

2022 Spin-Off Transaction Study

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Study Summary

- In this 2022 Spin-Off Transaction Study (the "Study"), we have assessed 38 spin-off transactions that closed between January 2019 and June 2022 (the "Study Period").
- A spin-off is the distribution (usually on a pro rata basis) by a corporation (the "Parent") of its ownership interest in a controlled corporation ("SpinCo") to the stockholders of the Parent. As a result of the spin-off, SpinCo becomes a separate, independent company.
 - Parent, after the completion of the spin-off, is referred to herein as "RemainCo."
- Specifically, this Study analyzes the following:
 - Certain Transaction Characteristics
 - o Transaction rationale
 - Transaction structure
 - o Parent's financial profile
 - o Shareholder profile
 - Transaction timing and terms
 - SpinCo and RemainCo financial profile
 - o Size, growth, margin, leverage
 - o Credit ratings
 - Share price performance of Parent, SpinCo, and RemainCo

Study Summary (Cont.)

- The Study includes spin-off transactions consummated by publicly traded companies during the Study Period.
 - The Study excludes transactions with the following characteristics:
 - o Parents that had their primary business operations outside of the U.S.
 - o Parents with revenue under \$500 million
 - o Transactions for which there was insufficient information regarding terms (generally, smaller transactions)
 - o Transactions in which the spin-off was primarily of financial assets
 - o Reverse Spin-Offs
 - Reverse Morris Trust transactions
- The Study leveraged widely used transaction databases, including S&P Capital IQ ("Capital IQ"), as well as financial data sources (e.g., Bloomberg).
- A full transaction list can be found in the Appendix.

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Summary Observations

Public companies have completed approximately 38 spin-off transactions from January 2019 to June 2022.1

Parent Operating Statistics

- Parent companies had a median EV of approximately \$20.1 billion and median revenues of about \$6.9 billion.
- Parent companies had median revenue and EBITDA growth of about 3.4% and 6.0%, respectively, in the last twelve months leading up to announcement of the spin-off.
 - 57% had positive revenue growth, and 62% had positive EBITDA growth.

General Characteristics

- The median spin-off transaction took 9 months to complete from announcement to effective date. Distribution ratios were set such that the interquartile range of SpinCo share prices were approximately \$20 to \$50 per share.
- About 61% of SpinCo businesses have different GICS industry classifications from their respective Parent companies.
- About 39% had a noted activist investor as a stockholder.

SpinCos Relative to Parents and RemainCos

- When compared to its respective Parent company, the median SpinCo:
 - Made up approximately 20% of its Parent's revenue and 19% of its Parent's EBITDA, in the twelve months leading up to the effective date.
 - Had an EBITDA margin that was 3% lower than its Parent.
 - Made up approximately 20% of its Parent's pre-spin Market Cap 30 days after the effective date.
 - Had a lower credit rating than RemainCo after the spin-off.
- When compared to their respective RemainCos, SpinCos:
 - Typically had lower revenue growth.
 - Typically had lower leverage.

Stock Performance

- The following average Parent stock performance relative to the S&P 500 was observed:
 - Flat performance on announcement date and over 2% underperformance from announcement to just prior to the effective date of the spin-off.
 - Flat performance from 30 days to just prior to the announcement date.

Notes: During the Study Period, four RMT transactions closed (AT&T Inc., Rexnord Corporation, Pfizer Inc., and McKesson Corporation). The RMT transactions are excluded from the above summary statistics. However, we note that on average, such transactions involved Parents which were larger in size by enterprise value and revenue, but which exhibited lower revenue growth and EBITDA growth.

During the Study Period, one reverse-spin-off transaction closed (IAC/InterActiveCorp). This transaction is excluded from the above summary statistics but was smaller in size than the median transaction studied.

Consists of all transactions that meet the transaction screening methodology outlined herein.

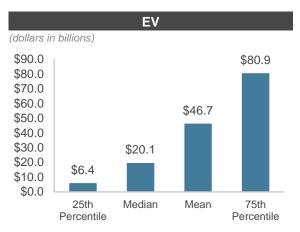
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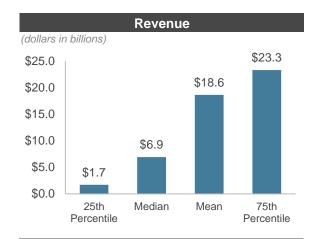
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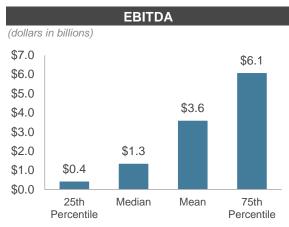
Overview of Parent Companies

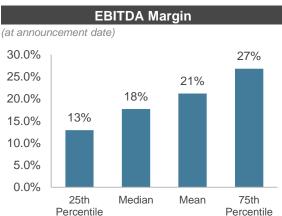
The graphs below summarize certain financial characteristics of the Parent companies prior to the spin-off.

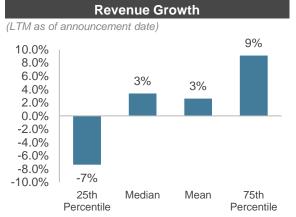
- Parent companies tend to be large, with a median EV of \$20.1 billion and median revenues of \$6.9 billion.
- The median Parent exhibited mild growth during the year preceding the announcement date, with revenue and EBITDA growth of 3.4% and 6.0% respectively.

