OPTIS PARTNERS

Agent & Broker
Merger & Acquisition Update
3rd Quarter 2021

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OPTIS Partners View

Observations & Comments

- Deal activity increased again in Q3-2021 as the number of announced transactions of US and Canadian P&C, Benefits, MGA and TPA transactions increased 13% YTD 2021 versus the same period last year. Whether or not capital gains tax rates will be hiked material is still in question, but its this concern in the first place that set the wheels in motion during 2020 and early 2021 that carry the wave of deal activity forward.
- While a number of new PE-backed buyers have emerged in the last two years, its those that are 2-5 years old that are hitting their M&A stride and drive a lot of the increase in deal count. This includes PCF, World Insurance, High Street Partners, and Relation.
- We anticipate:
 - > Deal count to reach new annual highs at year-end 2021.
 - > Active buyers will continue to buy a relatively large number of small agencies in locations further from metropolitan centers. At the same time, large broker transactions will continue as buyers need efficient means to add scale.



Highlights of Q1:Q3 2021 M&A Activity

- 553 transactions in Q1:Q3 2021, up 13% from 490 for Q1:Q3 2020
- > 213 transactions in Q3-2021, 27% higher than the Q3 average over the previous four years
- > 854 transactions in past 12 months, up from 824 for the period ended June 2021 and from 813 for the 12 month period ended Q3-2020
- Acrisure led all buyers with 79 transactions in the first 3 quarters of 2021, up from 69 in the same period last year
 - > Followed by BroadStreet Partners and PCF Insurance (31 each), World Insurance Associates (27), and Hub International (25)
- Private Equity-Backed / Hybrid ("PE/Hybrid") responsible for 70% of all announced transactions in the past 12 months and 76% during the most recent quarter
- Privately-owned buyers completed 20% of the deals closed YTD 2021 versus 17% in the same period last year

