

Nicholas Rodriguez Discusses the Revival of Dealmaking in the Tech Sector with *Mergers & Acquisitions*

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Winston & Strawn partner Nicholas Rodriguez recently spoke with *Mergers & Acquisitions* discussing the revival of the tech industry's stalled dealmaking environment. The tech industry was hit hard by rising interest rates, regulatory uncertainty, political upheaval, and other macroeconomic headwinds resulting in valuations falling in 2022. Professionals believe that the increased popularity of artificial intelligence is helping boost sagging valuations of public and private tech companies alike, which could finally motivate reluctant sellers who have been sitting on the sidelines waiting for better deals. Additionally, Several scheduled IPOs are fueling optimism that an end to a two-year lull in public listings is on the horizon.

"Tech is a bright spot," said Nicholas. He also noted that tech is always a frontrunner and a rebound in that sector would likely help rejuvenate dealmaking across the board.

"Once other industries start seeing more activity in tech, it will definitely loosen them up," he said.

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