# KAL Capital - Aerospace & Defense

**Quarter In Review** 







# Introduction

Quarter in Review Q2 2021

Dear Friends,

Hope everyone's summer is off to a great start with some rest and recovery in your near-term future. For us at KAL, our summer vacations (thankfully, no complaints here!) have been deferred to next-year as the M&A market for A&D businesses is operating at a pace that we have never witnessed. While the increase of businesses for sale (due to changes in capital gains treatment) is not a surprise, the aggressive posture of the buyside has been amazing to witness as valuations and deal structures are firmly above pre-COVID levels and any historical precedent. The supportive environment, already in motion during Q4 2020, has benefitted from COVID restrictions being lifted as well as natural momentum that has both private equity and strategic buyers pursuing transactions aggressively. While we at KAL are grateful for our sell-side mandates as well as the overall M&A market, our experience (maybe cynicism) makes us all too aware that these conditions will not last forever. In the mean-time, it's a great time to be a seller and we expect 2H 2021 to be the most active period for M&A in the sector in the last 20 years.

In the market, we have seen a few macro-themes develop over the course of 2021. First, the recovery in commercial aerospace has exceeded expectations of even the most optimistic market participant. Generally, the pick-up in air traffic that began in Q1 2021 accelerated dramatically in Q2 with the lifting of COVID restrictions expediting the pent-up demand for leisure travel. The pace of the recovery provided a positive demand-shock to a supply-chain desperate for good news but generally unprepared, particularly from a labor stand-point, to support an increased operating tempo. Like we predicted earlier this year, this pick-up is now translating into a much firmer demand picture for the commercial OEM supply-chain. Domestic airlines have taken this opportunity to place massive orders and take delivery for the many white tail B737MAX that have been built-up over the past several years. While the recovery has been largely focused on narrow-body aircraft, we expect that that international travel will be bouncing back shortly as vaccination rates in Europe and Asia start to trend towards US-levels. This has the supply-chain getting ready for an increase in build-rates on narrow-body programs for the first time in almost three years.

On the defense and space side, early signals from the Biden Administration around defense budget have largely been in line with expectations of 1) "flattish" total spending and 2) a pivot towards building weapon systems to defend against threats from near-peer nation states. While the SPAC craze has subsided a bit, we expect the M&A market to focus on growing niches such as space launch, military LEO and programs like the B-21 and the T-X trainer.

Sincerely,

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# **KAL Capital Overview**

KAL Capital is a boutique investment bank focused on providing advisory services to owners of businesses throughout the greater aerospace supply-chains.

Our services consist primarily of M&A advisory and liquidity event planning. Our clientele are generally family or partnerships that own successful, growing businesses within the aerospace/defense sector. Today's M&A environment offers business owners a wide-range of transaction alternatives, often at compelling valuations. Our role is to assist in the navigation of this process and to ensure that valuation is maximized.

### Services Provided

- Sell-Side Advisory
- Buy-Side Advisory
- General Strategic Advisory
- Debt Capital Raising
- Equity Capital Raising
- Merchant Banking

## Team



- Founders have worked together for 10+ years with a combined 25+ years of A&D experience
- Deep team of highly-seasoned support staff

# A&D Sector Knowledge



- Deep A&D sector knowledge vital to articulating unique major macro-drivers
- KAL team understands that each business has a highly unique story and accumulation of history

### **Transactions**



- KAL has vast experience throughout the supply chain with a comprehensive understanding of each subsector's growth drivers and strategic buyers
- Cross-border transaction experience

### Relationships



 KAL has long-term relationships with financial buyers as well as C-Suite executives at leading A&D public companies who prioritize KAL clients

# Clients

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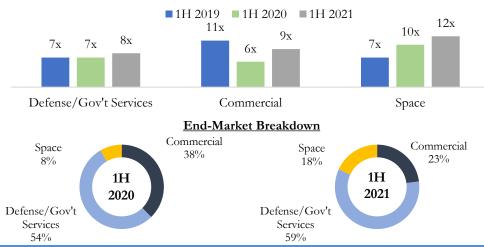
 KAL is built on the belief that M&A processes should be built to maximize transaction outcomes for clients

# Public Market and M&A Snapshot

### 2021 Aerospace and Defense M&A Activity

- The market momentum that KAL felt during 2H 2020 is translating into increases in M&A activity and valuations
- Deal activity recovered above 2020 levels in Q2 as markets re-open and recover from the 2020 pandemic shock

### Aerospace & Defense M&A Deal Valuations 1H 2019-21



# Q2 Aerospace and Defense Public Market Activity

#### Commercial

 Commercial aerospace valuations were relatively flat in Q2 as airlines continue to work their way back to full capacity.

