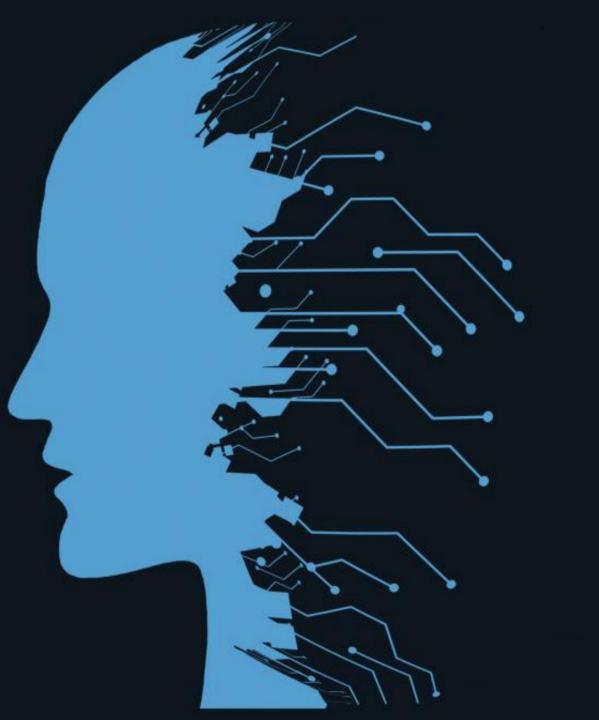


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INDUSTRY UPDATE Q1 2025

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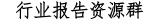
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OUTSTANDING TRACK RECORD

SELECTED HR TECH TRANSACTIONS



* Deals executed by Partners of Drake Star

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DRAKE STAR HR TECH TEAM

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AT A GLANCE

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HR Tech transactions globally in 2024

\$10.5bn

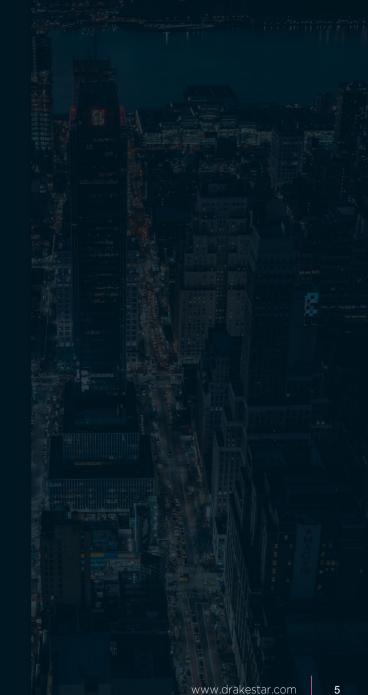
Invested equity in HR Tech globally in 2024 (disclosed values)

\$44.2bn

Global expected HR Tech market volume in 2025e

+9.4%

Expected annual global market growth until 2029e



HR TECH DEAL INSIGHTS PAYCHEX ANNOUNCES ACQUISTION OF PAYCOR



\$4,1bn Deal Size

to small and midsize clients in the

United States via a SaaS model

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Deal Announcement

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The acquisition will strengthen Paychex's position in the HCM market and expand its offerings, particularly for large enterprises



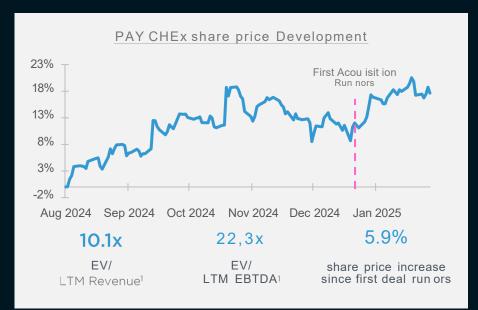
The acquisition is expected to generate cost synergies of over \$80 million in the short term and significant sales synergies in the future



HCM, and insurance solutions servicing small and midsize clients primarily in the United States

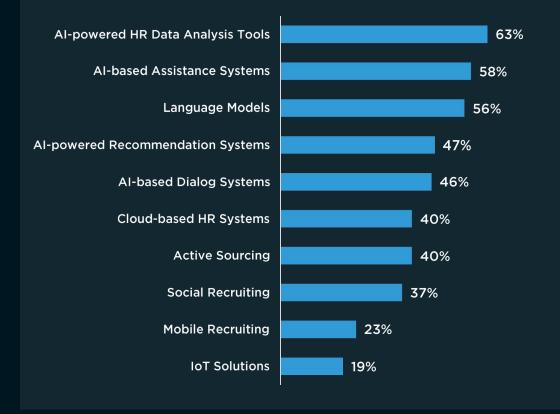


I'm excited to welcome Paycor to the Paychex family. This acquisition represents a significant milestone in our journey to provide best-in-class HCM solutions to businesses of all sizes.



KEY HR TECHNOLOGY TRENDS SHAPING THE FUTURE OF HR TEAMS AND EMPLOYEES

Top 10 most relevant HR Tech trends in the upcoming years according to leading industry experts





63% of experts view **AI-powered HR data analytics tools** as highly relevant, **supporting** reporting and evidence-based decision-making



Al-based assistant systems (e.g., cobots, language models) are valued for improving efficiency in routine tasks like text formulation



Notably, the **technologies rated as most relevant** are those **that primarily assist HR departments with routine activities** (e.g. reporting and correspondence)



Also, **recruiting technologies** will play a big role in the next years as **many companies have not yet** sufficiently transformed their recruiting processes as these approaches require continuous care, time **and skills**, despite the shortage of skilled labour

AREAS OF FOCUS AND OBJECTIVES FOR IMPLEMENTING NEW HR TECHNOLOGIES

Areas of HR work in which organizations will increasingly use new technologies according to leading industry experts



Results show the expectation that new technologies can not only increase the attractiveness for applicants, but also strengthen the long mmterm loyalty of employees to the company



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DRAKE STAR'S HR TECH UNIVERSE

