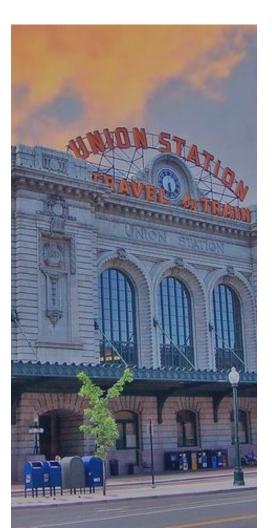
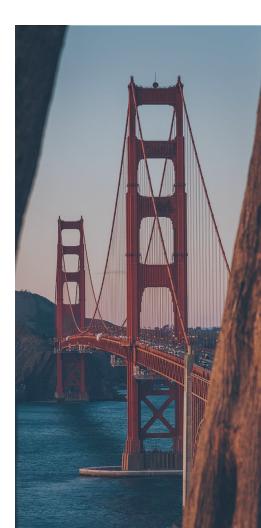
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MIDDLE MARKET M&A UPDATE Q3 2023







MIDDLE MARKET M&A AND PUBLIC MARKETS Q3 2023 Highlights and Activity

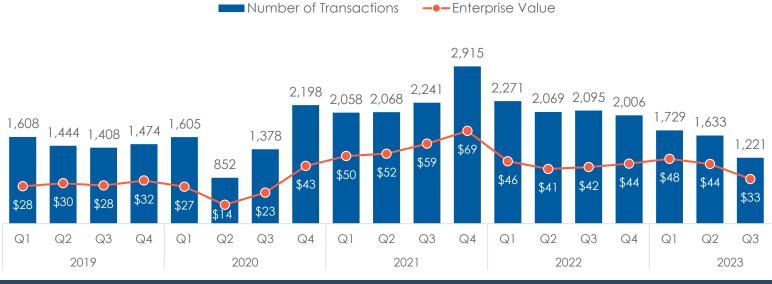


Deal Flow and Valuation Multiples

Q3 2023

During Q3 '23, the number of Middle Market transactions posted the lowest quarterly total since COVID and is 15% below pre-COVID levels (average of 1,421 per quarter during '19). While volume is down, valuations continue to hold steady. Based on GLC discussions, in the market buyers focus on acquiring quality companies with sustainable profits. As a result, valuation multiples for Middle Market companies have slipped to a median EBITDA multiple of 9.1x from the prior quarter.

U.S. Middle Market Transactions & Transaction Value ⁽¹⁾

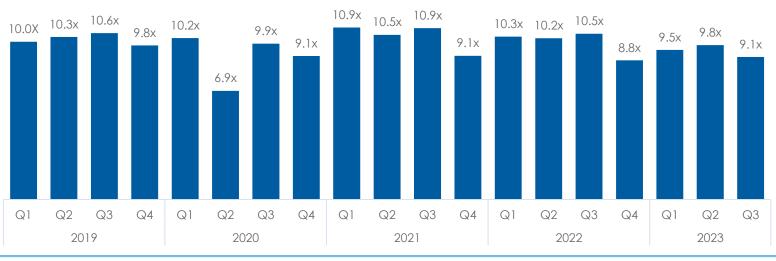


U.S. Median Middle Market EBITDA Multiple ⁽²⁾

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Source: Capital IQ, Pitchbook Note: Data as of 9/30/2023

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(1) Middle Market defined as <\$500M in Enterprise Value; (2) Excludes multiples <2.0x and >20.0x as well as Financial & Technology sectors

Deal Flow and Valuation Multiples

Q3 2023

When examining each industry sector in more detail, valuation multiples reveal a varied environment as certain industries (such as Consumer, Energy, Industrials, and Materials) experienced a valuation decline. GLC continues to see interest from private equity and strategic acquirers in its Business Services

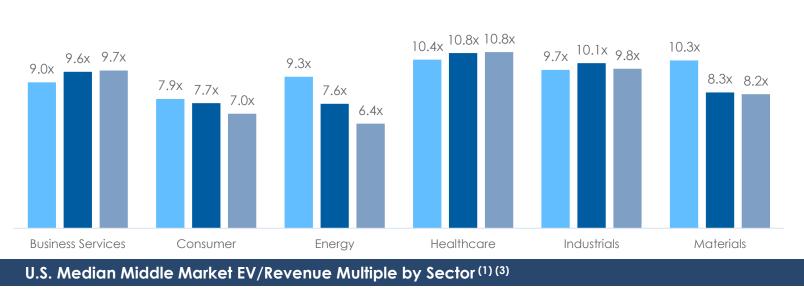
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and Industrials clients. GLC's current M&A mandates are demonstrating strong, profitable companies that can demonstrate stability in a recessionary environment are highly soughtafter.

