



Aerospace & Defence Industry Monitor

Who is the next competition in the sector?

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Following the successful launch of our inaugural Aerospace & Defence Monitor in April 2026, we are pleased to present the second edition of our recurring industry publication.

The European Aerospace & Defence sector continues to undergo profound structural transformation. Sustained government spending, accelerated rearmament programmes, technological innovation, and the growing strategic relevance of Space are reshaping the competitive and investment landscape.

Through recurring coverage of financial performance, valuation trends, capital markets, and industry developments, this monitor provides timely insights to help decision-makers understand where the sector stands today, and where it is heading next.

Our objective remains unchanged: to deliver fact-based perspectives on the forces driving value development across the Aerospace & Defence ecosystem.

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Executive Summary

Startup Innovation Is Reshaping the Industry's Competitive Centre of Gravity

- Aerospace & Defence innovation is no longer concentrated within the primes. Startups are emerging as leaders in AI, autonomy, mission software and space technologies.
- Access to startup-led innovation is becoming a strategic differentiator as corporates seek faster capability development and shorter innovation cycles.

Capital Is Concentrating Behind a New Generation of Defence and Space Champions

- Investor funding has entered a structural step-change since 2024, driven by geopolitical urgency, sovereign priorities and dedicated defence-focused capital.
- Capital increasingly flows to a concentrated group of category leaders, accelerating the emergence of venture-backed "new primes".

A&D Fundamentals Remain Strong, but Valuation Premiums Now Depend on Execution

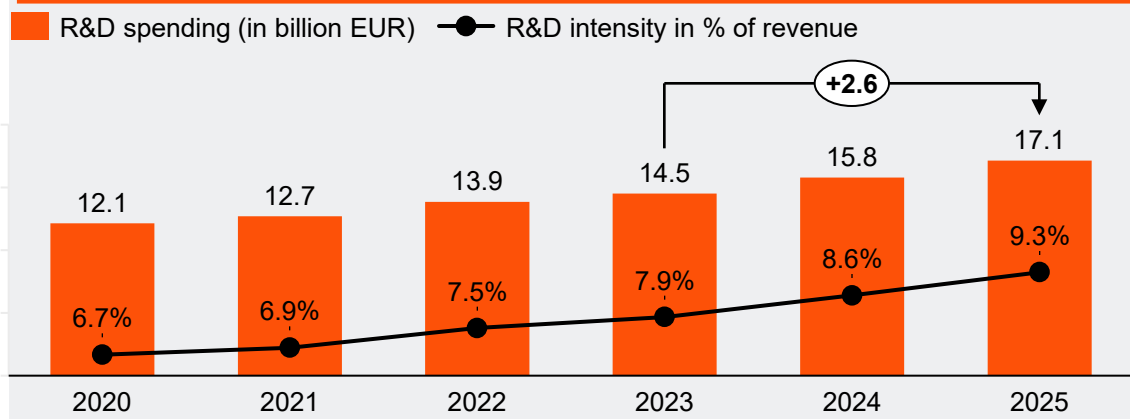
- Structural defence demand, multi-year budget commitments and record backlogs continue to support sector fundamentals.
- Capital markets are increasingly rewarding delivery performance, cash conversion and profitability, while execution shortfalls are penalised despite strong demand visibility.

Deal Activity Signals a More Connected and Institutionalised Ecosystem

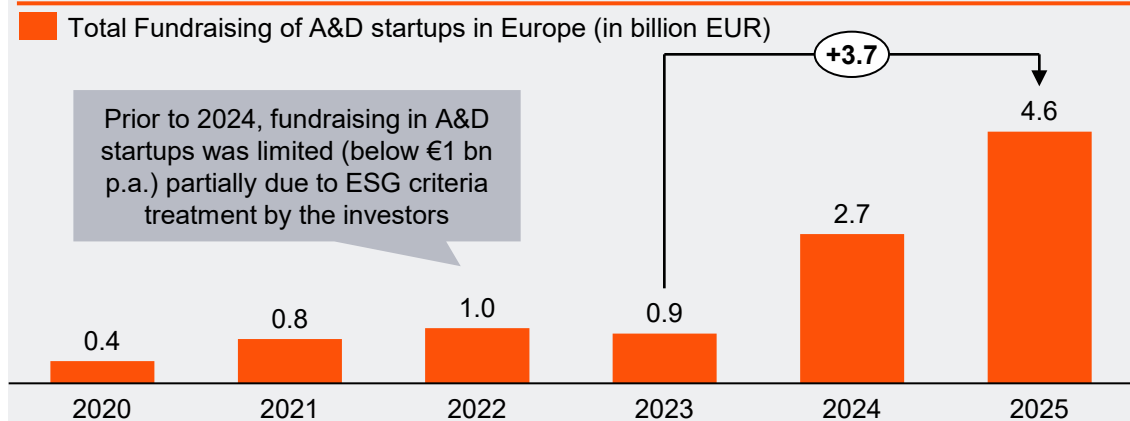
- Partnerships, minority investments, strategic acquisitions and IPO activity are increasing across the ecosystem.
- The market is evolving from a fragmented set of participants into an interconnected network of primes, startups, investors and public capital.

The R&D Monopoly Long Held by Primes is Over. Europe's Aerospace & Defence Innovation Centre of Gravity is Shifting Decisively Towards a Venture-Backed Startup Ecosystem

Development of R&D Spending of Major Primes from 2020 to 2025

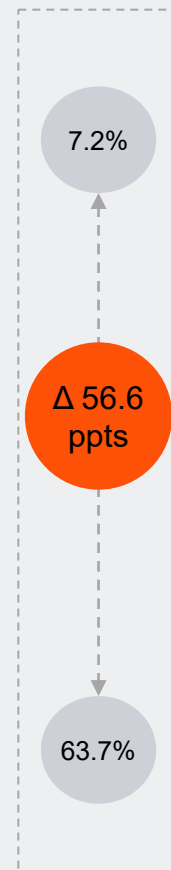


Fundraising in A&D startups as a proxy of the respective R&D



Sources: S&P Market Intelligence, Pitchbook, Annual Reports, Peer Group Insights, PwC Research

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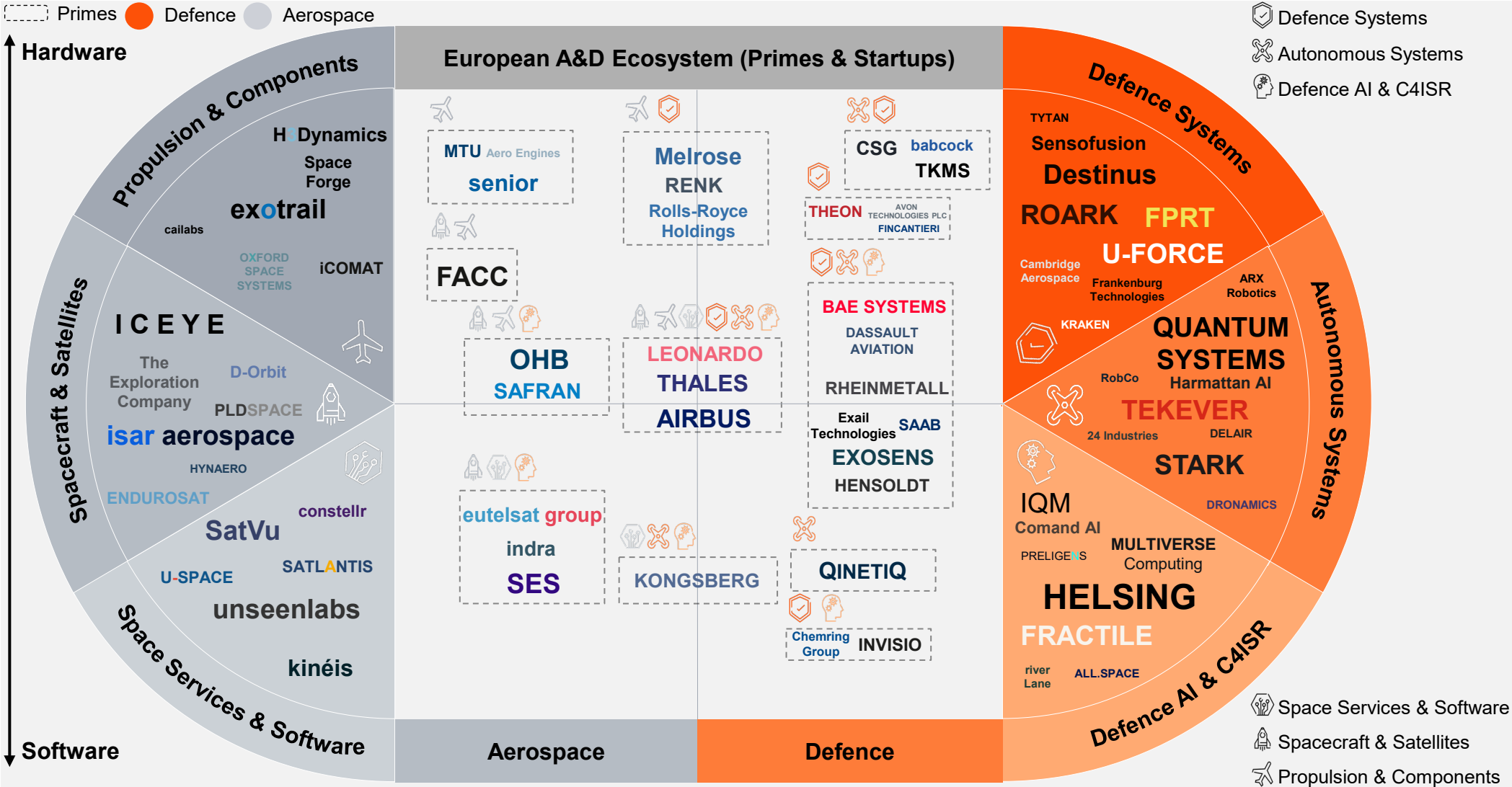


- **Aerospace & Defence R&D is in a structural upcycle, triggered by the 2022 geopolitical inflection.** Industry-wide R&D spending by major primes exceeded €17bn by 2025 (+7% YoY), reflecting sustained re-armament and policy-driven demand and required innovation. Furthermore, the R&D intensity as % of revenue increased more strongly than revenue growth.
- **R&D Investment mix has structurally shifted toward Defence as the primary growth engine.** Defence now accounts for roughly two-thirds of total R&D, driven by rearmament programmes, sovereign funding and next-generation systems, while Civil Aero has remained comparatively stable, focused on long-cycle priorities such as decarbonisation.
- **Innovation leadership is rebalancing toward startups in next-gen domains.** Capital deployment has accelerated materially since 2024, with investor funding concentrating in AI, autonomy and space. This signaled a structural shift of Europe's Defence innovation cluster away from primes toward a venture-backed ecosystem.
- **The trend continued in 2026,** with the total A&D startups fundraising in January-July reaching €6.5bn.

