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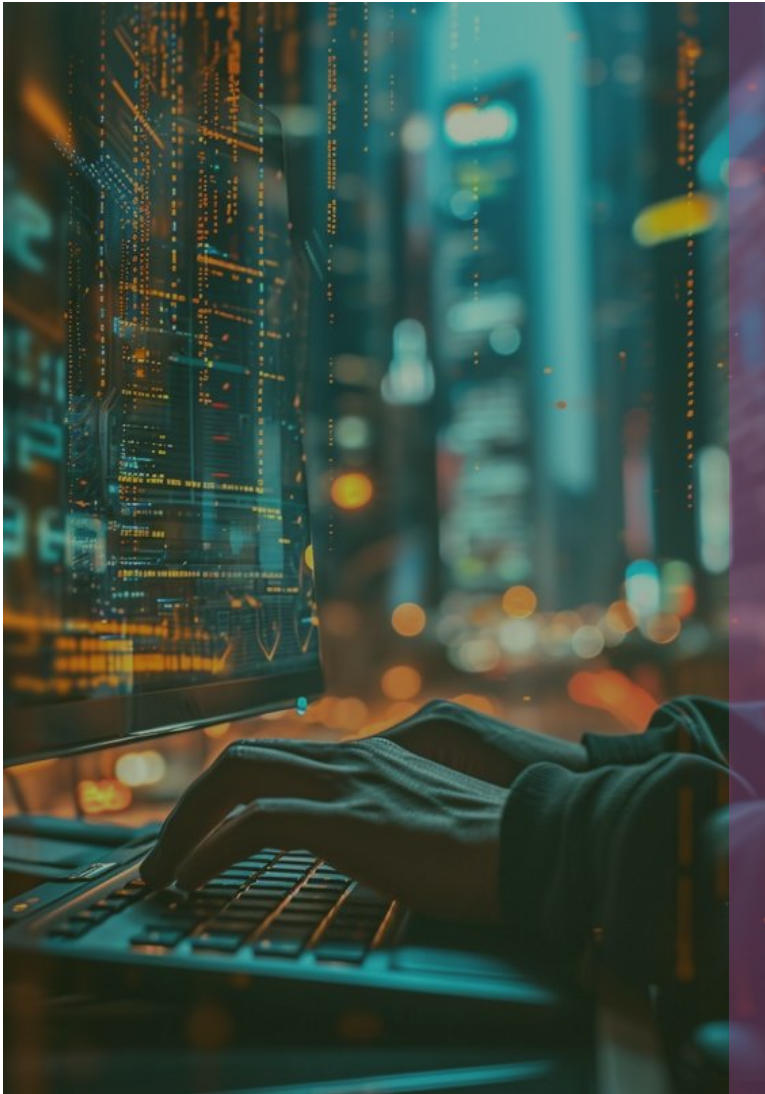
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The global Managed IT Services market continues to benefit from ongoing digital transformation, cloud adoption, rising cybersecurity requirements, and increasing technology complexity. Businesses are increasingly relying on external providers for specialist IT capabilities as technology environments become more complex and the need for flexible, scalable infrastructure and support increases.

Within Europe, these trends are being reinforced by continued cloud adoption, cybersecurity investment, regulatory requirements, and increasing demand for outsourced technology capabilities.

The UK Managed IT Services market reflects these broader trends, with demand supported by cloud adoption, digital transformation, cybersecurity requirements, and the growing complexity of enterprise technology environments. Outsourcing remains particularly relevant among SMEs that may lack the resources to maintain specialist IT, cloud, and cybersecurity capabilities in-house. At the same time, technology evolution, talent shortages, and competitive pressures are requiring Managed Service Providers (MSPs) to continue expanding their technical capabilities and service offerings.

M&A activity within the UK sector has remained active, with strategic and private equity investors pursuing consolidation opportunities to build scale, expand recurring revenue, and enhance service capabilities. Buyer interest has included cybersecurity, cloud and digital transformation, and verticalised managed IT providers, reflecting a broader focus on higher-value and mission-critical technology services.

With the UK MSP landscape remaining fragmented, there remains scope for further consolidation. As buyers seek to build scale, broaden geographic coverage, and deepen technical capabilities, M&A is likely to remain an important avenue for strengthening market position and expanding service capabilities.