U.S. Median Middle Market EV/EBITDA Multiple by Sector⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

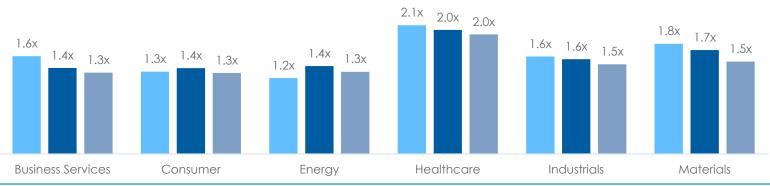
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Acquirer Trends

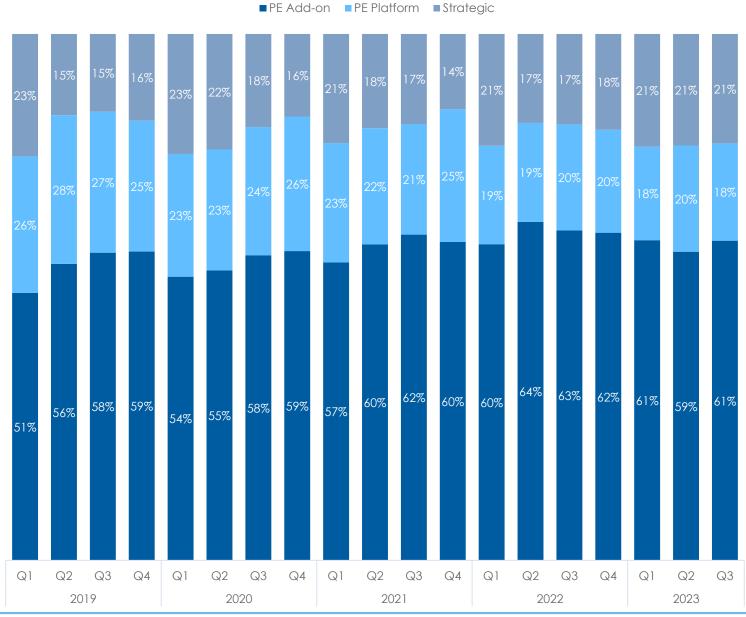
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M&A acquirers fall into three categories: i) private equity platforms (initial acquisition by private equity); ii) private equity add-ons (follow-on acquisitions by a private equitybacked platform); and iii) strategics (operating entity within the industry).

U.S. M&A Transactions by Buyer Strategy Type

In Q3 '23, private equity add-ons comprised 61% of all M&A transaction volume. PE platforms remained flat and is at the lowest level seen over the past 21 quarters. Strategic acquirers continue to grow its share and comprise 21% of all M&A transactions in Q3 '23.



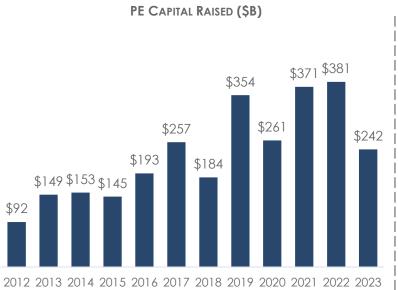
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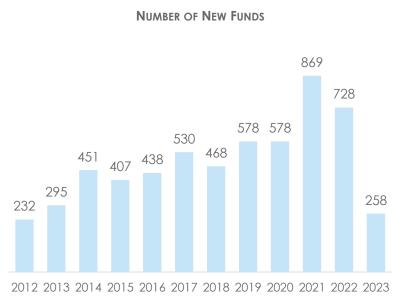
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Fund Formation and Capital Overhang

The total amount of private equity capital raised and available for deployment ("U.S. Private Equity Capital Overhang") is approximately \$854B with the vast majority targeting Middle Market companies. The private equity capital overhang has declined for the first time in over a decade. In Q3 '23, 85+ new funds were formed totaling \$86B+ in new capital. On an annualized basis, private equity fundraising both capital raised (\$306B annualized) and number of funds (320 annualized) are projected to be lower than 2022 (\$381B capital raised and 728 new funds formed).

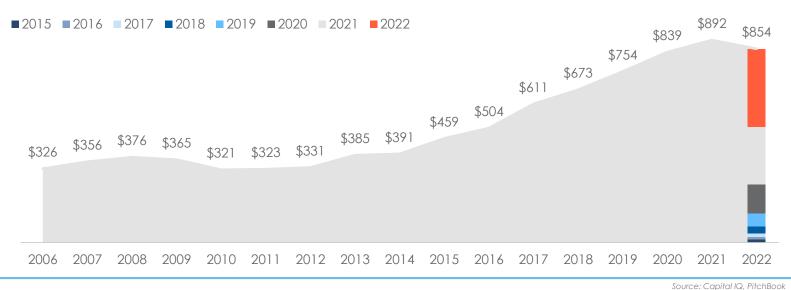
U.S. Private Equity Fundraising





U.S. Private Equity Capital Overhang (\$B)

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Note: U.S. PE Fundraising data as of 9/30/2023 & & U.S. PE Capital Overhang data as of 12/31/2022; Excludes venture capital & real estate funds

