Screening for Past Precedents and Comparable Deals

**Factset**
http://business.library.emory.edu/research-learning/databases/factset.php

1. Click on the Screening button at the top of the screen
2. Click Private, M&A, PE/VC
3. Select the box Mergers & Acquisitions; then click General M&A
4. Complete the appropriate filters:
   - Deal Type – Acquisition/Merger
   - Transition Status – Complete
   - Acquirer/Target Sector/Industry – click the magnifying glass icon and use keyword search option; select Primary
   - Add additional filters as needed, such as Announcement Date, Financials, etc.
   - TIP: If you have difficulty finding any deals in which there are public companies involved, you might use the Ownership Type filter and select Public
     - Double click on the filter on the left and it will move to the main screen
   - TIP: Business Description – can be useful if you are struggling with finding good matches based purely on the NAICS/SIC codes; search a keyword (such as nonwoven) without selecting an industry code and see what codes fall out of the search

TIP: Target/Acquirer Company Name – this can be very useful if you have come across names of companies involved in deals in articles, etc; search for the company name and back into the deal that way; this is especially helpful when most of the parties are not public parent companies

**Thomson ONE**
http://business.library.emory.edu/research-learning/databases/thomson.php

Click Screening & Analysis, top of screen
1. Click Deals & League Tables
2. Click Advanced Search
3. Check All Mergers box>Continue
4. Expand +Company Info; then +Industry, etc. to search for acquirer/target companies in similar industry
5. Add additional filters as needed

TIPS:
1) Click the Preview button frequently as you add more criteria to gauge impact of narrowing your search criteria and avoid ending up with a set of 0 or very few companies
2) to return to the screening template, click the “Advanced Search” tab; clicking the back key will erase your entire search and you will have to start over.
Bloomberg
http://business.library.emory.edu/research-learning/databases/bloomberg.php
You must use the Bloomberg terminal in the Business Library
Once you are in Bloomberg
1. MA<GO>
2. Click, 91<Custom Search>
3. Build customized filters (Industry, Status, Value, etc.)