

The potential impact of COVID-19 on B2C & B2B Media – Initial perspectives

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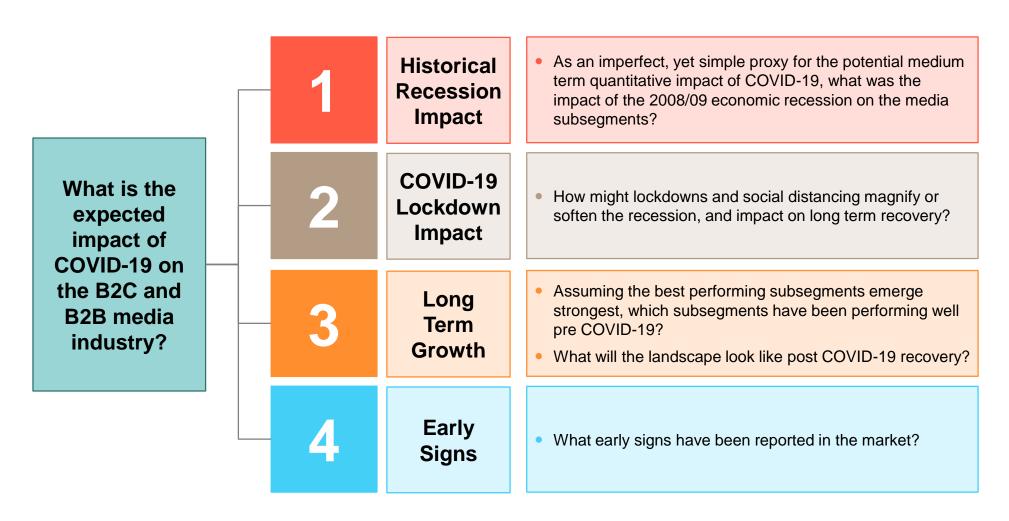
## Many B2C and B2B media sectors face challenging times ahead but interesting investment theses remain

- For the sake of simplicity, this deck uses the 2008-09 global economic recession as a start point to assess the potential impact of COVID-19 on B2C and B2B media sectors
- The impact of the 2008-09 recession on media overall was severe media stocks were down c.55% and took 3
  years to fully recover
- However, the 2008-09 proxy for recession may actually underestimate the scale and duration the potential recession resulting from COVID-19, even in case of the optimistic U-shaped recovery scenario
  - COVID-19 uniquely combines the challenge of social-distancing in the short term, along with the threat of contraction of the global economy
  - In addition, many media industries are going into this upcoming recession with less healthy balance sheets and weaker operational metrics
- Based on the latest scenario from the IMF, global GDP recovery from COVID-19 is estimated to stay c.2ppts behind the 2008-10 recovery trajectory and c.3ppts behind a no-recession growth scenario even in 2021
- Within media, the present headlines paint a challenging picture so far ...
  - Ebiquity estimates adspend budgets will decrease by 16% in 2020 due to Covid-19
  - Numerous leading media companies have made public announcements about their recent financial challenges
  - Media share prices have dropped significantly and are down approximately ~30% so far
- ... but despite this overall macro context, there remains a series of interesting investment theses for potential investors within the B2C and B2B media space



## This paper presents some initial perspectives on the potential impact of COVID-19 on B2C & B2B media structured around 4 key questions

**Purpose of Document** 



#### Context

## This document evaluates the impact of COVID-19 on several B2B and B2C media verticals and the sub-sectors across their value chains

Media Taxonomy		Content Creation	Publishing	Distribution	Monetisation 👨	Global Rev. 2019 (\$bn)	Global 2008- 09 Growth %	Global 2015- 19 Growth %
	TV & Film	Content Production – including film & TV	Pay TV  TV Advertising  SVOD  SVOD  TSNEP		c.\$400-500bn	-c.1%²	c.3%³	
	Media Agencies	Media agencies	Excludes cinema,		PUBLICIS GROUPE	c.\$80-90bn <sup>7</sup>	-c.4%	3%
	Sport 🥰	Sports media rights Other (sponsorship, r	covered in OC&C on leisure impact nerchandise & gate rev	Excludes classified but a core subsect	, (4)	c\$170-200bn	-7%4	4%4
Business to Consumer	Digital Advertising	Digital Advertising (in	cl display, online video,	social media, search)	Google 1	\$268bn	14%	17%
(B2C) Media	Print Media	Content creation, circulation & ads for newspapers & consumer magazines					-11%	-3%
	Gaming 🔀	Games (incl dev studios, publishers, distributors and platforms 🕟 🔊 🍪 PlayStation。				c.\$125bn	6%	11%
	Music <b></b>	Talent	Music Publishers UNIVERSAL UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP	Live Music  Digital Music  Physical Music	€ Anhmy	c\$55bn	-3%	5%
	оон 🖷	<u> </u>	OOH Advertising		JCDecaux YEC TOR	\$40bn	-10%	4%
	Other B2C	Radio, consumer books				\$107bn	-4%	2%
Business	Business Information <sup>6</sup>	Includes financial & credit, marketing & research databases, and industry information (incl scientific, technical, regulatory & legal information)  S&P Global Market Intelligence				\$111bn	-8%	4%
to Business (B2B)	Publishing <sup>6</sup> 🧐	Education Publishing Professional Publishi Trade Magazines	PEARSON Education		\$79bn	-4%	1%	
Media	Events and Exhibitions	Physical B2B Events	& Exhibitions		PACK ITB From the Pack ITB Fro	\$34bn	-13%	4%

<sup>1.</sup> UK, China, USA and France for Film, TV and SVOD content – 2018 figure. Global for rest 2. -2% for production and channels, but +9% for cinema 5. Totals don't sum to all media due to some overlap between categories Source: PWC Global Entertainment and Media Outlook, IBIS World, OC&C analysis 6. Segmentation per description commented on qualitatively



<sup>3. 2014-2018</sup> 

<sup>4.</sup> US and Canada only

<sup>7.</sup> Sum of top 5 Media Agencie's net revenues COVID Impact on Media\_PE\_\_20200417\_vFinal | © OC&C Strategy Consultants 2020

### 'Safe' short term and long term sectors for investment remain; COVID-19 is also revealing opportunities for under-valued assets in the short term

**Sub Sector Performance and Attractiveness** 

### **Growth Sectors Catalysed** by Covid-19

(long term pre-COVID growth >10% CAGR and likely accelerated)

#### **Maturing Sectors Accelerated** by Covid 19

(long term pre-COVID growth >5% CAGR and likely accelerated to maturation of growth)

#### Long Term Stable

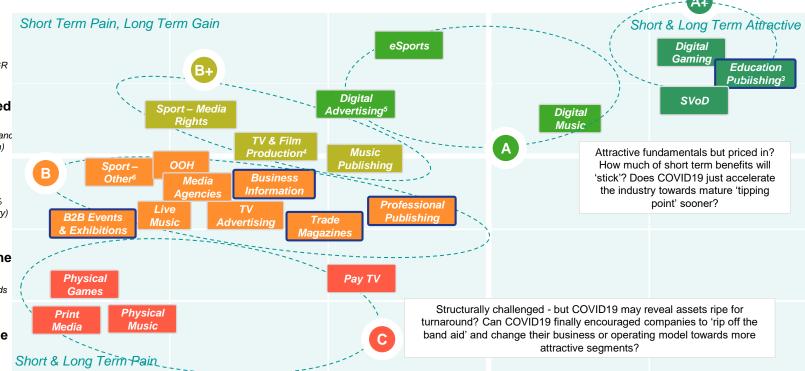
(long term pre-COVID growth of 0-5% CAGR with neutral impact post recovery)

#### Stagnant Sectors With Covid-19 Accelerated Decline

(long term pre-COVID decline of 0 to -10% CAGR with acceleration towards stagnation of decline)

#### **Declining Sectors with** Covid-19 Accelerated Decline

(long term pre-COVID growth <-10% CAGR and exacerbated further)



#### **Severely Negative Short & Medium Term Impact**

by lockdown and recession (<-10% drop during in last recession)

