facility management services including environmental services, facility maintenance, food service contracting, manned security services, uniform/linen rental, and waste management services.

## **Comparative Index Performance**

The MHH Facilities Management Index increased by 1.4% in September 2024.





Price Appreciation	3-Year	LTM	1-Month
MHH Facilities Management Index	42.8%	31.5%	1.4%
NASDAQ	25.9%	37.6%	6.1%
S&P 500	33.8%	34.4%	4.2%

Source: S&P Capital IQ Mufson Howe Hunter

# Selected Valuation Metrics

## Facilities Management

(\$ in millions, except per share data)	Market & Capitalization		ition	LTM P	erformance (	3)		Valuation		Margins		
,		Equity	Enterprise				Enterpri	se Value/	Price/	Gross		
Company	Price (1)	Value	Value (2)	Revenue	EBITDA (4)	EPS	Revenue	EBITDA	EPS	Profit	EBITDA	
Facility Maintenance												
Rollins, Inc. (ROL)	\$50.58	\$24,496.6	\$25,265.5	\$3,234.8	\$745.1	\$0.95	7.8 x	33.9 x	53.4 x	52.6%	23.0%	
EMCOR Group, Inc. (EME)	430.53	20,087.4	19,646.0	13,746.0	1,244.5	17.45	1.4 x	15.8 x	24.7 x	17.7%	9.1%	
Rentokil Initial plc (LSE:RTO)	4.88	12,266.5	16,429.5	6,837.1	1,329.5	0.20	2.4 x	12.4 x	24.9 x	82.5%	19.4%	
Comfort Systems USA, Inc. (FIX)	390.35	13,882.2	14,009.2	6,083.0	696.0	11.91	2.3 x	20.1 x	32.8 x	20.1%	11.4%	
FirstService Corporation (TSX:FSV)	182.92	8,247.9	10,028.6	4,651.9	408.3	1.79	2.2 x	24.6 x	NM	32.4%	8.8%	
Chemed Corporation (CHE)	600.97	9,011.7	8,935.2	2,335.6	424.2	19.72	3.8 x	21.1 x	30.5 x	36.0%	18.2%	
Spirax Group plc (SPX)	100.72	3,898.1	4,927.8	2,096.4	451.4	3.29	2.4 x	10.9 x	30.6 x	76.1%	21.5%	
ABM Industries Incorporated (ABM)	52.76	3,312.9	4,686.0	8,274.9	370.4	2.43	0.6 x	12.7 x	21.7 x	13.5%	4.5%	
BrightView Holdings, Inc. (BV)	15.74	1,489.0	2,776.5	2,782.1	264.3	0.23	1.0 x	10.5 x	69.1 x	23.3%	9.5%	
Healthcare Services Group, Inc. (HCSG)	11.17	819.7	762.7	1,684.9	45.4	0.43	0.5 x	16.8 x	26.0 x	12.8%	2.7%	
Mean		\$9,751.2	\$10,746.7	\$5,172.7	\$597.9	\$5.8	2.4x	17.9x	34.8x	36.7%	12.8%	
Median		8,629.8	9,481.9	3,943.3	437.8	2.1	2.2x	16.3x	30.5x	27.9%	10.5%	
Manned Security Services												
Securitas AB (publ) (OM: SECU B)	\$12.71	\$7,281.3	\$11,353.2	\$15,047.5	\$1,136.4	\$0.25	0.8 x	10.0 x	50.9 x	20.5%	7.6%	
The Brink's Company (BCO)	115.64	5,104.1	8,032.1	4,962.2	817.0	2.95	1.6 x	9.8 x	39.2 x	25.3%	16.5%	
The GEO Group, Inc. (GEO)	12.85	1,747.9	3,563.4	2,423.9	452.7	0.25	1.5 x	7.9 x	52.0 x	27.1%	18.7%	
Prosegur Compañía de Seguridad, S.A. (BME:PSG)	2.14	1,140.2	2,910.1	4,780.4	437.9	0.11	0.6 x	6.6 x	19.3 x	23.7%	9.2%	
CoreCivic, Inc. (CXW)	12.65	1,394.9	2,386.6	1,965.7	324.9	0.60	1.2 x	7.3 x	21.1 x	23.7%	16.5%	
Mean		\$3,333.7	\$5,649.1	\$5,835.9	\$633.8	\$0.8	1.1x	8.3x	36.5x	24.0%	13.7%	
Median		1,747.9	3,563.4	4,780.4	452.7	0.2	1.2x	7.9x	39.2x	23.7%	16.5%	
Environmental Services												
Jacobs Solutions Inc. (J)	\$130.90	\$16,264.1	\$19,386.4	\$16,948.6	\$1,476.3	\$5.08	1.1 x	13.1 x	25.8 x	21.3%	8.7%	
Tetra Tech, Inc. (TTEK)	47.16	12,622.9	13,467.3	4,234.8	567.6	1.08	3.2 x	23.7 x	43.7 x	19.7%	13.4%	
Stantec Inc. (TSX:STN)	80.51	9,183.1	10,771.5	3,961.9	539.2	2.22	2.7 x	20.0 x	36.3 x	54.3%	13.6%	
Arcadis NV (ARCAD)	69.37	6,257.6	7,345.1	5,398.4	421.6	2.41	1.4 x	17.4 x	28.8 x	17.0%	7.8%	
Mean		\$11,081.9	\$12,742.6	\$7,635.9	\$751.2	\$2.7	2.1 x	18.6 x	33.6 x	28.1%	10.9%	
Median		10,903.0	12,119.4	4,816.6	553.4	2.3	2.0 x	18.7 x	32.5 x	20.5%	11.1%	

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## Selected M&A Transactions & News

Facilities Management

## **Selected M&A Transactions**

Closed	Target	Target Description	Acquirer	Value	EV/EBITDA Multiple
Sep-27	Critical Mission Solutions and Cyber & Intelligence Government Solutions of Jacobs Solutions, Inc.	Critical Mission Solutions provides technical consulting, applied science research, training, intelligent asset management, and program management services to federal government and defense agencies.  Cyber & Intelligence Government Services of Jacobs Solutions Inc. comprises government technology solutions businesses.	Amentum Holdings, Inc.	N/D	N/D

N/D – Not disclosed.

#### **Selected News**

**ABM Industries Incorporated (NYSE:ABM)** reported third quarter net income of \$4.7 million for fiscal year 2024 as compared to \$98.1 million for the prior year period. Earnings per share were \$0.07 versus \$1.47 for the prior year period. Revenues for the quarter increased to \$2,094.2 million from \$2,028.2 million for the same period in fiscal year 2023.

**Cintas Corporation** (**NasdaqGS:CTAS**) reported first quarter net income of \$452.0 million for fiscal year 2025 as compared to \$385.1 million for the prior year period. Earnings per share were \$1.10 versus \$0.93 for the prior year period. Revenues for the quarter increased to \$2,501.6 million from \$2,342.3 million for the same period in fiscal year 2024.

Healthcare Services Group, Inc. (NasdaqGS:HCSG) Appoints Vikas Singh as CFO

**Jacobs Solutions Inc.** (NYSE:J) Announces Election of Michael Collins to Board of Directors, Effective September 23, 2024, and Changes to Composition of the Standing Committees of the Board

# Historical Enterprise Value-to-LTM EBITDA Multiples





## Facilities Management



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