

# Nordic Tech M&A Outlook

Software and IT Services & Consulting Market

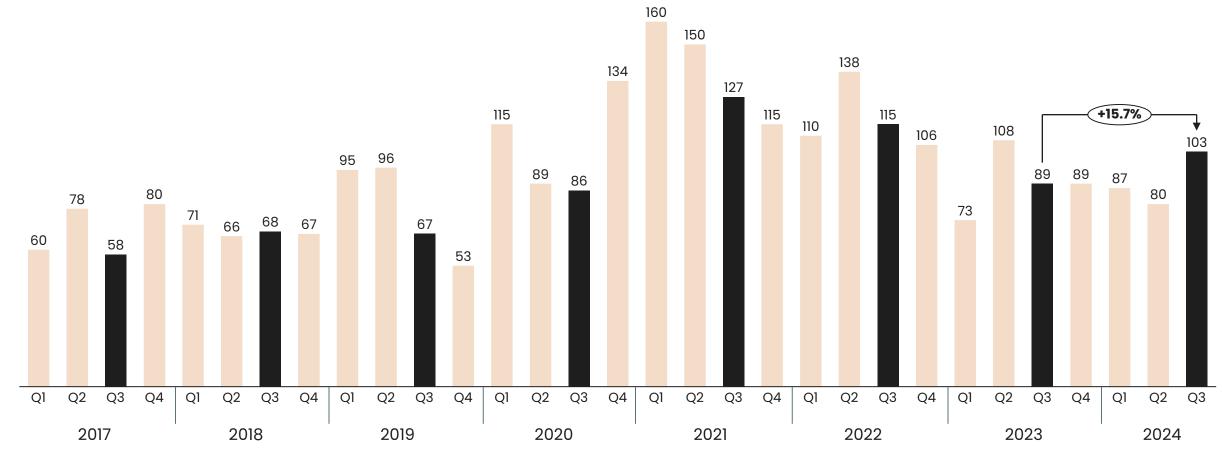
#### Key highlights from Q3

- In Q3 2024, the tech sector recorded 103 transactions, a significant increase from Q2 and the precedent three quarters, indicating a notable uplift in transaction volumes.
- Publicly listed software companies have traded around 3.7x EV/Sales during the last 3 months. Public IT-consulting SMEs in Q3 traded at median 9.5x EV/EBITDA.
- A total of 55 transactions were recorded in the SaaS sector during the third quarter, marking an increase from Q2.
   Additionally, IT services and IT consulting has seen a significant rise in transactions compared to the previous four quarters.
- Foreign acquirers in the Nordic SaaS M&A market have remained active, with 38% of Q3 Nordic software transactions being executed by non-Nordic buyers. US acquirers represented a significant portion of transactions, attracted to the region by its strong history of successful deals, favorable exchange rates, and relative pricing.



## Significant increase in Q3 2024 vs. previous four quarters

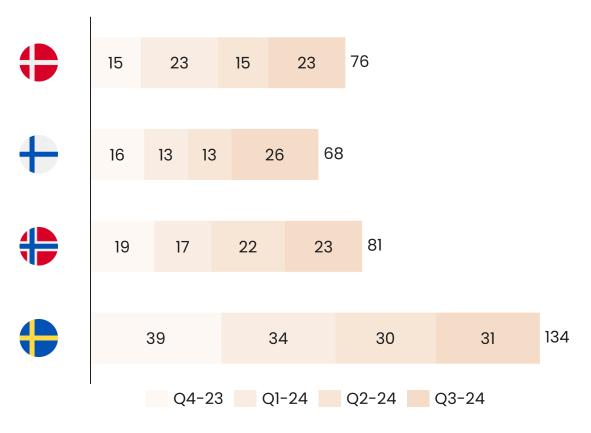
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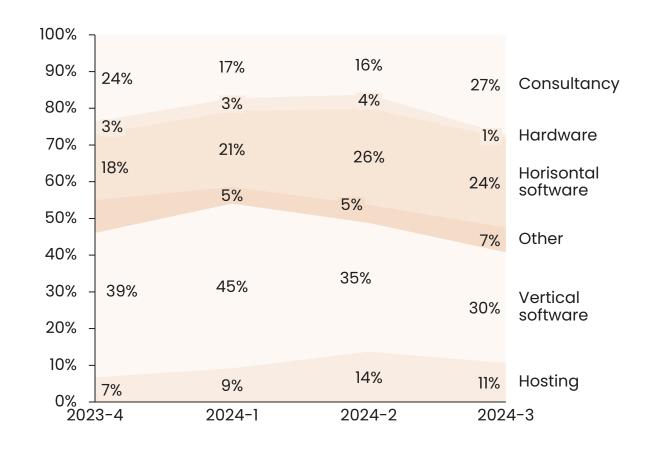
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## Consultancy transactions witness notable growth