#### **Moderately Negative** Short & Medium Term **Impact**

by lockdown and recession (moderate decline of 0 to -10% in last recession)

#### **Negative Short Term** Impact but Medium **Term Recovery**

Limited historical recession impact (0 to -5% in the last recession)

#### Short & Medium Term Resilient

with limited decline during last recession and limited impact from COVID19

#### Positive Short & **Medium Term Impact**

Growth through last recession & benefitting form current lockdown during COVID19

#### 2. Based on 08-09 crisis overlaid with OC&C assessment of COVID-10 impact 3. 2015-19 growth significantly lower, but expected to get a major boost from lockdown **Short & Medium Term Resilience<sup>2</sup>**





**B2B Subsectors** 

**B2C Subsectors** 

making it more vulnerable to recession impact 6. Sponsorship, merchandising, gate revenues

4. Expected to grow faster going forward due to SVoD demand

1. Last 4Y Market CAGR overlaid with OC&C assessment of COVID-19 impact

5. Historically recession resilient, but now maturing and makes up 52% of all ad revenue,

Source: OC&C analysis

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## Beyond the immediate impact of COVID-19, a number of broad investment theses are relevant and attractive for investors

Potential Investment Themes

**Not Exhaustive** 

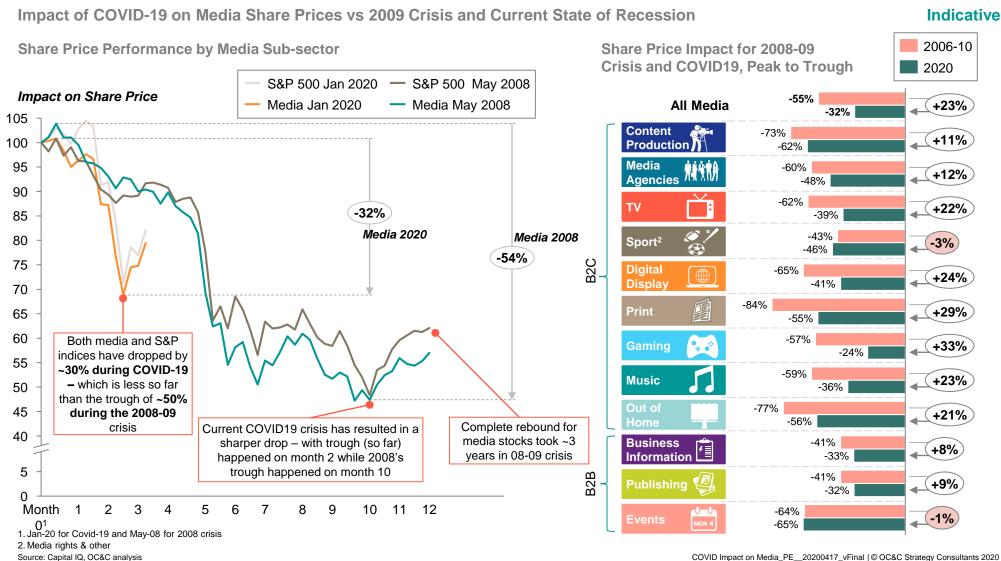
**Example Investment Theses** 



- A Insulated & long term attractive
- Short term pain, long term gain
- Short term pain, long term stable
- C Lockdown hastens structural changes

- Acquire assets exposed to 'landgrab' growth sectors catalysed by COVID-19 (eg eSports, Digital Education)
  - Beneficiaries of changed customer behaviour during lockdown (eg increased interest in eSports, increasing demand for remote learning) – some of which should stick
  - Investors who back the right 'winners' could reap significant rewards from the rising tide
- Niche / specialist propositions within maturing sectors accelerated by COVID-19 (eg Digital Advertising, SVOD)
  - Digitally-focused sectors are benefiting from greater consumer adoption and consumption but several are dominated by global giants capturing lion share of value
  - Crisis is expanding the window of opportunity for niche / specialist propositions (eg Crunchyroll in SVOD) to acquire new customers cheaply and rapidly – the challenge will be retention post-crisis
- 'Safe bets' with high quality B2C content and IP owners facing short term economic challenges (eg Sports Media Rights, TV & Film Production)
  - Content rights owners (eg sports leagues) and production companies were historically 'safe bets' in past recessions but this sector is under short-term pressure as content creation & sporting events are restricted
  - Opportunity to invest in oversold assets with players structurally well-placed longer term
- Consolidate high quality B2B media providers facing short term financial pressure (eg B2B Information, B2B Publishing)
  - Many sub-segments within B2B information (eg healthcare, pharma) or those with mission-critical data assets will
    continue to benefit from long term growth post-crisis potential opportunity to consolidate scale
- Consolidate scale in industries facing structural challenges post-COVID-19 (eg Pay TV, potentially B2B events?)
  - Opportunity for investors to consolidate players within structurally challenged long-term sectors to drive greater efficiency in the new post-COVID-19 world (eg cord-cutting accelerated for pay TV)
- Pick 'stars' in challenged industries capable of making the digital transition (eg Print Media)
  - The crisis could help to reveal attractive companies most capable of surviving in the future (eg strong consumer brands, niche brands with loyal subscriber bases)
  - Potential opportunity to back businesses capable of transitioning to more attractive segments with capital

# 2020 media shares have declined sharply in recent months but have fallen 20ppts less than in 2008-09 – indicating possibility of further decline



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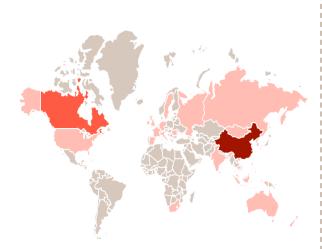
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# The impact of COVID-19 on the world is unprecedented, reaching 184 countries, with number of cases already over 150x the 2003 SARS outbreak

Geographic Distribution of SARS vs. COVID-19

Latest as of April 9th 2020

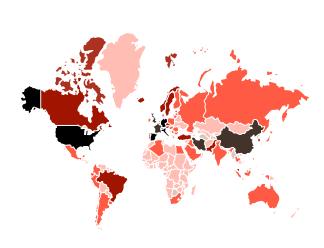
SARS Outbreak, 2003-2004 (# of infections by country)



Total Countries = 29

Total Confirmed Cases = 8,404

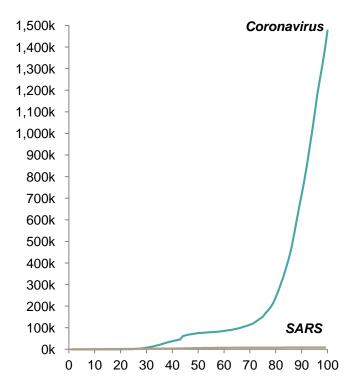
COVID-19 Outbreak (# of infections by country)



Total Countries = 184

Total Confirmed Cases = 1,476,819

Proliferation of Coronavirus and SARS (# of infections worldwide, # of days since start of outbreak<sup>1</sup>)

