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Western Canadian M&A Update March 2025

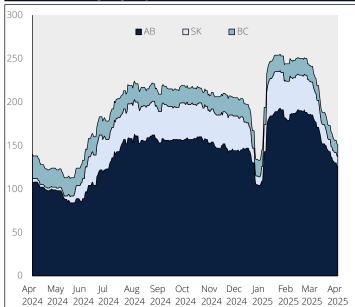
Marketplace Perspectives

- To quote Winston Churchill, "Never waste a good crisis."
- The current U.S. led global trade war presents a meaningful opportunity to reshape the Canadian economy by diversifying trade partners, removing interprovincial barriers, attracting new investment, and building productivity-enhancing infrastructure.
- We anticipate a challenging business climate over the next 90 days but remain optimistic that geopolitical stability will improve thereafter. Private company M&A activity in Western Canada is facing headwinds amid heightened political and economic uncertainty.
- Factors such as the Canadian federal election, Trump-era tariffs, market volatility, and recessionary fears are contributing to increased deal scrutiny.
- That said, high-quality businesses with strong fundamentals and limited tariff exposure continue to transact and are receiving increased interest from both strategic and financial buyers.
- A total of 15 transactions were recorded, involving 9 Western Canadian buyers, 1 Eastern Canadian buyer and 4 featuring crossborder components.

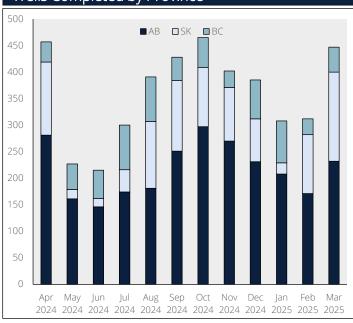
Select Western Canadian Transactions

- On March 10, 2025, Calgary-based <u>SubTerra Engineering Corporation</u> announced it had acquired Cavern Solutions Inc., an engineering and consulting firm specializing in storage and disposal asset development in the United States. This strategic acquisition aims to enhance SubTerra's subsurface engineering capabilities by providing comprehensive solutions in the midstream energy sector across North America. Cavern Solutions' expertise includes underground salt cavern storage and reservoir storage solutions.
- On March 5, 2025, Houston-based FloWorks International LLC announced it had acquired CAC Industrial Equipment Ltd., a Victoria based distributor of industrial pumps. This strategic acquisition aims to enhance FloWorks' pump offerings and expand its presence in Canada. CAC Industrial Equipment serves a diverse customer base across mining, aggregate, water, and other industrial end markets.
- On March 5, 2025, Vancouver-based <u>Universal Group</u>, a CAI Capital Partners portfolio company, announced that its subsidiary, Barricades and Signs Ltd., had acquired Airmaster Sales Ltd., a leading manufacturer of traffic control signage and products. This acquisition expands Barricades and Signs' manufacturing capabilities and strengthens its footprint across Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Active Drilling Rigs by Province



Wells Completed by Province



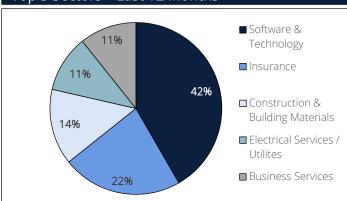
Western Canadian Transaction Details March 2025

Date	Target	Sector	City	Buyer	Buyer HQ	Press
2025-03-25	Successware	Software & Technology	Columbia, MD	JDM Technology Group	Vancouver, BC	<u>Link</u>
2025-03-17	Sonic Strategy	Software & Technology	Vancouver, BC	Spetz	Toronto, ON	<u>Link</u>
2025-03-13	ShareDo	Software & Technology	Alderley Edge, England	Clio	Burnaby, BC	<u>Link</u>
2025-03-11	Paved	Business Services	New York, NY	Redbrick	Victoria, BC	<u>Link</u>
2025-03-10	Cavern Solutions	Engineering	Houston, TX	Subterra Engineering	Calgary, AB	<u>Link</u>
2025-03-06	Drayton Valley Insurance	Insurance	Drayton Valley, AB	HUB International	Chicago, IL	<u>Link</u>
2025-03-06	Loewen Agencies	Insurance	Radville, SK	Westland Insurance	Surrey, BC	<u>Link</u>
2025-03-06	OHM Security	Safety Services	Mississauga, ON	SSRG	Calgary, AB	<u>Link</u>
2025-03-06	Ragnarok	Business Services	New York, NY	Apply Digital	Vancouver, BC	<u>Link</u>
2025-03-05	Delco Security	Software & Technology	Saskatoon, SK	Convergint	Schaumburg, IL	<u>Link</u>
2025-03-05	CAC Industrial Equipment	Distribution	Victoria, BC	FloWorks	Pasadena, TX	<u>Link</u>
2025-03-05	Airmaster	Manufacturing	Winnipeg, MB	Barricades	Sturgeon County, AB	<u>Link</u>
2025-03-04	Wallace Perimeter Security	Manufacturing	Winnipeg, MB	ASSA ABLOY	Stockholm, Sweden	<u>Link</u>
2025-03-03	Orion Water Solutions	Engineering	Austin, TX	Whitewater	Calgary, AB	<u>Link</u>

