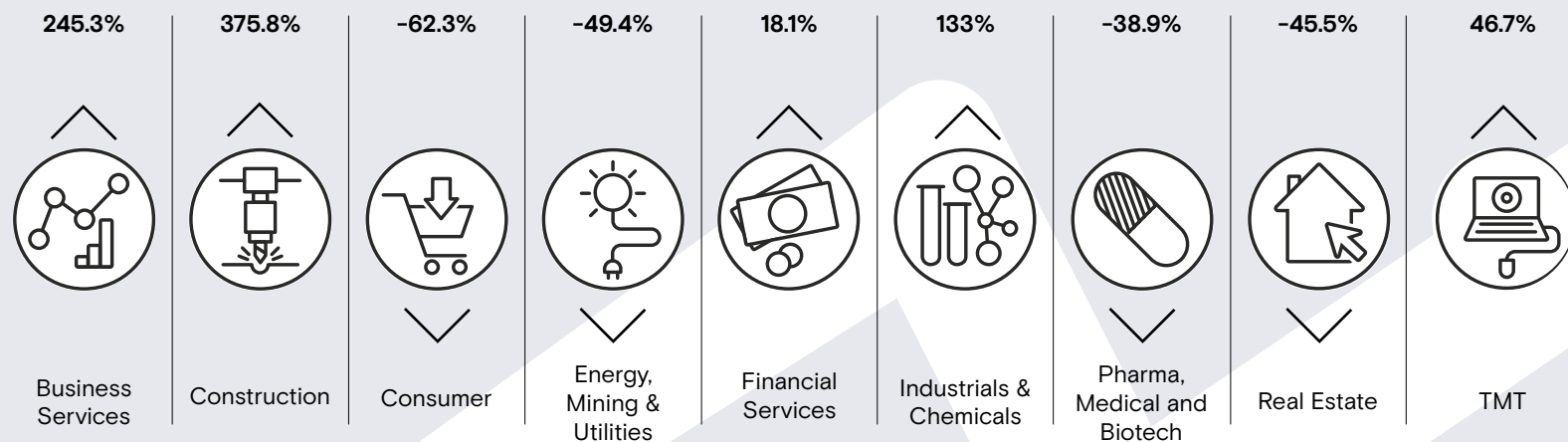


This week, Dealspeak looks into tech M&A, with a particular focus on cybersecurity

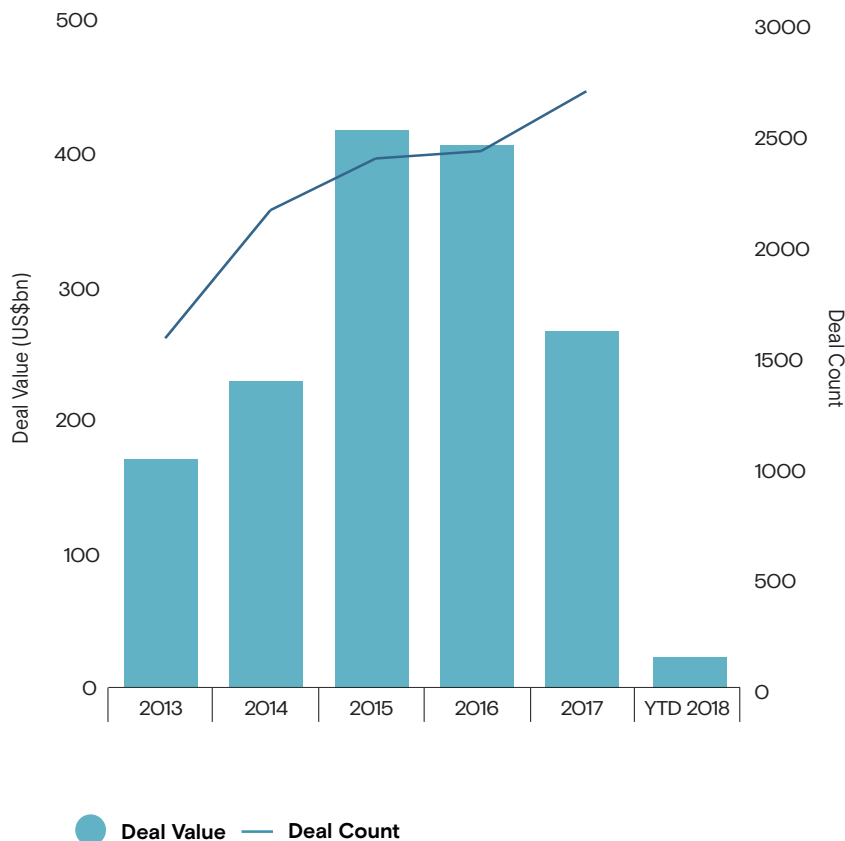
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Global sector variation by value YTD 2018 vs. YTD 2017



**Tech M&A
2013-YTD 2018**



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So far this year, tech M&A has generated US\$ 22.7bn, just short of the equivalent value seen in YTD 2017. This week's US\$ 823m takeover of ThreatMetrix demonstrates the growing interest in cybersecurity in recent years.

Amid the global pursuit of innovation and technological development, tech M&A reached its highest number of deals on Mergermarket record (since 2001) in 2017. The sector received a total 2,689 deals worth US\$ 267.7bn, 270 more than in 2016 (2,419 deals).

Deal values, on the other hand, dipped from the record highs in 2015 (US\$ 419.3bn) and 2016 (US\$ 408.1bn).

The value seen in 2017 represented a 34.4% drop as dealmakers appeared to hunt smaller targets in the space.

The internet of things, artificial intelligence and driverless cars were the hot topics of 2017, with many early-stage companies picked up by corporates looking to add innovation to their offering. The average deal value in the technology sector in 2017, at US\$ 205m, dipped to its lowest point since 2014 - and well short of the US\$ 320m seen in 2016.

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\$22.7bn

Value of Tech M&A
so far this year



+270

Increase in number of tech
deals in 2017 versus 2016



39.8%

US share of Tech deal
count in 2017

2,689

Number of Tech deals in 2017,
the highest annual figure on
Mergermarket record (since 2001)

\$205m

Average Tech deal value in
2017, the lowest since 2014

**“Aside from strategics,
private equity is likely
to remain a key player
in cybersecurity”**

Chris Metinko, Reporter,
Mergermarket

Mergermarket Deal Criteria

All data is based on transactions valued over US\$ 5m and is based on the Mergermarket's M&A deals database. Deals with undisclosed deal values are included where the target's turnover exceeds US\$ 10m. Deals where the effective stake acquired is less than 30% will only be included if the value is greater than US\$ 100m. Click [here](#) for the full deal criteria.

All values calculated in US\$.

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