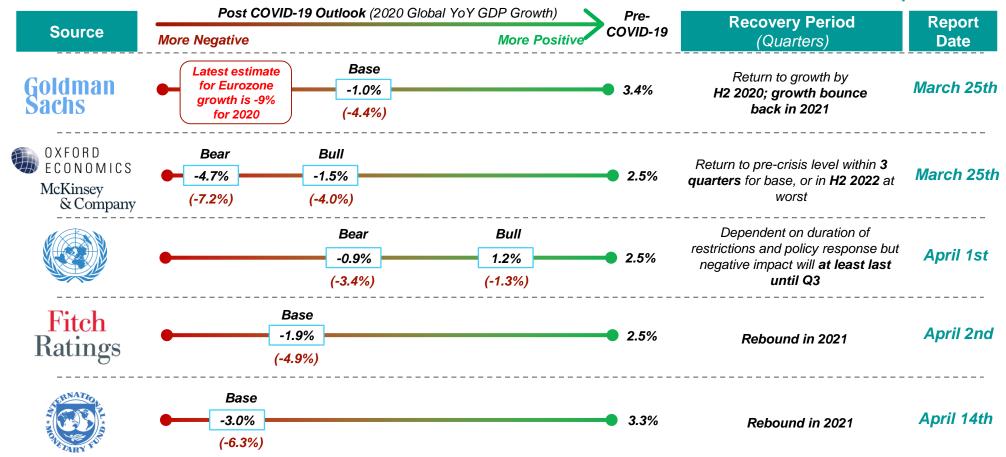


<sup>1.</sup> Latest day (Day 100) recorded as 09 April 2020

# In terms of prolonged economic impact, a set of recent forecasts predict a c.2-7 ppt hit to global GDP growth in 2020

**Global Economic Forecasts** 

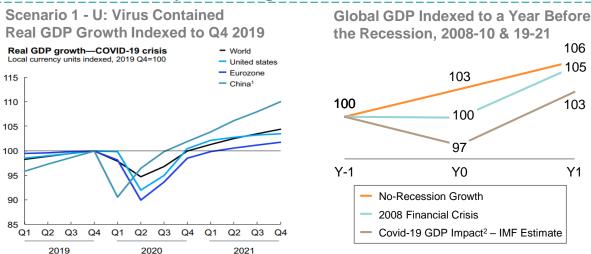
Selected 3rd Party Forecasts Latest as of April 16th 2020



Other sources were reviewed (Deutsche Bank, Morningstar) however these reports were last updated 10+ days ago so are not considered representative

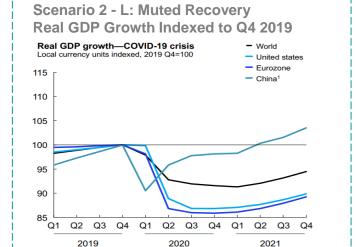
## The latest predictions focus around a recovery in GDP growth by 2021 although the 2020 GDP growth will be significantly worse than 2008-09

**Global GDP Growth Impact Phasing** 



- Most common base case scenario suggested by prominent economists so far IMF, UN DESA and Oxford Economics all predict a U shaped recession with strong recovery in 2021
- This scenario suggests a sharper decline than the 08-09 recession but recovery at a similar rate
  - IMF recently estimated 2020 global GDP to contract by <u>-3%</u> before recovering by <u>5.8% in 2021</u>
  - 3% contraction is more severe than -0.1% observed globally in 2008-09, but the recovery (5.8% vs 5.4% in 2009) path is similar
- It took 3 years for media share prices to recover to pre-recession levels in 08-11 indicating full recovery can take longer than then the predicted period for GDP growth
- IMF estimates suggest GDP will surpass pre-recession levels by 2021, but won't catch up to normal growth levels as it did in 08-09
- The 2008-09 proxy for recession might underestimate the scale and duration of the recession, even in the U shaped scenario
- In this scenario, Covid GDP recovery stays 2ppts behind the 08-10 recovery trajectory and 3ppts behind a no-recession growth scenario even in 2021

Latest as of April 15th 2020



- Scenario 2 is less expected by economists than scenario 1
- This scenario could imply significantly longer lasting impacts and recovery periods than the 08-09 crisis
- Although it's not a consensus scenario at the moment, it is dependent on COVID19 coming back in further waves
- Under scenario 2, taking 2008-09 performance as a proxy, media share prices could take over ~4 years to recover to pre-crisis levels

Source: IMF, MGI Oxford Economics, UN Department of Economics and social Affairs, OC&C analysis

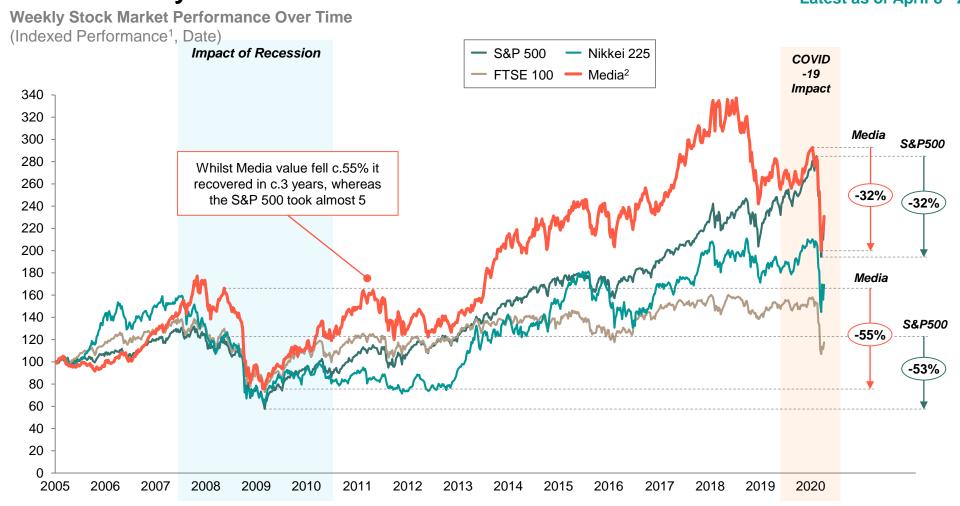


<sup>1.</sup> Seasonally adjusted by Oxford Economics

IMF estimates

This has had knock on effects on the global stock markets; despite much commentary on the expected severe recession, media stocks (on average) are down only 30% vs 50% in 08/09

Latest as of April 8th 2020



<sup>1.</sup> Indexed to average closing values of first week of trading in January 2005

<sup>2.</sup> Media Index composed of 31 OC&C selected media stocks detailed in this report – does not include companies with market cap > \$100bn on 09/04/2020 e.g. Netflix, Amazon, Google

Source: CapitallQ, OC&C analysis

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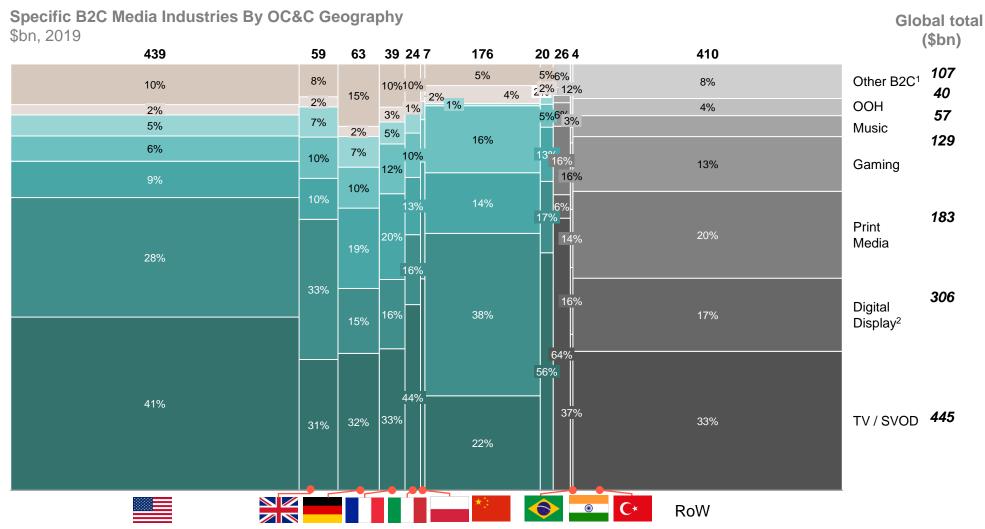
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# We have focused on 8 key B2C media markets with different characteristics. Globally TV (inc SVOD) remains the largest category of B2C media



<sup>1.</sup> Other B2C includes Consumer Books and Radio

<sup>2.</sup> Digital advertising (e.g. AVOD) included in Digital Display and has been removed from other categories to avoid double counting – in subsequent parts of the document it will be added back into these segments

Source: PWC Global Entertainment and Media Outlook, OC&C analysis

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# Remotely-consumed digital media has been resilient to COVID-19; content focused sub-sectors are attractive long term but facing short term pressures

Impact on B2C Industries (1/2)

Lockdown Legend ✓ ✓ Very Positive ✓ Positive - No incremental impact on recession ★ Short term neg impact ★ Long term neg impact Early Signs Legend ✓ ✓ >20% Rev Increase ✓ 5 to 20% Increase - 5 to 5% Change ★ 5 to 20% Decrease ★ × > 20% Decrease