COVERING THE ENTIRE VALUE CHAIN





Human capital Management

HR IS/payroll Benefits workforce Management contingent Labor



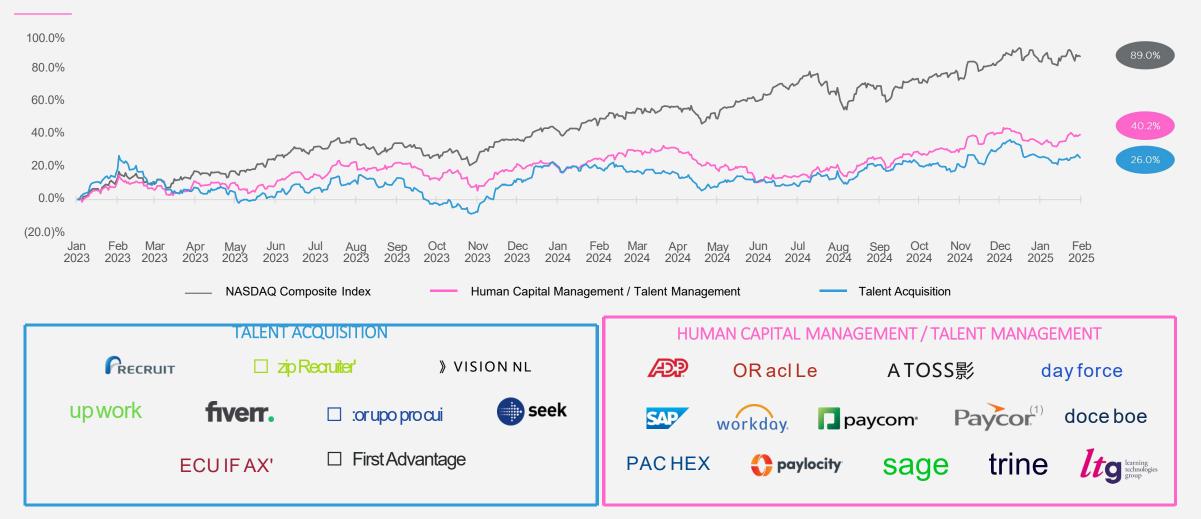
Talent Management

compensation DEI/compliance performance & succession Learning & Development Employee Engagement HR Analytics

REPRESENTATIVE HR TECH MARKET LANDSCAPE

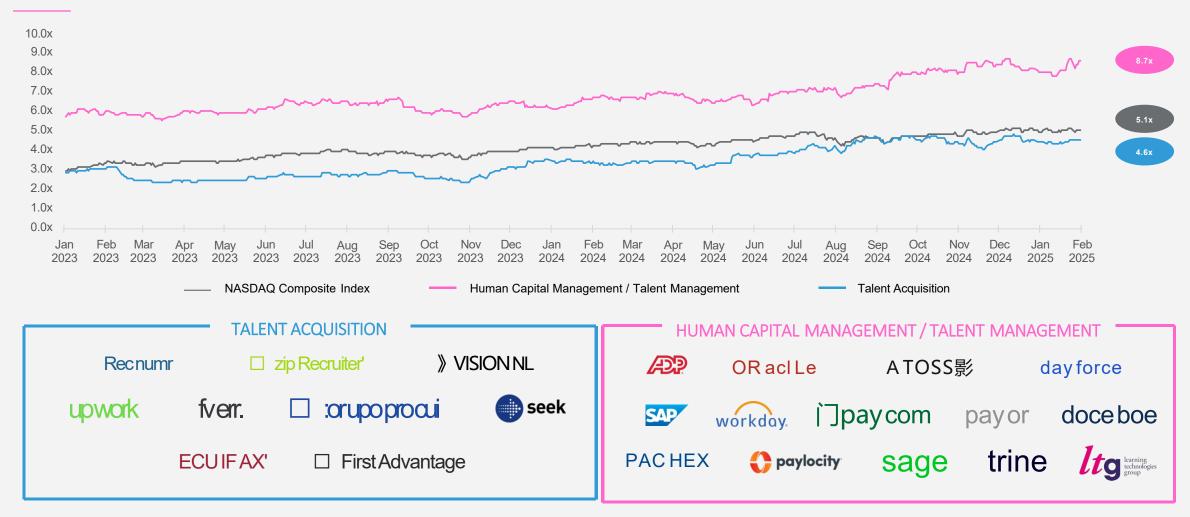
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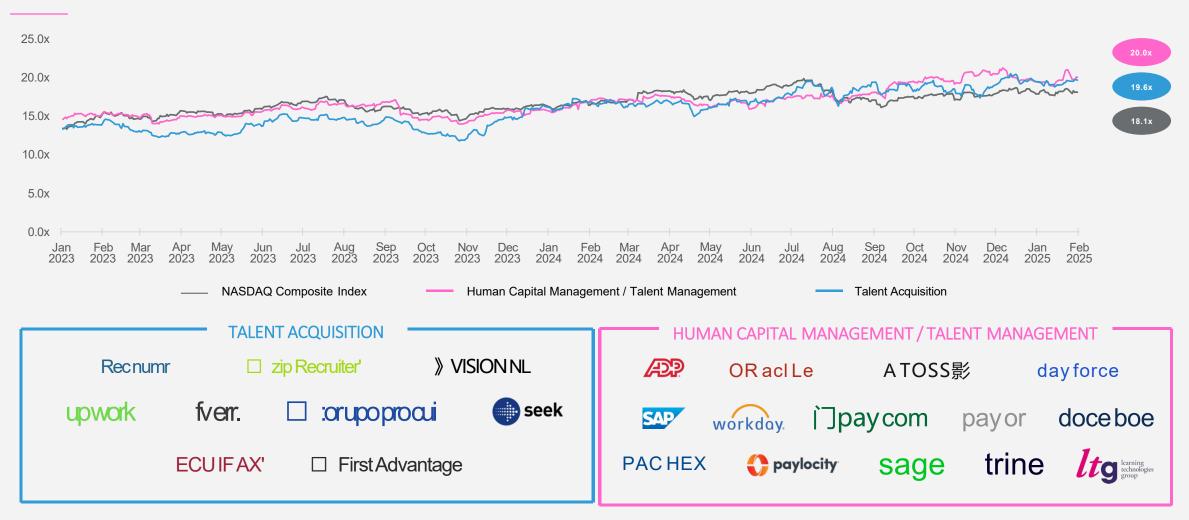
Sources: Capital IQ as of 31.01.2025 (equally weighted; avg.); (1) Announced to be acquired by Paychex on 7. January 2025