Startups Reshape the Competitive A&D Playbook From Hardware Dominance to Software Disruption

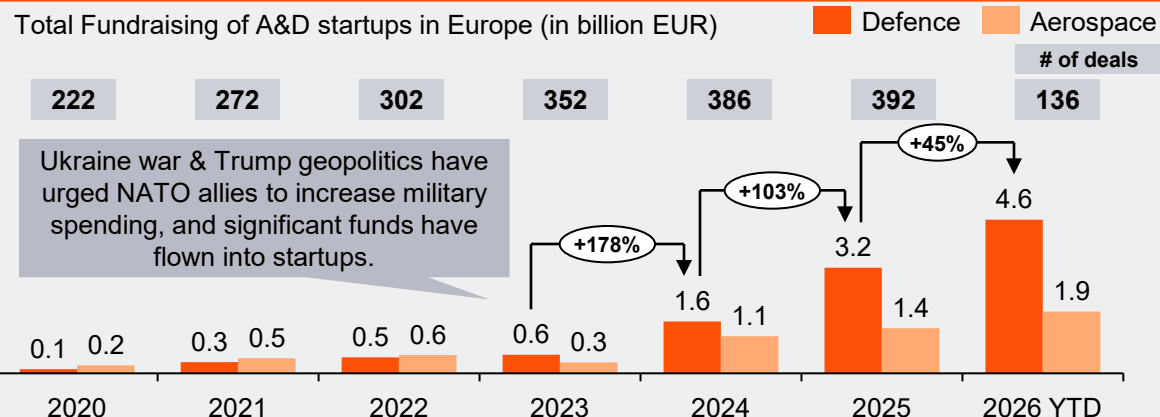
European A&D startups are **scaling** alongside established industry leaders, leveraging geopolitical pressures as a catalyst to drive industrial innovation.

Hardware capabilities remain concentrated with the primes, while new **Software capabilities and agility approaches** create a clear white spot for **scalable, differentiated startup entrants**.

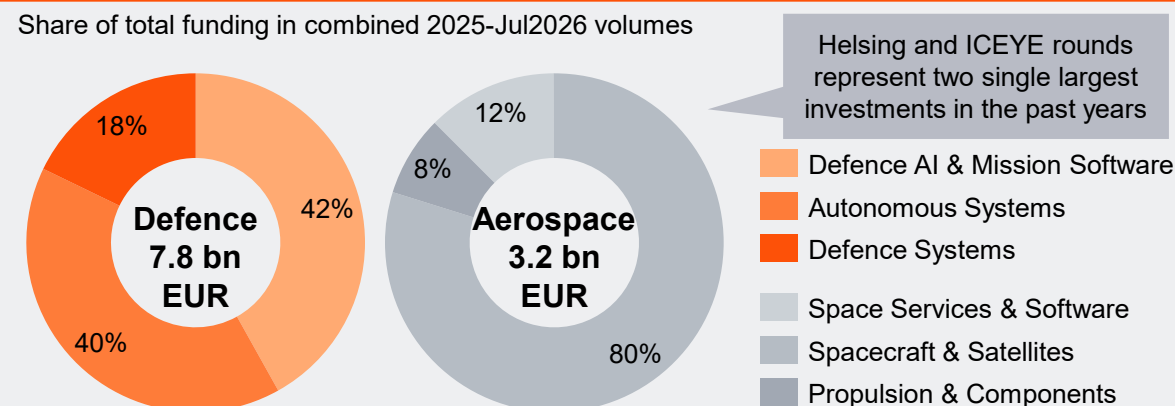


Investors Concentrate Capital in Space and Defence AI as Startup Money Multiples Have Stepped Up

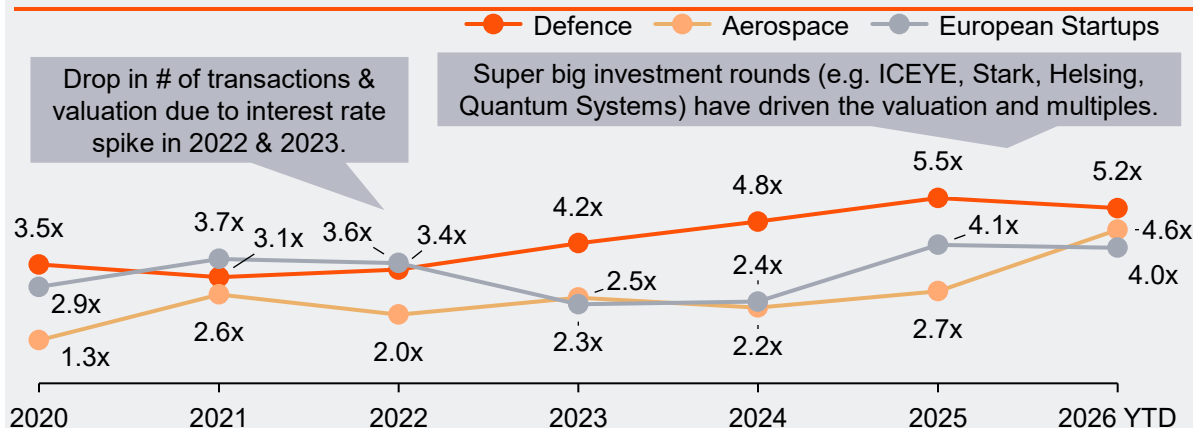
A&D Startup Fundraising (€ in bn) more than doubled per year since 2024...



...driven by strong investor interest in Drones, Defence AI, New Space



A&D Post-Money Multiples exceed the market returns



Sources: S&P Market Intelligence, Pitchbook, Peer Group Insights, PwC Research

Note: Post-money multiples are a financial metric used by Venture Capital to evaluate the value of an investment relative to the valuation of a company after an investment has been made (Calculation: Post-money valuation/ Total funds raised to date); Jul'26 YTD: Fundraising amount for 2026 is based on the deals volume of Jan-Jul 2026; YTD refers to Jan-Jul 2026; European Startups: Post-money multiples include investment rounds backed by VCs between 2020-2026 of startups (HQ in Europe) in early and late stage (no industry focus).

- **Startup funding has entered a step-change since 2024.** Although deal count decreased, capital deployment has surged rapidly, driven by larger ticket sizes, dedicated defence funds (e.g. NATO Innovation Fund) and geopolitical urgency.
- **Capital is highly concentrated.** A relatively small cohort of “unicorns”, emerging as “new primes”, have captured a disproportionate share of funding.
- **Investor focus is concentrated around defined themes.** Defence AI & Mission Software, Autonomous systems (drones ~74% of funding), and Space manufacturing dominate capital allocation.
- **Defence continues to re-rate faster than Aerospace.** Both in primes and startups, the Defence multiples structurally outperform on the back of visibility and policy-driven demand.

The Rise of Venture-Backed Aerospace & Defence Innovation Is Creating New Winners Across the Entire Ecosystem



Implications for Corporates



Innovation Access Becomes a Strategic Imperative

Innovation leadership is shifting beyond the primes. Corporates that secure access to startup-led innovation will benefit most through faster capability development and shorter innovation cycles.



Partnerships Outperform Vertical Integration

Capability gaps can no longer be addressed via internal development alone. Strategic partnerships provide access to expertise, accelerate scaling and improve responsiveness to rapidly evolving customer requirements.



Strategic Positioning in Ecosystems

Industry leadership will increasingly be determined by ecosystem position rather than standalone scale. Successful players combine the capabilities of primes with the agility and innovation speed of startups.



M&A Shifts from Scale to Capability Acquisition

Acquisition strategies should focus on closing technology and capability gaps rather than adding volume. Value creation will increasingly depend on securing access to differentiated IP, software capabilities and sovereign technologies.



Implications for Investors

Dual-Use as a Valuation Multiplier

Startups able to commercialise capabilities across defence and civilian end-markets (e.g. space data, cybersecurity, AI) benefit from larger addressable markets, broader buyer universes and structurally higher valuation potential.



Exit Pathways Matter as Much as Technology

Given regulatory complexity and buyer universe limitations, investors should prioritise assets with clearly identifiable exit routes and scalable business models capable of attracting both strategic and financial buyers.