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		2019 Global Mkt (\$bn)	Historical Recession Impact <sup>2</sup>	COVID19 Lockdown Impact	Long Term Growth <sup>3</sup>	Early Signs
nd long tractive	SVOD	37	11.5%	✓	36.2%	✓
Short and long term attractive	Digital Games	109	23%	✓	13.9%	✓
Insulated, Iong term attractive	Digital Music	19	6.6%	-	21.2%	×
	TV & Film Content Production	36 <sup>4</sup>	-4.2%	×	3.1%	××
g term ga	eSports	c.1	na	×	36%	×
Short term pain, long term gain	Music Publishing	<b>7</b> <sup>5</sup>	-2.1%	-	3.3% <sup>5</sup>	×
	Digital Advertising	268	14%	×	17%	×
S	Sport - Media	c 50	-9%	*	7%	*

Commentary	
<ul> <li>Increased demand for home entertainment during lockdown and price advantage make SVoD a clear winner in this pandemic – but business models may need to COVID as the industry accelerates towards maturity</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Strong tailwinds due to lockdown and increased console sales show increase in penetrationhowever delays on big name titles may see growth start to flatten few big name titles launching on current gen consoles given next gen consoles</li> </ul>	(albeit relatively
<ul> <li>The industry has seen consistent double digit growth with large tech companies and Amazon entering the market</li> <li>While streaming has seen an initial decline, this has largely been attributed to so no longer open – at home streaming appears broadly resilient</li> </ul>	•
<ul> <li>Long term stable market with continual year on year growth</li> <li>Recession impacted due to producers wanting to conserve cash – under lockdown impacted by shutdown of studios and filming locations</li> </ul>	own, also further
<ul> <li>Many cancellations of eSports (physically attended) events. However, reduced ability to have online tournaments</li> <li>Post-lockdown, eSports is well placed to benefit from the increased interest tow</li> </ul>	•
<ul> <li>Recession had a relatively small, one-off impact on publishing due to slowdowr related music, a drop in consumer spend on music and less public performance</li> <li>Major album releases such as Chromatica by Lady Gaga put on hold due to loc</li> </ul>	e royalties
<ul> <li>Digital now accounts for 59% of total ad spend vs 12% in 2008</li> <li>Early signs suggest advertisers significantly cutting budgets across all media ty</li> <li>Market also dominated by 3 players making investment opportunities rare</li> </ul>	pes
<ul> <li>As live sport events are cancelled, media rights see a strong short-term decline</li> <li>Long-term, the market remains attractive and will recover quickly as the lock do</li> </ul>	



Rights

<sup>1.</sup> Market considered too nascent in 2008/09 for a view on recession impact to be considered Source: PWC Global Entertainment and Media Outlook, IBIS World, OC&C analysis

<sup>2. 2008-09</sup> Mkt Revenue Change 3. 2019

<sup>4. 2018</sup> Figures 5. IBIS World COVID Impact on Media\_PE\_\_20200417\_vFinal | © OC&C Strategy Consultants 2020

# Physical media (incl. print) and advertising (particularly OOH) have been the most negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic so far

Impact on B2C Industries (2/2)

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		2019 Global Mkt (\$bn)	Historical Recession Impact <sup>2</sup>	Covid19 Lockdown Impact	Long Term Growth <sup>3</sup>	Early Signs
Short term pain, long term stable	TV Advertising	166	-7.4%	×	0.7%	××
յ, long te	Sports – other <sup>6</sup>	c.130	-6%	×	3%	* *
m pair	Live Music	28	-6.1% <sup>4</sup>	×	3.3%	* *
Short ter	ООН	40	-7.3%	×	5.3%	* *
	Media Agencies	82	-3.6%	×	2.9%	* *
Lockdown hastens structural challenges	Physical Music Sales	7	-14%	* *	-14.6%	×
	Physical Gaming	14	-8%	* *	-3.3%	-
	Pay TV	203	-0.3%4	××	-1.4%	×
Lo	Print Media	183	-11.0%	* *	-2.6%	x x

### Commentary

- Quick recovery after the last recession, which saw a c.7% drop in advertising revenues
- Ad-funded TV will benefit from higher viewership, but the financial impact is severe due to reduced ad spend resulting from economic uncertainty associated with COVID-19
- However, thinning out of schedule with less new commission and less live content will impair the proposition in consumers' eyes
- Suffered through last recession with merchandising decreasing by 20%, along with lower sponsorship revenues - did not recover until 2012
- Major events like Olympics, Euro2020 and Wimbledon have been cancelled or postponed
- Last recession had a limited impact and the market recovered by 2011
- Major festivals and tours have been cancelled because of the lockdown
- Advertisers cut budgets in the last recession by 7% as they looked to save costs
- Out of home advertising is severely impacted by lockdown due to fewer impressions
- Advertising budgets suffer during recessions as they are easy to cut quickly
- Risk of accelerate move to digital where agencies (on average) are less important
- The 2008-09 recession hastened the physical sales decline and it flatlined post-recession
- Physical music sales have suffered a decline due to limited movement and closed shops
- Saw a c.8% decline during the recession as non-essential leisure spend was cut down and digital gaming was becoming more prominent
- Physical game sales impacted by store lockdowns, but home deliveries reduce impact
- Pay TV facing cancellations of key content packages such as sports, resulting in increased propensity for cord cutting offset by increased viewing and importance of children's content
- The 11% market decline in 2009 due to advertising reduction never recovered
- Print media's structural decline will be further impacted by recession as ad sales suffer



Market considered too nascent in 2008/09 for a view on recession impact to be considered
 2009-10 data rather than 08-09
 Merchandising, sponsorship, gate revenues
 Source: PWC Global Entertainment and Media Outlook, IBIS World, OC&C analysis

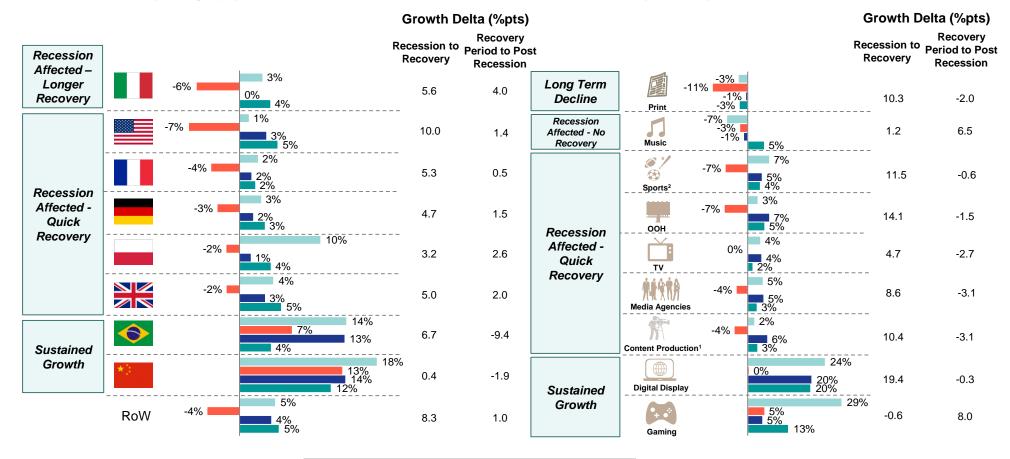
<sup>2. 2008-09</sup> Mkt Revenue Change 3. 2015-19 Market CAGR

# Within this global picture, some countries performed well through the last recession and have continued sustained growth

**Market Growth Rates (% CAGR)** 

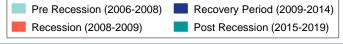
**Media Growth by Geography** 

Media Growth by Industry (OC&C Markets)



<sup>1.</sup> USA television production only

<sup>2. 15-19</sup> growth based on North American growth as a proxy Source: PWC Global Entertainment and Media Outlook, OC&C analysis



