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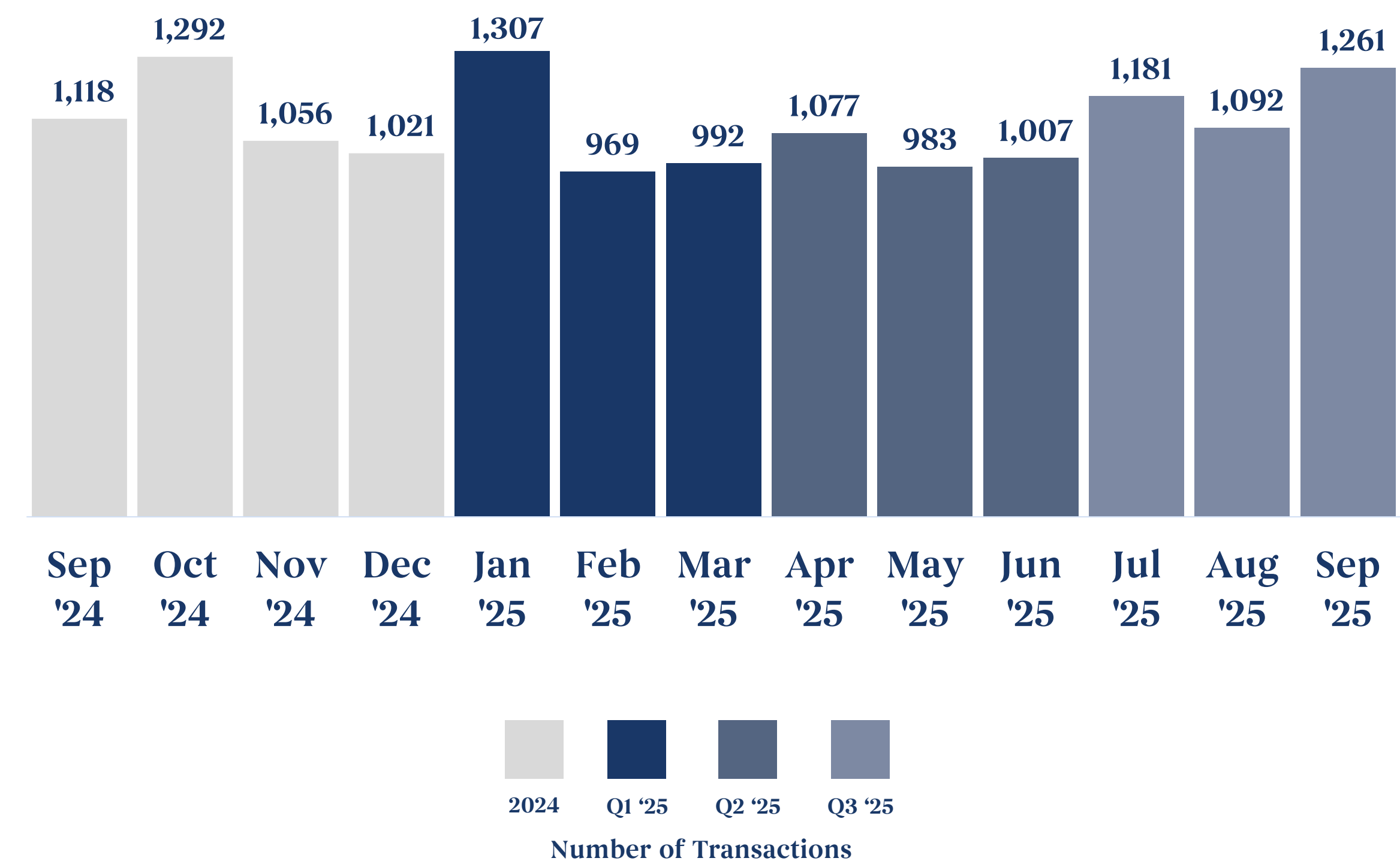
MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS
U.S.

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Summary of Mergers & Acquisitions in the U.S.