LAST25 MONTHS EV/NTM REVENUE



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LAST25MONTHS EV/NTM EBITDA



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QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE OF DRAKE STAR HR TECH INDICES

CAPTURING THE LAST EIGHT QUARTERS

		Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024
Talent Acquisition Index	Share(1) Price	7.5%	(0.7%)	(8.2%)	25.3%	(4.7%)	(5.7%)	11.0%	3.0%
	INDEX(2)	108	107	98	123	117	110	123	126
Human Capital Management / Talent Management Index	Share ⁽¹⁾ Price	11.5%	3.9%	(2.1%)	7.5%	8.5%	(13.3%)	13.2%	4.3%
	INDEX(2)	112	116	113	122	132	115	130	135
NASDAQ Composite Index	Share ⁽¹⁾ Price	17.7%	12.8%	(4.1%)	13.6%	9.1%	8.3%	2.6%	6.2%
	INDEX(2)	118	133	127	145	158	171	175	186

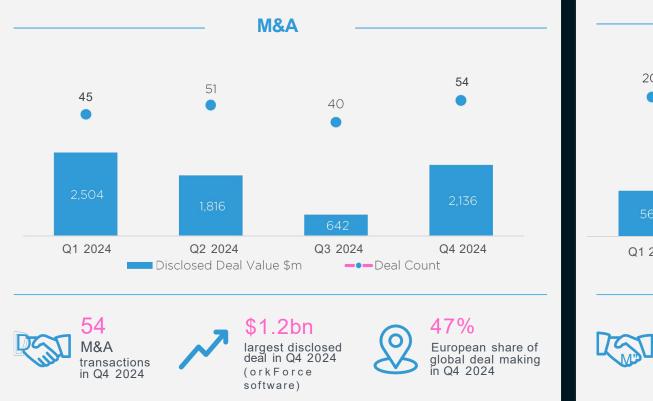
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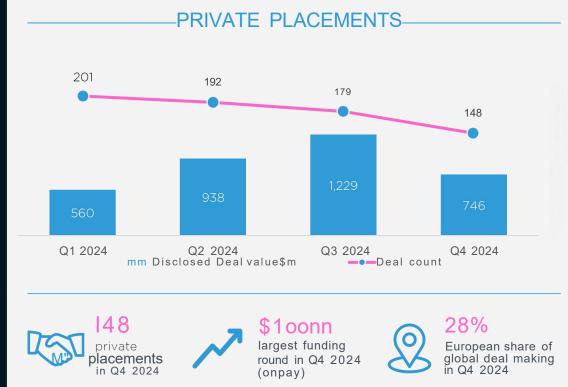
Sources: Capital IQ as of 31.12.2024. The Drake Star HR Tech Index is not a fund. The "index" is a number of global public HR Tech companies Drake Star tracks.

- In the fourth quarter, the HCM/Talent Management index continued to grow by 4.3%. With Paycor, Paycom and Paylocity increasing their share price by more than 20%, reflecting the strong tailwinds in the payroll industry driven by the increasing adoption of cloud-based payroll solutions and large companies further streamlining payroll and tax filing services to ensure efficient workforce management.
- The Talent Acquisition index continued its positive momentum in Q4, with Upwork and Fiverr showing impressive 59% and 31% share price gains, respectively, driven by strategic expansions into Al-powered hiring solutions, reflecting strong demand for freelance and flexible workforce solutions. Conversely, ZipRecruiter and Equifax struggled, falling -24% and -12% respectively, due to weaker than expected hiring trends and disappointing earnings reports, reflecting broader volatile labour demand.

HR TECH M&A & PRIVATE PLACEMENT ACTIVITY

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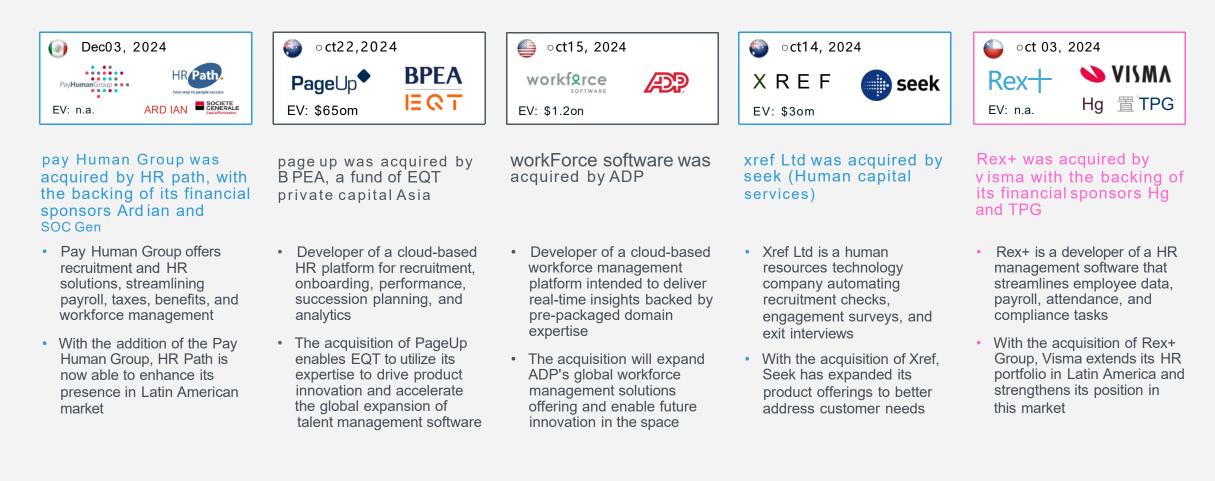




Sources: Pitchbook

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NOTABLE HR TECH M&A DEALS IN Q4 2024