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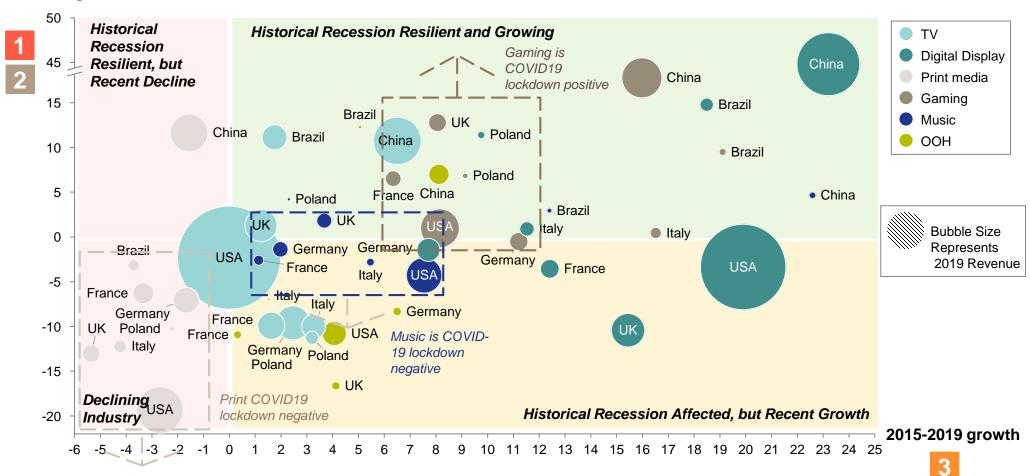


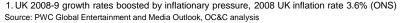


# Print media has seen significant headwinds recently following the last recession, while Gaming has continued its growth across all markets

**B2C Media Impact of Historical Recession and Recent Growth (%)** 

#### 2008-9 growth







### In the last recession, overall media fell by 55% and took 3 years to recover; digital saw a quick recovery while print was hit hard and never bounced back

**Historical 2008-09 Recession Impact** 

used)), OOH (JCDecaux, Clear Channel Outdoor, Stroer (EBITDA only))

**Indicative** 

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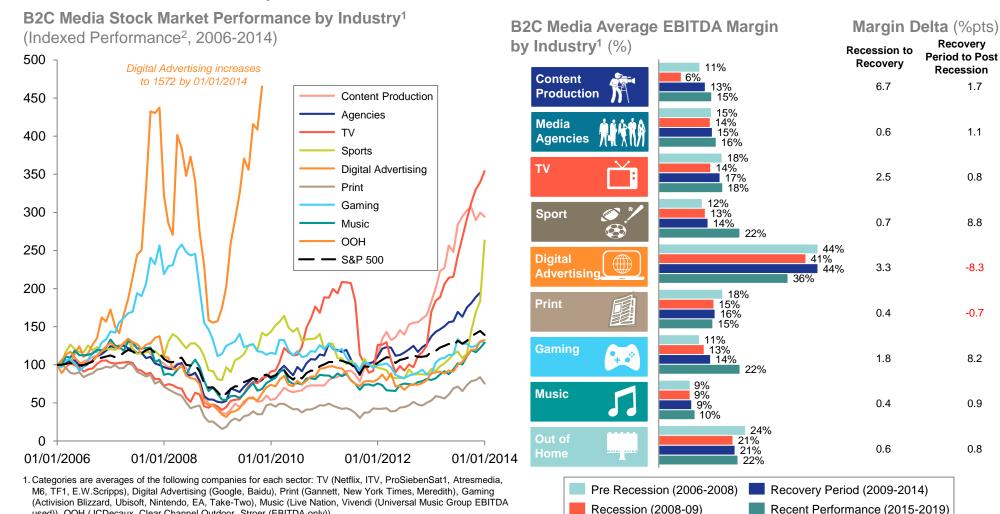
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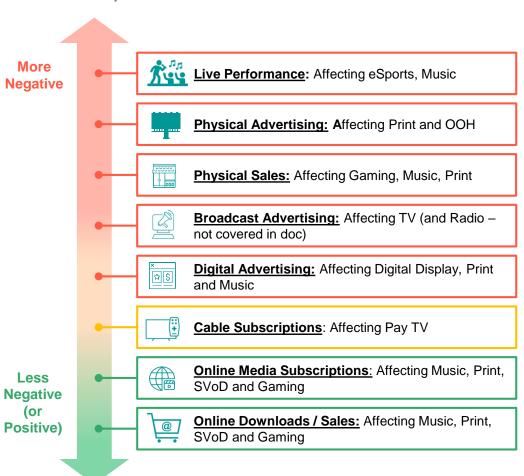


2. Indexed to 100 on 01/01/2006 Source: Yahoo Finance, Capital IQ, OC&C analysis

# The lockdown from COVID-19 will exacerbate challenges for live and physical revenue models, but help online and digital sales

COVID-19 Impact Illustrative

**Short Term Impact on Revenue Models** 



Impact on Value Chain



Severely Hit due to lockdowns closing numerous studios and TV shows with audiences, usually being filmed behind closed doors



Rights to back-catalogue of potential increased value for repeats, however holding back new releases – this means an effective working capital issue as revenues are not realised, despite this they are not investing in new content due to lockdown



**Distribution of back-catalogue likely to increase** as TV and online streaming
companies look for material of customers in
absence of new releases



Dependent on revenue model as per left hand side

Source: Desk Research, OC&C analysis

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# Similar to the previous recession, the impact of COVID-19 will accelerate long-term structural shifts towards digital in the B2C media landscape

Long Term Structural Impact of COVID-19 to B2C Media Sectors





- Structural shift towards SVoD and away from ad based and paid TV
- Possible acceleration of cable cutting due to lack of live sport



- Acceleration of step change towards digital media
- Possible collapse of companies unable to successfully accelerate their transition



- Physical sales likely to shift even more to digital, other than specialist e.g. vinyl
- Concerts likely to return to normal levels in medium term







- Likely no long term structural changes to content production, will return to business as usual in medium term
- Medium-term upside as TV channels and SVoD require new content



- Catalyst for increased investment in streaming options
- Likely decrease in expenditures by organisers to manage cost risk
- Medium-term upside from increased events as delayed events kick in







- Likely no long term structural changes to the out of home advertising market
- Possible increase in transition to digital focussed advertising







- Structural benefit from acceleration in transition from tv & print into digital media
- Social media sees long term positive tailwind through stickiness of returning lapsed users as well as new customers won during the lockdown





- Long term positive tailwind through stickiness of returning lapsed users as well as new customers won during the lockdown
- eSports gets a positive tailwind from increased audience and interest towards video games







- Rationalisation of spend and further reduction of print budget
- Acceleration of transition to digital advertising – but limited impact expected on agency budgets themselves

<sup>1.</sup> Neutral direction can mean there are structural changes within the sub-category where balance is shifting, but the industry as a whole is not winning or losing Source: OC&C analysis



Impact on B2C Media – Early Signs

# Ebiquity's recent survey of 200 advertisers representing \$200bn of media spend suggested a 16% fall in advertising spend in 2020

Media Budget Changes by Type of Media

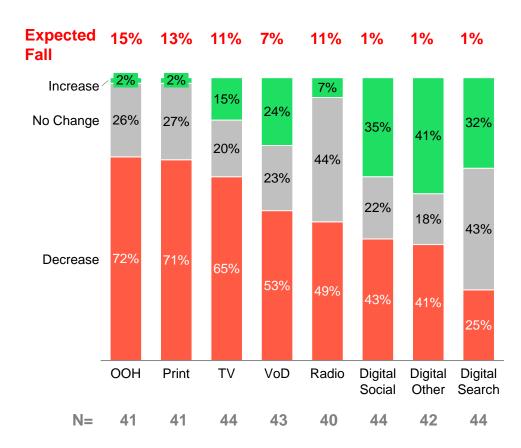
How Do You Expect Your Media Budgets Will Change For The Rest of The Year? (%)

How Do You Expect Your Media Budgets Will Change For The Rest of The Year?<sup>1</sup> (%)





Weighted average decrease of 16%



<sup>1.</sup> Only selected categories shown Source: Ebiquity, OC&C analysis

Impact on B2C Media - Early Signs

# Share prices have declined by ~30%, but considerably less than the ~50% decline during 08-09 crisis; gaming is significantly outperforming