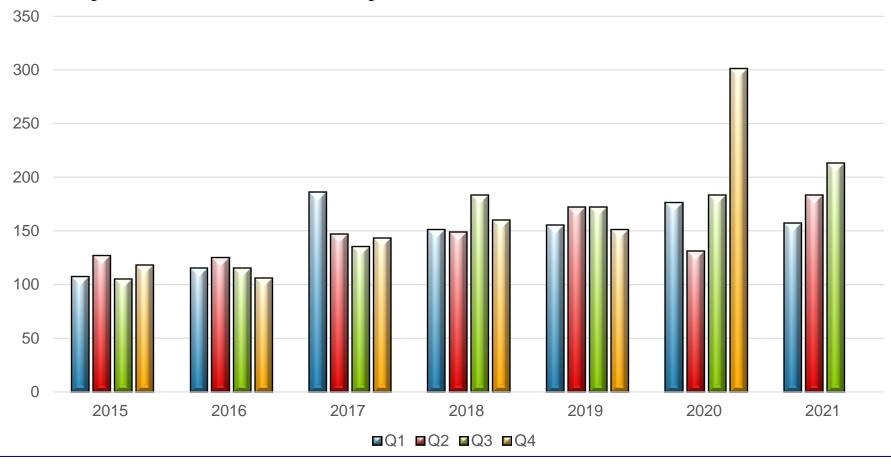


Quarterly M&A Activity

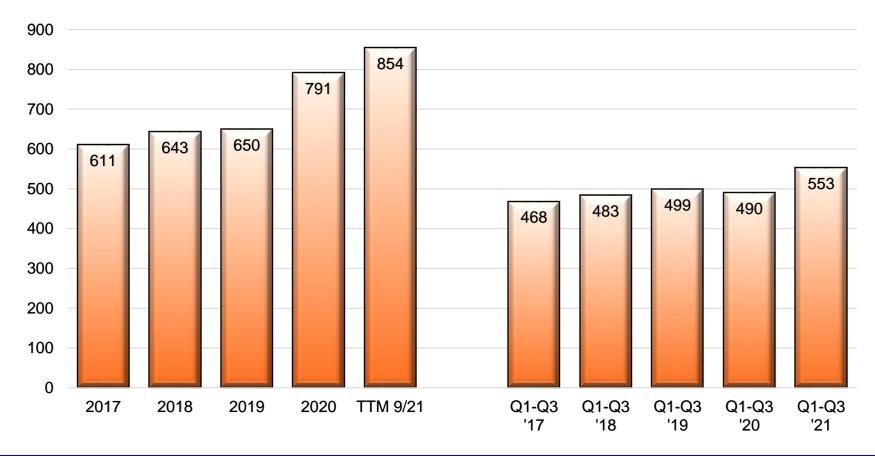




Quarterly M&A Activity



Agency Acquisitions By Year and Q1-Q3





Active Acquirers With 15 or More Deals in 2021

Buyer by Type	Ownership	2017	2018	2019	2020	Q1-Q3 2021
Acrisure	PE / Hybrid	92	101	98	108	79
BroadStreet Partners	PE / Hybrid	32	34	34	58	31
PCF Insurance	PE / Hybrid	0	4	4	36	31
World Insurance Associates	PE / Hybrid	5	9	18	42	27
Hub International	PE / Hybrid	49	59	52	65	25
High Street Partners	PE / Hybrid	0	1	3	9	24
AssuredPartners	PE / Hybrid	26	38	44	38	23
Alera Group	PE / Hybrid	38	28	24	18	23
Relation Insurance	PE / Hybrid	2	0	6	11	19
The Hilb Group	PE / Hybrid	14	12	25	22	18
All Other		353	357	342	384	253
Total Reported Transactions		611	643	650	791	553



Most Active Buyers

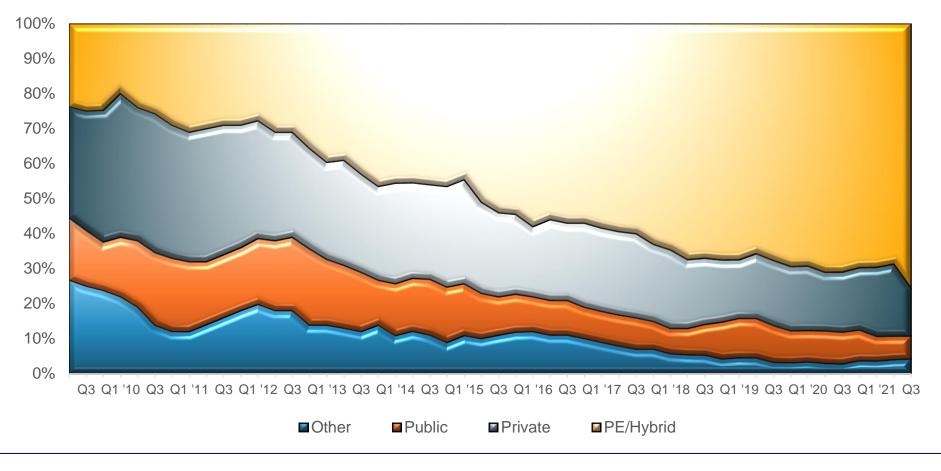
Buyers With 20 or More Deals in Past 12 Months

Buyer by Type	Ownership	2017	2018	2019	2020	TTM 9/21
Acrisure	PE / Hybrid	92	101	98	108	119
Hub International	PE / Hybrid	49	59	52	65	50
Broadstreet Partners	PE / Hybrid	32	34	34	58	49
World Insurance Associates	PE / Hybrid	5	9	18	42	47
PCF Insurance	PE / Hybrid	0	4	4	36	45
AssuredPartners	PE / Hybrid	26	38	44	38	35
Alera	PE / Hybrid	38	28	24	18	30
Relation Insurance	PE / Hybrid	2	0	6	11	27
The Hilb Group	PE / Hybrid	14	12	25	22	27
High Street Partners	PE / Hybrid	0	1	3	9	26
Gallagher	Public	30	36	34	23	22
All Other		323	321	308	361	377
Total Reported Transactions		611	643	650	791	854