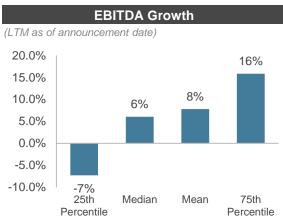












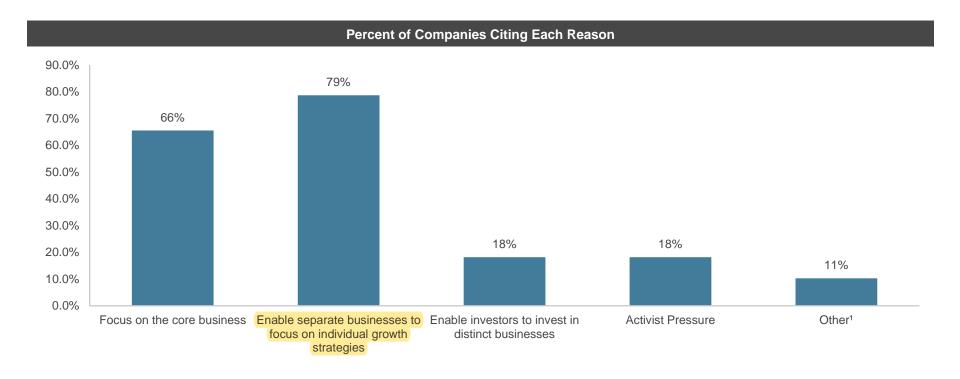
Sources: Capital IQ and public filings.

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Spin-Off Rationale

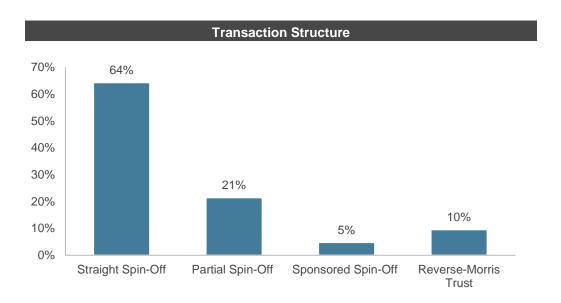
Parent companies cited a variety of reasons behind their decision to undertake a spin-off transaction, with divergent growth strategies being the most common consideration.



Transaction Structure

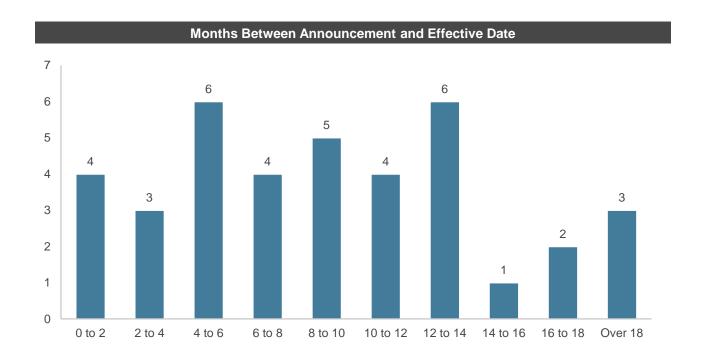
Spin-off transactions were structured in several ways, with a straight spin-off being the most common.

- Straight Spin-Off 100% spin-off of the SpinCo stock.
- Partial Spin-Off Parent retains less than 20% of the SpinCo stock.
- **Sponsored Spin-Off** An investor, such as a private equity fund, acquires under 20% prior to the spin-off or commits funds after the transaction.
- Reverse Morris Trust ("RMT") Tax-advantaged transaction structure in which SpinCo merges with a target company following its separation from its Parent.



Transaction Time Frame Analysis

The median time elapsed between the announcement of the spin-off and the effective date was approximately 9 months.



Source: Capital IQ.

Transaction Distribution by Industry

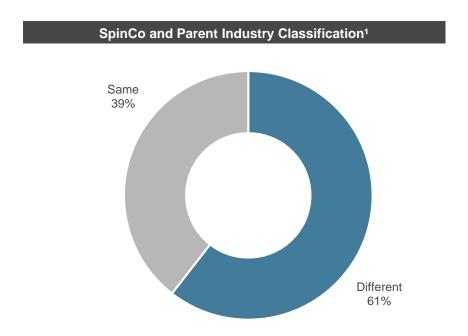
The following table summarizes the industry classification of the Parent in each transaction.

■ Healthcare and Information Technology have been the industries with the most spin-off activity over the Study Period.