Updated: 9 April, 2020 B2C Media Stock Market Performance by Industry<sup>1</sup> (Indexed Performance<sup>2</sup>, 06/01/2020-08/04/2020) **Largest Drop (Max-Min)** 2006-10 2020 110 Content 105 -73% -62% **Production** 100 95 Media -60% -48% 90 **Agencies** 85 80 TV -62% -39% 75 Media Index 2020 maximum drop 70 Sport 65 -43% -46% 60 55 Digital 50 -65% -41% Advertising Media Index 2009 maximum drop 45 40 Print -84% -55% 35 Content Production Gaming 30 Agencies Music Gaming 25 -57% -24% TV OOH 20 S&P 500 **Sports** 15 Music Digital Display Media Index 2020<sup>3</sup> -59% 36% 10 5 Print Out of -77% -56% 30/12/2019 13/01/2020 27/01/2020 10/02/2020 24/02/2020 09/03/2020 23/03/2020 06/04/2020

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<sup>1.</sup> Categories are averages of the following companies for each sector: TV (Netflix, ITV, ProSiebenSat1, Atresmedia, M6, TF1, E.W.Scripps, RTL), Digital Display (Google, Baidu, Facebook, Criteo), Print (Gannett, New York Times, Meredith, News Corporation), Gaming (Activision Blizzard, Ubisoft, Nintendo, EA, Take-Two), Music (Live Nation, Spotify, Tencent Music), OOH (JCDecaux, Clear Channel Outdoor, Ströer SE & Co. KGaA)
2. Indexed to 100 on 06/01/2020
3. Shown in weekly intervals, includes B2B

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Impact on B2C Media - Early Signs

## These findings are echoed in public announcements from media companies to date

Public Announcements about Covid-19 by Media Sector

**Not Exhaustive** 

		Date	Commentary / News Headlines
Content Production	Netflix	13 <sup>th</sup> March	Netflix halted production of all TV and film content e.g. 4th season Stranger Things halted production of all TV and film content e.g. 4th season Stranger Things
Production //	Disney	13 <sup>th</sup> March	Disney halting filming on leading franchises, e.g. Star Wars, Jurassic Park and The little Mermaid
Media hil	<b>№</b> IPG	26 <sup>th</sup> March	Withdrawal of financial targets
Agencies /	/I WPP	31st March	Dividends and share buyback programme suspended
	ITV	30 <sup>th</sup> March	Ad revenues will be down 10% in April; ITV offering 23% discounts on March and April bookings
TV	Channel 4	8 <sup>th</sup> April	Channel 4 cuts content budget by £150m as virus hits ad revenue, facing advertising slump of 50% over April and May
	NBC Univers	24 <sup>th</sup> March	Actively working with advertisers on Olympics' delay with \$1.25B in ad sales at risk
Sport	Olympics	24 <sup>th</sup> March	Olympics postponed over covid concerns
Sport	Sky Sports	7 <sup>th</sup> April	Replaces live sports with analysis, talk shows, repeat
	Baidu	29 <sup>th</sup> February	Coronavirus brings traffic, but not revenue, to Baidu
Digital Advertising	Facebook	24 <sup>th</sup> March	Despite increased engagement, Facebook's ad business is declining – with weakening in ads business in countries hit by Covid-19
	Twitter	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Twitter removes first quarter revenue and profit forecasts amid COVID concerns
Print	New York Ti	mes 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Online traffic has soared but Q1 digital ad income to still drop 10% - with slowdown in international and domestic ad bookings associated with uncertainty and anxiety about the virus
	Playboy	19 <sup>th</sup> March	publishes last-ever print edition due to coronavirus
Coming	Naughty Do	g 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	One of the most anticipated releases of the year, Last of Us 2 delayed due to logistical issues
Gaming	Mojang	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Minecraft Dungeons delayed to 26th of May
	Glastonbury	20 <sup>th</sup> March	Glastonbury could experience revenue losses of over £100 million as a result of being axed
Music	UK Music	16 <sup>th</sup> April	£50 million already lost by artists affected by the live industry shutdown, and the 70% dip in income for producers and sound engineers
Out of	JC Decaux	5 <sup>th</sup> March	Lower Q1 sales and profit margin predicted due to Covid with Q2 forecast warning
Out of Home	Clear Chann Outdoor	25 <sup>th</sup> March	Clear Channel draws down \$150m under revolving credit facility to increase liquidity

Source: Primary Research, OC&C analysis

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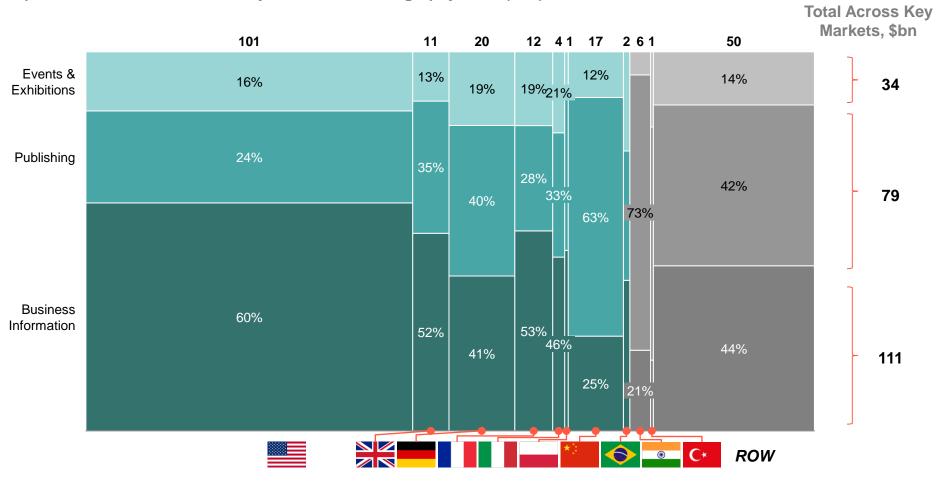
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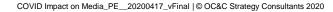
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## Business Information is the largest category of B2B media, accounting for over half of the total market

Specific B2B Media Industries By OC&C Office Geography, 2019 (\$bn)



<sup>1.</sup> Other B2C includes Music (Live and Recorded) and Video Games. Other B2B includes Directory Advertising, Professional Books and Trade Magazines Source: PWC Global Entertainment and Media Outlook, OC&C analysis







# Events & Exhibitions have been massively affected by the COVID-19 lockdown although education is expected to do well with school closures

Impact on B2B Industries

Lockdown Legend ✓ ✓ Very Positive ✓ Positive - No incremental impact on recession ★ Short term neg impact ★★ Long term neg impact Early Signs Legend ✓ ✓ >20% Rev Increase ✓ 5 to 20% Increase - 5 to 5% Change ★ 5 to 20% Decrease

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		2019 Global Market (\$)	Historical Recession Impact <sup>1</sup>	COVID-19 Lockdown Impact	Long Term Growth <sup>2</sup>	Early Signs
	Business Information	\$111bn	-8.4%	x	4.1%	×
B2B Publishing	Education	\$41bn	-0.5%	<b>√</b> √	1.3%	<b>√</b> √
	Professional Publishing	\$22bn	-1.6%	×	1.0%	×
	Trade Magazines	\$16bn	-6.7%	×	0.7%	* *
	Events & Exhibitions	\$34bn	-13.2%	xx	4.5%	* *

2. 2015-19 market value

•	The market was hit in the recession as investors shied away from acquisitions
	and corporate research spend was cut

