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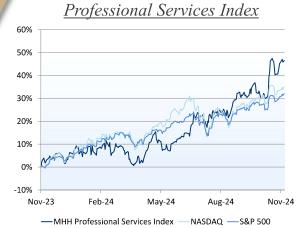
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#### **Last Twelve Months Performance**

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





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### Professional Services

Temporary staffing, HR Outsourcing and Professional Consulting related services for a variety of end-user markets.

### **Comparative Index Performance**

The MHH Professional Services Index increased by 12.8% in November 2024.





Price Appreciation	3-Year	LTM	1-Month
MHH Professional Services Index	78.2%	46.6%	12.8%
NASDAQ	23.7%	35.1%	5.4%
S&P 500	32.1%	32.1%	5.3%

Source: S&P Capital IQ

### Selected Valuation Metrics

Staffing Services

(\$ in millions, except per share data)	Ma	rket & Capitaliz	zation	LTM	Performance <sup>1</sup>	(3)		Valuation		Margins	
		Equity	Enterprise				Enterpris	se Value/	Price/	Gross	
Company	Price (1)	Value	Value (2)	Revenue	EBITDA (4)	EPS	Revenue	<b>EBITDA</b>	EPS	Profit	EBITDA
Commercial Staffing											
ManpowerGroup Inc. (MAN)	\$64.37	\$3,021.3	\$4,037.5	\$18,084.7	\$456.3	\$0.78	0.2 x	8.8 x	NM	17.4%	2.5%
Kelly Services, Inc. (KELY.A)	14.65	521.7	781.8	4,372.9	101.8	1.16	0.2 x	7.7 x	12.6 x	20.1%	2.3%
TrueBlue, Inc. (TBI)	7.52	222.3	271.1	1,673.6	0.4	(3.82)	0.2 x	NM	NM	25.8%	0.0%
Mean		\$1,255.1	\$1,696.8	\$8,043.7	\$186.2	(\$0.6)	0.2 x	8.3 x	12.6 x	21.1%	1.6%
Median		521.7	781.8	4,372.9	101.8	0.8	0.2 x	8.3 x	12.6 x	20.1%	2.3%
Professional Staffing											
Robert Half Inc. (RHI)	\$74.61	\$7,572.2	\$7,240.6	\$5,886.4	\$297.5	\$2.75	1.2 x	24.3 x	27.1 x	39.0%	5.1%
Kforce Inc. (KFRC)	59.99	1,097.9	1,140.2	1,425.0	73.3	2.90	0.8 x	15.6 x	20.7 x	27.5%	5.1%
Resources Connection, Inc. (RGP)	8.44	282.5	217.7	599.6	34.1	0.36	0.4 x	6.4 x	23.2 x	38.2%	5.7%
Mean		\$2,984.2	\$2,866.2	\$2,637.0	\$135.0	\$2.0	0.8 x	15.4 x	23.7 x	34.9%	5.3%
Median		1,097.9	1,140.2	1,425.0	73.3	2.8	0.8 x	15.6 x	23.2 x	38.2%	5.1%
Healthcare Staffing											
AMN Healthcare Services, Inc. (AMN)	\$26.03	\$991.1	\$2,134.9	\$3,067.3	\$309.5	\$1.39	0.7 x	6.9 x	18.7 x	31.3%	10.1%
Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. (CCRN)	10.76	354.2	294.6	1,448.1	31.1	(0.05)	0.2 x	9.5 x	NM	20.9%	2.1%
Mean		\$672.6	\$1,214.7	\$2,257.7	\$170.3	\$0.7	0.4 x	8.2 x	18.7 x	26.1%	6.1%
Median		672.6	1,214.7	2,257.7	170.3	0.7	0.4 x	8.2 x	18.7 x	26.1%	6.1%
IT Staffing											
ASGN Incorporated (ASGN)	\$91.55	\$4,046.5	\$4,985.6	\$4,188.8	\$407.6	\$3.96	1.2 x	12.2 x	23.1 x	28.7%	9.7%
RCM Technologies, Inc. (RCMT)	22.88	173.8	208.7	272.5	25.4	1.95	0.8 x	8.2 x	11.7 x	29.3%	9.3%
Christie Group plc (CTG)	1.37	36.2	51.1	86.0	1.1	(0.16)	0.6 x	NM	NM	28.1%	1.2%
Mean		\$1,418.9	\$1,748.5	\$1,515.8	\$144.7	\$1.9	0.9 x	10.2 x	17.4 x	28.7%	6.8%
Median		173.8	208.7	272.5	25.4	2.0	0.8 x	10.2 x	17.4 x	28.7%	9.3%