Number of Spin-Offs Closed by Industry					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Consumer Discretionary	1	2	1	0	4
Consumer Staples	0	0	1	1	2
Energy	0	0	0	0	0
Financials	0	1	0	0	1
Healthcare	3	0	1	3	7
Industrials	0	4	1	0	5
Information Technology	0	2	5	0	7
Materials	3	0	1	0	4
Communication Services	0	1	2	0	3
Utilities	0	0	1	1	2
Real Estate	1	1	1	0	3
Total	8	11	14	5	38

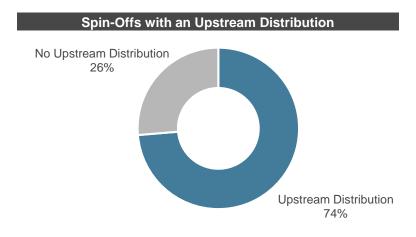
Industry Classification

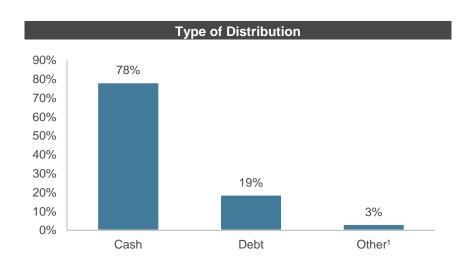
The majority of SpinCos analyzed in the Study had a different primary industry classification than their respective Parents.

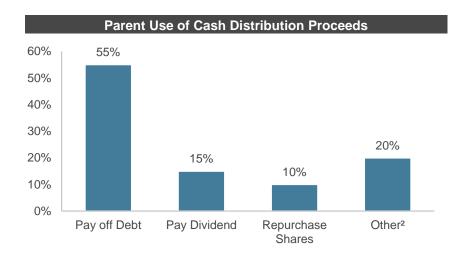


Distribution Analysis

A majority of the SpinCos made an upstream distribution to their respective Parents, most often in the form of cash or debt.





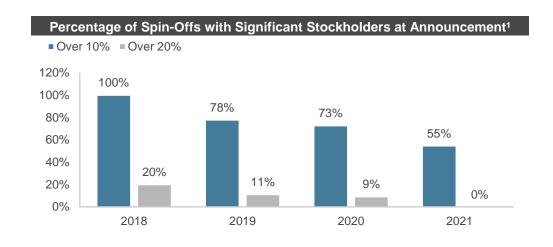


^{1. &}quot;Other" includes but is not limited to: equity units and reimbursement of early loan redemption.

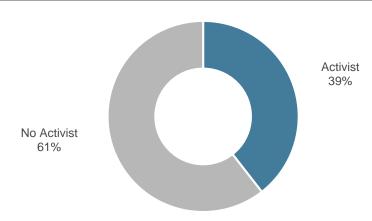
^{2. &}quot;Other" includes but is not limited to: settlement of intercompany loans, funding of a cash payment, employer defined-benefit plans, or transfer of other assets. Sources: Capital IQ, Bloomberg, public filings, and press releases.

Parent Stockholder Analysis

Over two-thirds of Parents had a stockholder holding at least a 10% equity interest, with just 8% of Parents having a stockholder with an interest greater than 20%. In under half of the Transactions, a noted activist was an investor in the Parent.







Significant stockholders hold between 10% and 35% of Parent's shares. There were two Parents with stockholders who held greater than 35% of outstanding shares (SolarWinds Corporation and SunPower Corporation).

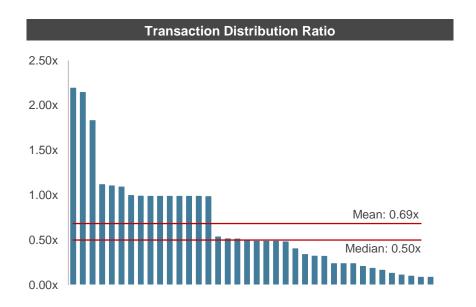
Sources: Capital IQ and press releases.

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SpinCo Day-One Closing Price and Distribution Ratio

The following charts illustrate the distribution ratio of SpinCo shares to Parent shares, as well as the closing stock price for the SpinCo shares on their respective first days of trading.

- The distribution ratios appear to have been set such that the interquartile range of SpinCo share prices spans approximately \$20 to \$50 per share.
 - More than half of the SpinCos had a day-one closing pricing in this range.





Source: Capital IQ.

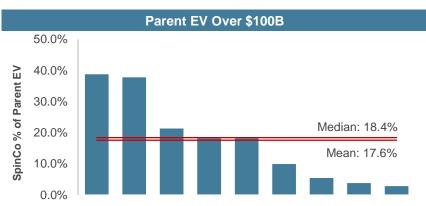
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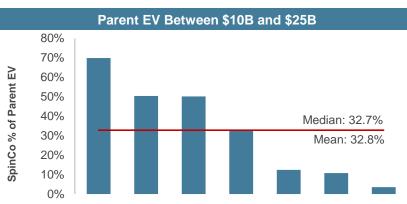
SpinCo Relative Size - Enterprise Value

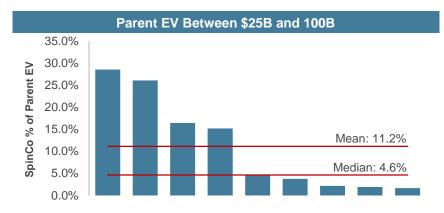
The following charts illustrate the relative size of SpinCo enterprise values compared to those of their respective Parents.

