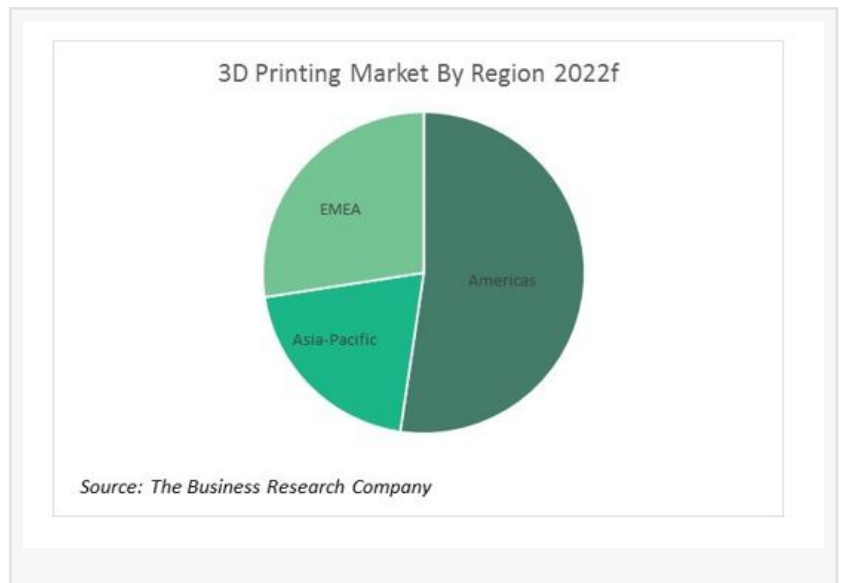


Financial Investors Lag In M&A Activity In The 3D Printing Devices Market, New Report Reveals

LONDON, GREATER LONDON, UK, September 5, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Acquisitions by investors from the 3D printing devices industry, including direct competitors and new 3DP market entrants have outnumbered financial investors by over two to one, according to [3D Printing Devices, Services And Supplies Global Market Opportunities And Strategies To 2022](#), a new report from [The Business Research Company](#). In particular, large players in the market such as Stratasys and 3D Systems made a high number of add-on acquisitions. Most of these acquisitions were strategic – for example when based BigRep GmbH, acquired the design studio, NOWlab in 2016, the purpose was to allow BigRep to offer a wide range of material and design consultation services, and when WhiteClouds acquired 3DplusMe their reason was to continue to enhance their position as the largest full-color 3D print service provider in the world. This pattern of investment reflected the still early stage of development of the 3D printing devices market in which 3D printing devices industry insiders have the know-how to invest that purely financial investors lacked. The situation is changing, however: more recently the number of investments in the industry made by venture capital and private equity has been rising.



Acquisition activity by both industry and financial investors has been concentrated in Europe and the Americas; in Asia Pacific, though it is now the fastest-growing market, its relatively recent development is reflected in the low level of M&A there to date.

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The Belgian company Materialise NV, was the largest player in the 3D printing devices market in 2017 with over half the market. Like other global players it has a well-diversified range of product and service offerings and has been increasing its presence strategically across various geographies through acquisitions and collaboration. In contrast to the global players, the small domestic companies are finding it difficult to compete, particularly on quality, price, and technological innovation. They thus provide the global players with significant acquisition opportunities.

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ceramics, stainless steel, carbon, graphene, titanium and other metals. This list is not exhaustive; new variations on materials or alloys are made every day.

The 3D printing, devices, services and supplies industry is segmented into the aerospace 3D printing devices industry, the healthcare 3D printing devices industry, the automotive 3D printing devices industry, the industrial 3D printing devices industry, the jewelry 3D printing devices industry and the energy 3D printing devices industry.

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