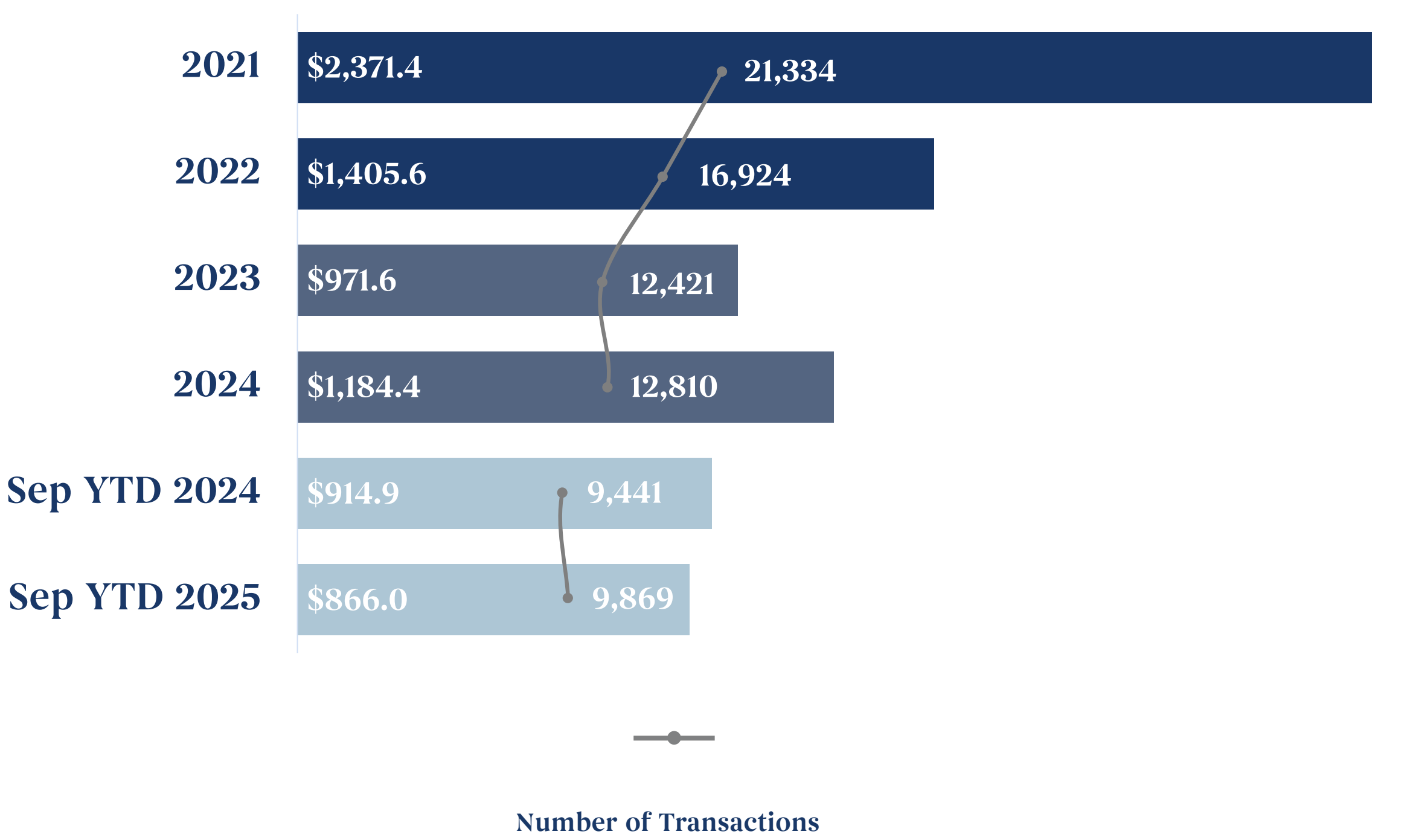
During September 2025, **1,261 transactions** were announced in the U.S., **12.8% more** than in September 2024. Total deal volume YTD '25 stands at **9,869 transactions**, **4.5% more** than YTD '24.