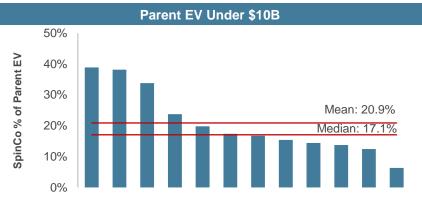
- Measured as the SpinCo's EV 30 days following the effective date compared to the Parent's EV immediately preceding the effective date.
- For the largest companies (Parent EV over \$100 billion), the median SpinCo EV was ~18% of its Parent's EV.
- For the smallest companies (Parent EV under \$10 billion), the median SpinCo EV was ~17% of its Parent's EV.

SpinCo EV (30 Days Following Effective Date) Compared to Parent EV¹







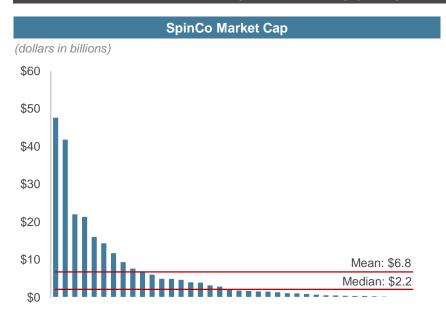


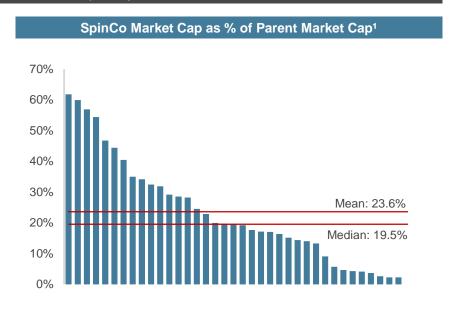
SpinCo Relative Size – Market Capitalization

The following charts illustrate the relative size of SpinCo Market Caps compared to those of their respective Parents.

- Measured as SpinCo Market Cap 30 days following the effective date compared to Parent Market Cap immediately preceding the effective date.
- Across all of the companies, SpinCos had a median Market Cap of ~\$2 billion, or ~20% of their respective Parent's Market Cap.

SpinCo Market Cap (30 Days Following Effective Date) Compared to Parent



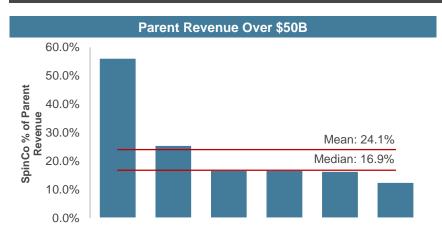


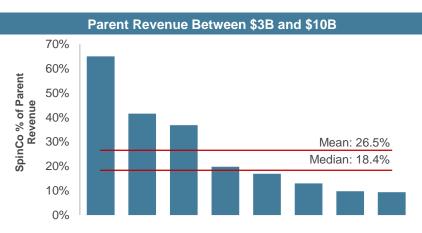
SpinCo Relative Size – Revenue

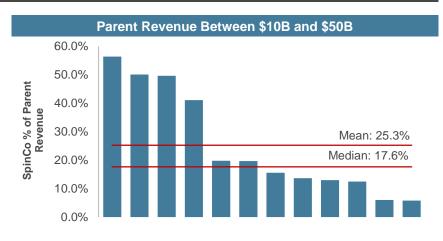
The following charts illustrate the difference in revenue between SpinCos and their respective Parents.

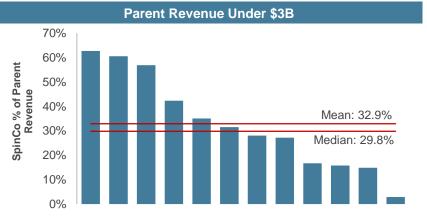
- Measured as SpinCo revenue during the LTM preceding the effective date and as a percentage of Parent revenue during the same period.
- The largest companies spun off a median of ~17% of revenues, while the smallest companies spun off ~30%.

SpinCo Revenue (LTM Preceding Effective Date) Compared to Parent Revenue









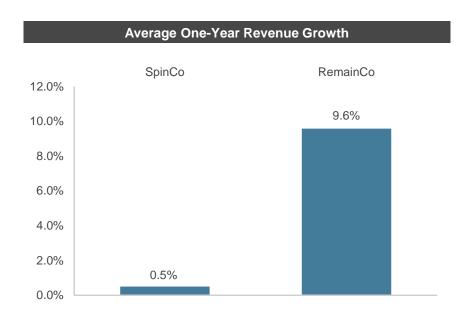
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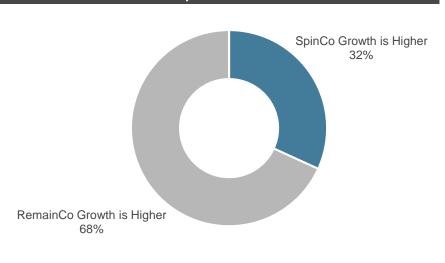
SpinCo vs. RemainCo – Revenue Growth

The following charts illustrate relative revenue growth rates between SpinCos and RemainCos.

- Measured as 12-month revenue growth for SpinCos compared to their respective RemainCos following the effective date.
- It appears that, on average, SpinCos experienced mild revenue growth and RemainCos experienced moderate revenue growth in the 12 months following the effective date.
- SpinCos experienced lower growth than their respective RemainCos in 68% of instances post-transaction.