Capital Continues to Concentrate Behind Winners

Funding increasingly flows to a small number of category leaders. Early identification of technology champions and emerging platforms will become a key determinant of investment performance.



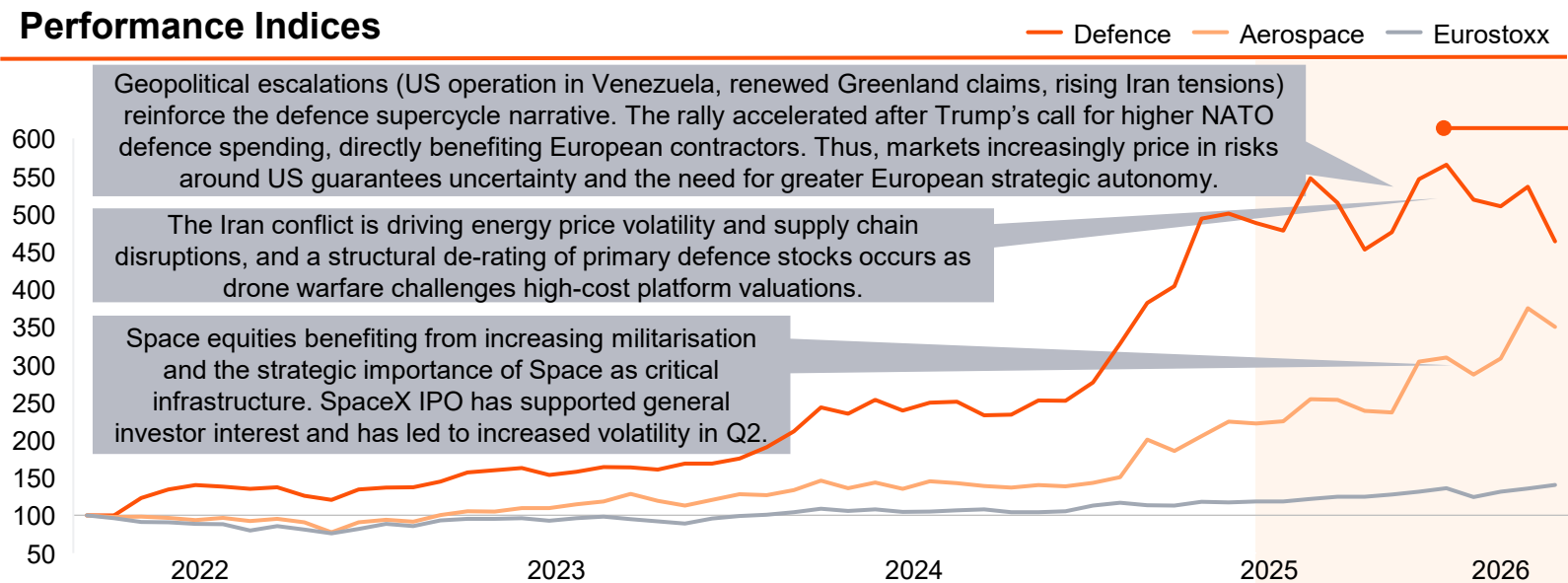
Consolidation May Create the Next Wave of Value Creation

As corporates seek access to critical technologies and sovereign capabilities, strategic acquisitions are expected to accelerate. Investors positioned in consolidation targets may benefit from scarcity premiums and strategic buyer demand.



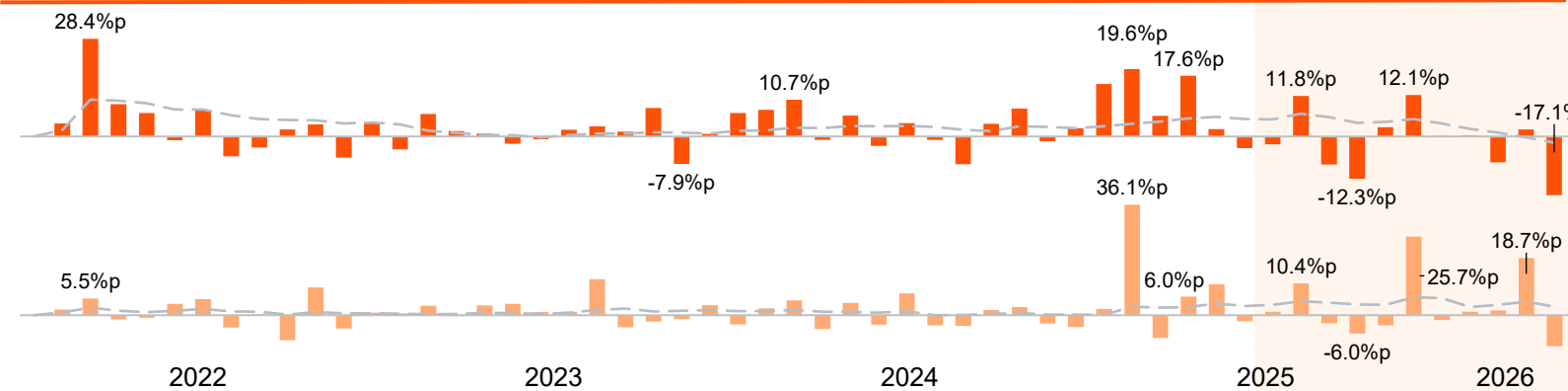
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Defence Benefits from Europe’s Push for Strategic Autonomy, while Aerospace Is Boosted by Rising Investor Focus on Space as Critical Infrastructure



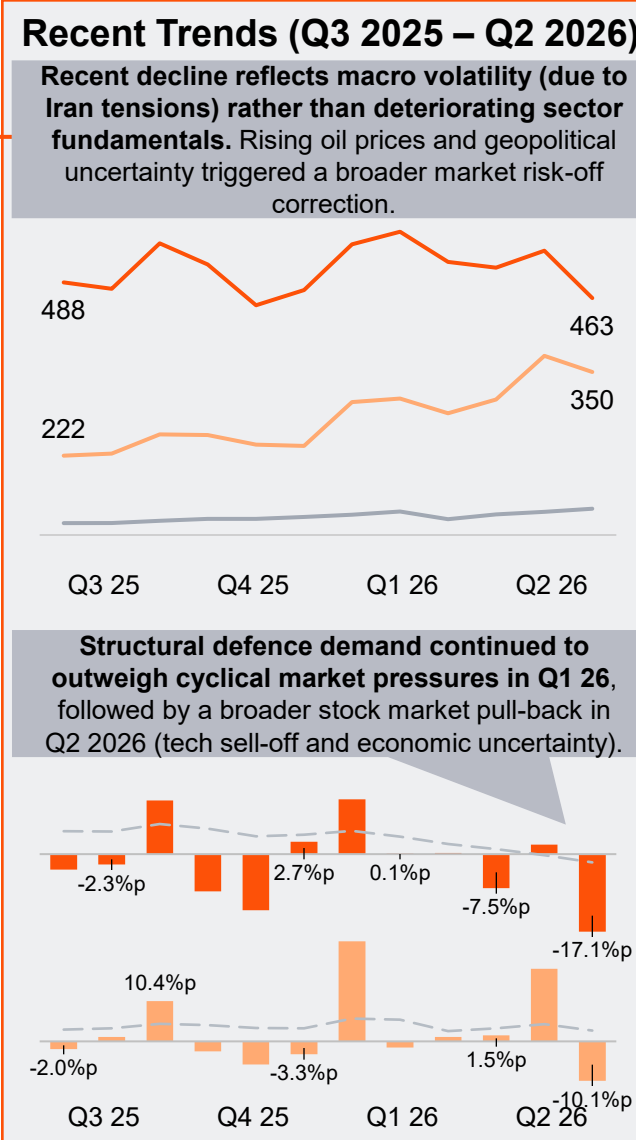
The PwC Aerospace & Defence Performance Indices are equally-weighted total return indices comprising listed European companies (refer to the peer universe). They are indexed at 100 as of 31 December 2021 and based on monthly closing prices, taking into account reinvested dividends, and serve to reflect capital market-based price and risk signals. The indices reflect the behaviour of the equity markets and are not to be equated with transaction or expert valuations.