Nordic transactions by target country



Transactions by target company niche





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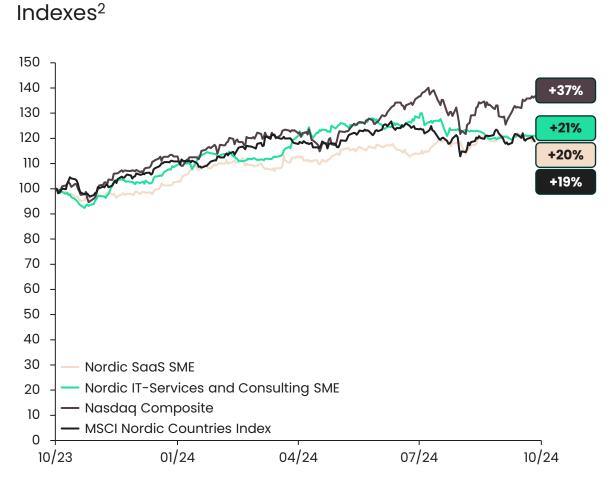
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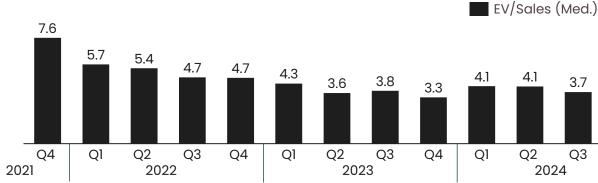
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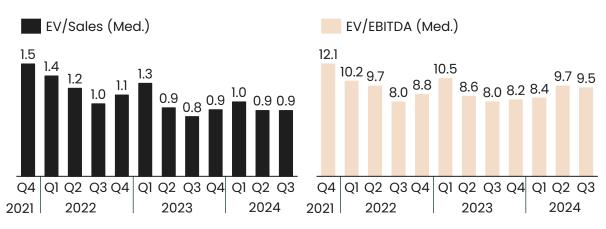
#### Development in Nordic public tech<sup>1</sup>



#### SME Nordic Public SaaS multiples<sup>3</sup>



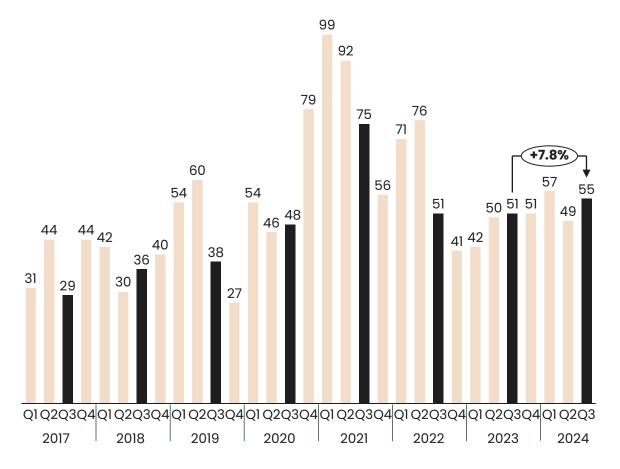
SME Nordic Public IT-Services and Consulting multiples<sup>3</sup>





## Significant rise compared to last 12 months

M&A transactions Nordic software targets



Key transactions this quarter

Target	Description	Buyer	Sales (MEUR)	Туре
·   ·Recorded Future	Cybersec platform	mastercard.	276.0	Add- on
accountor 🕂	Payroll and accounting software	KKR <b></b>	100.0	PE
benify	Employee benefits app	zellis 🗱	67.1	PE- backed
VOYADO 🛑	Customer loyalty platform	e <b>E</b> quity.	57.1	PE
sensio :	Care technology provider	Nordic Capital	34.5	PE