% of Transactions In Which SpinCo's Growth Exceeds RemainCo's1



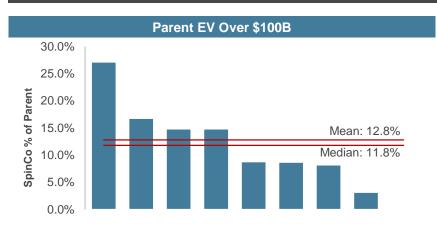
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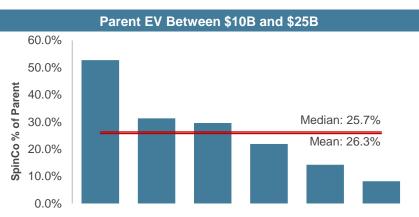
SpinCo Relative Size – EBITDA

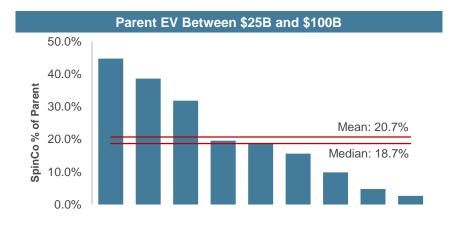
The following charts illustrate the difference in EBITDA between SpinCos and their respective Parents.

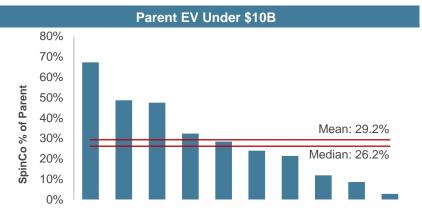
- Measured as SpinCo EBITDA during the LTM preceding the effective date and as a percentage of Parent EBITDA during the same period.
- The largest companies spun off a median of ~12% of EBITDA, while the smallest companies spun off ~26%.

SpinCo EBITDA (LTM Preceding Effective Date) Compared to Parent EBITDA¹





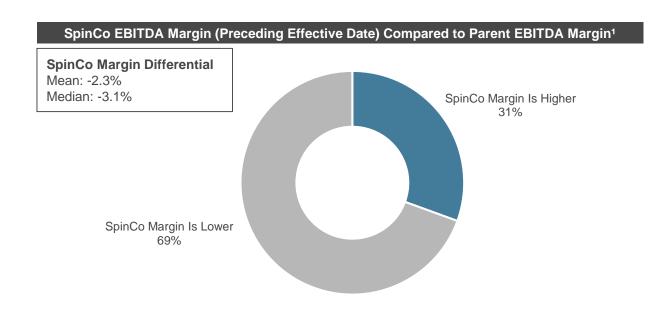




SpinCo Relative Profitability – EBITDA Margin

The following chart illustrates the difference in EBITDA margin between SpinCos and their respective Parents.

- A majority of SpinCos exhibited EBITDA margins below those of their respective Parents, prior to the effective date.
- The median SpinCo had an EBITDA margin 3.1% below that of its respective Parent.
- Margin Differential is measured as the difference between SpinCo EBITDA margin and Parent EBITDA margin the day before the effective date.

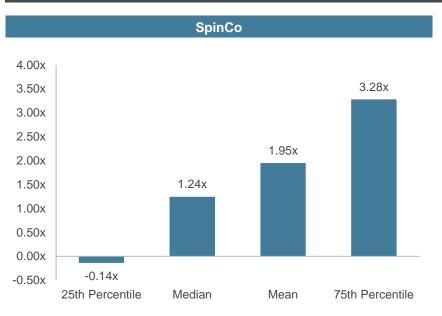


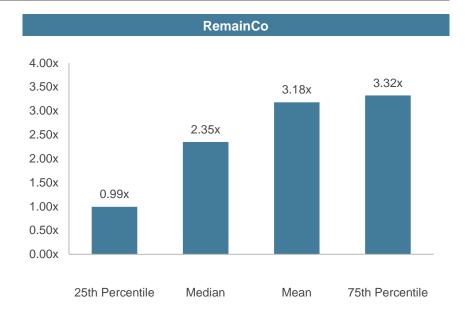
Leverage – Net Debt/EBITDA

The following charts illustrate the Net Debt/EBITDA for both SpinCos and RemainCos 90 days following the effective date.

- On average, SpinCos exhibited lower leverage than RemainCos in the months following the effective date.
- Additionally, SpinCos exhibited greater dispersion in leverage than RemainCos.

Net Debt/EBITDA (90 Days Following Effective Date)¹

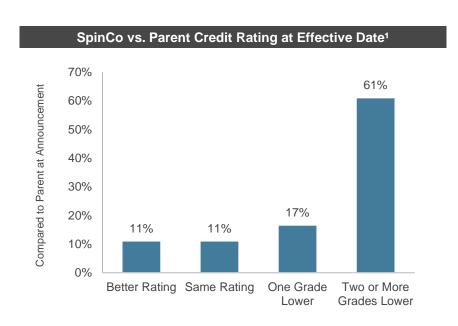


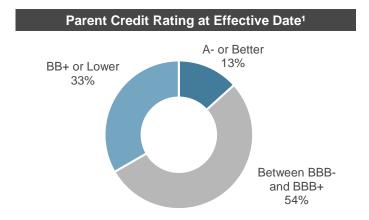


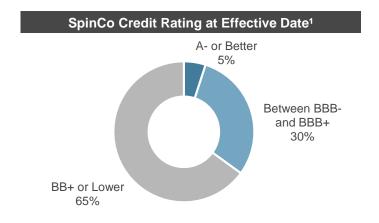
SpinCo Credit Rating Analysis

In the majority of transactions in the Study, SpinCos' credit ratings were lower than their respective Parent ratings on the effective date.