Monthly Return Performance in Percentage Points against Eurostoxx — 12 month rolling average

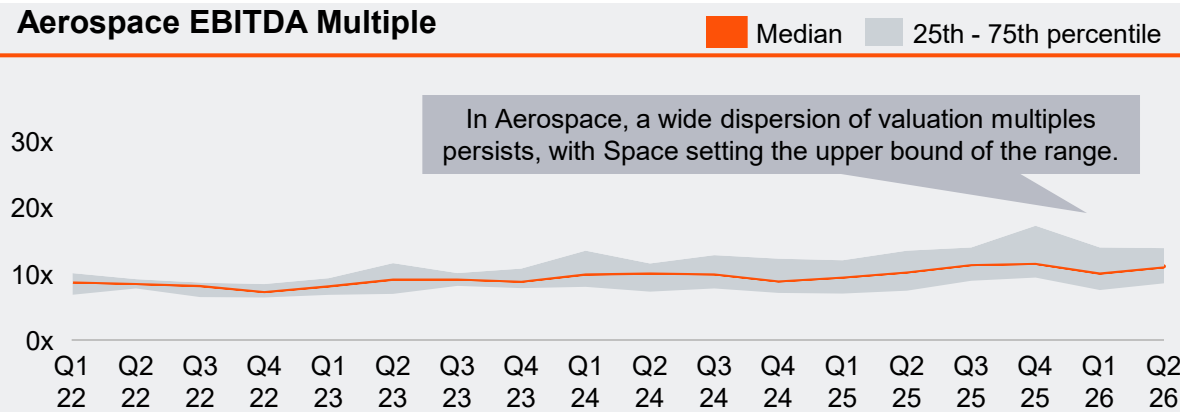
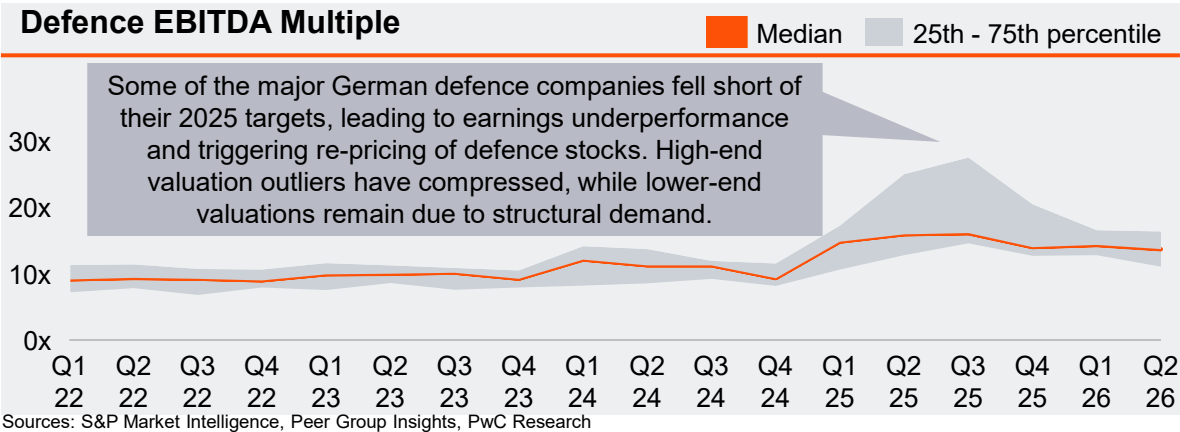
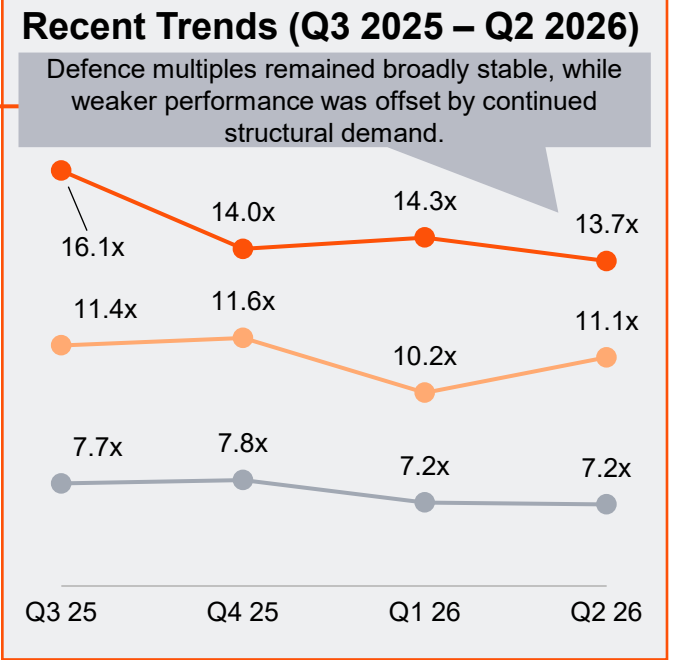
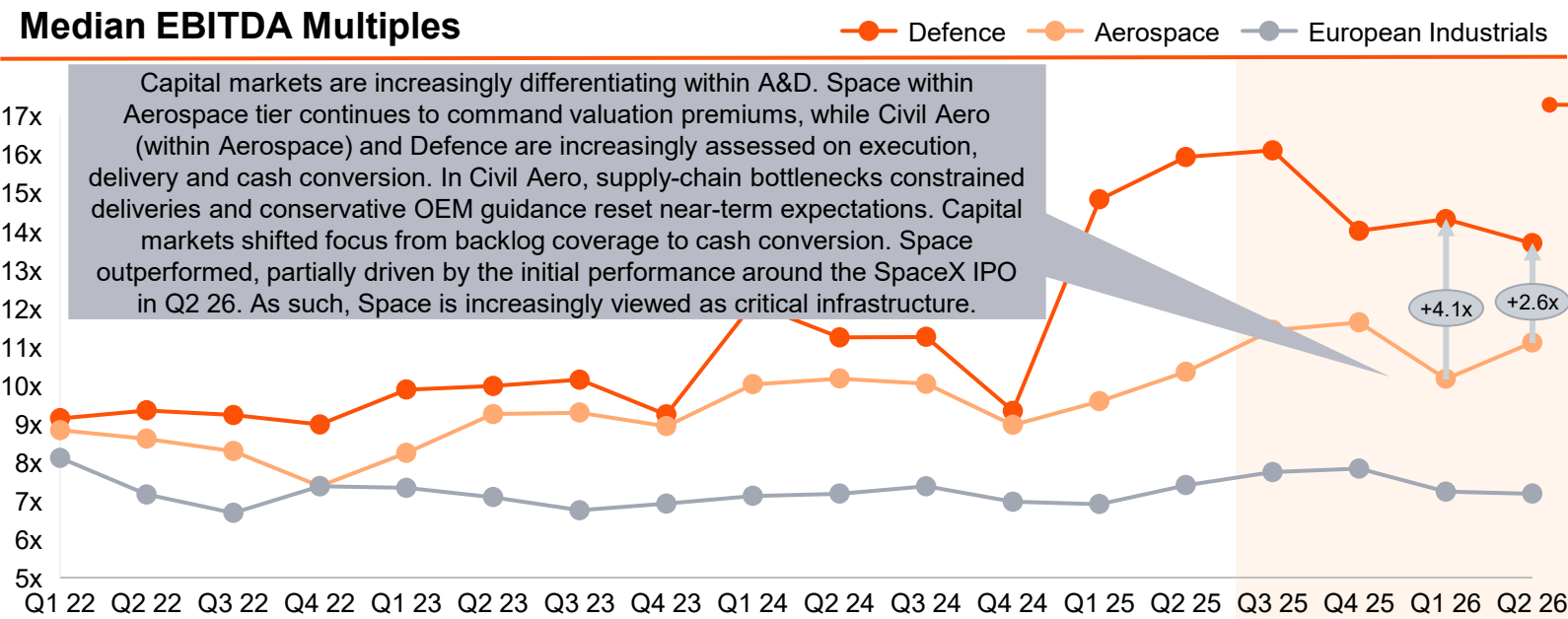


Sources: S&P Market Intelligence, Peer Group Insights, PwC Research

The graph illustrates the monthly excess returns of the indices mentioned above, compared to the Eurostoxx, measured in percentage points. Solid line represents rolling average of the past 12 months.

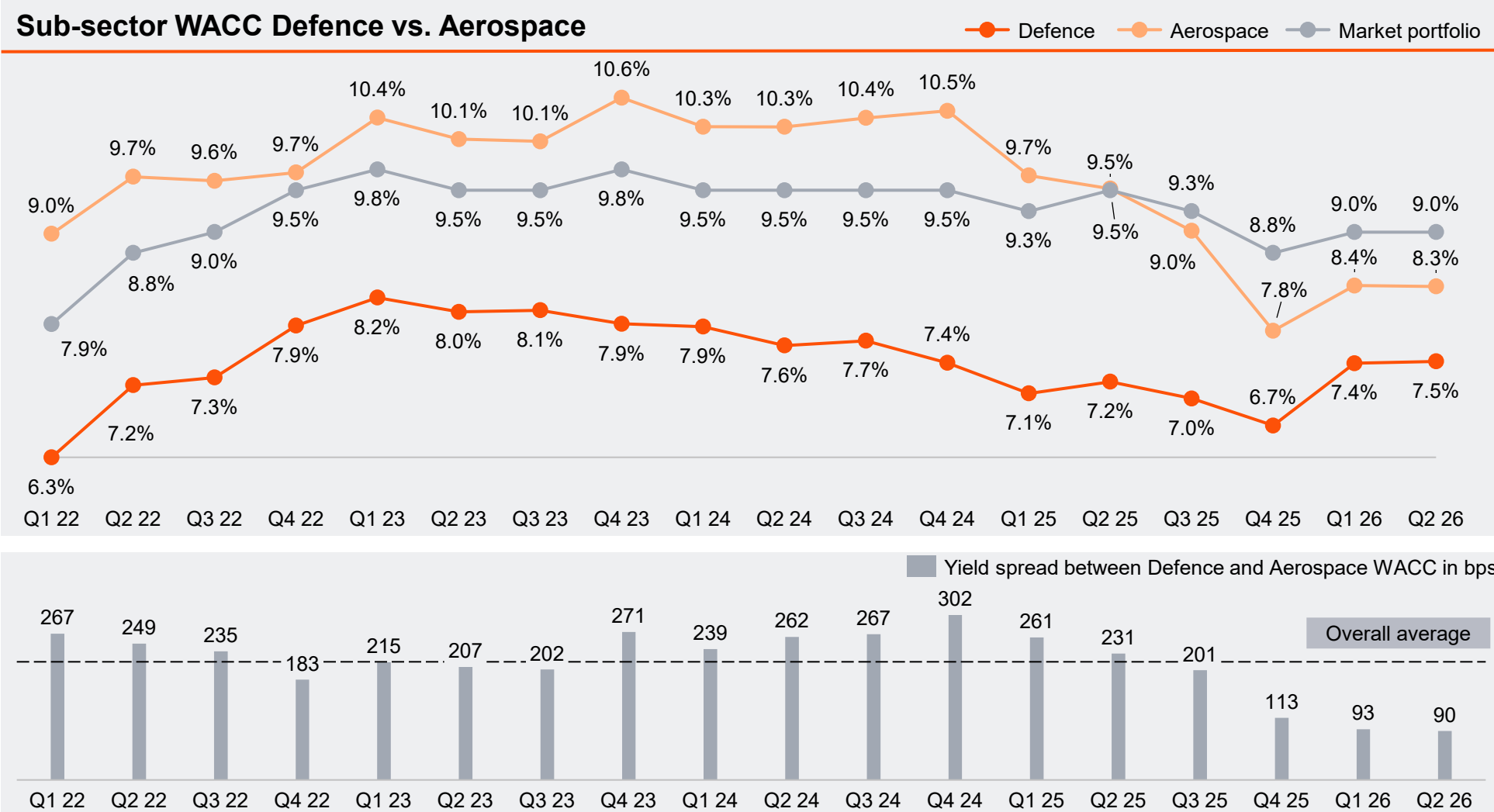


A&D Multiples Re-priced as Space Momentum Offsets Civil Aero Pressure and Execution Focus Impacts Defence Valuations