Commentary

- The lockdown and subsequent recession has caused global deal volumes to be down 28% in Q1 2020 leading to lower BI spend – in addition, hard hit corporates (e.g. retail and leisure companies) are holding off on non-essential spend
- Education publishing remained flat in the last recession (-1% decline) but recovered quickly (4% growth 2010-11)
- Mass closures of schools internationally has saw an increased need for material for students working from home – analysts predict a c.\$8bn increase in spend globally in 2020
- Professional publishing remained flat in the last recession (-1% decline) although digital publication grew – the market has remained flat since
- Lockdown has seen mass increases in unemployment internationally which may affect the # of available customers
- Saw significant declines in the last recession (c.6%) and has continued to decline since with similar trends to broader print media (advertising down, circulation down etc)
- People working from home will have severely affected overall viewership and subsequent advertising spend – long running subscriptions may partially mitigate this however in the short term
- Events and exhibitions were reduced drastically in the recession as companies looked to conserve cash – some markets are still to hit pre recession values (e.g. Italy and UK)
- Lockdown has caused mass cancellations / postponements which will have a major short term effect – there may be a mid term boost as postponed events get rescheduled



<sup>1. 2008-09</sup> market value Source: OC&C analysis

### Healthcare, pharma and legal & regulatory info are most resilient to COVID-19; business & company info negatively impacted by threat from recession

**B2B Media Effect by Sub-Segment** 

### B2B Media and Business Info.

### Short & medium term impact: Contraction

- B2B events the hardest hit, with majority being postponed
  - Slots in H2 scarce, meaning a full bounce back in revenue is unlikely
- Online media less impacted as working from home drives traffic

#### **Market Research**

### Short & medium term impact: Contraction

- Discretionary custom research likely to be hardest hit, however impact may be mitigated through retainer-style contracts
- Syndicated research subscriptions likely to have revenue locked-in for 2020

### Science, Technical and Academic Info.

## Short & medium term impact: Contraction

- Reduced demand from China as well as a reduction in academic submissions will have a negative effect
- Growth post-COVID is likely, with interest in open access research increasing

### Company, Contact & Personal Info.

## Short & medium term impact: Negligible

- Office closures are likely to have some effect on ability to operate, however information is often mission critical
- Services are often offered in a subscription based model, shielding them from impact

### Credit, Financial and Risk & Compliance

## Short & medium term impact: Negligible

- SMBs, such as small accounting firms are likely to suffer, causing decreases in subscription numbers
- However, due to the mission critical nature, growth will likely remain flat

### **Legal & Regulatory**

### Short & medium Term impact: Growth

- Immediate halting of M&A likely to hurt in short-term
- However, currently low penetration of SaaS in this sector likely to be accelerated by move to working from home, with increases in associated revenues

#### **Pharma Information**

### Short & medium Term impact: Growth

- Pharmaceuticals is likely one of the overalls winners from the pandemic as race for a vaccine is established
- Good quality information will be vital for these companies at this time

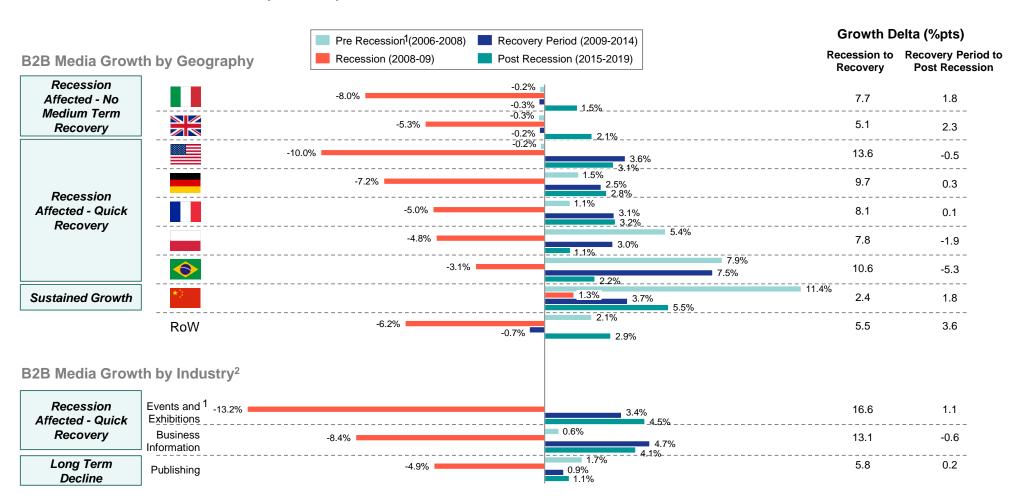
#### **Healthcare Information**

### Short & medium Term impact: Growth

- Healthcare providers will see an increase in demand as well as a steep increase in gov. funding to tackle to pandemic
- Information providers are likely to profit more than care providers

# Industries and geographies responded differently during the last recession – Events and Exhibitions and the US markets were impacted especially badly

**B2B Media Market Growth Rates (% CAGR)** 



<sup>1.</sup> No Pre- Recession data for Events and Exhibitions- Country totals comprised of Business Information and Publishing

Source: PWC Global Entertainment and Media Outlook, OC&C analysis

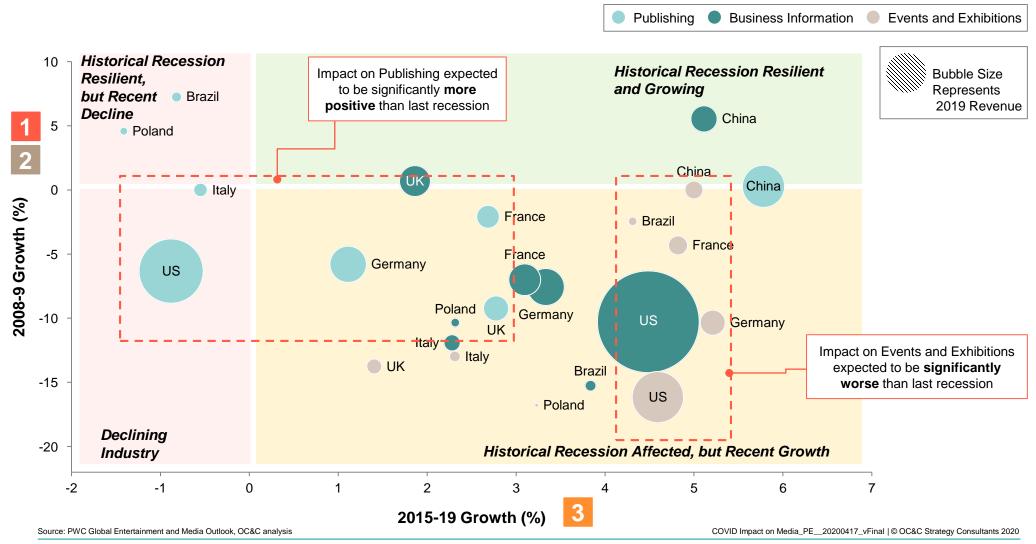
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<sup>2.</sup> OC&C geographic markets only



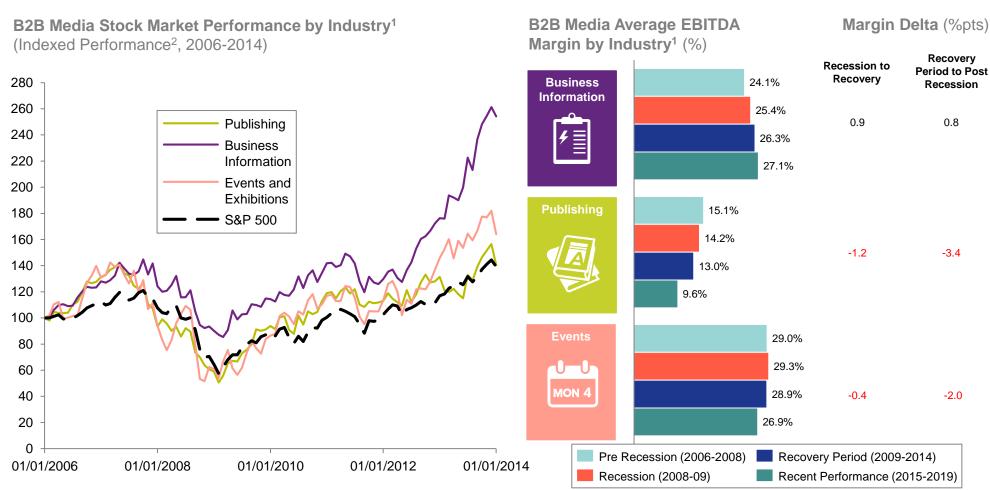
# Business information and trade shows were hit hard in the last recession but recovered afterwards; in contrast B2B publishing has been in secular decline

