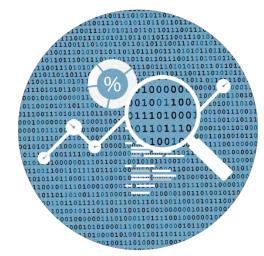


## Perspectives on the Unified Communications and Collaboration Sector

Summer 2019





### Houlihan Lokey's Team Focused on Communications and Collaboration

#### Fully integrated team ensuring deep industry and sector knowledge









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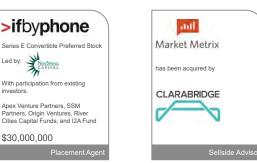
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Tombstones included herein represent transactions closed from 2013 forward.

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### Select Relevant Houlihan Lokey Transactions in Collaboration and Workflow



Web Content Management



**Manufacturing Content** Workflow



Talent Management



**Digital Workplace** 



Social Media Analytics



Workforce Management



**Talent Analytics** 







E-Content Management



Collaboration and Social Performance Management



Communications



**Contingent Workforce** Management



**Talent Management** 



Workforce Management

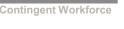




**Customer Engagement** 









Compliance Management



Workforce Management

## Key Themes Shaping the Unified Communications and Collaboration (UCC) Industry

	Key Theme	Description	Implications
1.	Large, Growing Market Continuing Its Transition to the Cloud	<ul> <li>Global UCC TAM is estimated to range from \$99B to \$125B<sup>(1)</sup></li> <li>Increasing momentum pulling UCC customers to the cloud, cannibalizing on-premise solutions and existing offerings from incumbents</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Long runway for continued growth</li> <li>Cloud-based solutions likely to benefit from:</li> <li>Greater economies of scale</li> <li>Ability to pair faster top-line growth and strong software gross margins</li> </ul>
2.	Convergence of UCC Products	<ul> <li>Lines blurring between various UCC services (UCaaS, CPaaS, contact center, collaboration and conferencing, telephones, mobile)</li> </ul>	Each player differentiates by entering the market with a slightly different focus, but will have to expand product and service offerings to meet customer demand of integrated functionality
3.	Growth of Programmable Communications and the API Economy	<ul> <li>Open APIs delivering new, highly customizable communication and collaboration apps</li> <li>Enables better integration of UCC with other enterprise apps and business process workflow</li> </ul>	Most UCaaS and CCaaS providers looking to create an "API layer" on top of their existing UCC offerings
4.	Voice as a User Interface (VUI) and Conversational Al	<ul> <li>Consumerization of IT driving demand for sophisticated voice processing engines and intelligent self-learning virtual agents, powered by AI</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Advancements will open up new markets for VUI and conversational AI – auto, industrial, etc.</li> <li>Can quickly scale via the cloud and API integration</li> </ul>
5.	Consolidation Via M&A	<ul> <li>Legacy UCC platforms will look to transition to the cloud and/or combine with other legacy providers to achieve cost synergies, driving M&amp;A consolidation</li> </ul>	M&A activity will continue as competitors vie for customers and market share

### 1. Large, Growing Market Continuing Its Transition to the Cloud

### **Key Trends Driving Market Growth**

Multiple secular growth drivers

- Distributed workforces
- Enterprise mobility
- Enterprises moving workloads to the cloud

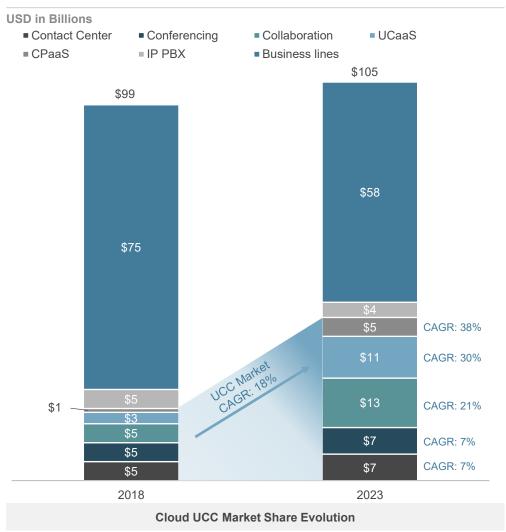
Globalization around remote work

- Expanding the network perimeter, creating a premium on secure communication
- Increased use of mobile devices for business driving demand for intuitive UIs and applications across these devices