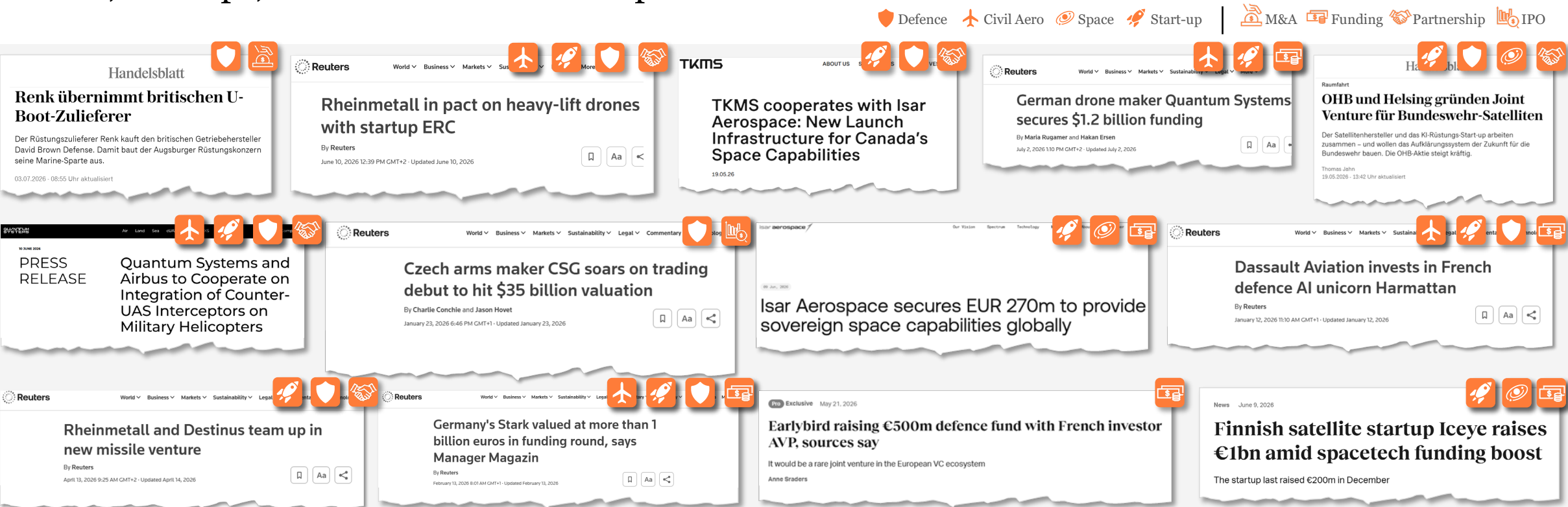


A&D Cost of Capital Increased Relative to the Broader Market as Investors Priced Higher Execution and Geopolitical Risks

- In Q1'26, rising risk-free rates increased market-wide discount rates by ~0.3%p.p. In general, A&D cost of capital continued to remain below the market portfolio
- In line with broader market portfolio movements, the A&D WACC grew by ~0.4%p.p. in Q1'26. Higher beta factors reflect greater sensitivity to macro-political developments and rising concerns over execution risks.
- The yield spread between Aerospace and Defence continued to narrow, reflecting a gradual convergence in perceived risk.

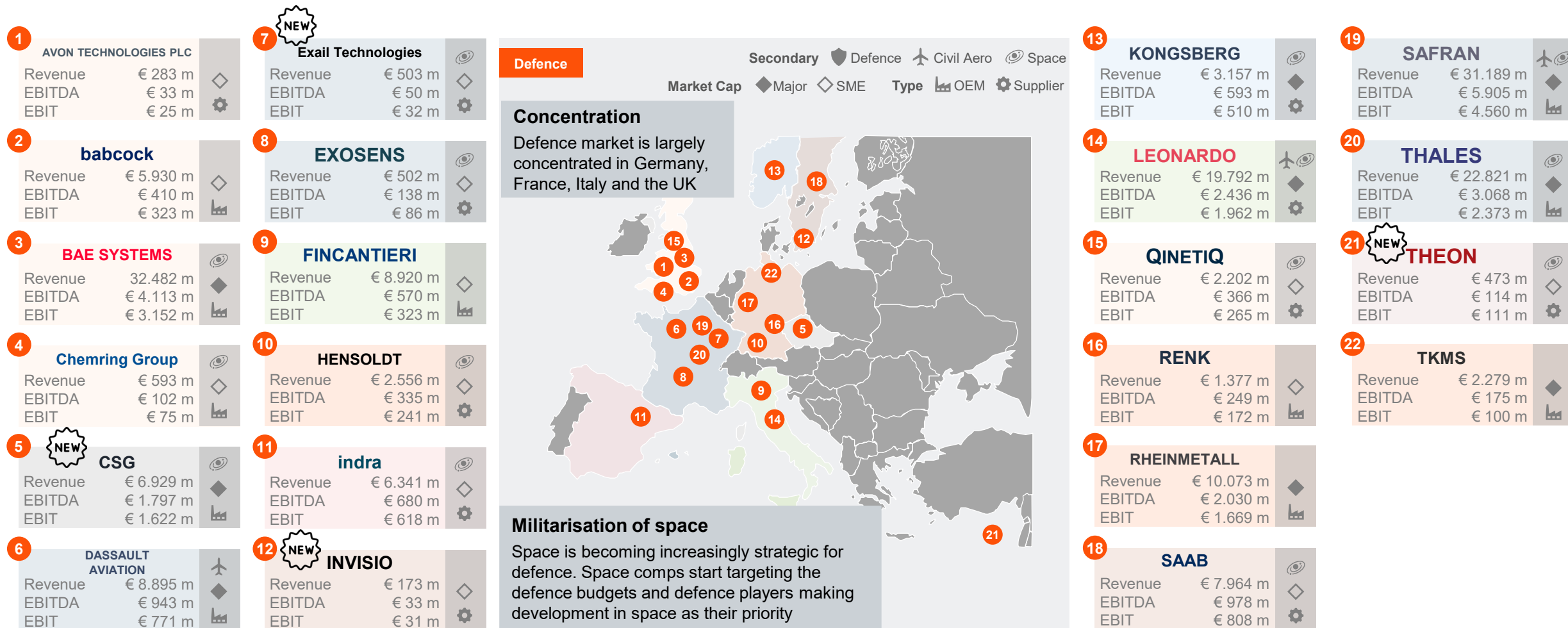


The A&D Ecosystem Is Maturing from Fragmented Participants into an Interconnected Network of Primes, Startups, Investors and Public Capital



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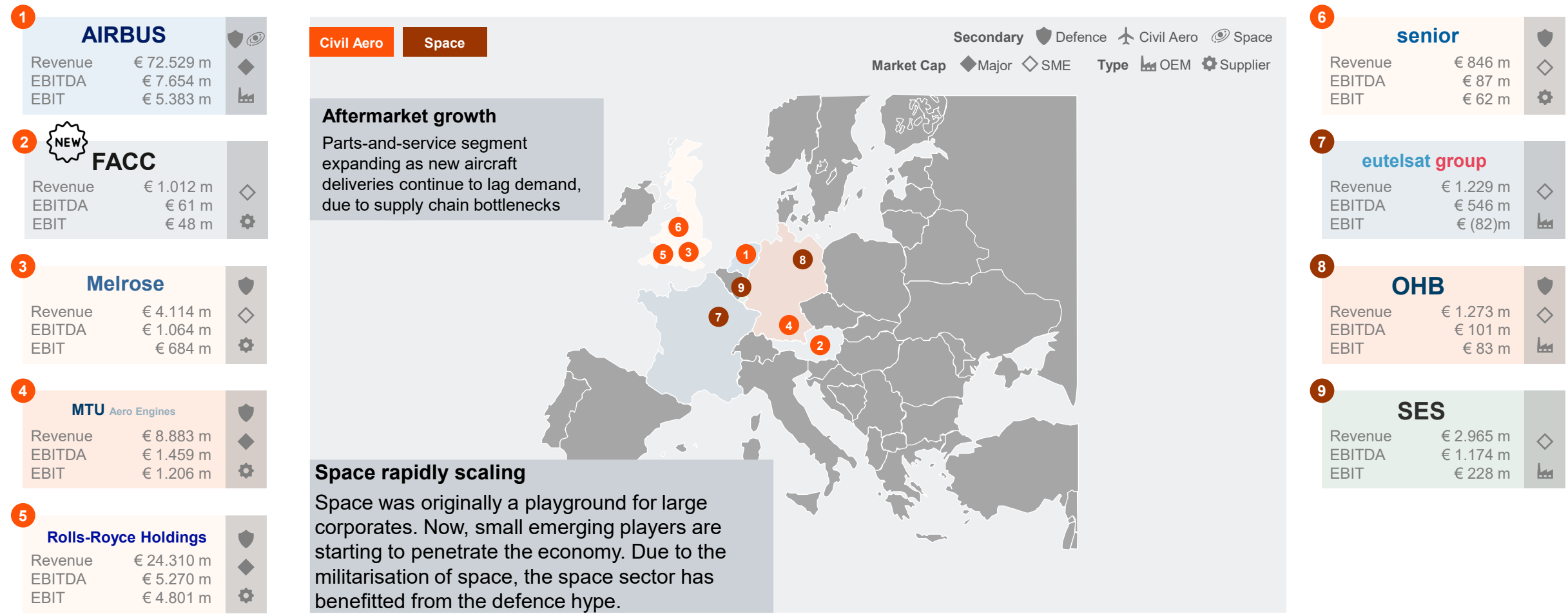
Defining the Defence Peer Universe: Diversified Industrial Primes Plus Specialized Pure-play Comps Form the Investable Universe