Totals By Buyer / Seller Type

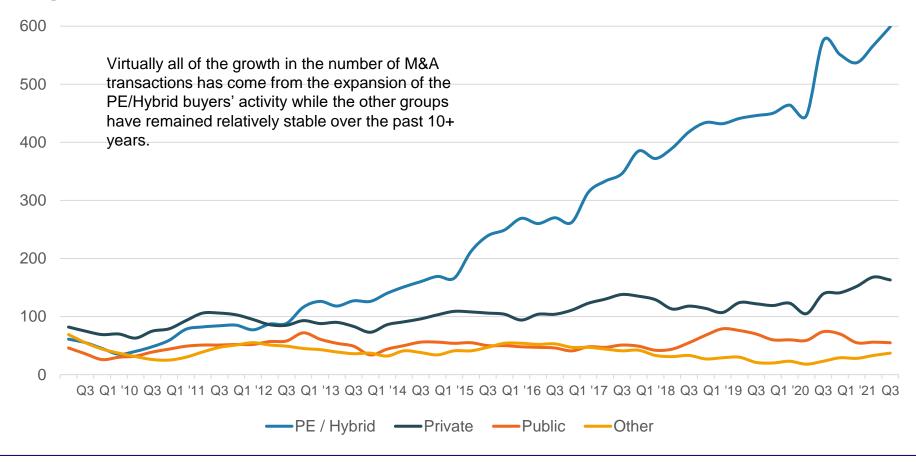
Rolling 12-Month Activity by Buyer Type (% Total)





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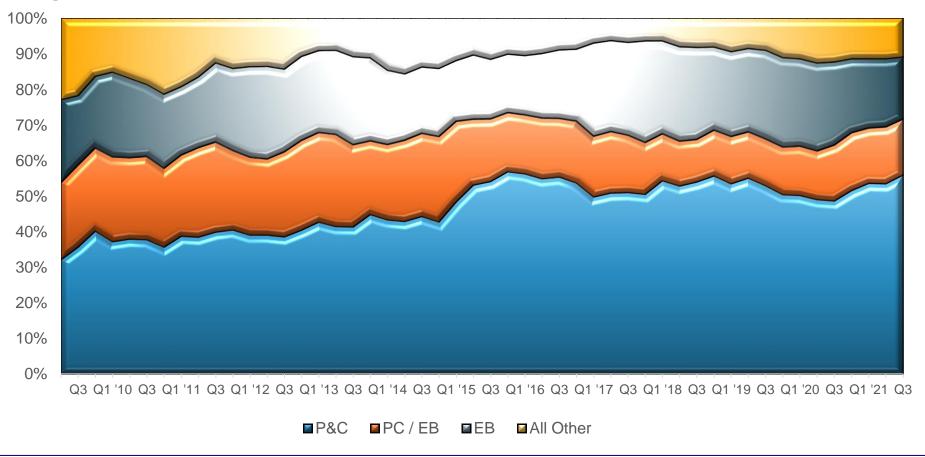
Rolling 12-Month # Transaction by Buyer Type





Totals By Buyer / Seller Type

Rolling 12-Month Activity by Seller Type (% Total)





Significant Transactions

Significant Broker Transactions in 2021

Seller	Buyer	Estimate 2020 Revenue	Date
Murray Insurance Associates (Lancaster, PA)	AssuredPartners	\$31 million	January 2021
Fifth Third Insurance Agency (Cincinnati, OH)	Foundation Risk Partners	\$35 million	January 2021
AP Intego (Waltham, MA)	NEXT Insurance	\$33 million	March 2021
Fiorella Insurance Agency (Stuart, FL)	AssuredPartners	\$33 million	March 2021
Confie Seguros (Huntington Beach, CA)	Alliant	\$475 million	April 2021



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Significant Broker Transactions in 2021 (cont.)

Seller	Buyer	Estimate 2020 Revenue	Date
PayneWest (Missoula, MT)	Marsh	\$134 million	May 2021
Bolton Company (Pasadena, CA)	IMA	\$57 million	May 2021
ABD Insurance & Financial Services (San Francisco, CA)	Newfront Insurance Services	\$113 million	July 2021
Rogers Gray (South Dennis, MA)	Baldwin Risk Partners	\$39 million	July 2021
Propel Insurance (Tacoma, WA)	Alera	\$117 million	September 2021



Significant Transactions

Private Equity-backed Ownership Changes

Insurance Agency	Lead Buyer / Investor	Description	Date
Integrated Speciatly Coverage (New York, NY)	KKR	Majority Investment	March 2021
Strategic Insurance Agency Alliance (SIAA) (Hampton, NH)	Odyssey Investment Partners	Majority Investment	March 2021
High Street Insurance Partners (Traverse City, MI)	Abry	Purchase from Huron Capital	April 2021
Patriot Growth Insurance Services (Ft. Washington, PA)	GI Partners	Majority Investment	September 2021





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