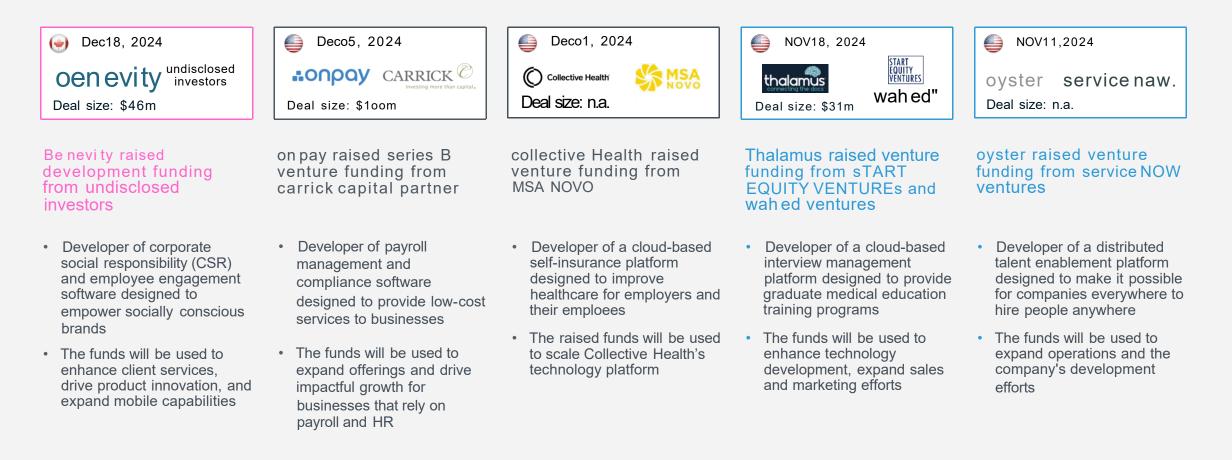


Talent Acquisition

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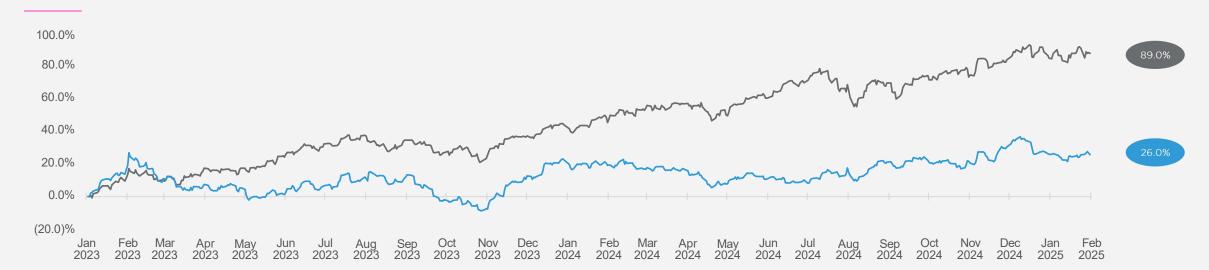
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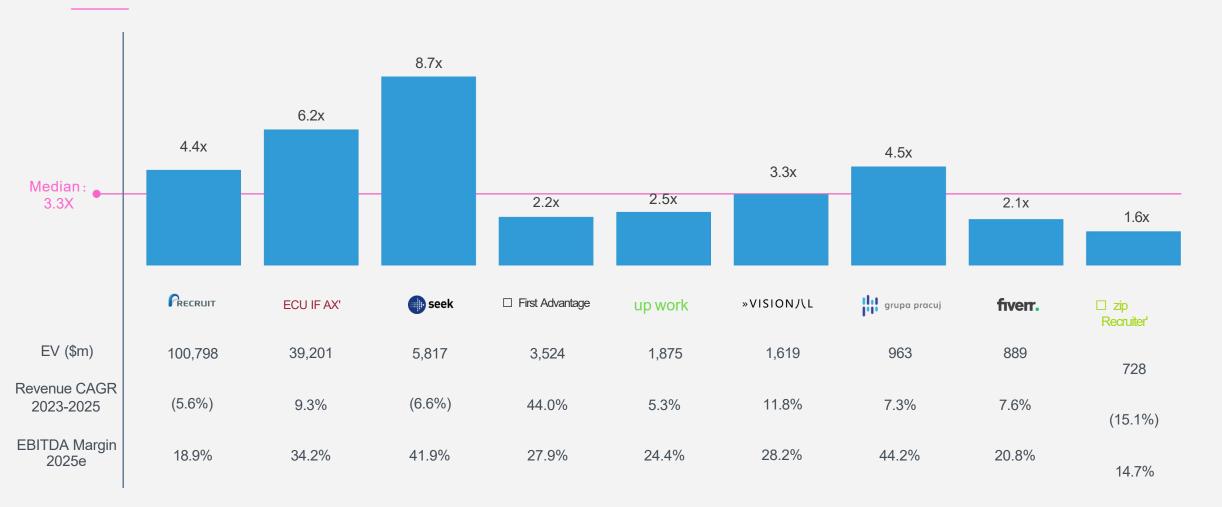
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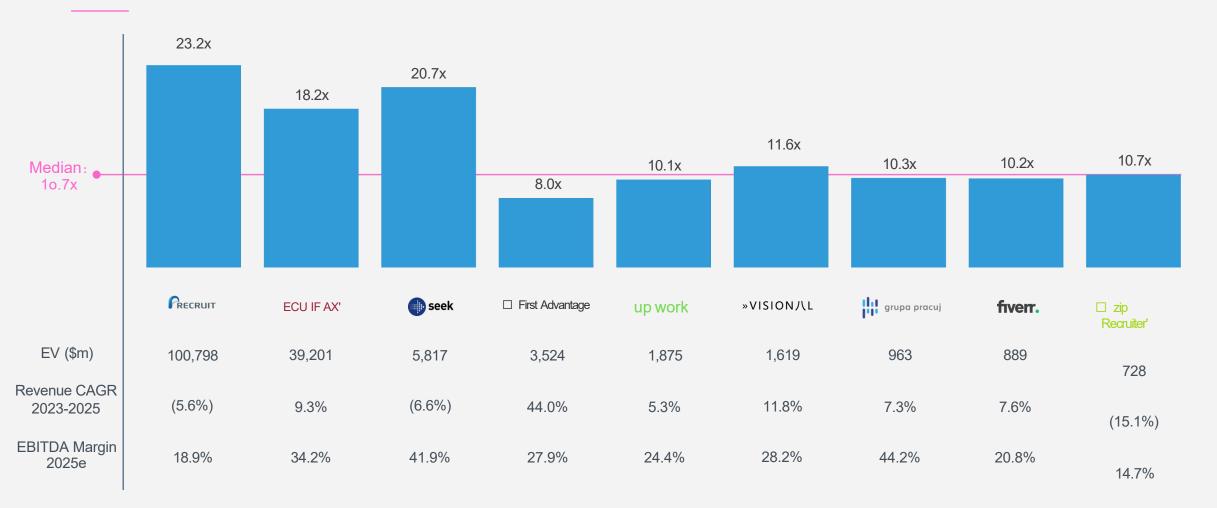