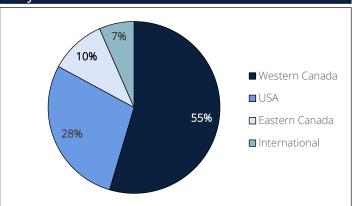
Historical Western Canadian Monthly Transaction Activity



Top 5 Sectors – Last 12 Months



Buyer Location – Last 12 Months

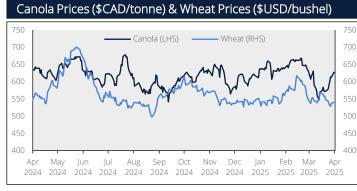


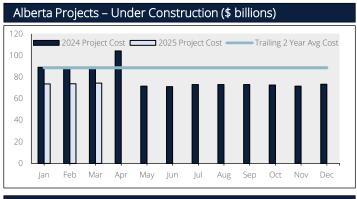
Regional Economic Indicators March 2025

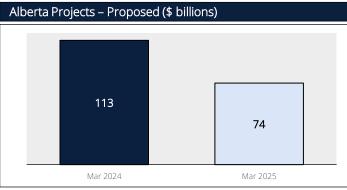




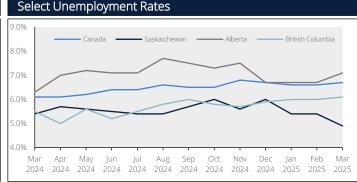












Public Company Trading Multiples March 2025

Engineering & Construction Sector

			Mark	et Inforr	nation	F	inancial	S	Mult	iples	22.0x							
Company	Ticker	Cur.	Stock Price	Market Cap	EV	Rev	EBITDA	Diluted EPS	EV/ EBITDA	D/E		EV/EB		ultiple ir Multipl	le			
			(\$)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(\$)			20.0x							
											18.0x							
Aecon Group	ARE	CAD	16.94	1,058	1,091	4,242	-\$65	-0.95	n.m.	n.m.	10.00							
AECOM	ACM	USD	92.73	12,279	14,024	16,220	1,122	3.50	12.5x	21.4x								
AtkinsRéalis Group	ATRL	CAD	68.37	11,941	13,496	9,666	754	1.62	16.3x	42.3x	16.0x							
Bird Construction	BDT	CAD	21.77	1,185	1,261	3,397	151	1.84	7.1x	11.7x			-		-			
KBR	KBR	USD	49.81	6,668	9,203	7,742	662	2.79	13.0x	18.0x								
Jacobs Solutions	J	CAD	120.89	14,855	16,807	11,624	1,243	4.86	13.5x	33.0x	14.0x						Ш	1 -
NV5 Global	NVEE	USD	19.27	1,256	1,493	941	118	0.44	12.7x	43.8x							ш	
Stantec	STN	CAD	119.28	13,449	15,263	5,865	812	3.17	16.3x	37.3x	12.0x						ш	
Tetra Tech	TTEK	USD	29.25	7,813	8,650	4,504	609	0.95	14.2x	30.6x							ш	
WSP Global	WSP	CAD	244.21	31,571	36,757	16,163	1,767	5.38	17.7x	45.1x							ш	
Min									7.1x	11.7x	10.0x		_			_	-	
Average									13.7x	31.5x		Apr May Jun						
Max									17.7x	45.1x		2024 2024 2024	ZUZ4 ZL	124 2024	2024 20.	24 ZUZ4 .	2025 20	25 2025