TAM continuing to expand

- Lower TCO, automation, and optimization of business processes/communications at scale
- Rapid, flexible deployment capacity
- Inability of legacy systems to adapt to the changing markets increases the scope and penetration of the UCC space
- UCC vendors will continue to cannibalize traditional business line company solutions

### **Global UCC Total Addressable Market**



Source: Wall Street Research

### 1. Large, Growing Market Continuing Its Transition to the Cloud (cont.)

### Large Market Shifting to the Cloud

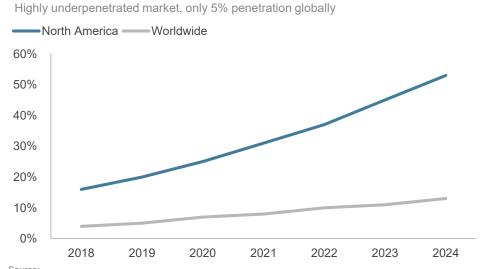
Cloud-based solutions benefit from greater economies of scale, adaptability

- Spurs faster top-line growth with strong software based gross margins
- Future ability to rapidly scale with benefits of SaaS
- Enables more dynamic integration with CRM/ERP/productivity applications

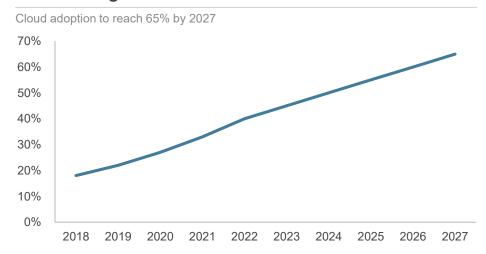
Increased adoption of BYOD policies by companies

- Cloud services allow users to connect from personal devices
- Users' expectation of UCC experience similar to that from personal applications

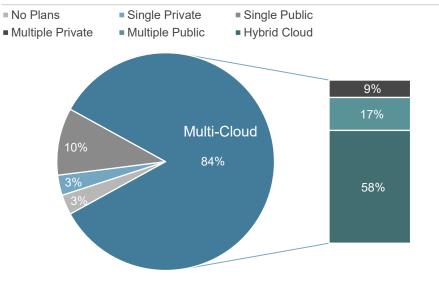
#### UCaaS User Penetration Forecast(1)



### Accelerating Shift of Business Lines to the Cloud<sup>(1)</sup>



### **Enterprises Adopting Multi-Cloud Strategy**<sup>(2)</sup>



Source:

(1) Wall Street Research

(2) Flexera, RightScale 2019 State of the Cloud Survey

### 2. Convergence of UCC Products

### **Convergence and Integration**

### **Traditional UC Stack**

Lines blurring between various UCC services

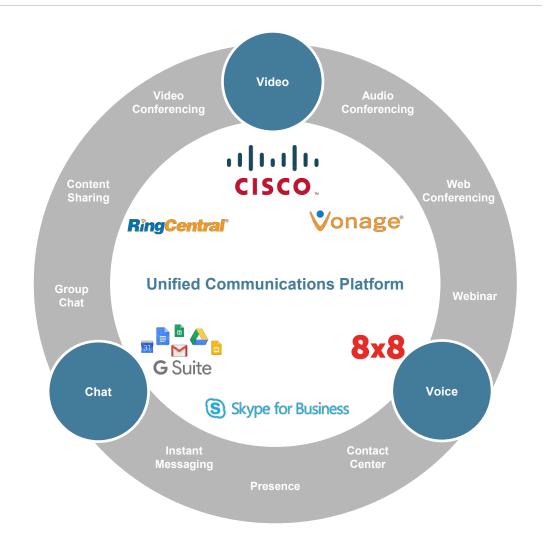
- Creates opportunity for new entrants
- Each player differentiates by providing solutions with a slightly different focus

Software companies entering the UCC market

 Software companies adding communication and collaboration capabilities to their existing business productivity solutions

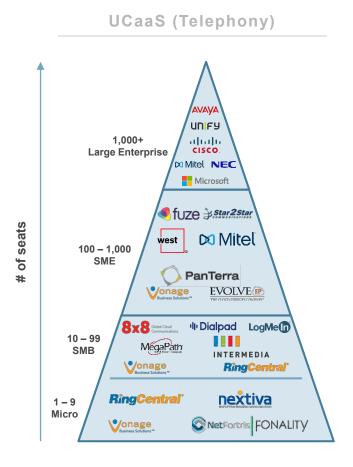
UCC companies broadening their portfolios