Disclosed Deal Volume in the U.S.
Number of Transactions per Month



Disclaimer: Includes announced transactions subject to customary closing conditions and regulatory approvals
Source: Capital IQ

Disclosed Deal Volume and Value of Acquisitions in the U.S.
Annual Transactions (US\$ Billions)

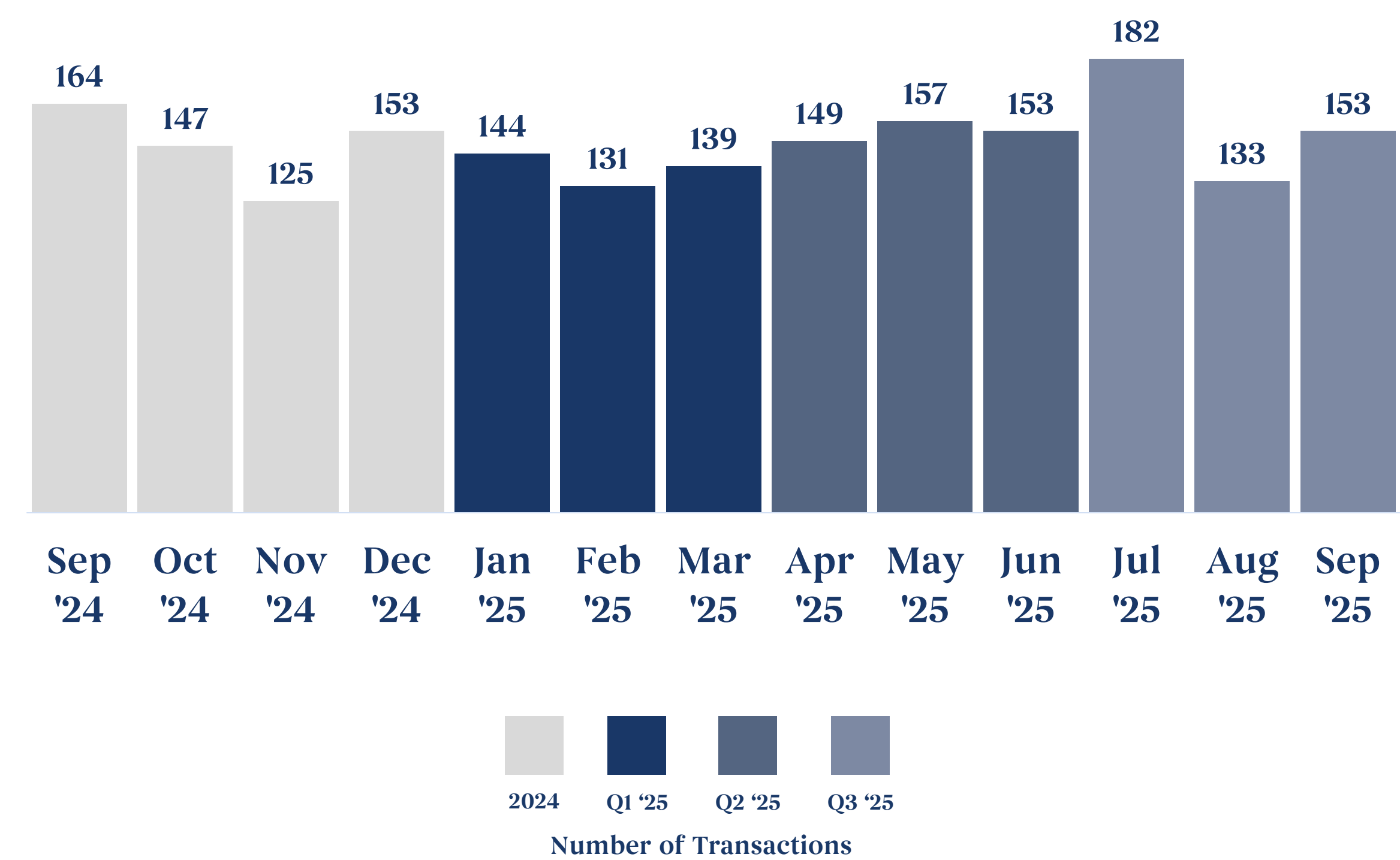


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Summary of Acquisitions Abroad by U.S.-based Companies