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

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

# Selected Valuation Metrics (cont'd)

### Professional Services

(\$ in millions, except per share data)	Ma	Market & Capitalization		LTM Performance (3)			Valuation			Margins	
		Equity	Enterprise				Enterpris	se Value/	Price/	Gross	
Company	Price (1)	Value	Value (2)	Revenue	EBITDA (4)	EPS	Revenue	EBITDA	EPS	Profit	EBITDA
Executive Search											
Korn Ferry (KFY)	\$78.34	\$4,074.5	\$3,988.7	\$2,738.4	\$330.0	\$3.51	1.5 x	12.1 x	22.3 x	22.6%	12.0%
Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc. (HSII)	46.14	941.7	635.9	1,075.5	96.5	1.83	0.6 x	6.6 x	25.3 x	25.2%	9.0%
Mean		\$2,508.1	\$2,312.3	\$1,907.0	\$213.2	\$2.7	1.0 x	9,3 x	23,8 x	23.9%	10.5%
Median		2,508.1	2,312.3	1,907.0	213,2	2.7	1.0 x	9,3 x	23,8 x	23.9%	10.5%
Professional & Consulting											
Fair Isaac Corporation (FICO)	\$2,375.03	\$57,827.0	\$59,929.3	\$1,717.5	\$747.5	\$20.45	NM	NM	NM	79.7%	43.5%
FTI Consulting, Inc. (FCN)	202.52	7,153.9	7,020.7	3,728.4	461.2	8.71	1.9 x	15.2 x	23.3 x	32.8%	12.4%
Exponent, Inc. (EXPO)	98.71	5,011.0	4,220.1	508.6	120.3	2.06	8.3 x	NM	NM	35.0%	23.6%
CBIZ, Inc. (CBZ)	82.58	4,128.9	4,692.9	1,680.7	192.8	2.37	2.8 x	24.3 x	34.9 x	13.8%	11.5%
Huron Consulting Group Inc. (HURN)	122.81	2,007.2	2,475.5	1,436.9	166.1	4.52	1.7 x	14.9 x	27.2 x	31.5%	11.6%
CRA International, Inc. (CRAI)	195.03	1,322.2	1,465.8	672.6	76.8	6.18	2.2 x	19.1 x	31.5 x	29.7%	11.4%
Mean		\$12,908.4	\$13,300.7	\$1,624.1	\$294.1	\$7.4	3.4 x	18.4 x	29.2 x	37.1%	19.0%
Median		4,569.9	4,456.5	1,558.8	179.5	5.4	2.2 x	17.2 x	29.4 x	32.2%	12.0%

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### Selected M&A Transactions & News

Professional Services

#### **Selected M&A Transactions**

Closed	Target Target Description		Acquirer	Value	EV/EBITDA Multiple
Nov-01	Non-Attest Business of Marcum, LLP	Marcum LLP provides corporate financial and consulting services.	CBIZ, Inc.	\$2,381.09	N/D
Nov-01	Trilogy Consultants International Ltd.	Trilogy Consultants International Limited operates as a recruitment partner for technology and business change and transformation professionals.	Korn Ferry	N/D	N/D

#### **Selected News**

**Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc. (NasdaqGS:HSII)** reported third quarter net income of \$14.8 million for fiscal year 2024 as compared to \$15.0 million for the prior year period. Earnings per share were \$0.71 versus \$0.73 for the prior year period. Revenues for the quarter increased to \$278.6 million from \$263.2 million for the same period in fiscal year 2023.

**Kelly Services, Inc. (NasdaqGS:KELY.A)** reported third quarter net income of \$0.8 million for fiscal year 2024 as compared to \$6.6 million for the prior year period. Earnings per share were \$0.02 versus \$0.18 for the prior year period. Revenues for the quarter decreased to \$1,038.1 million from \$1,118.0 million for the same period in fiscal year 2023.

**RCM Technologies, Inc. (NasdaqGM:RCMT)** reported third quarter net income of \$2.7 million for fiscal year 2024 as compared to \$3.8 million for the prior year period. Earnings per share were \$0.35 versus \$0.46 for the prior year period. Revenues for the quarter increased to \$60.4 million from \$58.0 million for the same period in fiscal year 2023.

**TrueBlue, Inc. (NYSE:TBI)** reported third quarter net income of (\$7.6) million for fiscal year 2024 as compared to (\$0.0) million for the prior year period. Earnings per share were (\$0.26) versus (\$0.00) for the prior year period. Revenues for the quarter decreased to \$382.4 million from \$473.2 million for the same period in fiscal year 2023.