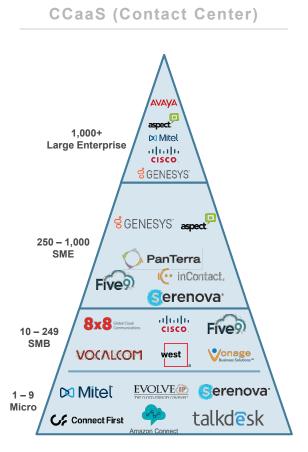
- Significant ongoing investment in developing cloud-based, comprehensive portfolio of solutions with added functionality (e.g., data analytics, AI, etc.)
- Pure play UCaaS companies acquiring/ developing new capabilities:
  - CCaaS: Vonage/NewVoiceMedia, 8x8/Contactual
  - CPaaS: Vonage/Nexmo, Cisco/Tropo

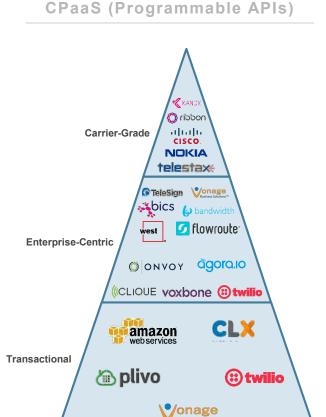


### The UCaaS/CCaaS/CPaaS Landscape Divided by Go-To-Market Strategy

### **Go-To-Market Segmentation and Vendor Landscape**







A Broad Set of Large and Small Vendors

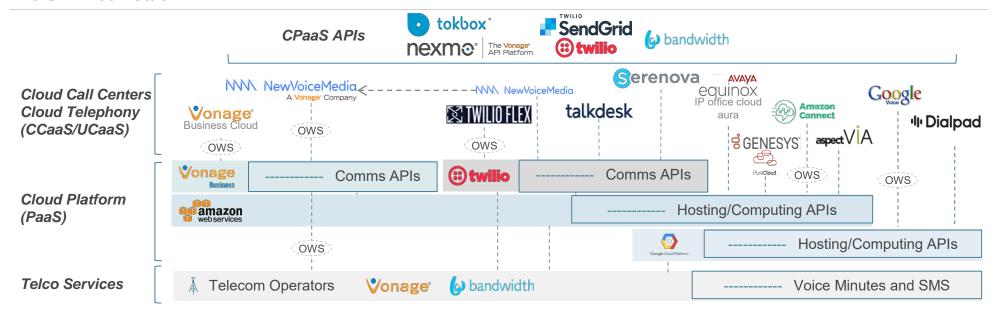
### 3. Growth of Programmable Communications and the API Economy

### **Abstracting the Network Layer**

Providers seeking to deliver UCC as a service via APIs, abstracting the network

- APIs embedding voice/SMS/chat into applications
- Enable programmable communications that enhance the interaction between software apps and people
- Driven by developers (~20M in 2018), enabling land-and-expand strategy, strong retention rates
- SMS/voice usage and public switch telephone network (PSTN) termination fees curtailed by in-app IP-to-IP experience

#### The UCC Tech Stack



### 4. Voice as a User Interface (VUI) and Conversational Al

### **Optimizing Workplace Efficiency**

- UCaaS providers will likely partner with larger internet companies (Google, Microsoft, Amazon, Apple) to leverage their personal assistants and apply that technology to business-focused personal assistants
- Chatbots' integration into messaging services
  - Effective in static information inquiries: pricing, hours, or product information
  - Used for high call volume incidents
  - Speeds up remediation and enables actionable insights

### **Drivers for Growing Demand for Chatbots**(1)

### DEMAND SUPPLY

#### **Increasing Pressure on Contact Centers**

- High turnover rates
- Increased need for training
- Necessity for reducing operating cost

#### Technological Advances in Al and NLP

- Chatbots are beyond keyword matching
- Advancements in NLP
- Increased processing speed
- Machine learning models and data

