



1H'23 M&A UpdateInfluencer Marketing: 2023 State of the Market

Nfluence Partners Influencer Marketing Coverage

Nfluence Influencer Marketing Research & Events





2021 Q4

Provides insights into financing landscape, strategic M&A, and key market holders in the Influencer ecosystem Creator Economy Event

2022 Q1

A 2022 update to the influencer market and it's key trends from the year

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Creator Economy Market Briefing

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The Creator Economy 2022

Nfluence's Media & Music Salon Series: February 24th, 2022

Nfluence Partners' Salon Series on the creator economy examined how creators are evolving in 2022 and what tools and environments are essential to growth

Key Coverage by the Numbers

In connection to the latest Influencer Market Briefing, Nfluence Partners tracks key companies and transaction in the space and regularly engages with the leading strategic acquirers, investors and Private Equity buyers in the market

- 90+ Actively tracked Influencer Marketing Companies
- 80+ Conversations with Buyers in the broader Adtech / MarTech ecosystem
- Conversations with client-driven PE Buyers exploring the Influencer Marketing ecosystem
- Recent conversations with key companies in our Influencer Marketing ecosystem
- Thesis driven conversations with PE Buyers exploring the Influencer Marketing

Current Engagements

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The Upcoming Influencer Marketing Consolidation Wave

Will the Sprout Social Acquisition of Tagger Accelerate **Influencer Marketing Consolidation?**

In a word, yes. We believe the acquisition of Tagger by Sprout Social represents a turning point in the upcoming consolidation wave across the Influencer Marketing landscape. Recently, many companies in the space have been focused on the consistency of their growth trajectories as well as turbulent private capital markets. As a result, we believe there is inherent pent-up acquisition demand that will accelerate into 2024.

To date, the major Social Media Monitoring and Analytics companies have either stayed on the sidelines or dabbled in the Influencer Marketing space through smaller acquisitions, with both Meltwater and Cision/Falcon/Brandwatch entering the space in 2021 and 2022 respectively, and Emplifi's Socialbakers combination with Pixlee - Turnto last year. This is despite strong product synergies between management, analytics, and the more campaign-driven nature of Influencer Marketing. The acquisition of Tagger by Sprout Social represents one of the strongest statements to date on the importance of and interest in product extension into the rapidly growing Influencer Marketing sector.

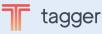
Although there are other product suite-driven acquisition strategies with other market adjacencies, the move by Sprout Social takes one of the better homes for the pure-play software companies in the space off the board. While a few musical chairs are left across the Social Media Management space, Sprout was one of the better strategic landing places, as evidenced by their willingness to pay a very strong strategic multiple for Tagger. Other key themes we are tracking in Influencer Marketing include how the winners within the space are becoming clear and what that means for intra-market consolidation. We are also tracking the impacts for agency and managed services businesses as the major holding companies increasingly pressure their in-network agencies to use internal holding company Influencer Marketing acquisitions, like WPP's recent acquisitions of Obviously and Goat.



Recent Notable Influencer Marketing Transactions







Sprout Social acquires Tagger in AUG'23







WPP acquires The Goat Agency in MAR'23









WPP acquires Obviously Social in MAR'23



Select 2023 M&A Transactions

Date	Target	Description	Acquirer	Enterprise Value (\$M)	EV/TTM Revenue
8/3/23	 tagger	Developer of an influencer marketing platform designed to help brands through the planning, discovery, activation, and reporting phases	sprout social	\$140	
7/17/23	∀ira lity	Provider of a digital marketing ecosystem designed to expand its organic presence on social networks	Traipler:com WedreVideo		
6/19/23	HYPE	Provider of advertising and marketing services company based in London, United Kingdom	BULLA CO.		
6/02/23	2e2om by metapic	Developer of a creator commerce platform intended to build a fully customized mobile page for Instagram and TikTok	D Tradedoubler		
5/31/23	NEWAVE STRATEGIC	Provider of go-to advertising services catering to nano and micro-influencers in the Indonesian social media scene	Thoughtful		
4/10/23	♦ CREWFIRE	Developer of ambassador marketing software designed to create and share content and help brands enhance their growth	(O) BrandChamp.io		
3/29/23	DIGITAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT	Operator of an advertising agency intended to provide their services to managing high-profile individuals, brands, and theatrical movies across all digital platforms	Keywords STUDIOS		
3/24/23	MyArtistPage	Operator of a music promotion platform intended to empower musicians and creators	MUSIC AUDIENCE EXCHANGE		
3/23/23	BAD MOON TALENT	Provider of esports broadcast intended to work for talent management and brand marketing	⊗ StudioNow		

Source: Pitchbook



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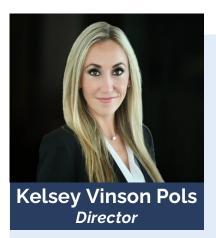
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3/22/23	The Goat Agency	Operator of an influencer marketing agency intended to increase customer engagement			
3/22/23	TRAVEL MINDSET	Operator of influencer marketing agency intended to offer influencer marketing space for travel and lifestyle brands in Chicago	5 steller		
3/17/23	obviously	Developer of a platform intended to make brands do influencer marketing at scale			
1/25/23	AUGUST UNITED	Provider of influencer marketing services intended to unite impressive brands with people	MCKINNEY		
1/24/23	PERLU	Provider of influencer marketing tool intended to help people connect, grow and collaborate	5 affiliate*		
1/5/23	⋠ GOFAMER	Provider of digital marketing platform intended to modernize influencer marketing and sponsorship business	LIVE CURRENT MEDIA		

Source: Pitchbook

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