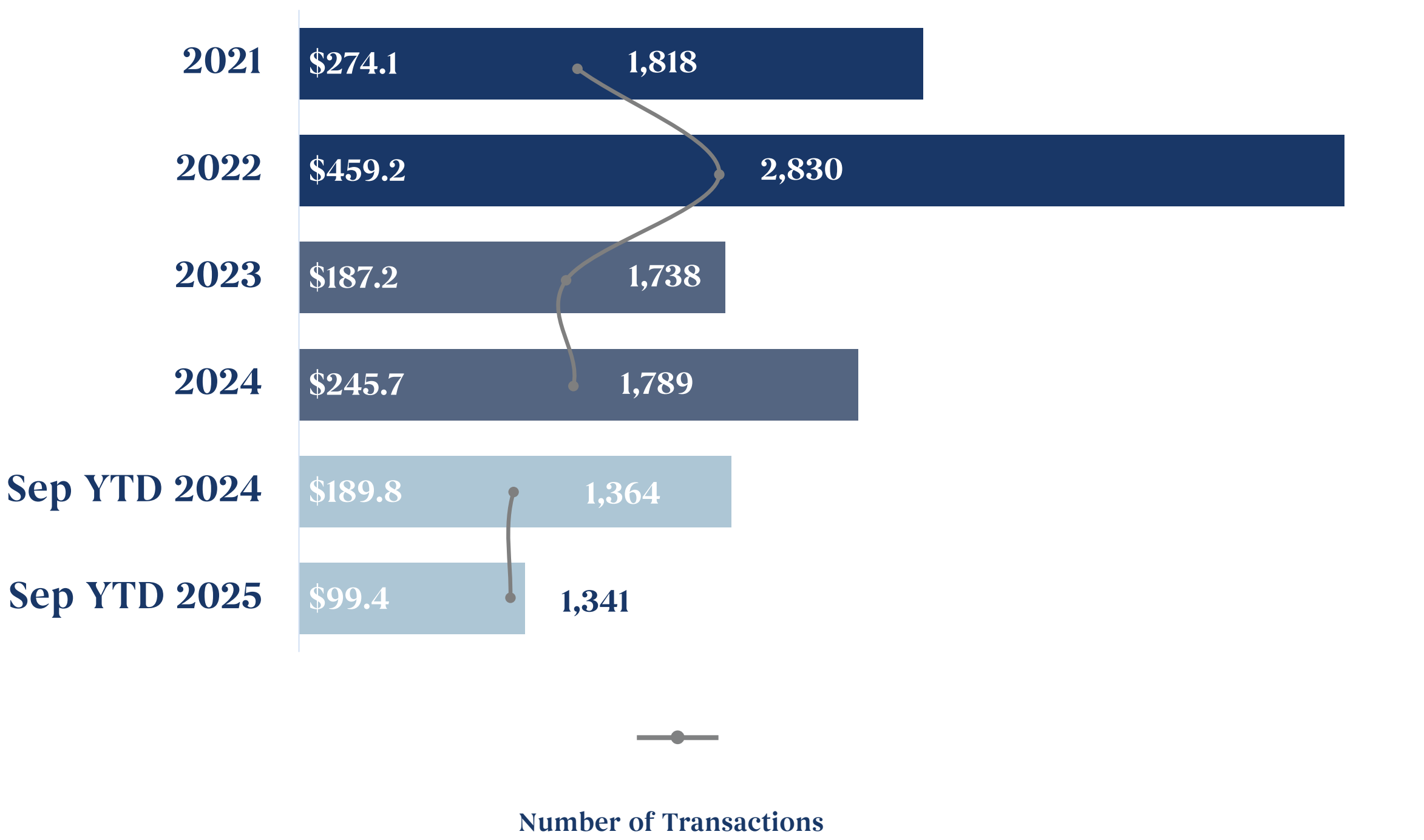
During September 2025, **153 acquisitions** were announced by U.S.-based companies abroad, **6.7% less** than in September 2024. Total deal volume YTD '25 stood at **1,341 transactions, 1.7% less** than YTD '24.