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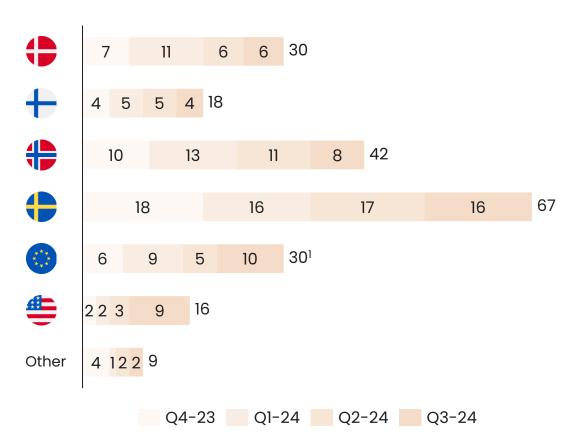
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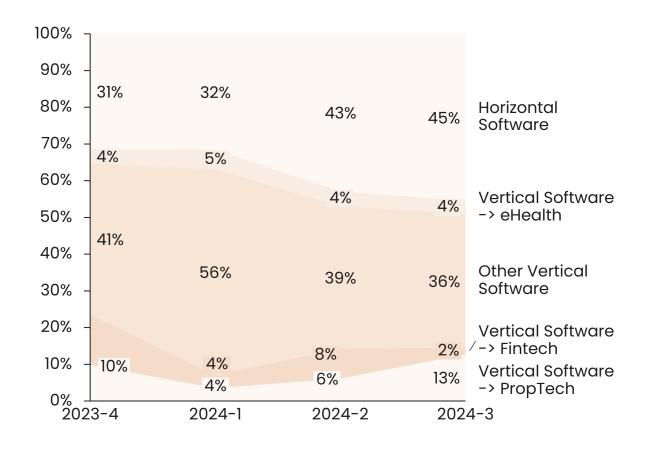
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## Vertical software dominating SaaS activity

Nationality of buyers of Nordic targets LTM



Transactions by target company niche

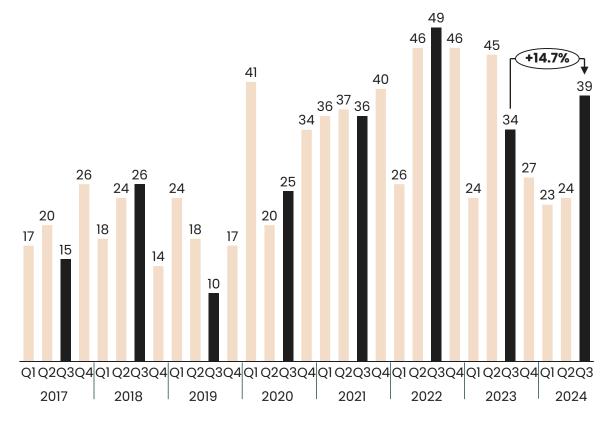




Software

## Significant rise compared to last 12 months

M&A transactions Nordic IT services & consulting targets



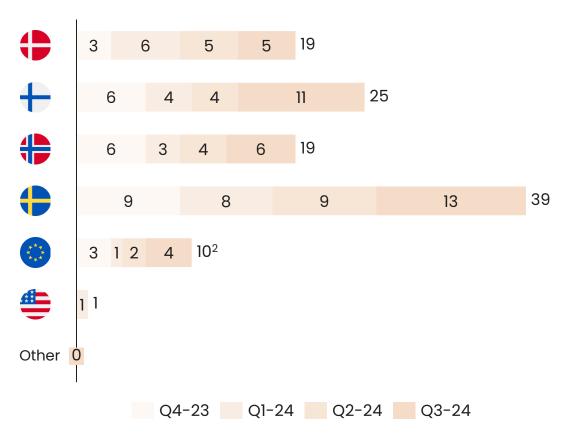
Key transactions this quarter

Target	Description	Buyer	Sales (MEUR)	Туре
ecit #	Hosting, consulting and accounting	TOWERBROOK Z	357.5	PE
NNIT 🛟	IT hosting	P O L A R Î S	246.0	PE
(I) Lexit	Provider of product labeling tech	findos :	100.0	PE
semcon	Industrial technology firm	KNIGHTEC	91.0 <sup>1</sup>	PE- backed
	Services in IT, application operations	Aderian Group	23.8	PE- backed