Note: Major: Market Cap > 10bn USD; SME: Small and Mid Cap; On an LTM Basis as reported by the companies at the time of this report

Sources: S&P Market Intelligence, PwC Research

Aerospace Peer Universe: The Civil Aero Sub-Sector is Largely Consolidated Between Majors, while Space is Maturing, with Low Number of Specialized Companies



Appendix:

Defence EV/EBITDA Multiples

Actual EV/EBITDA																		
Multiple as of	Q1 22	Q2 22	Q3 22	Q4 22	Q1 23	Q2 23	Q3 23	Q4 23	Q1 24	Q2 24	Q3 24	Q4 24	Q1 25	Q2 25	Q3 25	Q4 25	Q1 26	Q2 26
Defence Majors																		
BAE Systems plc	9.1 x	9.4 x	9.7 x	9.5 x	10.6 x	10.0 x	10.3 x	10.6 x	11.7 x	11.4 x	11.9 x	10.3 x	12.6 x	14.6 x	15.8 x	13.8 x	14.6 x	12.2 x
CSG N.V.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.9 x	7.2 x
Dassault Aviation société anonyme	11.6 x	12.0 x	5.7 x	11.2 x	9.9 x	9.8 x	10.3 x	8.9 x	13.5 x	9.2 x	9.4 x	7.4 x	18.6 x	17.8 x	15.5 x	14.8 x	14.4 x	12.9 x
Kongsberg Gruppen ASA	13.5 x	12.9 x	14.1 x	15.0 x	14.1 x	15.6 x	14.3 x	13.2 x	18.6 x	20.8 x	23.7 x	24.0 x	26.7 x	32.3 x	27.5 x	22.0 x	25.4 x	27.0 x
Leonardo S.p.a.	5.1 x	6.0 x	5.4 x	5.0 x	5.4 x	5.6 x	6.6 x	6.5 x	8.3 x	8.2 x	7.8 x	8.6 x	12.6 x	12.8 x	14.6 x	13.5 x	12.8 x	10.9 x
Rheinmetall AG	8.5 x	9.3 x	8.0 x	7.6 x	9.8 x	9.0 x	9.2 x	8.8 x	13.7 x	12.5 x	12.3 x	11.6 x	23.8 x	32.6 x	37.0 x	29.9 x	19.9 x	14.2 x
Safran SA	13.6 x	12.3 x	11.8 x	11.6 x	13.3 x	13.9 x	14.2 x	12.8 x	16.3 x	15.1 x	16.8 x	14.0 x	16.1 x	17.9 x	18.6 x	18.6 x	14.9 x	17.7 x
Thales S.A.	10.0 x	9.3 x	9.2 x	8.9 x	10.3 x	10.1 x	10.1 x	9.2 x	11.8 x	11.1 x	11.3 x	9.6 x	15.0 x	14.5 x	16.1 x	14.2 x	13.5 x	12.1 x
TKMS AG & Co KGaA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.3 x	13.2 x	14.6 x
Defence SME																		
Avon Technologies Plc	11.0 x	16.7 x	18.9 x	12.8 x	11.4 x	13.6 x	7.8 x	10.2 x	12.4 x	13.7 x	11.4 x	14.1 x	14.8 x	19.5 x	15.1 x	12.1 x	11.2 x	11.6 x
Babcock International Group PLC	6.5 x	6.3 x	5.6 x	5.7 x	5.6 x	4.3 x	6.0 x	5.7 x	6.6 x	6.8 x	6.4 x	6.8 x	8.3 x	11.8 x	13.3 x	12.8 x	11.5 x	8.7 x
Chemring Group PLC	11.3 x	10.7 x	9.6 x	9.5 x	9.0 x	9.3 x	9.2 x	10.5 x	10.6 x	11.6 x	11.6 x	9.3 x	10.6 x	15.9 x	16.4 x	12.6 x	13.3 x	13.2 x
Exail Technologies	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.6 x	15.7 x
Exosens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.0 x	8.5 x	13.0 x	15.5 x	16.5 x	18.0 x	18.3 x	17.2 x
Fincantieri S.p.A.	6.4 x	7.3 x	14.9 x	10.1 x	9.9 x	10.8 x	11.0 x	9.4 x	7.9 x	7.6 x	9.2 x	8.2 x	7.8 x	11.0 x	14.3 x	12.2 x	9.1 x	8.5 x
Hensoldt AG	11.4 x	9.9 x	9.5 x	8.7 x	11.8 x	11.0 x	10.8 x	9.1 x	13.7 x	10.4 x	10.7 x	10.6 x	16.8 x	25.0 x	28.0 x	21.1 x	16.7 x	16.6 x
Indra Sistemas, S.A.	5.4 x	4.5 x	4.3 x	5.1 x	5.4 x	4.9 x	5.8 x	5.8 x	7.0 x	6.7 x	5.8 x	5.3 x	7.9 x	9.8 x	11.1 x	13.7 x	9.8 x	8.0 x
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RENK Group AG	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	19.5 x	13.7 x	11.9 x	8.8 x	17.2 x	25.6 x	31.0 x	21.3 x	16.1 x	14.3 x
Saab AB (publ)	9.1 x	9.3 x	8.5 x	9.0 x	13.0 x	11.4 x	11.0 x	10.5 x	15.4 x	16.5 x	14.1 x	12.8 x	21.0 x	27.5 x	29.9 x	27.4 x	23.3 x	19.0 x
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25% percentile	7.2 x	7.8 x	6.8 x	7.9 x	7.5 x	8.6 x	7.6 x	7.9 x	8.2 x	8.5 x	9.2 x	8.2 x	10.6 x	12.8 x	14.6 x	12.7 x	12.8 x	11.1 x
Average	9.4 x	9.6 x	9.5 x	9.2 x	9.7 x	9.8 x	9.6 x	9.2 x	12.2 x	11.5 x	11.4 x	10.5 x	14.7 x	18.4 x	19.4 x	16.5 x	14.8 x	13.6 x
Median	9.1 x	9.3 x	9.2 x	9.0 x	9.9 x	10.0 x	10.1 x	9.2 x	12.1 x	11.2 x	11.3 x	9.3 x	14.8 x	15.9 x	16.1 x	14.0 x	14.3 x	13.7 x
75% percentile	11.3 x	11.4 x	10.7 x	10.6 x	11.6 x	11.2 x	10.9 x	10.5 x	14.1 x	13.7 x	11.9 x	11.6 x	17.2 x	25.0 x	27.5 x	20.5 x	16.6 x	16.4 x

Sources: Annual and quarterly reports, S&P Market Intelligence

The calculation of EV/EBITDA multiples is based on consensus analyst estimates of EBITDA in EUR, specifically the forecast for the current fiscal year. The Enterprise Value (EV) is computed by adding market capitalisation at the end of each period to long-term debt, including leases, and subtracting cash and short-term investments, while also incorporating minority interests. The multiples of the new peers are taken into account from the quarter in which they are added to the peer group.