Disclosed Deal Volume by U.S.-based Companies Abroad
Number of Transactions per Month



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Disclosed Deal Volume and Value of Acquisitions by U.S.-based Companies Abroad
Annual Transactions (US\$ Billions)

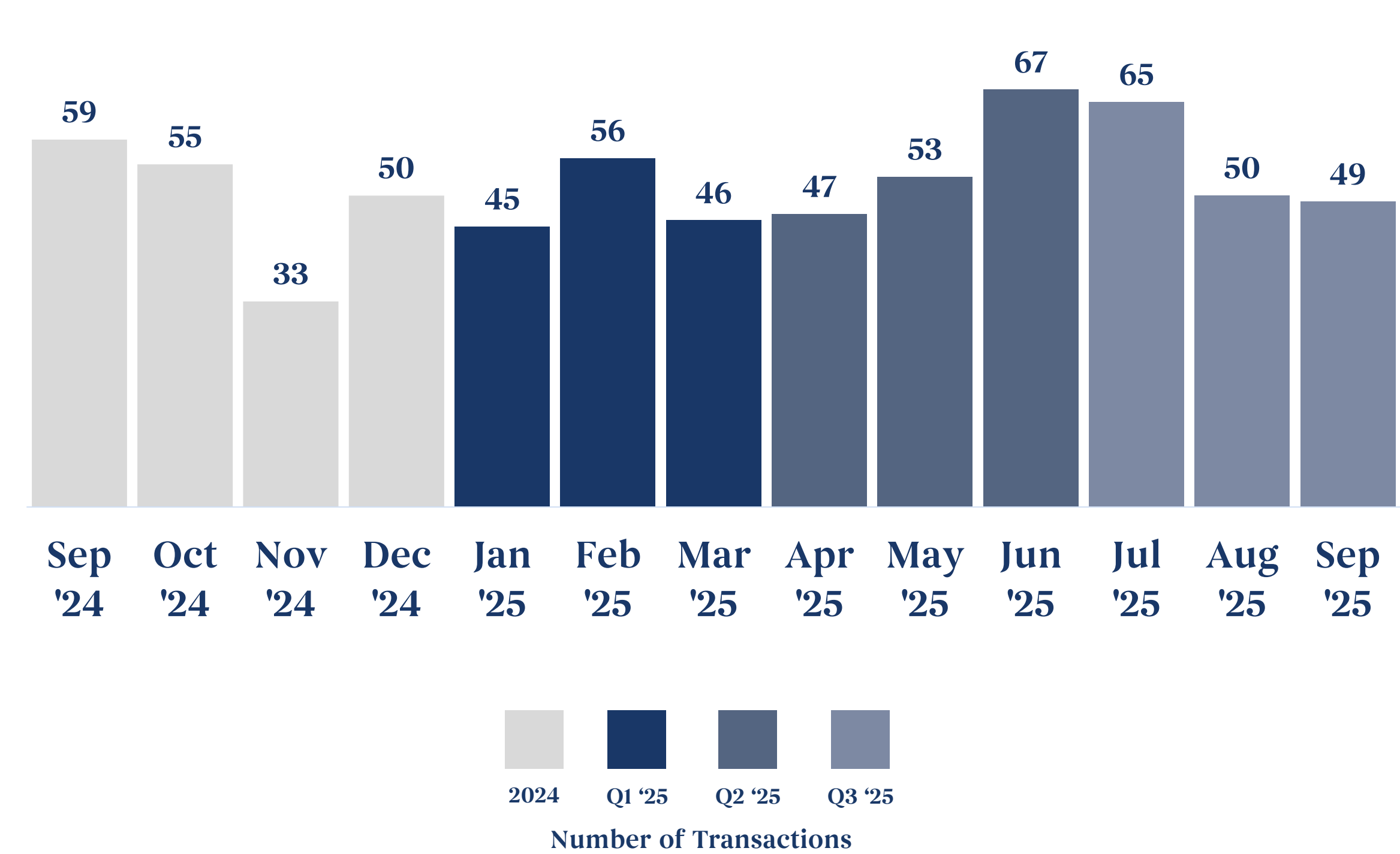


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Summary of Divestitures Abroad by U.S.-based Companies