#### Rising Demand for Self-Service

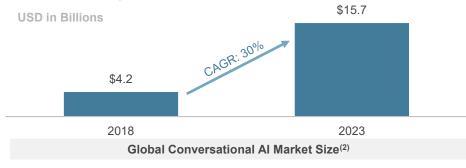
- Consumers expect 24/7, immediate support
- Customers are demanding selfservice

#### **Chatbot Platforms Maturing**

 Development platforms are maturing and becoming more user-friendly with the implementation of drag-and-drop interfaces

### **Digital Assistant Services on the Rise**

- Cloud enables more dynamic integration with CRM/ERP/Business productivity applications and acts as a common layer where data can be aggregated and applied with AI
- Al drives new use cases and services, such as chatbots and NLP
- Key for Al/bots/CPaaS is having an engaged developer community that innovates on the platform to deliver new services



#### Digital Assistant Solutions Offered by Key Players

cisco.	Spark Assistant: Al speech-enabled voice assistant for enterprise
RingCentral aWS	Partnering with AWS to integrate Alexa for business services
<b>V</b> onage⁴	Vee: virtual chatbot integrated with cloud-based UCaaS solution
(i) twilio	Autopilot: Conversational AI platform to build, train, and deploy AI chatbots, conversational IVRs, and Alexa skills using natural language understanding and machine learning
Google	Duplex technology offering NLV/NLP

<sup>(1)</sup> Deloitte Digital, Chatbots Point of View

### 5. Consolidation Via M&A

#### **UCC M&A Overview**

- The UCC market has seen an uptick in M&A as legacy UCC vendors add cloud capabilities and cloud-based application vendors build out platforms
- Complete UCC bundles, integrated with CRM/ERP apps over the cloud, will become a requirement

**Representative Players** Rationale Category

**Traditional Telecom Operators** 

and MSPs

■ Defensive move; gives entry into a fast-growing market







 Differentiation of services relative to existing white-label services (such as 'llull' / 'broadsoft)







- **CRM** and Customer **Engagement Vendors**
- Rounds up cloud services portfolio
- Adds communications features into broad CRM/CX offering







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- **Cloud Infrastructure** and Office **Productivity Vendors**
- Adds communication features into office productivity suite
- Subscriber growth via fast-growing UCC applications leads to higher utilization of laaS platform





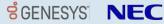




- Legacy PBX/CC/UC **Vendors**
- UCaaS/CCaaS is cannibalistic to on-premises PBX and contact center-accelerates time to market















### **UCC Consolidation Continues**

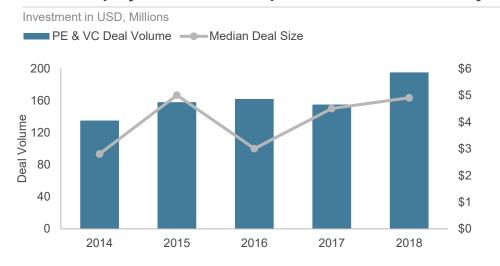
Expect to see continued consolidation in the space, as the compounding effect of a broader platform strategy is increasingly apparent

Acquirer	Target	Transaction Date	Enterprise Value (USD in Millions)	Revenue Multiple	Rationale
CALABRIO	TELEOPTI www.heleopti.com	06/03/2019	Undisclosed	NA	Contact center workforce management provider consolidation
THOMABRAVO	@mailgun	04/01/2019	Undisclosed	NA	PE Firm + Email API Developer
(i) twilio	SendGrid	10/15/2018	\$1,832	12.5x	CPaaS + messaging/collaboration
<b>V</b> onage <sup>®</sup>	NEWVOICEMEDIA	09/20/2018	\$340	5.5x	UCaaS + CPaaS and collaboration
LogMe	JĮVE	04/03/2018	\$342	4.3x	IT Management Software + UCaaS
AVAYA	Spōken	01/29/2018	\$158	NA	UCaaS provider + CCaaS
cisco.	<b>broad</b> soft	10/23/2017	\$1,917	5.3x	Integrated software provider + UCaaS
⋈ Mitel	<b>Shore</b> Tel	07/17/2017	\$530	1.2x	Contact center software consolidation