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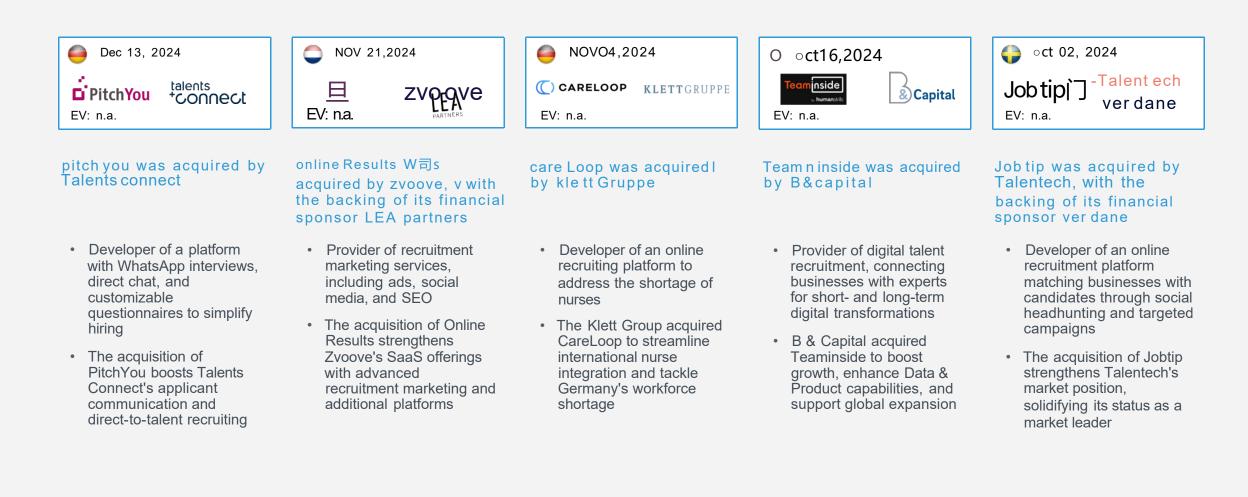


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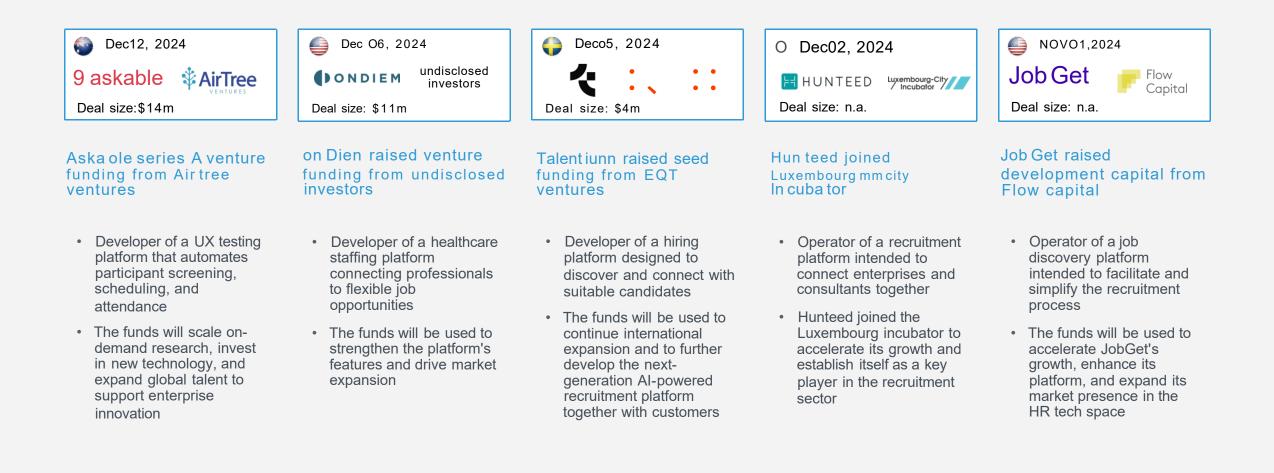
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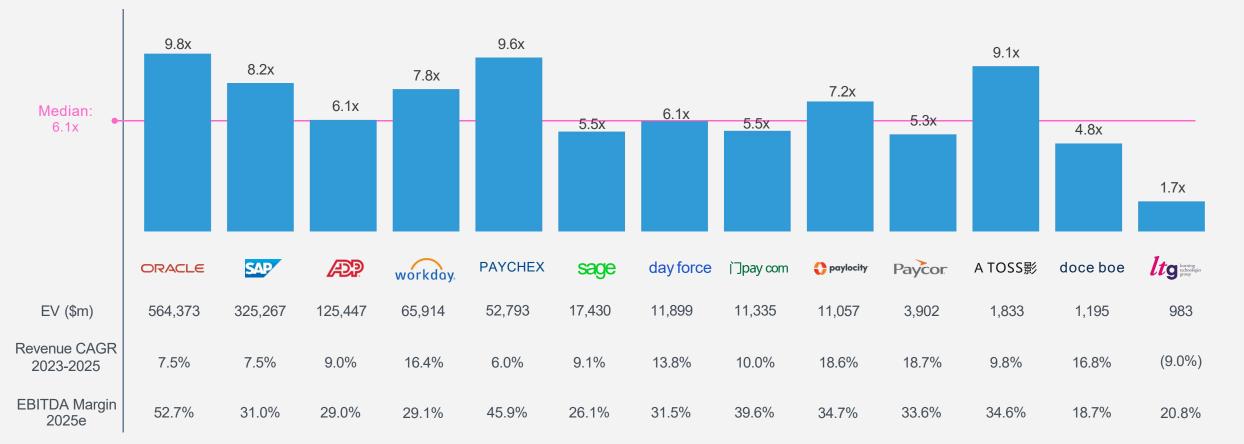
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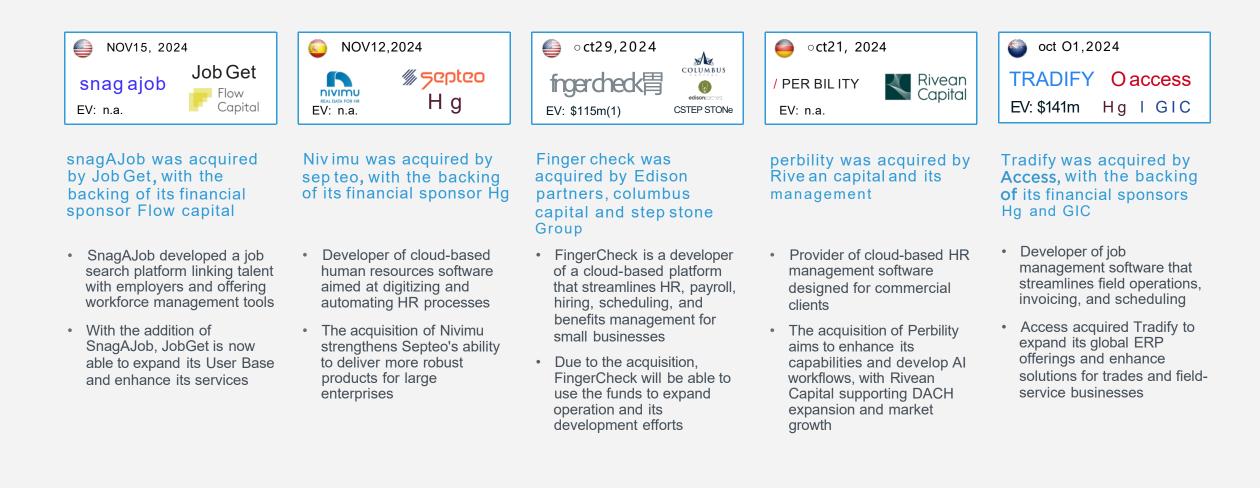