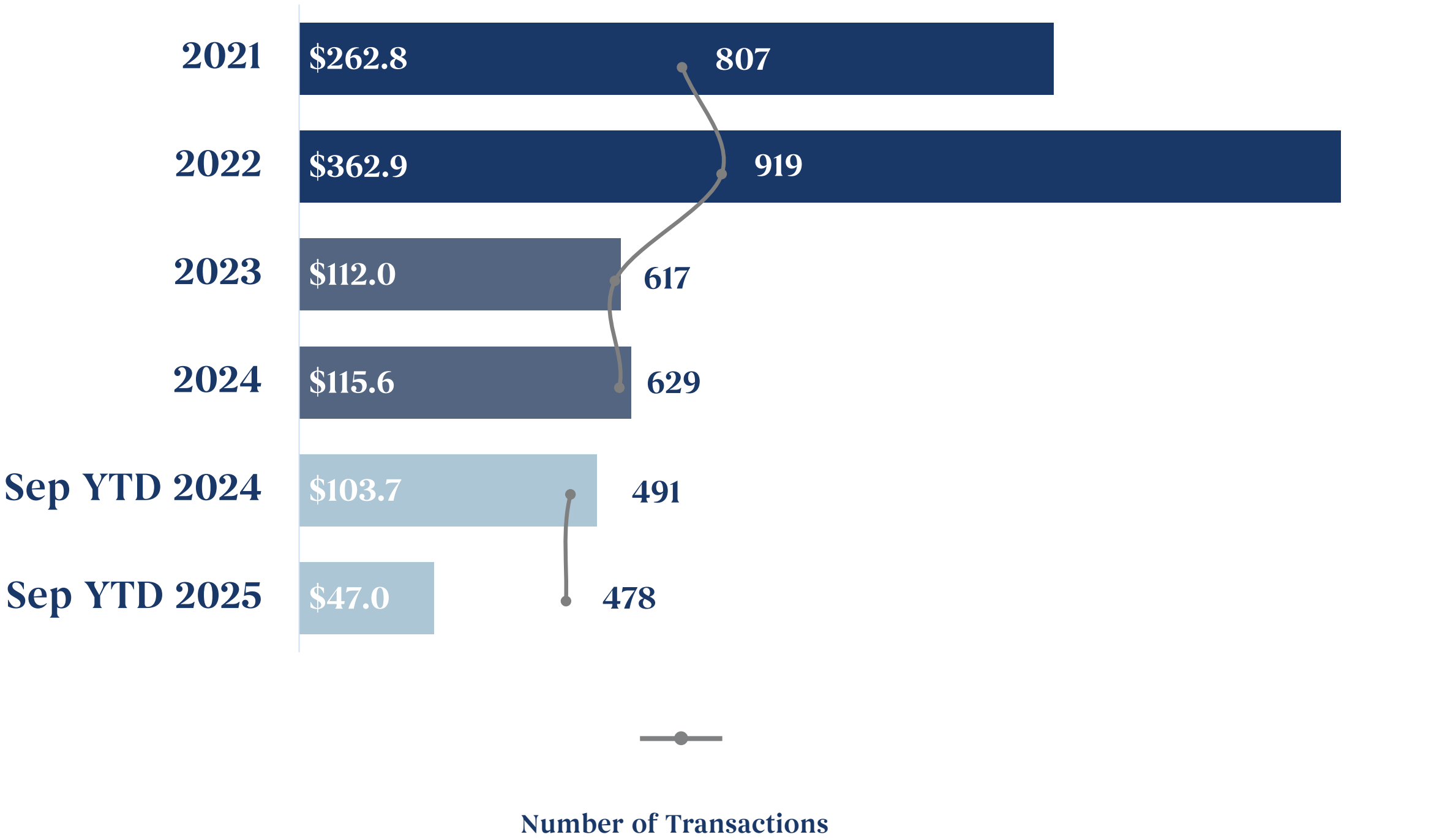
During September 2025, **49 divestitures** were announced by U.S.-based companies abroad, **16.9% less** than in September 2024. Total deal volume YTD '25 stood at **478 transactions, 2.6% less** than YTD '24.