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CSG N.V.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.3 x	8.0 x
Dassault Aviation société anonyme	16.1 x	17.0 x	8.0 x	16.5 x	13.5 x	13.4 x	14.9 x	12.1 x	17.2 x	12.4 x	13.0 x	9.8 x	24.0 x	22.9 x	20.7 x	19.9 x	18.4 x	16.5 x
Kongsberg Gruppen ASA	18.7 x	17.9 x	20.0 x	20.3 x	18.4 x	20.4 x	18.8 x	16.9 x	24.0 x	26.6 x	29.5 x	29.1 x	32.7 x	39.1 x	33.5 x	27.3 x	30.2 x	32.1 x
Leonardo S.p.a.	7.2 x	8.6 x	7.6 x	7.0 x	7.7 x	8.2 x	9.7 x	9.4 x	11.6 x	11.8 x	11.6 x	12.0 x	16.9 x	18.1 x	20.2 x	18.8 x	17.1 x	14.3 x
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Safran SA	19.5 x	18.0 x	17.3 x	16.3 x	19.0 x	19.6 x	19.8 x	16.9 x	21.3 x	19.9 x	21.6 x	17.9 x	20.6 x	22.9 x	23.6 x	23.7 x	18.7 x	22.0 x
Thales S.A.	14.2 x	13.3 x	13.0 x	12.2 x	13.5 x	13.5 x	13.4 x	12.0 x	15.5 x	14.7 x	14.5 x	12.4 x	19.8 x	20.0 x	21.0 x	18.8 x	16.8 x	15.4 x
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Chemring Group PLC	15.1 x	14.3 x	12.9 x	12.6 x	11.8 x	12.4 x	12.2 x	13.6 x	13.8 x	14.8 x	14.8 x	12.5 x	14.1 x	21.5 x	21.7 x	16.9 x	17.6 x	18.0 x
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Exosens	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.8 x	10.8 x	16.1 x	19.6 x	20.3 x	21.4 x	22.2 x	21.0 x
Fincantieri S.p.A.	10.5 x	11.9 x	36.5 x	18.9 x	25.1 x	29.4 x	30.0 x	20.1 x	15.2 x	14.7 x	18.9 x	14.2 x	13.8 x	19.6 x	26.0 x	22.8 x	16.5 x	15.2 x
Hensoldt AG	15.3 x	12.7 x	12.3 x	11.2 x	15.0 x	15.1 x	14.3 x	11.7 x	17.0 x	13.7 x	14.4 x	13.8 x	22.4 x	34.1 x	38.1 x	28.6 x	23.0 x	22.4 x
Indra Sistemas, S.A.	7.3 x	6.2 x	5.8 x	6.9 x	7.2 x	6.3 x	7.7 x	7.5 x	9.0 x	8.4 x	7.3 x	6.5 x	9.7 x	12.1 x	13.6 x	17.1 x	13.1 x	11.0 x
Invisio AB (publ)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	19.8 x	20.0 x
QinetiQ Group plc	10.5 x	11.1 x	10.4 x	11.0 x	8.1 x	10.6 x	9.6 x	9.7 x	10.3 x	11.4 x	11.5 x	10.7 x	9.6 x	12.5 x	13.0 x	11.0 x	11.0 x	9.4 x
RENK Group AG	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	24.0 x	16.1 x	14.7 x	10.3 x	20.4 x	29.8 x	36.2 x	24.8 x	18.6 x	16.7 x
Saab AB (publ)	14.2 x	14.8 x	13.6 x	14.0 x	20.0 x	17.5 x	16.6 x	15.3 x	22.4 x	23.8 x	20.4 x	18.0 x	29.4 x	38.2 x	42.1 x	38.6 x	31.6 x	26.0 x
Theon International Plc	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.8 x	15.2 x
25% percentile	11.0 x	11.5 x	9.7 x	10.5 x	10.4 x	11.3 x	10.8 x	10.4 x	13.2 x	12.3 x	12.8 x	10.7 x	14.1 x	19.0 x	20.2 x	17.2 x	15.2 x	14.5 x
Average	13.4 x	14.3 x	16.0 x	13.5 x	14.4 x	14.9 x	14.3 x	12.9 x	16.4 x	15.6 x	15.4 x	13.6 x	18.9 x	24.0 x	25.4 x	22.1 x	19.0 x	17.6 x
Median	14.2 x	12.8 x	12.3 x	12.2 x	13.5 x	13.4 x	12.9 x	12.1 x	16.3 x	14.7 x	14.7 x	12.5 x	16.9 x	21.5 x	21.0 x	19.4 x	18.5 x	16.6 x
75% percentile	15.7 x	15.9 x	15.5 x	16.4 x	18.7 x	18.6 x	15.7 x	15.2 x	20.2 x	17.0 x	17.9 x	14.3 x	22.4 x	29.8 x	33.5 x	24.5 x	21.2 x	21.6 x

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Appendix:

Aerospace EV/EBITDA Multiples

Actual EV/EBITDA																		
Multiple as of	Q1 22	Q2 22	Q3 22	Q4 22	Q1 23	Q2 23	Q3 23	Q4 23	Q1 24	Q2 24	Q3 24	Q4 24	Q1 25	Q2 25	Q3 25	Q4 25	Q1 26	Q2 26
Civil Aero Primary																		
Airbus SE	10.0 x	8.7 x	8.6 x	8.9 x	10.4 x	11.5 x	11.1 x	10.7 x	13.6 x	11.7 x	13.0 x	12.3 x	12.7 x	13.9 x	15.6 x	15.8 x	11.4 x	13.8 x
FACC AG	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.5 x	9.2 x
Melrose Industries PLC	7.0 x	8.5 x	6.8 x	6.8 x	7.9 x	17.8 x	14.2 x	12.4 x	13.7 x	11.5 x	10.4 x	9.8 x	9.4 x	10.3 x	11.4 x	11.5 x	8.9 x	8.5 x
MTU Aero Engines AG	14.1 x	11.3 x	9.9 x	10.7 x	12.0 x	11.9 x	8.7 x	9.2 x	10.6 x	11.2 x	12.7 x	12.2 x	11.8 x	13.1 x	12.3 x	11.8 x	8.8 x	11.1 x
Rolls-Royce Holdings plc	9.5 x	9.2 x	8.9 x	8.3 x	9.0 x	9.1 x	9.6 x	11.0 x	13.4 x	13.9 x	14.6 x	14.1 x	17.3 x	21.3 x	23.8 x	23.0 x	18.6 x	23.1 x
Senior plc	10.3 x	9.2 x	8.5 x	7.3 x	8.6 x	9.4 x	8.9 x	8.2 x	8.3 x	7.7 x	8.2 x	7.7 x	7.1 x	8.2 x	11.1 x	10.7 x	13.9 x	13.7 x
Space Primary																		
Eutelsat Communications S.A.	6.3 x	6.7 x	5.5 x	5.4 x	5.7 x	5.6 x	6.4 x	6.8 x	7.0 x	5.9 x	6.6 x	5.3 x	6.7 x	6.7 x	6.8 x	5.6 x	6.2 x	6.3 x
OHB SE	8.2 x	8.1 x	8.0 x	7.5 x	7.2 x	7.4 x	9.7 x	8.6 x	9.4 x	9.1 x	9.6 x	8.2 x	9.8 x	N/A	N/A	21.6 x	31.5 x	33.9 x
SES S.A.	5.8 x	5.9 x	4.5 x	2.2 x	5.6 x	5.5 x	5.9 x	6.2 x	4.1 x	3.5 x	3.5 x	2.8 x	3.4 x	3.6 x	2.8 x	2.8 x	5.7 x	5.9 x
25% percentile	6.8 x	7.8 x	6.5 x	6.4 x	6.8 x	7.0 x	8.2 x	7.8 x	8.0 x	7.3 x	7.8 x	7.1 x	7.0 x	7.4 x	8.9 x	9.4 x	7.5 x	8.5 x
Average	8.9 x	8.5 x	7.6 x	7.1 x	8.3 x	9.8 x	9.3 x	9.1 x	10.0 x	9.3 x	9.8 x	9.0 x	9.8 x	11.0 x	12.0 x	12.8 x	12.5 x	14.0 x
Median	8.8 x	8.6 x	8.3 x	7.4 x	8.2 x	9.2 x	9.3 x	8.9 x	10.0 x	10.2 x	10.0 x	9.0 x	9.6 x	10.3 x	11.4 x	11.6 x	8.9 x	11.1 x
75% percentile	10.1 x	9.2 x	8.6 x	8.4 x	9.3 x	11.6 x	10.1 x	10.8 x	13.4 x	11.5 x	12.8 x	12.2 x	12.0 x	13.5 x	14.0 x	17.2 x	13.9 x	13.8 x

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Aerospace EV/EBIT Multiples

Actual EV/EBIT																		
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Civil Aero Primary																		
Airbus SE	14.3 x	12.4 x	12.2 x	12.2 x	14.8 x	16.5 x	16.0 x	14.8 x	18.6 x	16.9 x	19.1 x	16.8 x	17.7 x	19.4 x	22.0 x	22.1 x	16.0 x	19.9 x
FACC AG	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.7 x	14.9 x
Melrose Industries PLC	12.2 x	15.8 x	13.4 x	11.1 x	13.0 x	25.2 x	20.1 x	16.0 x	17.9 x	15.0 x	13.6 x	12.3 x	11.6 x	12.8 x	13.9 x	13.9 x	10.6 x	10.3 x
MTU Aero Engines AG	20.5 x	16.7 x	14.5 x	15.0 x	16.8 x	16.2 x	11.9 x	12.3 x	13.9 x	14.9 x	16.4 x	15.3 x	14.9 x	16.9 x	16.1 x	15.3 x	11.5 x	14.6 x
Rolls-Royce Holdings plc	21.2 x	23.0 x	23.9 x	17.6 x	18.4 x	17.9 x	16.6 x	17.3 x	19.4 x	20.7 x	19.8 x	19.8 x	22.6 x	27.6 x	30.2 x	29.3 x	22.8 x	27.9 x
Senior plc	28.9 x	26.2 x	24.0 x	16.6 x	18.8 x	20.6 x	18.4 x	16.1 x	15.5 x	14.6 x	15.8 x	14.2 x	14.1 x	16.1 x	17.2 x	17.3 x	20.6 x	20.7 x
Space Primary																		
Eutelsat Communications S.A.	9.0 x	15.7 x	8.7 x	8.4 x	9.1 x	10.6 x	29.3 x	38.1 x	NM	65.7 x	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
OHB SE	12.2 x	13.1 x	13.0 x	10.8 x	9.5 x	11.6 x	15.3 x	12.4 x	13.6 x	12.9 x	13.7 x	11.4 x	13.7 x	N/A	N/A	23.7 x	45.6 x	49.0 x
SES S.A.	15.9 x	16.1 x	11.3 x	4.3 x	17.8 x	17.2 x	18.4 x	20.6 x	12.4 x	14.3 x	22.0 x	19.8 x	20.8 x	23.9 x	7.6 x	39.5 x	54.3 x	54.4 x
25% percentile	12.2 x	15.1 x	12.0 x	10.2 x	12.1 x	15.1 x	15.8 x	14.2 x	13.7 x	14.5 x	14.7 x	13.3 x	13.9 x	16.3 x	14.5 x	16.3 x	12.4 x	14.8 x
Average	16.8 x	17.4 x	15.1 x	12.0 x	14.8 x	17.0 x	18.3 x	18.4 x	15.9 x	21.9 x	17.2 x	15.7 x	16.5 x	19.5 x	17.8 x	23.0 x	24.3 x	26.5 x
Median	15.1 x	15.9 x	13.2 x	11.6 x	15.8 x	16.8 x	17.5 x	16.0 x	15.5 x	15.0 x	16.4 x	15.3 x	14.9 x	18.1 x	16.7 x	22.1 x	18.3 x	20.3 x
75% percentile	20.7 x	18.2 x	16.9 x	15.4 x	18.0 x	18.5 x	18.9 x	18.1 x	18.3 x	17.8 x	19.4 x	18.3 x	19.2 x	22.8 x	20.8 x	26.5 x	28.5 x	33.2 x