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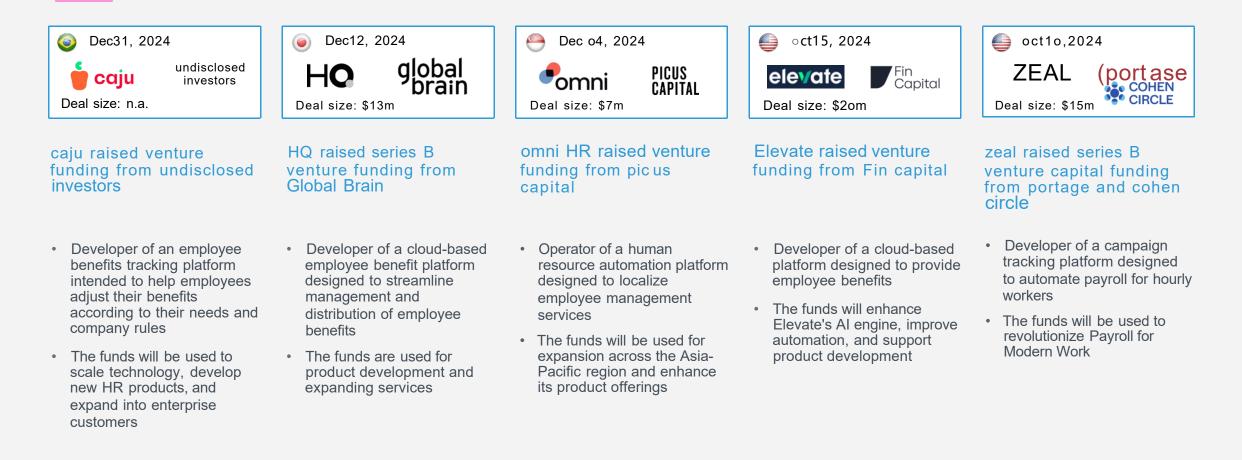
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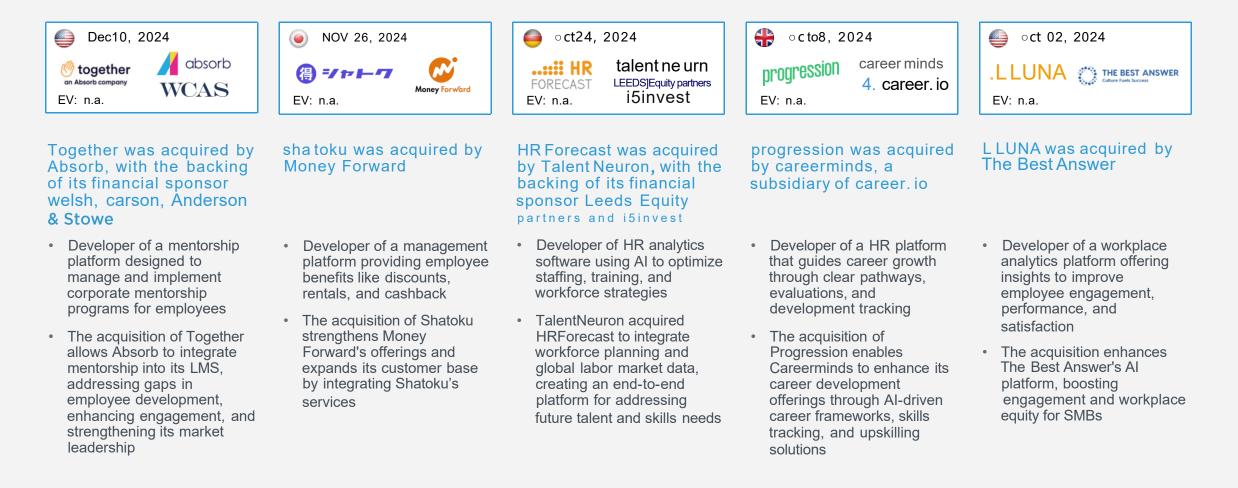
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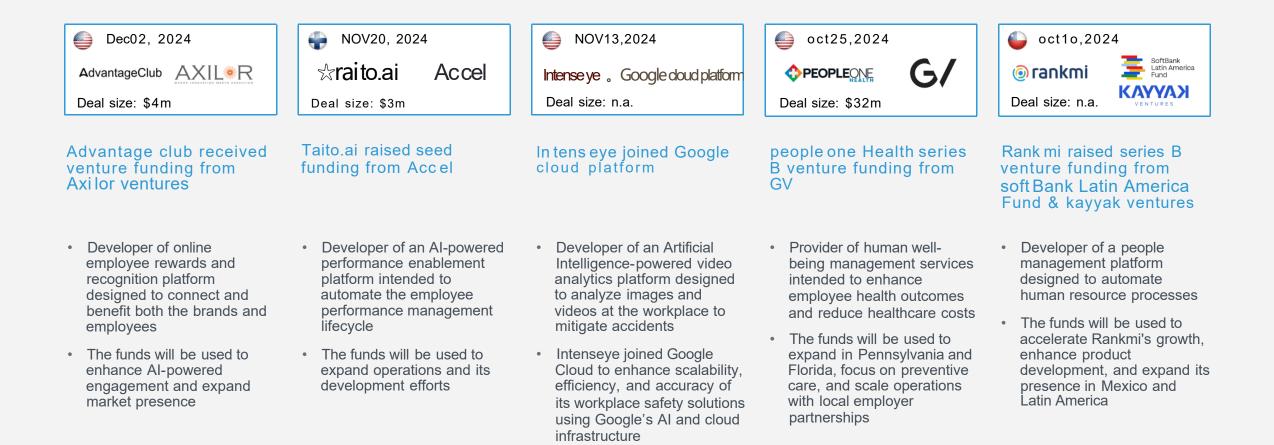
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katharina van Meenen-Röhrig Co-CEO