Source: CapitalIQ

### Significant Private Equity and Venture Capital Interest for UCC

### Private Equity and Venture Capital Investment Summary<sup>(1)</sup>



### Representative PE/VC Transactions

Acquirer/Investor Company CALABRIO KKR Acquired by



Raises \$100M in **VC** funding from



### **Key Takeaways**



- Large, unpenetrated opportunity for UCC
- Opportunity to consolidate legacy UCC providers and transition their products to the cloud
- As UCC becomes increasingly integrated with CRM, ERP, and IT Service Management tools, opportunity to expand product sets and capture a greater part of the CRM, CX, and communications related profit pools



Acquired by

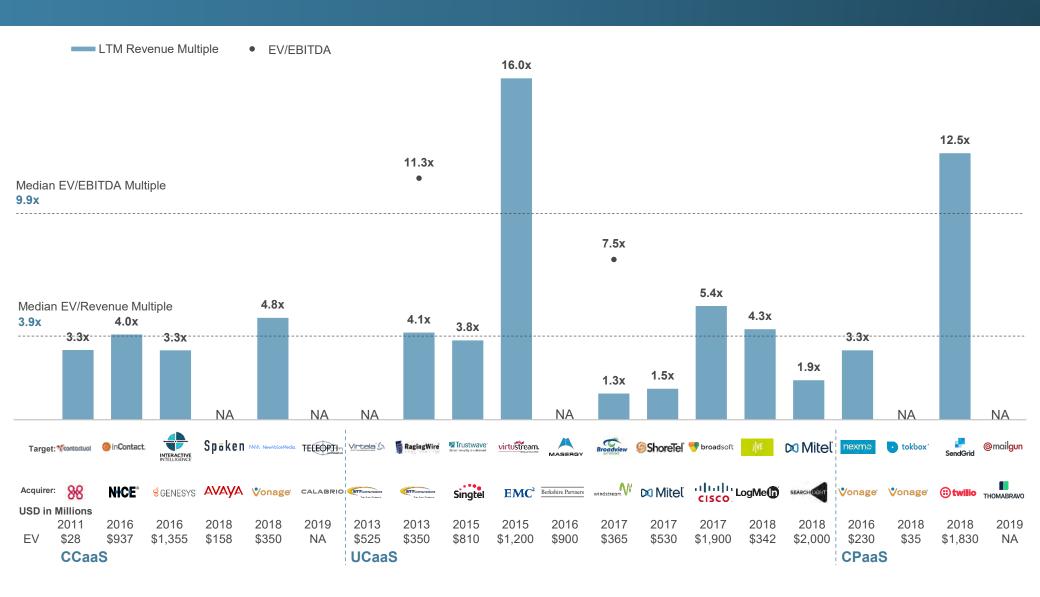




Raises \$150M from



### **Precedent M&A Transactions**



### Recent M&A and IPO News Shaping the UCC Industry

#### M&A Related News

channels"

### RingCentra

**Acquires** 

Connect First

 Strategic expansion of workforce optimization and digital customer engagement solutions



**Acquires** 

Response to contact centers' need to "blend"

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outbound calling activity with customer call backs and communications over digital

Enhance ability in translating customer conversations into meaningful insights, powering sales, customer satisfaction, and retention

### 네 Dialpad

■ TalkIQ's VoiceAl seamlessly fits into Dialpad's



**Acquires** 

portfolio of solutions VoiceAl integration with existing products

increases Dialpad's appeal to client facing

teams looking to increase productivity

**Acquires** 



Partnership will provide Mailgun the capital and operational expertise to facilitate growth and expand product offering



#### RingCentral

■ Dimelo enables management of digital customer care channels on a single platform

CALABRIO

**Acquires** 



Combining Teleopti's WFM software with Calabrio's customer experience solutions to develop a "market-leading, true multi-tenant SaaS customer experience intelligence platform"



Maximizes clients' user experience by communicating through channels they prefer

### **IPO Related News**



- IPO valuation of \$9B, but now valued at \$24B<sup>(1)</sup>
- Combined with integrations into other enterprise productivity applications, Zoom is expanding its UCaaS product portfolio