**B2B Media Impact of Historical Recession and Recent Growth (%)** 



# In the last recession, market valuations recovered relatively quickly in most sectors and margins followed long-term industry trends

**Last Recession Impact** 



<sup>1.</sup> Industries are averages of the following: Business Information (Thomson Reuters, Experian, RELX (Business Information only for EBITDA), Wolters Kluwer), Publishing (Pearson, Centaur, K12 (EBITDA only)), Events (Informa (Stock Market only), Hyve, Tarsus Group (EBITDA only), RELX (EBITDA only) and Events only)

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<sup>2.</sup> Indexed to 100 at 01/01/2006 Source: Yahoo Finance, OC&C analysis

# The pandemic will affect varying business models differently; mission critical info and digital publishing models are most resilient

**COVID-19 Impact on Revenue Streams** No Change Negative Positive **Impact** Commentary **Subscription - Critical** Critical subscriptions to data imperative to daily functions will not be affected **Business**  Subscriptions that are used for insight may well be cancelled as businesses cut non-Subscription - Insight Information essential spend (e.g. consumer habits, competitor intelligence etc) Customers likely to be reducing spend and will be more likely to stir on the side of **Transactional** caution when buying individual reports if not essential While online ordering of physical publications is possible, store purchases will be non-**Physical Transaction** existent Customers who previously might have purchased physically, may now choose a digital **Digital Transaction** version partially mitigating physical decline **Publishing** Depending on length of subscription, these may will be partially protected as harder for **Subscriptions** customers to break terms - subscriptions up for renewal may be significantly affected in short term As with print media more broadly, advertisers will be looking to save cash and **publishing Advertising** likely to be one of the categories they cut first All revenue elements will be affected through mass cancellation of events, including: Attendance fees of participants **Events & Exhibitions** Sponsorship and advertising Merchandise and ancillary revenues



Impact on B2B Media - COVID-19 Lockdown Impact

## Most markets should not have drastic long term impacts but trade magazines could see tough times ahead

Long Term Structural Impact of COVID-19 to B2B Media Sectors





- Limited lockdown impact, and macro-economic fallout might squeeze specific end-industry creating procurement pressure on information providers...
- ... however, recovery should be supported by structural growth in adoption of data and technology solutions to improve business outcomes ... and efficiency



- Industry recovery from lockdown could be significantly hampered by mediocre economic growth...
- ... and either revert to its historical structural trends, or be durably impacted by change of business behaviour ('it is OK to travel')



- Limited short or mid term impact, apart from localised squeeze on public finance creating procurement pressure
- More fundamentally, event likely to be a significant trigger to adoption of educational technology and distance learning

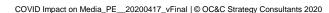


- Limited short term impact beyond delays in spend and of digital alternatives for remote and collective consumption...
- ... that might further accelerate the well-in-train digital migration and 'kill off' some of the last standing categories



- While not yet fully clear, there may be severe impacts on the trade magazine market with recent declines accelerated by recession and habit changes
- Advertisers who walk away are unlikely to ever come back in same numbers
- Subscription renewals are likely to drop publishers will have to think carefully about how they use digital channels to mitigate this



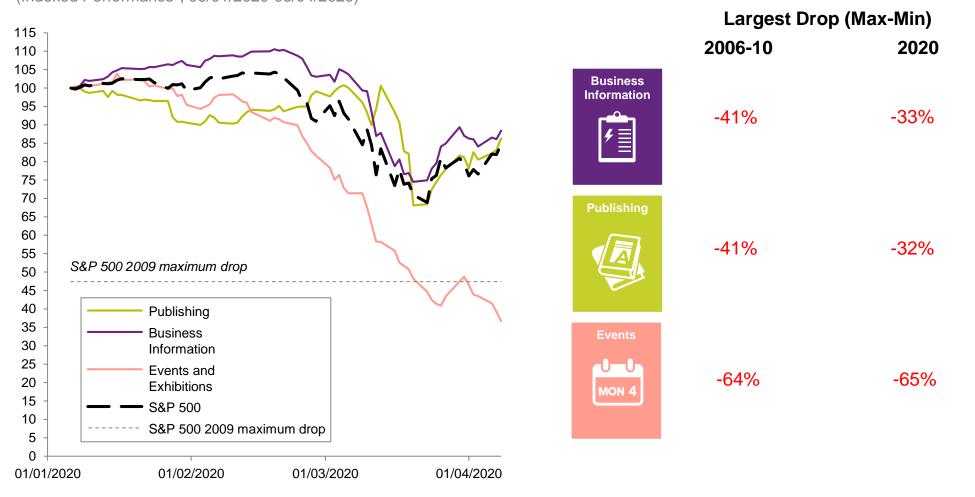




# Early market signals have been particularly worrying for events and exhibitions, other B2B media have performed on par or above the market

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<sup>1.</sup> Index comprised of the following: Events and Exhibitions (Informa, Emerald Exhibitions, Hyve) Business Information (Experian, Thomson Reuters, RELX Group, TransUnion) Publishing (Centaur, Pearson, K12, TAL Education)

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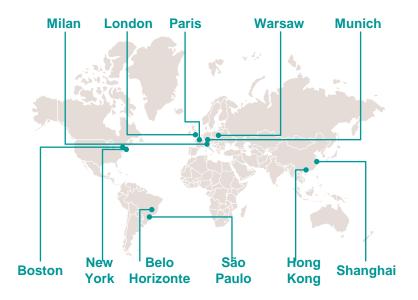
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### OC&C is a sector-focused strategy consultancy with global coverage

#### OC&C's Global Reach



### Coverage

- This document focuses on Covid-19's impact on media...
- ...However, OC&C has looked at our other adjacent sectors, including comms and tech, retail and leisure
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### **Background**

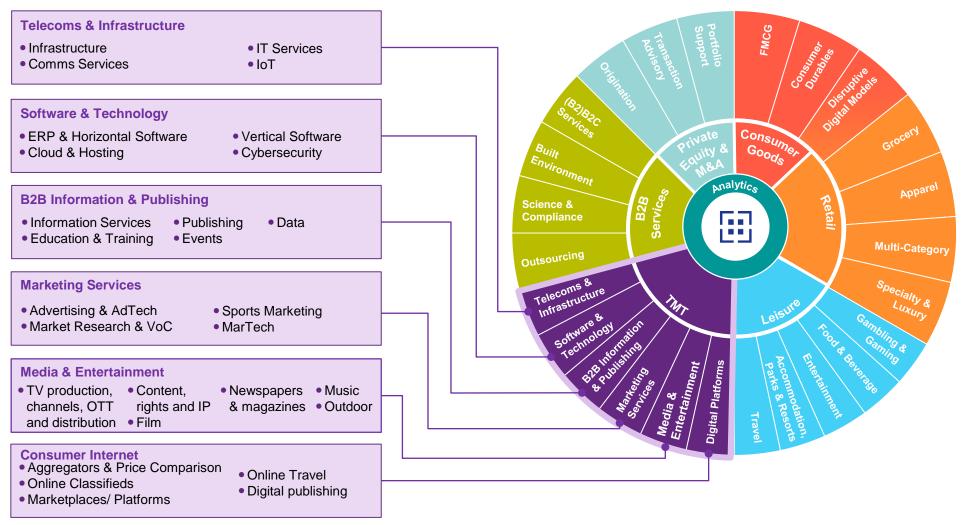


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- Founded in 1987
- 11 offices worldwide
- Global coverage through our hubs
- Client roster includes some of the largest corporations and most innovative challengers in the world

## We don't cover all sectors, but specialise in selected sectors where we believe we excel; TMT is the largest of our 5 sectors

**OC&C** Areas of Expertise



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### We have extensive experience across B2C Media & Entertainment globally

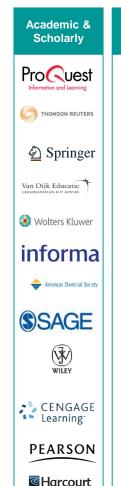
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