### 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 6.6% in November 2024.





Price Appreciation	3-Year	LTM	1-Month
MHH Facilities Management Index	48.2%	38.4%	6.6%
NASDAQ	23.7%	35.1%	5.4%
S&P 500	32.1%	32.1%	5.3%

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### Selected Valuation Metrics

Facilities Management

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		Equity	Enterprise				Enterpri	ise Value/	Price/	Gross	
Company	Price (1)	Value	Value (2)	Revenue	EBITDA (4)	EPS	Revenue	EBITDA	EPS	Profit	EBITDA
Facility Maintenance											
Rollins, Inc. (ROL)	\$50.33	\$24,375.1	\$25,119.2	\$3,310.6	\$757.6	\$0.97	7.6 x	33.2 x	51.9 x	52.6%	22.9%
EMCOR Group, Inc. (EME)	510.12	23,466.6	22,788.1	14,235.3	1,375.4	19.67	1.6 x	16.6 x	25.9 x	18.4%	9.7%
Comfort Systems USA, Inc. (FIX)	493.27	17,501.0	17,389.0	6,517.2	779.4	13.07	2.7 x	22,3 x	37.7 x	20.4%	12.0%
Rentokil Initial plc (LSE:RTO)	5.00	12,565.5	16,728.5	6,837.1	1,329.5	0.20	2.4 x	12.6 x	25.5 x	82.5%	19.4%
FirstService Corporation (TSX:FSV)	194.94	8,798.2	10,575.8	4,930.8	454.6	2.40	2.1 x	23.3 x	81,1 x	32.6%	9.2%
Chemed Corporation (CHE)	572.39	8,544.4	8,453.9	2,377.2	429.9	19.78	3.6 x	19.7 x	28.9 x	35.7%	18.1%
Spirax Group plc (SP)	0.00	3,898.1	4,927.8	2,096.4	451.4	3.29	2.4 x	10.9 x	0.0 x	76.1%	21.5%
ABM Industries Incorporated (ABM)	57.17	3,589.8	4,962.9	8,274.9	370.4	2.43	0.6 x	13.4 x	23.5 x	13.5%	4.5%
BrightView Holdings, Inc. (BV)	17.10	1,624.5	2,949.4	2,767.1	301.6	0.20	1.1 x	9.8 x	85.5 x	23.3%	10.9%
Healthcare Services Group, Inc. (HCSG)	12.34	904.4	842.6	1,701.7	66.9	0.69	0.5 x	12.6 x	17.8 x	14.4%	3.9%
Mean		\$10,526.8	\$11,473.7	\$5,304.8	\$631.7	\$6.3	2.5x	17.4x	37.8x	37.0%	13.2%
Median		8,671.3	9,514.8	4,120.7	453.0	2.4	2.2x	15.0x	27.4x	28.0%	11.4%
Manned Security Services											
Securitas AB (publ) (OM: SECU B)	\$12.64	\$7,239.0	\$11,181.8	\$15,742.8	\$1,206.7	\$0.81	0.7 x	9.3 x	15.5 x	20.7%	7.7%
The Brink's Company (BCO)	96.71	4,220.7	7,254.2	4,993.3	799.7	2.62	1.5 x	9.1 x	36.9 x	25.3%	16.0%
The GEO Group, Inc. (GEO)	28.51	3,879.7	5,602.1	2,424.3	452.1	0.27	2.3 x	12.4 x	NM	27.0%	18.6%
CoreCivic, Inc. (CXW)	22.33	2,462.3	3,377.9	1,973.6	332.0	0.67	1.7 x	10.2 x	33.3 x	24.3%	16.8%
Prosegur Compañía de Seguridad, S.A. (BME:PSG)	2.06	1,097.7	3,017.3	5,047.4	462.3	0.14	0.6 x	6.5 x	15.0 x	22.9%	9.2%
Mean		\$3,779.9	\$6,086.7	\$6,036.3	\$650.6	\$0.9	1.4x	9.5x	25.2x	24.0%	13.7%
Median		3,879.7	5,602.1	4,993.3	462.3	0.7	1.5x	9.3x	24.4x	24.3%	16.0%
Environmental Services											
Jacobs Solutions Inc. (J)	\$141.23	\$17,507.8	\$19,203.8	\$11,500.9	\$1,217.8	\$4.79	1.7 x	15.8 x	29.5 x	24.7%	10.6%
Tetra Tech, Inc. (TTEK)	41.51	11,113.9	11,897.5	4,321.9	585.9	1.23	2.8 x	20.3 x	33.7 x	20.0%	13.6%
Stantec Inc. (TSX:STN)	86.56	9,873.5	11,404.7	4,167.7	566.9	2.27	2.7 x	20.1 x	38.1 x	54.2%	13.6%
Arcadis NV (ARCAD)	65.89	5,943.3	7,030.9	5,398.4	421.6	2.41	1.3 x	16.7 x	27.3 x	17.0%	7.8%
Mean		\$11,109.6	\$12,384.2	\$6,347.2	\$698.1	\$2.7	2.1 x	18.2 x	32.2 x	29.0%	11.4%
Median		10,493.7	11,651.1	4,860.1	576.4	2.3	2.2 x	18.4 x	31.6 x	22.4%	12.1%

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## Selected M&A Transactions & News

Facilities Management

### **Selected M&A Transactions**

There were no announced/completed transactions for the period of  $\frac{11/01/2024 - 11/30/2024}{100}$  for our Facilities Management Watchlist.