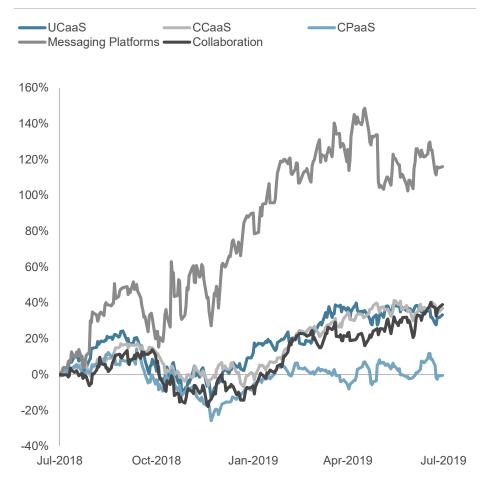


- Slack closed at a \$19.5B valuation on its IPO date (2)
- Targeting enterprises, Slack is expanding its product functionality with Enterprise Grid. integration with legacy productivity tools, and Workflow Builder

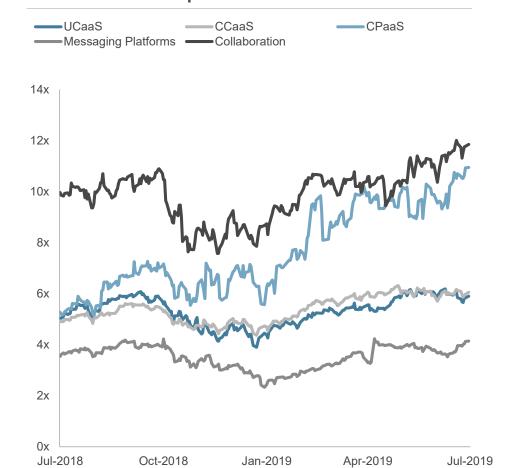
- CapitalIQ Zoom valuation as of 6/28/2019
- CapitalIQ Slack valuation on IPO (6/20/2019)