- A majority of SpinCos were rated below investment grade at the effective date.
- More than half of SpinCos were two or more grades lower than corresponding Parents after the effective date.





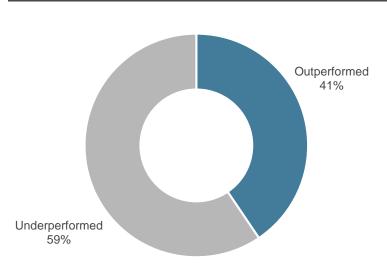


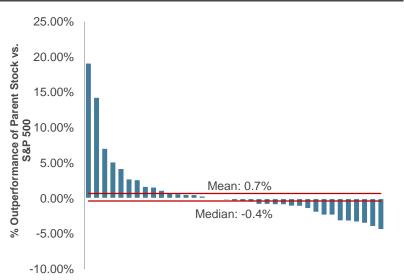
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Parent Stock Performance – Upon Announcement

On the first trading day following the announcement of a spin-off, Parent company stocks tended to slightly underperform the S&P 500 with a median return of -0.4% relative to the index.



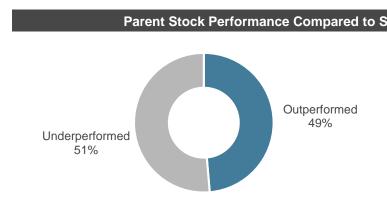


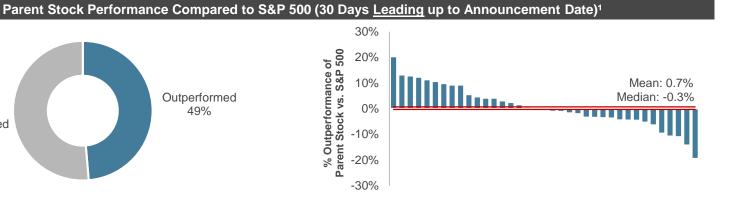


Parent Stock Performance – Pre-Announcement to Effective Date

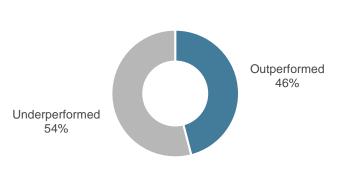
The following charts expand the view of Parent stock performance (relative to the S&P 500) to the 30-day period prior to the spin-off announcement date and the period between the announcement date and the effective date.

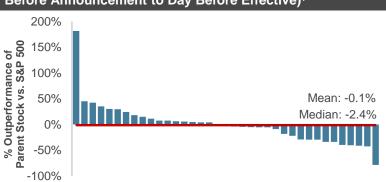
- In the 30 days leading up to (but excluding) the announcement date, approximately half of Parent stocks underperformed the S&P 500 while half outperformed, with a median return of -0.3% relative to the index.
- During the period from the day immediately prior to the announcement date to the effective date, a slight majority of Parent companies underperformed the S&P 500, with a median return of -2.4% relative to the index.





Parent Stock Performance Compared to S&P 500 (Day Before Announcement to Day Before Effective)¹





Stock Performance – SpinCo (vs. S&P 500)

The following analysis tracks the share price performance of the SpinCos following the effective date, relative to the S&P 500.

- More SpinCos underperformed the S&P than overperformed in both the short and long term, following the effective date.
- The median SpinCo underperformed the S&P by ~6% and ~12%, 30 days and 1.5 years after the effective date, respectively.

SpinCo Performance Relative to S&P 500 Performance (Following Effective Date) 30 Days 90 Days1 Mean: -1.7% Mean: -5.3% Median: -6.4% Median: -6.4% Outperformed Outperformed 46% 42% % of % of SpinCos SpinCos Underperformed Underperformed 58% 54% 1 Year¹ 1.5 Years¹ Mean: 10.0% Mean: 24.7% Median: -8.3% Median: -11.7% Outperformed Outperformed 36% 42% % of % of SpinCos SpinCos Underperformed Underperformed 64% 58%

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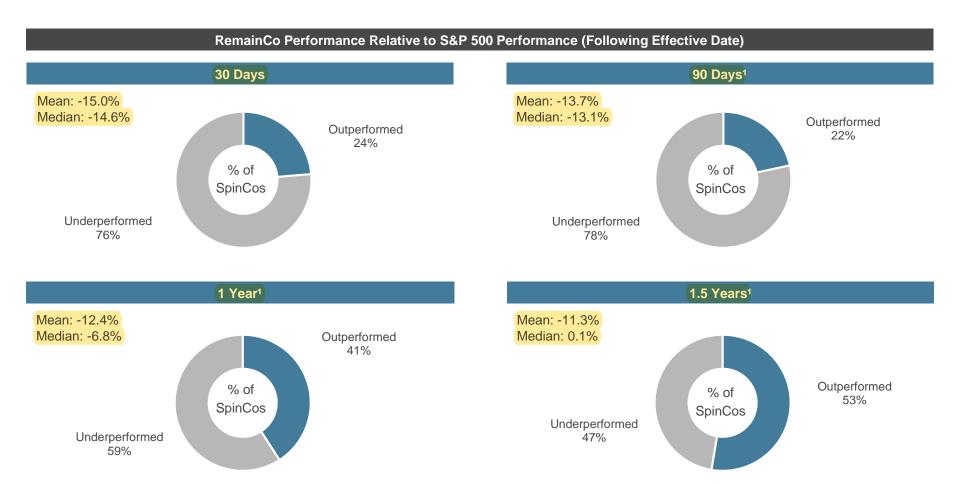
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Stock Performance – RemainCo (vs. S&P 500)

