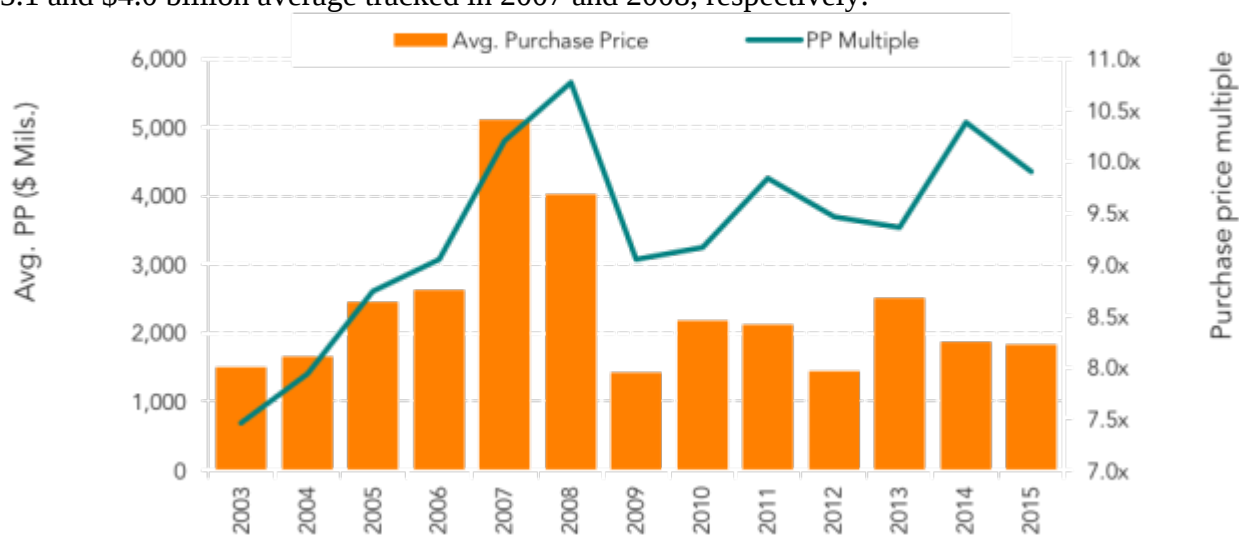


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The average purchase price for large corporate LBO deals is still well below the large-scale deals struck during the buyout boom of the late 2000s. The average purchase price year-to-date for large corporate LBO deals is around \$1.8 billion, slightly behind 2014 levels of \$1.9 billion, but far lower than the \$5.1 and \$4.0 billion average tracked in 2007 and 2008, respectively.



However,

larger deals have surfaced this quarter for Solera (US\$6.5bn), First Eagle Investment Management (US\$4.0bn), and BELK (US\$3.0bn). The average purchase price for large corporate buyouts jumped in 4Q15 to over US\$2.0bn from US\$1.55bn in 3Q15. And slated for 2016, deals are even larger for MedAssets (US\$2.7bn), Petco Animal Supplies (US\$4.6bn), and Veritas (US\$8.0bn). This week, Keurig Green Mountain, announced it will be bought by an investor group led by JAB Holding for a whopping US\$13.9bn. This is the largest LBO deal tracked since Dell's US\$25bn buyout back in 2013. Speaking of Dell, although not a pure play LBO, the looming Dell/EMC deal does have a PE component and is of a massive scale with a purchase price of \$67 billion.

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