WITH THEIR DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF THE GLOBAL HR TECH MARKET AND THEIR EXTENSIVE GLOBAL REACH AND NETWORK, DRAKE STAR WAS THE PERFECT PARTNER FOR US TO ENTER THE NEXT PHASE OF GROWTH.

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WE ABSOLUTELY MADE THE BEST DECISION WITH DRAKE STAR - THEY MASTERFULLY PREPARED US AND HELPED US CONFIDENTLY NAVIGATE THROUGH THE COUNTLESS SUBTLETIES AND NUANCES IN A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME TYPE OF TRANSACTION.

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Dr. Ralf Gräßler



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Brian canneron CEO HIREtech

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REACTIONS TO OUR HR TECH RESEARCH

INDUSTRY LEADERS ARE FQLLOING DRAKE STAR'S RESEARCH REPORTS



Alex Kouchev Lead Product Engineer



Melanie Powell MarketingSpecialist



Kate Graham Director CompetitiveIntelligence

Wow, this post really hit the HR Tech bullseye! I couldn't agree more that the future of work lies in technology and talent acquisition



Just downloaded the report. Awesome stuff!

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ACTIVE MINDSET LEADER IN THE TECH INDUSTRY (1/3) THOROUGH INDUSTRY KNOLEDGE

RECENT PANEL DISCUSSIONS, INTERVIEWS AND CONVENTIONS



Managing Partner Ralf Philipp Hofmann and Partner Gaby Silvestris at Bits & Pretzels in Munich



Ralf Philipp Hofmann as speaker at the 2024 Leadership in Dealmaking Summit in New York



Drake Star as sponsor at Unleash World in Paris



Drake Star as sponsor at Zukunft Personal Europe in Cologne



Managing Partner Jim Holzer on the judge panel at Unleash Las Vegas Lightning Round 2023



Managing Partner Michael Metzger on CNBC

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LEADERSHIP IN DEALMAKING SUMMIT PANEL



M&A ADVISOR AWARDS



M&A ATLAS AWARDS



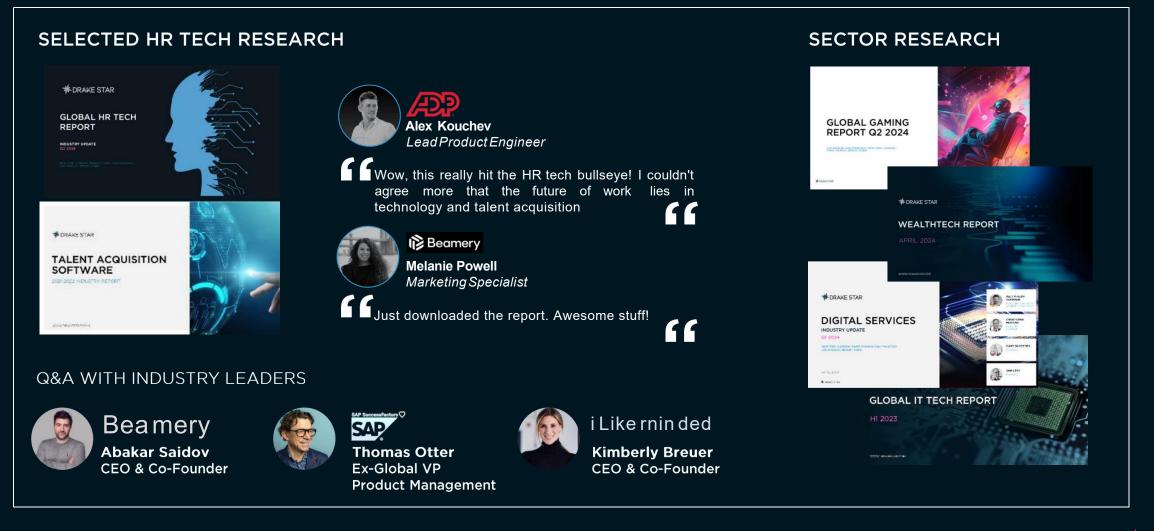
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ACTIVE MINDSET LEADER IN THE TECH INDUSTRY (3/3) THOROUGH INDUSTRY KNOLEDGE



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GFOS

MAJORITY RECAPITALIZATION OF A LEADING PROVIDER OF WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT SOFTARE W1TH THE R1VERS1DE COMPANY, A LEADING GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY GROWTH INVESTOR



KEY VALUE-ADD



> Majority recapitalization of a leading Workforce Management software provider



AND REINVESTMENT BY MANAGEMENT

- Drake Star leveraged its deep industry expertise and comprehensive knowledge to identify the ideal partner
 - Drake Star achieved an exceptionally successful outcome for the second-generation family shareholders

situation& objectives

 GF OS, is a leading provider of workforce management software, offering a comprehensive and modular platform that enables end-to-end digital iz ation of workforce management processes