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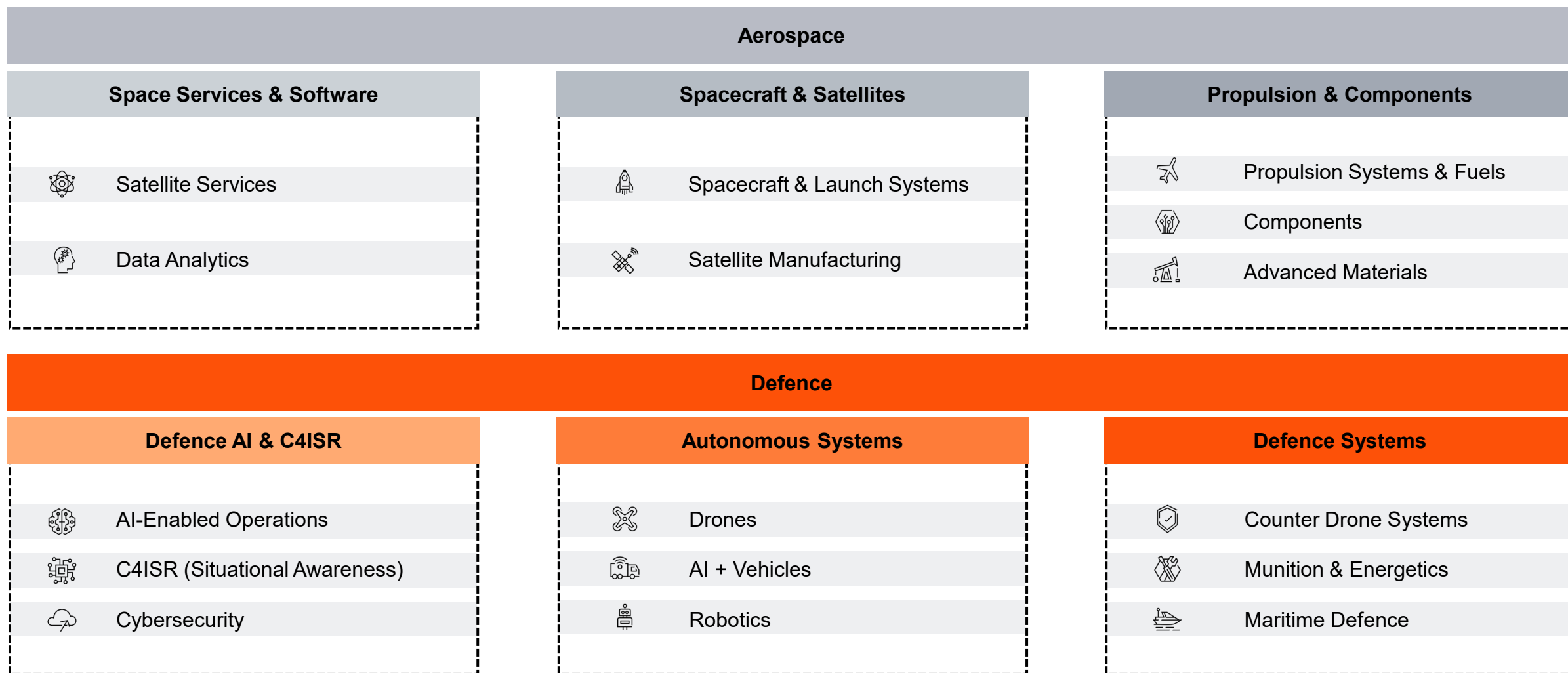
Appendix:

Methodological Basis for PwC Aerospace & Defence Industry Monitor

Peer selection	In selecting peers for our analysis, we focus on publicly listed companies with headquarters and major operational exposure in Europe. We have identified two distinct peer groups based on their primary business focus: "Defence" and "Aerospace." These groups represent companies whose core operations are aligned with these sectors, allowing for more targeted and relevant comparisons in our research. Aerospace sub-sector includes both Civil Aero and Space.
Performance Indices	The PwC Aerospace & Defence Performance Indices are equally-weighted total return indices comprising listed European companies (refer to the peer universe). They are indexed at 100 as of 31 December 2021 and based on monthly closing prices, taking into account reinvested dividends, and serve to reflect capital market-based price and risk signals. The indices reflect the behaviour of the equity markets and are not to be equated with transaction or expert valuations.
EV/EBITDA	The computation of EV/EBITDA multiples relies on consensus analyst estimates, providing a forecast of EBITDA in euros for the current fiscal year. To determine the Enterprise Value (EV), we aggregate the market capitalisation at each period's end with long-term debt, inclusive of leases, and then subtract cash and short-term investments. Additionally, minority interests are factored into this calculation, ensuring a comprehensive view of the company's value. To contextualize these multiples, we use "European Industrials" as a benchmark. This benchmark includes all publicly listed European peers classified under "Industrials" within the S&P Capital IQ database. This comparative framework allows for a nuanced analysis and understanding of the relative valuation of companies within the aerospace and defence sectors, aligning them against broader industrial trends.
WACC	The Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC) is calculated for peer groups in the defence and aerospace sectors, as well as a balanced market portfolio, providing a critical measure of investment appeal. The risk-free rate is anchored to the yield of long-term government bonds in the Eurozone, derived using the Svensson method. For the market risk premium, we utilize PwC's "house view," which started at 7.5% in early 2022 and is anticipated to decrease to 5.5% due to an increased risk-free rate. The average beta, essential for assessing risk, is calculated from a regression of monthly returns against the MSCI World over a five-year span, requiring at least 50 months of data while excluding statistically insignificant betas at a 95% confidence level. If the beta becomes insignificant, we extrapolate its value to ensure the analysis remains meaningful. As stock movements become increasingly decoupled from the overall market, the number of peers would otherwise be reduced too drastically. Additionally, we observed a special effect in Q1 2025, prompting us to interpolate the beta factor for that period. We assess the peers' average capital structure by leveraging at the net debt level, which includes long-term debt and leases, minus cash, as the basis for weighting. The tax rate used is the average effective tax rate from the last fiscal year. These evaluations are conducted with consideration of the pre-mentioned criteria regarding the number of data points. Additionally, the credit spread is determined based on corporate bonds with a BBB average peer rating, reflecting corresponding market conditions. The WACC for the market portfolio assumes a beta factor of 1.0, serving as a benchmark for comparison across different investment opportunities.

Appendix:

Subcategories for Aerospace & Defence Startup Clustering



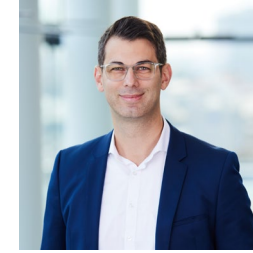
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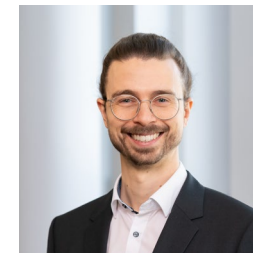
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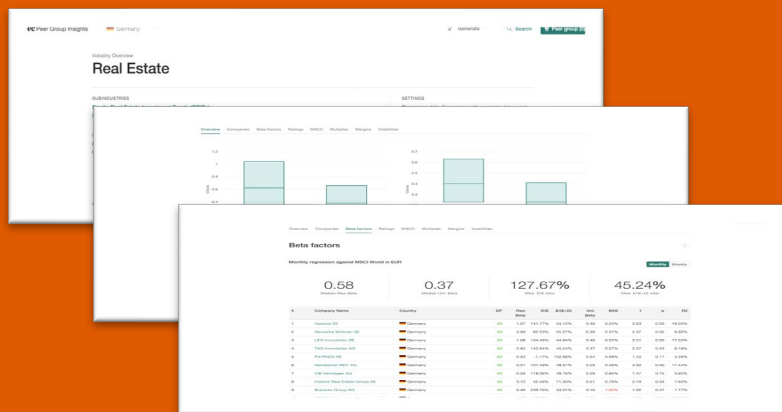
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