#### **Defense / Government Services**

Defense/Government Services
 prices rose over the quarter as the
 Biden administration submitted a
 proposal of \$715 billion for the
 2022 fiscal defense budget. This
 was largely viewed as a win for the
 industry as many expected large
 cuts to the 2022 budget.

### Space and Satellite

 Space & Satellite companies continued their strong start to 2021 after the pentagon announced an increased focus on space and cyberspace-based systems at the beginning of 2021.

Company	Q2	YTD
AEROJET ( ROCKETDYNE	2.3%	-8.1%
BOEING	-4.9%	18.6%
CRANE	-3.1%	20.9%
GENERAL DYNAMICS	4.1%	29.1%
HEICO	8.9%	9.3%
Technologies	6.2%	19.8%
leidos	4.6%	-1.5%
LOCKHEED MARTIN	1.9%	9.7%
MOOG	1.3%	9.7%
NORTHROP GRUMMAN	12.9%	23.5%
Raytheon	10.6%	24.9%
SPIRIT	4.4%	29.2%
TEXTRON	19.7%	48.5%
Triumph Group	11.4%	76.5%

Defense & Space/Satellite stocks rose significantly in Q2 while commercial prices stayed relatively flat

# Defense & Space Market Overview

The \$753 billion defense budget sets the stage for these programs to continue in 2022

### **Defense Growth Programs**

### **B-21 Raider**



# **NORTHROP**

The B-21 Raider is a very long-range heavy bomber expected to enter US service in 2026-27, eventually replacing portions of three existing fleets.

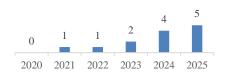
#### T-7A Red Hawk



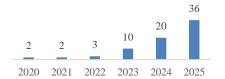


The T-7A Red Hawk is the new advanced pilot training system for fighter and bomber pilots in the US Air Force.

#### Production Forecast



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#### Notable Deals

Target	Acquirer	Description





 Black Horse Solutions provides autonomous and distributed detection, identification, exploitation and defeat of complex communications







- Ridge Engineering specializes in brazing and machining for a variety of defense OEM's
- Bechdon provides precision machining services as well as welding for large, mechanically assembled fabrications





 Tronix3D (now Agile Additive) provides 3D printing of metal and polymer materials for mission critical parts within the aerospace and defense supply chain





• FLIR specializes in sensing technologies such as thermal imaging, visible-light imaging, video analytics, measurement and diagnostic, and advanced threat detection

### Active Buyer Highlight



A portfolio company of











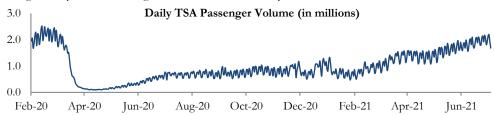


Space focused SPACs continue to make headlines in the 1H 2021 and we expect that to continue in 2H

# Commercial Aero Market

### Narrow Body Aircraft Passenger Counts

- Domestic narrow body aircraft travel has begun to pick up significantly since the record lows reached during 2020
- With all airlines now at full capacity, these passenger numbers are expected to increase gradually until returning to 2019 levels in the early 2022



### **Key Program Developments**



- Bombardier has found the first homes for its flagship Global 7500 in Canada with deliveries to two customers based there
- Bombardier has reached its targeted production rate for the model of 35 to 40 a year

Bombardier 7500



Boeing 777x

- The Federal Aviation Administration denied Boeing permission to move forward with a key step in certifying the 777x
- The FAA warned Boeing it may have to increase the number of test flights planned and that certification realistically is now more than two years out, probably in late 2023

### Notable Deals Acquire Target





 Keystone Turbine Services is a full service gas turbine engine repair and overhaul facility

Description





Camtronics is a provider of distribution and repair services for fixed and rotor wing aircraft





· Applied Aerodynamics is a high-quality, rapid reaction, MRO provider with a specialization in composite parts

# Engine and Aftermarket M&A Making a Comeback

Acquirer **Transaction Details** Target Description HAECO Special Services is a Date: March 2021 leading provider of MRO This transaction positioning VSE services for military and to capitalize on higher-margin technical service opportunities government aircraft Birken manufactures complex

A&D Aftermarket M&A activity has seen a rise in both the military and commercial subsectors

Airlines showed

increase

promising results in

Q2 as passenger

counts continue to





- assemblies for the jet engines
- Enginetics manufactures precision components for
- Dates: May 2021 & March 2021 These acquisitions put Enjet in a
- strong position to capitalize on the emerging recovery with greater aircraft engine manufacturers capabilities, resources, and capacity





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