The following analysis tracks the share price performance of the RemainCos following the effective date, relative to the S&P 500.

- More RemainCos underperformed the S&P in the short term and slightly outperformed in the long term, following the effective date.
- The median RemainCo underperformed the S&P by ~15% and outperformed by ~0.1%, 30 days and 1.5 years after the effective date, respectively.



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Transactions Included in the Study

Announced Date	Effective Date	Parent	RemainCo Market Cap After Effective (\$B)	SpinCo	SpinCo Market Cap After Effective (\$B)
11/8/2021	12/29/2021	Vector Group Ltd.	\$1.7	Douglas Elliman Inc.	\$0.6
8/5/2021	3/10/2022	Post Holdings, Inc.	\$4.5	BellRing Brands, Inc.	\$3.4
5/11/2021	11/5/2021	Alliance Data Systems Corporation (nka:Bread Financial Holdings, Inc.)	\$3.5	Loyalty Ventures Inc.	\$0.7
5/11/2021	8/2/2021	L Brands, Inc. (nka:Bath & Body Works, Inc.)	\$18.2	Victoria's Secret & Co.	\$6.2
5/6/2021	4/1/2022	Becton, Dickinson and Company	\$70.4	Berra Newco, Inc. (nka:Embecta Corp.)	\$1.7
4/29/2021	11/12/2021	Realty Income Corporation	\$37.9	Certain Office Real Properties (nka:Orion Office REIT Inc.)	\$1.1
4/19/2021	10/7/2021	j2 Global, Inc. (nka:Ziff Davis, Inc.)	\$6.1	Consensus Cloud Solutions, Inc.	\$1.3
4/14/2021	11/1/2021	Dell Technologies Inc.	\$42.6	VMware, Inc.	\$47.8
3/4/2021	4/4/2022	Colfax Corporation (nka:Enovis Corporation)	\$3.7	ESAB Corporation	\$3.1
2/22/2021	2/1/2022	Exelon Corporation	\$42.3	Constellation Energy Corporation	\$16.2
2/5/2021	3/1/2022	Zimmer Biomet Holdings, Inc.	\$26.8	ZimVie Inc.	\$0.6
12/22/2020	5/24/2021	IAC/InterActiveCorp (nka:IAC Inc.)	\$13.7	Vimeo, Inc.	\$7.1
12/3/2020	10/1/2021	International Paper Company	\$19.2	Printing papers segment of International Paper Company (nka:Sylvamo Corporation)	\$1.2
12/2/2020	8/2/2021	XPO Logistics, Inc.	\$9.9	GXO Logistics, Inc.	\$9.5
10/27/2020	7/1/2021	DTE Energy Company	\$22.7	DT Midstream, Inc.	\$4.1
10/8/2020	11/3/2021	International Business Machines Corporation	\$106.6	Kyndryl Holdings, Inc.	\$4.2
9/14/2020	12/15/2020	Apartment Income REIT Corp.	\$5.7	Apartment Investment and Management Company	\$0.7
8/6/2020	7/19/2021	SolarWinds Corporation	\$2.8	N-able, Inc.	\$2.4
7/29/2020	11/30/2020	Aaron's, Inc. (nka:PROG Holdings, Inc.)	\$3.6	The Aaron's Company, Inc.	\$0.6
6/17/2020	9/30/2020	BBX Capital Corporation (nka:Bluegreen Vacations Holding Corporation)	\$0.2	BBX Capital Florida LLC (nka:BBX Capital, Inc.)	\$0.1

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Transactions Included in the Study (Cont.)

