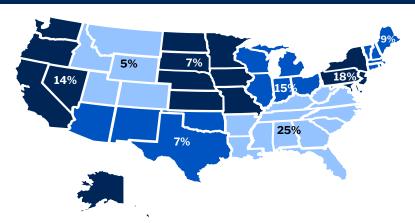


# LAWN CARE/LANDSCAPING - INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

## **Industry Overview**

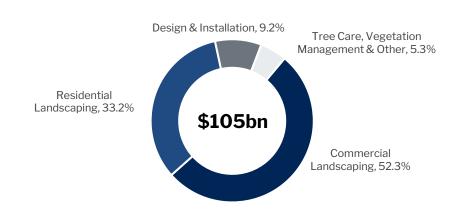
- It involves activities that transforms visible features of landforms. varied terrains, and/or bodies of water, buildings, fences, as well as abstract elements such as weather and different lighting conditions
- The landscaping industry includes companies that construct and/or maintain landscapes for residences, and areas around residential complexes and business establishments
- While terms can vary between commercial and residential applications, landscaping service providers typically engage in contracts with their customers
- A few of the services provided under this industry includes lawn mowing and maintenance to more-complex landscape design and construction

## Regional Breakout Across U.S.



Regional % breakout of the 600,000 landscaping companies across the U.S.

## **Market Segmentation - Annual Revenue**



## **Historical and Projected Industry Revenue**



Source: IBISWorld

# SERVICES AND CUSTOMERS

# Commercial Landscaping

- Lawn Mowing
- Weed Trimming
- Application of Pesticides / Herbicides
- Fertilization & Propagation
- Tree & Shrub Services
- Exterior Landscape Installation

# Residential Landscaping

- Lawn Mowing
- Leaf Blowing
- Fertilizing
- Weed & Pest Control

# Design & Installation

- Maintenance & Installation of Lawn & Garden Features
- Construction of Embankments, Terraces & Retaining Walls, Walkways, Decks, Fences, Ponds, And Similar Structures

# Tree Care, Veg. Mgmt. & Other

- Cultivation and Management of Trees, Tree Felling and Surgery, Power Line & Other Right-of-way Clearances
- Vegetation
   Management
   (Mechanical &
   Herbicide Based)

# TYPICAL CUSTOMERS

**TYPICAL** 

**SERVICES** 

- Commercial Facilities
- Municipal Buildings
- Campuses
- Others

- Households
- Multi-family Residential Structures
- Commercial Facilities
- Higher Income Households

- Utilities, Municipalities, Other Commercial & Industrial ROW Operators
- Residential Households



Landscape Maintenance



Lawn Care



Design & Installation



Sprinkler & Irrigation Service

Source: IBISWorld

# DESIRABLE INDUSTRY FEATURES DRIVING INCREASED M&A ACTIVITY

- The Industry is a highly desired market segment for acquirers, both from strategic consolidators and private equity firms that are aggressively looking to deploy capital into the space
- The attraction is driven by:
  - Recurring demand for critical maintenance, leading to nondiscretionary customer budget requirements
  - The expectation that outsourcing trends will be sustainable throughout the long-term future
  - The fundamentals of this large fragmented industry that support accelerated growth strategies through acquisitions
- Valuations are at an all-time industry high, albeit there are numerous factors that contribute to value on a company-bycompany basis
- Lenders are attracted to the industry as well and are extending financing to acquirers at aggressive leverage multiples to support high valuations







# STUMP'S M&A LEADERSHIP TEAM



**Tim Stump** *President, Head of M&A* 

## **Professional Background**

- Founded Stump & Co. as part of The Stump Companies, 1990
- GE Capital, Former Vice President & Manager: Charlotte, NC
- Irving Trust Company: New York & Atlanta, GA

#### **Educational Background**

- MBA: Wake Forest University, 1982
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1979



Bo Stump

Partner

## **Professional Background**

- Joined Stump & Company, 2019
- Consulting, Abrigo, Inc.: Raleigh, NC
- Corp. Strategy, WME | IMG & Viacom, Inc.: Los Angeles, CA

#### **Educational Background**

- MBA: UNC Kenan-Flagler, 2017
   Beta Gamma Sigma & Schrum
   Fellow
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2013



Stuart Stump Mullens
Partner

## **Professional Background**

- Joined Stump & Company, 2016
- McKinsey & Company: Atlanta, GA
- Georgia-Pacific: Atlanta, GA

#### **Educational Background**

University of Virginia, 2011
 Jefferson Scholar & Phi Beta Kappa

STUMP & COMPANY

# WHAT WE DO

- We are an Investment Bank focused on mergers & acquisitions
- Our work is primarily as sell-side Merger & Acquisition advisors. We work with business owners and their Board of Directors to create a plan and process for a liquidity event
- We engage deeply with all strategic buyers as well as with Private Equity firms and Family Offices to identify potential investors
- We have successfully executed over 400 transactions with business owners since our inception in 1972.
- Stump & Company is headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina with an ancillary office in Savannah, GA.

# TYPICAL M&A SALES PROCESS



## **Foundational Work**

- Valuation
- Due diligence
- Develop marketing plan and timeline
- Build an internal team



## **Presenting the Company**

- Write a "Teaser" and "The Book" (known as an offering memorandum or CIM)
- STUMP handles discussion with interested buyers



## **Finding the Right Buyer**

- Global reach
- Strategic vs. private equity
- Confidentiality
- Create a market



## **Closing the Deal**

- Attention to detail
- Structure for best results
- Execution to the end



## **Post-Closing Issues**

- Proper wealth and risk management
- Employment and noncompete terms

# RELEVANT DEAL EXPERIENCE IN THE LANDSCAPING INDUSTRY





We initiated these transactions and served as exclusive advisors to the selling shareholders.

# **Contact Information**

- STUMP is a 50+ year old investment bank that specializes in working with privately-owned, family-run businesses.
- We have executed over 400 transactions over this time and value our private relationships with business owners.
- Our firm and team of professionals have experience in the lawn care & landscaping industry and have personal relationships with the leading investors in the industry that are interested in acquiring more businesses in the space.

## Interested in selling your business? Call us, we do the deals!

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