Energy Services Sector

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Company	Ticker	Cur.	Stock Price	Market Cap	EV	Rev	EBITDA	Diluted EPS	EV/ EBITDA	P/E	5.8x		■ EV/E	BITDA	Mult	iple					
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Enerflex	EFX	CAD	11.12	1,368	2,357	2,414	323	0.26	4.8x	29.8x								Ш			
Ensign Energy Services	s ESI	CAD	2.33	423	1,475	1,684	432	-0.11	3.4x	n.m.	5.2x							П			
Pason Systems	PSI	CAD	13.15	1,041	966	414	145	1.52	6.6x	8.7x	5 0x										
PHX Energy Services	PHX	CAD	8.86	419	457	660	96	1.16	4.6x	8.0x	J.07										
Precision Drilling	PD	CAD	66.90	888	1,709	1,902	508	7.81	3.3x	8.3x	4.8x										
Source Energy Services	SHLE	CAD	10.17	139	382	674	78	0.70	4.0x	14.7x	4 6x										
SECURE Waste Infra	. SES	CAD	15.68	3,674	4,103	10,669	421	2.25	9.2x	7.1x											
TerraVest industries	TVK	CAD	142.15	2,746	3,058	918	178	3.79	16.2x	37.2x	4.4x										
Total Energy Services	TOT	CAD	9.40	362	451	907	167	1.53	2.6x	6.2x	4.2										
Trican Well Services	TCW	CAD	4.66	869	862	981	218	0.54	3.9x	8.6x	4.2x										
Min									2.6x	6.2x	4.0x						,				Щ,
Average									5.9x	14.3x		Apr Ma				Sep (
Max									16.2x	37.2x		2024 202	24 2024	1 2024	2024	2024 2	024 20	24 202	24 202	5 2025	2025
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Midstream & Utilities Sector

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			Market I	nformati	ion	F	inancial	s	Multi	ples	13.5x
Company	Ticker	Cur.	Stock Ma Price C	arket Cap	EV	Rev	EBITDA	Diluted EPS	EV/ EBITDA	P/E	EV/EBITDA Multiple 13.0x Trailing 2 Year Multiple
			(\$) (\$)	mm) (\$.	mm)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(\$)			
											12.5x
											12.0x
AltaGas	ALA	CAD	39.47 11	1,660 22	2,866	12,445	1,676	1.94	13.7x	20.2x	
Canadian Utilities	CU	CAD	37.00 10	0,019 22	2,567	3,741	1,668	1.48	13.6x	25.0x	11.5x
Capital Power	CPX	CAD	47.83	6,853 1	1,594	3,676	1,320	5.15	8.7x	9.6x	
Enbridge	ENB	CAD	63.69139	9,136250	0,480	53,460	15,190	2.34	16.5x	27.4x	11.0x
Fortis	FTS	CAD	65.55 32	2,481 69	9,784	11,505	5,291	3.24	13.2x	20.1x	
Gibson Energy	GEI	CAD	22.32	3,719	6,318	11,777	496	0.93	12.1x	24.5x	10.5x
Keyera	KEY	CAD	44.73 10	0,229 14	4,025	7,137	1,161	2.12	11.7x	21.1x	10.0x
Pembina Pipeline	PPL	CAD	57.56 33	3,300 48	8,698	7,382	3,373	3.00	14.1x	19.2x	10.0X
TC Energy	TRP	CAD	67.96 7°	1,78214	4,193	13,768	8,596	4.42	16.8x	17.1x	9.5x
TransAlta	TA	CAD	13.43	4,050	9,330	2,844	1,161	0.59	8.0x	23.3x	
Min									8.0x	9.6x	9.0x
Average									12.8x	20.8x	Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar
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Public Company Trading Multiples March 2025

Distribution Sector

			Mark	et Inforn	nation		Financial	S	Mult	iples	12.0x		_
Company	Ticker	Cur.	Stock		EV	Rev	EBITDA	Diluted	EV/	P/E	12.00	EV/EBITDA Multiple	
			Price	Cap (\$mm)	(tmm)	/tmml	(\$mm)	EPS (#)	EBITDA		11.5x	Trailing 2 Year Multiple	
			(\$)	(#111111)	(\$mm)	<u>(\$mm)</u>	(#111111)	(\$)					
											11.0x		ı
ADENTRA	ADEN	CAD	27.59	695	1,538	2,184	131	1.92	6.2x	10.1x	10 5		ı
Doman Building Mat.	DBM	CAD	6.84	613	1,746	2,663	170	0.62	9.0x	11.3x	10.5X		ı
Fastenal Company	FAST	USD	77.55	43,677	43,907	7,546	1,685	2.00	26.1x	38.1x	10.0x		ı
Finning Internationa	al FTT	CAD	40.49	5,430	7,716	11,203	1,092	3.62	6.6x	11.2x			Ī
Richelieu Hardware	RCH	CAD	33.59	1,848	2,075	1,881	167	1.57	10.1x	21.3x	9.5x		ı
Russel Metals	RUS	CAD	39.31	2,246	2,398	4,260	279	2.73	8.0x	14.5x			ı
Taiga Building Pro.	TBL	CAD	3.72	406	311	1,634	72	0.44	3.9x	8.6x	9.0x		ı
Toromont Industrie	s TIH	CAD	112.63	9,173	8,971	5,020	864	6.13	10.3x	18.5x			ı
Wajax	WJX	CAD	17.61	380	923	2,097	117	1.93	6.2x	9.1x	8.5x		
W.W. Grainger	GWW	USD	987.83	46,969	49,461	17,168	2,909	38.71	17.0x	25.2x			ı
Min									3.9x	8.6x	8.0x		4
Average									10.3x	16.8x		. , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	lov
Max									26.1x	38.1x		2024 2024 2024 2024 2024 2024 2024 20	JZ4