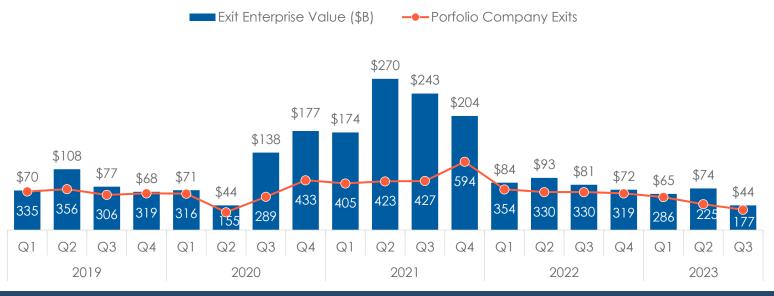
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Private Equity Exit Activity

to other private equity firms and strategic

Private equity exit activity reached a 12-quarter low in Q3 '23 with 177 portfolio company exits. Private equity funds have slowed exit rates after capitalizing on higher valuations in '21 and are taking a cautious approach to the current macroeconomic environment. Private equity exits continue to be evenly split between sales

U.S. Private Equity Exit Activity



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U.S. Private Equity Exit by Type

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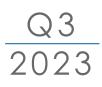
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MIDDLE MARKET M&A UPDATE S&P 500 and Russell 2000 Performance



In Q3 '23, public company valuations increased. During the quarter, the S&P 500 Index ("S&P") finished down (3.7%) and the Russell 2000 Index ("Russell") finished down (5.5%). The EBITDA multiple for the Russell and S&P ended at approximately 11.2x and 14.0x, respectively.

Stock indices and valuation multiples are beginning to reflect positive investor sentiment towards a "soft landing" orchestrated by the Federal Reserve.

S&P 500 and Russell 2000 Index Performance INDEX PERFORMANCE (%) 80% 80% 60% 60% 40% 40% 20% 20% (5%) 0% 0% (20%)(20%)(40%) (40%)Sep-21 Dec-21 Mar-22 Jun-22 Sep-22 Dec-22 Mar-23 Jun-23 Sep-23 Russell 2000 -S&P 500

S&P 500 and Russell 2000 Index EV/EBITDA Performance

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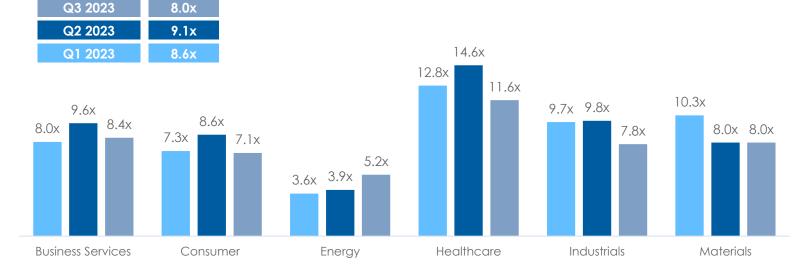


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Public Markets' Valuation Multiples by Sector

GLC monitors the Russell 2000 Index as a barometer for Middle Market valuations due to the index's focus of small-cap stocks. Majority of the sectors in the Russell reported a decrease in valuation multiples from Q2 '23 to Q3 '23. Overall, the median EBITDA multiple decrease of the Russell's sectors in Q3 '23 was approximately 12% compared to Q2 '23 and an increase of 8% compared to Q3 '22 (prior year). Valuation multiples in the public markets continued to be emotionally driven as investors factor in positive signals of economic growth and geopolitical tensions.

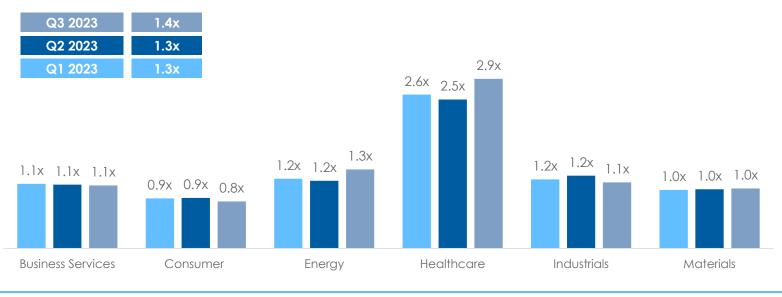
Russell 2000 Median EV/EBITDA Multiples by Sector⁽¹⁾



Russell 2000 Median EV/Revenue Multiples by Sector⁽²⁾

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Source: Capital IQ, PitchBook

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Note: Data as of 9/30/2023; Summary multiples do not tie to prior page due to exclusion of Financial & Technology sectors

(1) Excludes EV/EBITDA multiples <0x and >40x; Excludes Financial & Technology sectors

(2) Excludes EV/Rev multiples >7.5x; Excludes Financial & Technology sectors

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Representative Transactions

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