### **Public Market Performance of UCC Markets**

### **LTM Stock Performance**



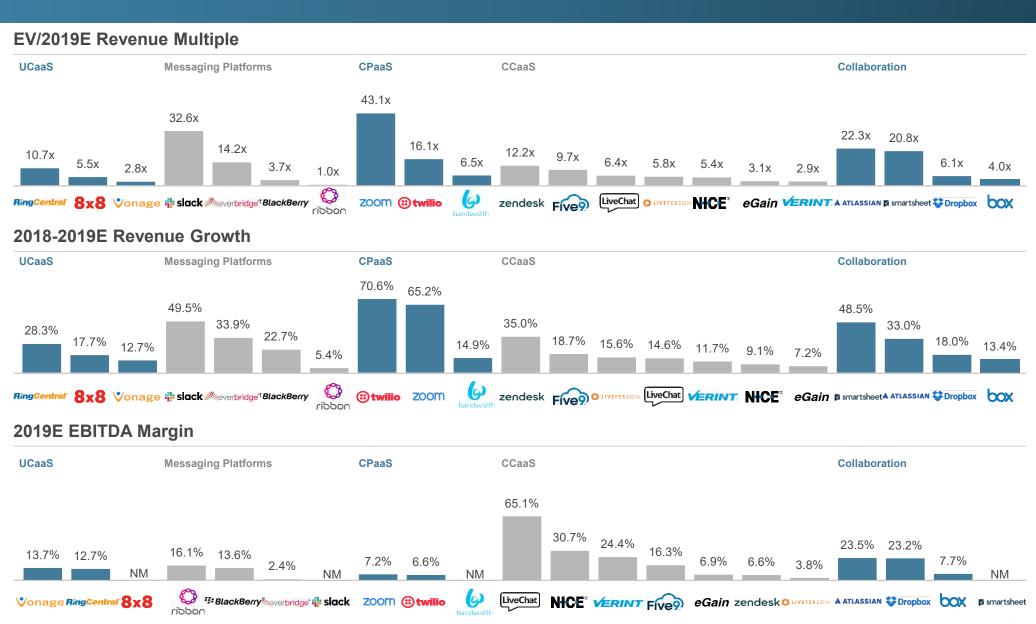
### **NTM Revenue Multiples**



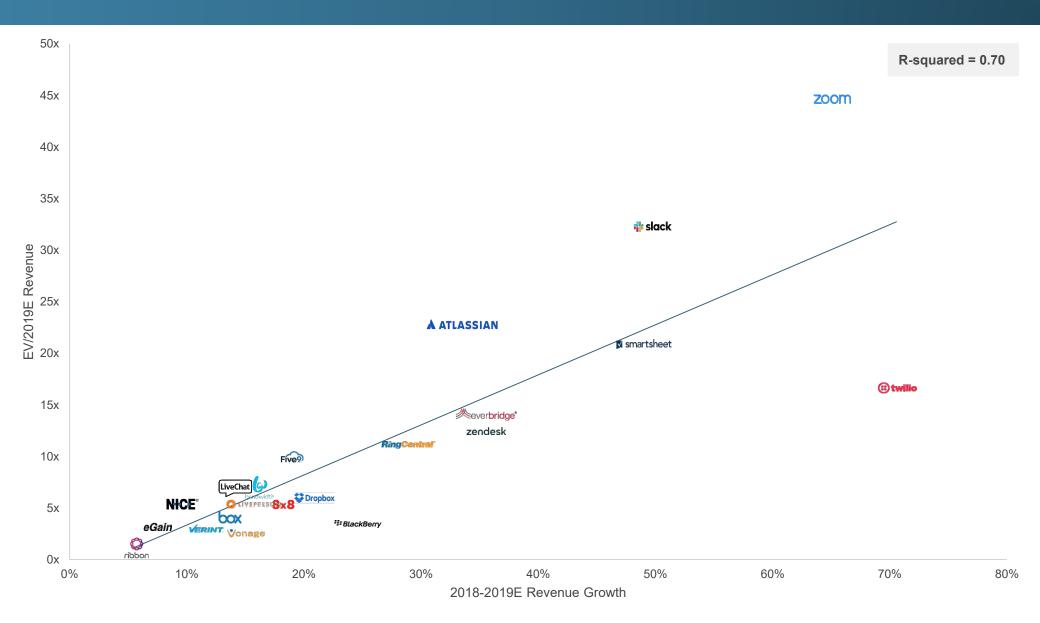
Selected Companies:

UCaaS: RingCentral, Vonage, 8x8
Messaging: Blackberry, Everbridge, Ribbon
CPaaS: CLY, Twilio, Bandwidth

### Public Communication and Collaboration Companies Have Performed Well



## **UCC Valuations Are Highly Correlated to Revenue Growth**



# Appendix



### Qualifications

B.S.B.A.

MBA

**PAST** 

University of Florida

Vanderbilt University

ArchPoint Partners

Montgomery & Co.

J.P. Morgan Securities

SunTrust

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### **Co-Head and Managing Director**

San Francisco

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Before joining Houlihan Lokey, Mr. Louv was Co-Founder of ArchPoint Partners which he sold to Houlihan Lokey in 2014.

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Before joining Montgomery & Co., Mr. Louv was a Vice President with J.P. Morgan leading the firm's West Coast mergers and acquisitions efforts in the technology sector.

Prior to attending graduate school, Mr. Louv worked for SunTrust as an Assistant Vice President, executing leveraged loans and providing financial advisory services.



#### Qualifications

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M.S. Ohio State University

MBA University of Virginia

PAST J.P. Morgan Securities

Nimaya

MicroStrategy

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Before joining Nimaya, Mr. Pandit worked at MicroStrategy, a provider of business intelligence, mobile software, and cloud-based services.

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1	Houlihan Lokey	207		
2	Goldman Sachs & Co	197		
3	JP Morgan	154		
4	Morgan Stanley	135		
5	Jefferies LLC	117		
Source: Thomson Reuters				

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Top 10 Global M&A Advisor

**Leading** Capital Markets Advisor

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No. 1 Global M&A Fairness Opinion Advisor Over the Past 20 Years

**1,000+** Annual Valuation Engagements

### **Financial Restructuring**

2018 Global Distressed Debt & Bankruptcy Restructuring Rankings				
	Advisor	Deals		
1	Houlihan Lokey	63		
2	PJT Partners Inc.	45		
3*	Moelis & Co.	36		
3*	Lazard	36		
3*	Rothschild & Co.	36		
Source: Thomson Reuters * Denotes tie				

No. 1 Global Restructuring Advisor

**1,000+** Transactions Completed Valued at More Than \$2.5 Trillion Collectively

#### **TMT**

2014-2018 M&A Advisory Rankings U.S. Technology, Media, Entertainment & Telecommunications Transactions Under \$1 Billion				
	Advisor	Deals		
1	Houlihan Lokey	171		
2	Morgan Stanley	138		
3	Goldman Sachs & Co	131		
4*	Evercore Partners	115		
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