Announced Date	Effective Date	Parent	RemainCo Market Cap After Effective (\$B)	SpinCo	SpinCo Market Cap After Effective (\$B)
2/5/2020	6/2/2021	Merck & Co., Inc.	\$199.0	Organon & Co.	\$7.8
1/9/2020	12/01/2020 SYNNEX Corporation (nka:TD SYNNEX Corporation) \$4.2 Concentrix		Concentrix Corporation	\$5.1	
12/4/2019	2/1/2021	Verint Systems Inc.	\$3.2	Cognyte Software Ltd.	\$2.0
11/15/2019	12/18/2019	Danaher Corporation	\$117.4	Envista Holdings Corporation	\$5.1
11/13/2019	8/24/2020	American Outdoor Brands Corporation (nka:Smith & Wesson Brands, Inc.)	\$0.9	American Outdoor Brands, Inc.	\$0.2
11/8/2019	8/26/2020	SunPower Corporation	\$1.8	Maxeon Solar Technologies, Ltd.	\$0.4
10/21/2019	11/5/2019	Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc.	\$0.3	Ashford Inc.	\$0.1
9/3/2019	10/9/2020	Fortive Corporation	\$23.1	Vontier Corporation	\$4.9
5/6/2019	10/1/2019	The Ensign Group, Inc.	\$2.3	The Pennant Group, Inc.	\$0.5
2/8/2019	4/1/2020	Arconic Inc. (nka:Howmet Aerospace Inc.)	\$5.5	Arconic Rolled Products Corporation (nka:Arconic Corporation)	\$0.9
2/8/2019	3/11/2019	Eli Lilly and Company	\$123.5	Elanco Animal Health Incorporated	\$11.9
11/26/2018	4/3/2020	United Technologies Corporation (nka:Raytheon Technologies Corporation)	\$92.2	Otis Worldwide Corporation	\$21.5
11/26/2018	4/3/2020	United Technologies Corporation (nka:Raytheon Technologies Corporation)	\$92.2	Carrier Global Corporation	\$14.5
10/15/2018	3/1/2019	FMC Corporation	\$10.1	Livent Corporation	\$1.8
8/13/2018	5/22/2019	V.F. Corporation	\$35.1	Kontoor Brands, Inc.	\$1.6
6/27/2018	4/17/2020	The Madison Square Garden Company (nka:Madison Square Garden Sports Corp.)	\$3.7	Madison Square Garden Entertainment Corp.	\$1.9
12/11/2015	04/01/2019	The Dow Chemical Company (nka:DuPont de Nemours, Inc.)	\$83.8	Dow Inc.	\$42.0
12/11/2015	06/01/2019	The Dow Chemical Company (nka:DuPont de Nemours, Inc.)	\$55.9	Corteva, Inc.	\$22.2

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Illustrative RMT Transactions During the Study Period

Announced Date	Effective Date	Parent	RemainCo Market Cap After Effective (\$B)	SpinCo	SpinCo Market Cap After Effective (\$B)
5/17/2021	4/8/2022	AT&T Inc.	\$143.4	Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc.	\$43.1
2/16/2021	10/4/2021	Rexnord Corporation (nka:Zurn Elkay Water Solutions Corporation)	\$4.3	Process & Motion Control Segment of Rexnord Corporation	\$11.0
7/29/2019	11/16/2020	Pfizer Inc.	\$210.3	Upjohn Inc.	\$21.4
6/28/2016	3/10/2020	McKesson Corporation	\$23.6	HCIT Holdings, Inc. (nka:Change Healthcare Inc.)	\$3.2

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Glossary of Defined Terms

Definition	Description	
Parent	Company prior to the spin-off transaction	
SpinCo	Entity that is spun off (the majority or all of the stock of which is distributed to Parent's stockholders)	
RemainCo	Parent company following the completion of the spin-off	
Announcement Date ¹	Date that the company issued a press release announcing the intended spin-off	
Effective Date	Date in which SpinCo's shares began trading on the applicable exchange	
Enterprise Value ("EV")	Represents the value of all common equity, preferred equity, and convertible securities (on an as-converted basis), plus the face value of all outstanding debt, less cash, and marketable securities	
EBITDA	Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization, is calculated as revenue less expenses, excluding tax, interest, depreciation, and amortization, and non-recurring adjustments	
Last Twelve Months ("LTM")	Represents the latest twelve-month period	
Market Cap	Represents the market value of all the common equity based on observed trading prices	
Distribution Ratio	Represents the number of shares of SpinCo received by shareholders of the Parent for each share of Parent common stock held prior to the spin-off	
Valuation Multiples	Include the ratios EV/Revenue and EV/EBITDA	
Leverage	Represents the net debt level (total debt less cash) of a company and is calculated by dividing net debt by LTM EBITDA	
Reverse Morris Trust ("RMT")	Tax-advantaged transaction structure in which SpinCo merges with a target company following its separation from its Parent	
Reverse Spin-Off	A type of spin-off transaction in which SpinCo, rather than RemainCo, is the continuing entity and may be treated as such for accounting and legal purposes	

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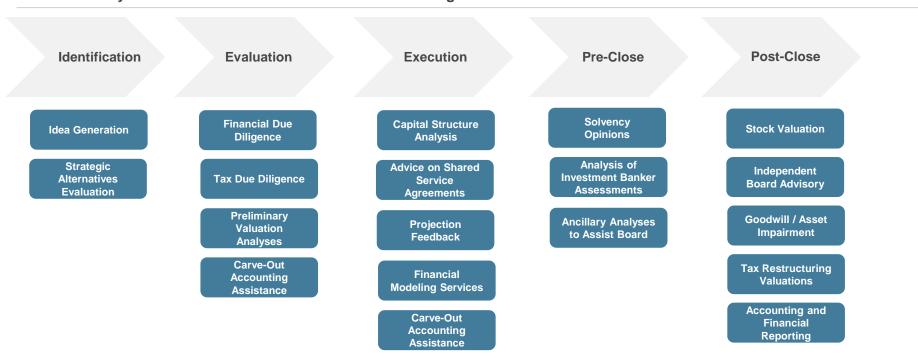


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