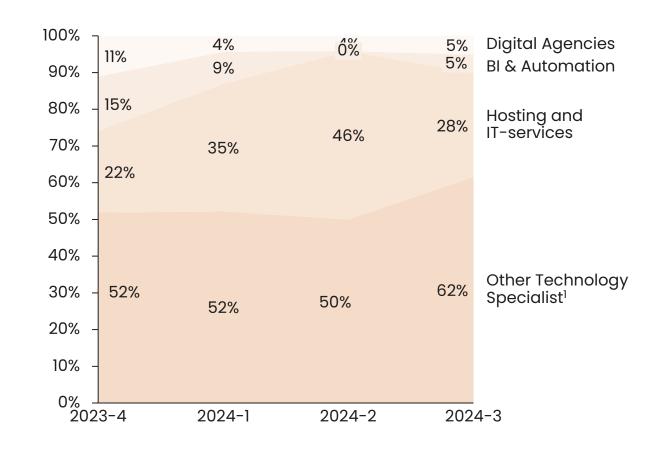


## Acquisition targets mainly captured by Nordic buyers

Nationality of buyers of Nordic targets LTM



Transactions by target company niche





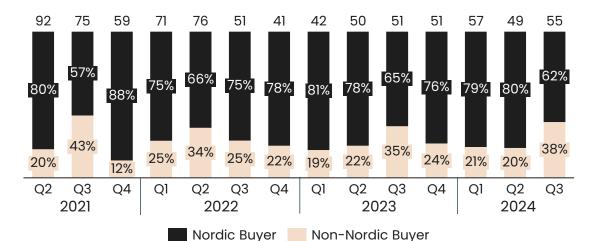
#### Nordic SaaS sees growing demand internationally

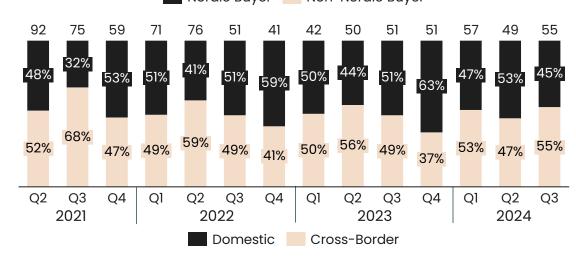
- A continuing trend shows the Nordic SaaS M&A market increasingly attracting foreign buyers, with a significant number of Q3 2024 deals originating from outside the region. The proportion of cross-border deals has reached its highest level since the second quarter of 2023.
- The Nordic region continues to attract significant attention from American investors, fueled by a history of successful ventures, favorable currency exchange rates, and attractive company valuations. In Q3, more than 40% of transactions with a non-Nordic buyer were performed by US-based acquirers.

#### Notable non-Nordic acquirers Q3

Target	Sales (MEUR)	Buyer
ROIMA +	50.0	Corten Capital
SILOAI +	30.0	AMD 🕽 簟
OpusCapita 🕂	16.3	<b>9GEP</b> <del>=</del>
UNICONTROL MACHINE CONTROL MADE SIMPLE	14.2	→I●●●I← Precisional

#### M&A transactions (Nordic SaaS target companies)









## Tech transaction database

Stratema's M&A transaction database is a result of years of extensive research, focusing on the Nordic technology market.

Continuous updates are made using various external resources, proprietary research as well as from communication with market participants.

- Database inception: 2015
- 8000+ M&A transactions
- 4000+ Nordic (targets) M&A transactions
- Nordic target focus





#### About Nordic Tech M&A Outlook

Stratema's quarterly M&A outlook covers the Nordic SME technology private market, with a focus on software, IT services and hosting, as well as tech consulting.

All data from private M&A transactions are sourced from Stratema's proprietary transaction database.

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