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- GF OS' cloud based solution reduces manual workload to a minimum while enabling holistic and efficient HR management
- After the successful family succession in 2021, katharina van Meenen-Röhrigand Ignace van Meenen took over the leadership
- To enter the next phase of growth, management shareholders decided to onboard a global growth investor

Drake star services & support

- Drake star was selected in a highly competitive advisors election process and acted as the exclusive financial advisor to GFOS and its shareholders on this transaction
- Drake star clearly highlighted GF OS' unique position offering a leading wFM solution with complementary offering in MES
- Advised management on financial planning and helped develop international growth strategy
- Drake star supported the shareholders through the final negotiations and secured the ideal

partner to scale future growth while exceeding shareholders' financial expectations

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- Drake star structured and executed a highly successful global process and identified the ideal partner for the company's next growth phase
- Riverside is a leading global technology growth investor known for its extensive track record in HR Tech and B2B Saas
- second-generation family shareholders reinvested a significant share of their proceeds, underlining their commitment to continue supporting the growth and vision of GFOS
- Existing management will remain in their current positions to jointly execute the global expansion strategy

VEDA

MAJORITY RECAPITALIZATION OF LEADING GERMAN CORE HR SOFTWARE PROVIDER WTH INVESTCORP

VEDA

KEY VALUE-ADD

MAJORITY RECAPITALIZATION WITH

INVESTCORP

AND REINVESTMENT BY MANAGEMENT

- > Majority recapitalization of German HR Tech pioneer with industry-leading software investor
 - Drake Star leveraged its extensive HR Tech industry expertise to win the ideal partner to support the company's next growth stage

Highly attractive outcome for founders and management

situation& objectives

VEDA is a pioneer in the German HR Tech Market, offering a holistic end-to-end HR software platform ("VEDA HORIZON")that enables customers to utilize payroll, Time& security and people Management solutions within one integrated system.

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- The company complements its product offering by best-in-class full-service payroll outsourcing.
- Founders and management were searching for a high-quality partner to accompany vEDA in the next phase of its growth journey.

Drake star services & support

- Drake star organized a competitive process for VEDA to select its preferred partner from a range of top-tier financial and strategic investors
- The deal team generated extensive transaction documentation, including a compelling equity story, a fully comprehensive financial model, as well as an elaboration of different growth levers for vEDA.
- VEDA's leading position as a one-stop shop for HR software solutions and services for medium-sized companies within a ~\$3bn market was clearly emphasized and pivotal for the transaction outcome.

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- with Invest corp as a new investor, Drake star found a high-profile partner for vEDA, which is now ideally positioned to emerge as the leading HR Tech platform for sMES in the DACH region.
- Drake star executed a highly effective process within the envisaged timeline exceeding the expectations of founders and management.
- Management made a significant re-investment, underscoring their dedication to leading and expanding the business going forward in collaboration with the new partner.

ACONSO

MAJORITY RECAPITAL1ZATION OF GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY LEADER IN HR DQCUMENT MANAGEMENT T H KEEN SIGHT CAPITAL

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MAJORITY RECAPITALIZATION WITH



- Majority recapitalization of global technology leader in HR Document Management and inventor of the Digital Personnel File through highly competitive process
- Leveraged extensive sector experience and in-depth knowledge to find the ideal partner with extensive enterprise software experience to support further international growth
 - Drake Star managed to achieve a highly attractive outcome for aconso's management

situation& objectives

 acon so is the global technology leader in HR Document Management and inventor of the Digital personnel File

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KEY VALUE-ADD

- acon so offers best-in-class cloud-based HR DMs software, enabling end-to-end automation of document storage, creation, and processing
- with acon so's highly scalable solution, customers achieve substantial efficiency gains derived from the digital iz ation of their workplace, addressing key pain points in HR departments
- Management aimed to find the best partner to further scale the business internationally

Drake star services & support

- Drake star orchestrated a highly competitive process that enabled acon so to choose their preferred partner from a range of renowned financial and strategic investors
- clearly highlighted acon so's unique position offering a highly scalable solution at the intersection of two fast growing markets, HR Tech and DMS
- Drake star guided management and shareholders throughout the final negotiations in order to achieve the best financial result,

while choosing the preferred party to drive further growth

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- successfully executed one of the largest HR Tech transactions in DACH in Q3 2023
- The new partnership with keen sight enables acon so to further leverage its highly scalable product offering and accelerate its international expansion with an experienced partner
- The substantial reinvestment of the four cofounders underscores a firm commitment to further expand the business in collaboration with keen sight

HIRETECH

SUCCESSFUL TARGETED PROCESS, WITH A LIM1TED NUMBER OF LOGICAL STRATEGIC AND PE BUYERS

HIREtech	KEY VALUE-ADD							
sale to Equntax	 Sale of an innovative HR tech and data solutions company by a public multinational data, analytics, and technology company Leveraged extensive track record and strong financial and strategic investor relationships within the HR Tech sector Managed fast-paced, tailored process generating significant investor interest from a large 							
situation & objective	group of suitable parties							

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- HIRE tech is a technology-focused HR Tech solutions firm
- provides software and services to help companies save time, money, and reduce compliance risk
- Technology platform enables businesses to access the real-time data and intelligence to make important financial and hiring decisions
- services include I-9/E-verify, Employment& wage verification, Tax credits, and unemployment claims Management

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- Drake star partners acted as exclusive financial advisor to HIRE tech in this successful sell-side process
- Limited process that marketed to best-fit group of HR Tech-focused strategics and private equity firms
- closed in less than 4 months
- Received multiple actionable lols, which provided Drake star significant leverage to increase the valuation during negotiations
- Managed a buyer team of 100+ external consultants and full-time employees

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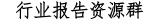
- premium saas purchase multiple, with favorable deal terms
- HIRE tech leadership team have assumed roles with Equifax as part of the new Houston, Texas-based division of Equifax workforce solutions
- HIRE tech's capabilities strengthen Equi fax's workforce solutions' work Number income

and employment verification and HR services, enabling the merged company to accelerate innovative offerings to employers



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