Source: S&P Capital IQ

### Selected M&A Transactions & News

Facilities Management

#### **Selected News**

**Aramark (NYSE:ARMK)** reported net income of \$262.5 million for fiscal year 2024 as compared to \$674.1 million for the prior year. Earnings per share were \$0.99 versus \$2.57 for the prior year. Revenues for the year increased to \$17,400.7 million from \$16,083.2 million for fiscal year 2023.

**Colliers International Group Inc. (TSX:CIGI)** reported third quarter net income of \$37.2 million for fiscal year 2024 as compared to \$25.1 million for the prior year period. Earnings per share were \$0.73 versus \$0.53 for the prior year period. Revenues for the quarter increased to \$1,179.1 million from \$1,056.0 million for the same period in fiscal year 2023.

**CoreCivic, Inc. (NYSE:CXW)** reported third quarter net income of \$21.1 million for fiscal year 2024 as compared to \$13.9 million for the prior year period. Earnings per share were \$0.19 versus \$0.12 for the prior year period. Revenues for the quarter increased to \$491.6 million from \$483.7 million for the same period in fiscal year 2023.

**Compass Group PLC (LSE:CPG)** reported net income of \$1,404.0 million for fiscal year 2024 as compared to \$1,603.5 million for the prior year. Earnings per share were \$0.82 versus \$0.92 for the prior year. Revenues for the year increased to \$42,002.0 million from \$37,864.0 million for fiscal year 2023.

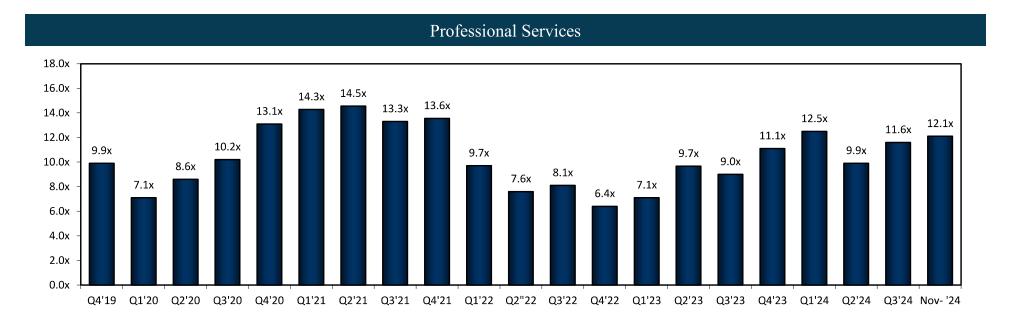
**Jacobs Solutions Inc. (NYSE:J)** reported net income of \$806.1 million for fiscal year 2024 as compared to \$665.8 million for the prior year. Earnings per share were \$6.33 versus \$5.30 for the prior year. Revenues for the year increased to \$11,500.9 million from \$10,851.4 million for fiscal year 2023.

**Securitas AB (publ) (OM:SECU B)** reported third quarter net income of \$114.8 million for fiscal year 2024 as compared to (\$188.3) million for the prior year period. Earnings per share were \$0.20 versus (\$0.33) for the prior year period. Revenues for the quarter increased to \$3,966.4 million from \$3,674.9 million for the same period in fiscal year 2023.

**The Brink's Company (NYSE:BCO)** reported third quarter net income of \$28.9 million for fiscal year 2024 as compared to \$45.6 million for the prior year period. Earnings per share were \$0.65 versus \$0.97 for the prior year period. Revenues for the quarter increased to \$1,258.5 million from \$1,227.4 million for the same period in fiscal year 2023.

**The GEO Group, Inc. (NYSE:GEO)** reported third quarter net income of \$26.3 million for fiscal year 2024 as compared to \$24.5 million for the prior year period. Earnings per share were \$0.19 versus \$0.16 for the prior year period. Revenues for the quarter increased to \$603.1 million from \$602.8 million for the same period in fiscal year 2023.

### Historical Enterprise Value-to-LTM EBITDA Multiples



### Facilities Management



Source: S&P Capital IQ

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