Transport & Logistics Sector

			Mark	et Inform	nation	F	inancial	S	Multi	ples	15.0x	
Company	Ticker	Cur.	Stock Price	Market Cap	EV	Rev	EBITDA	Diluted EPS	EV/ EBITDA	P/E	14.5x	EV/EBITDA Multiple Trailing 2 Year Multiple
			(\$)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(\$)			440.	Training 2 real matapie
											14.0x	
Canadian Nat. Railway	CNR	CAD	140.04	87.834	108,891	17,042	8,669	7.01	12.6x	20.0x	13.5x	
Canadian Pac. Kansas		CAD			116,474	14,543	7,541	3.98	15.5x	25.1x		
Knight-Swift Transport	. KNX	USD	43.49	7,054	10,121	7,410	1,027	0.73	9.9x	n.m.	13.0x	
Mullen Group	MTL	CAD	12.50	1,100	1,974	1,989	289	1.23	6.0x	10.4x		
Old Dominion Freight	ODFL	USD	165.45	35,038	35,098	5,815	1,889	5.48	18.6x	30.1x	12.5x	
Saia	SAIA	USD	349.43	9,534	9,839	3,209	697	13.51	14.1x	26.6x		
Schneider National	SNDR	USD	22.85	3,975	4,420	5,291	548	0.66	8.1x	34.3x	12.0x	
TFI International	TFII	CAD	111.42	9,335	13,643	8,397	1,119	4.96	7.4x	15.6x		
Titanium Transport.	TTNM	CAD	1.44	65	233	460	36	-0.54	5.4x	n.m.	11.5x	
XPO	XPO	USD	107.58	12,556	16,227	8,072	1,216	3.23	13.3x	33.2x		
Min									5.4x	10.4x	11.0x	
Average									11.1x	24.4x		Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar 2024 2024 2024 2024 2024 2024 2024 2024
Max									18.6x	34.3x		2024 2024 2024 2024 2024 2024 2024 2024

Retail & Apparel Sector

			Mark	et Inforn	nation		-inancial:	S	Mult	iples	13.0x	
Company	Ticker	Cur.	Stock Price	Market Cap	EV	Rev	EBITDA	Diluted EPS	EV/ EBITDA	P/E		EV/EBITDA Multiple Trailing 2 Year Multiple
			(\$)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	(\$)			12.5x	
											12.0x	
Aritzia	ATZ	CAD	50.58	5,796	6,486	2,592	309	1.17	15.5x	43.7x		
Canada Goose	GOOS	CAD	11.41	1,144	1,707	1,318	192	0.73	6.2x	16.2x		
Canadian Tire	CTC.A	CAD	149.44	8,536	20,234	16,309	1,646	15.87	10.2x	9.5x	11.5x	
Dollarama	DOL	CAD	153.88	42,192	46,570	6,383	1,681	4.06	24.0x	37.6x		
Gildan Activewear	GIL	CAD	63.62	9,810	11,993	3,271	815	2.46	10.1x	18.3x	11.0x	
Groupe Dynamite	GRGD	CAD	13.71	1,465	1,878	955	238	0.30	6.5x	45.0x	I I .UX	
Leon's Furniture	LNF	CAD	23.64	1,630	1,731	2,498	221	2.24	5.8x	10.7x		
Lululemon Athletica	LULU	USD	283.06	35,354	34,945	10,588	2,952	14.64	11.8x	20.0x	10.5x	
Pet Valu	PET	CAD	26.49	1,846	2,563	1,094	185	1.21	11.6x	21.7x		
Roots	ROOT	CAD	2.40	95	215	268	25	0.07	4.9x	35.6x		
Min									4.9x	9.5x	10.0x	
Average									10.7x	25.8x		Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Ma 2024 2024 2024 2024 2024 2024 2024 2024
Max									24.0x	45.0x		2024 2024 2024 2024 2024 2024 2024 2024

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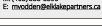
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