Disclosed Deal Volume of Divestitures by U.S.-based Companies Abroad
Number of Transactions per Month



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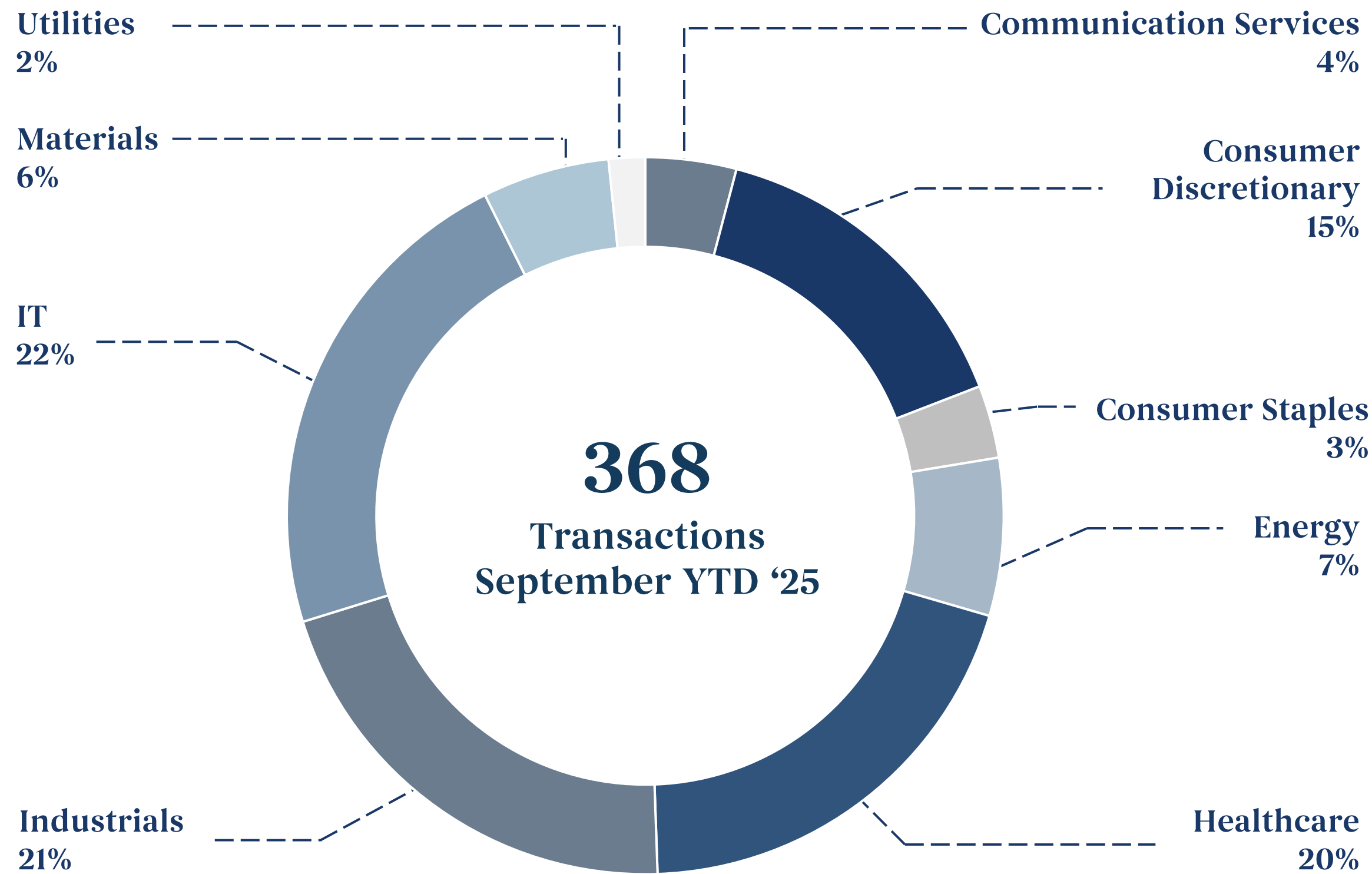
Disclosed Deal Volume and Value of Divestitures by U.S.-based Companies Abroad
Annual Transactions (US\$ Billions)



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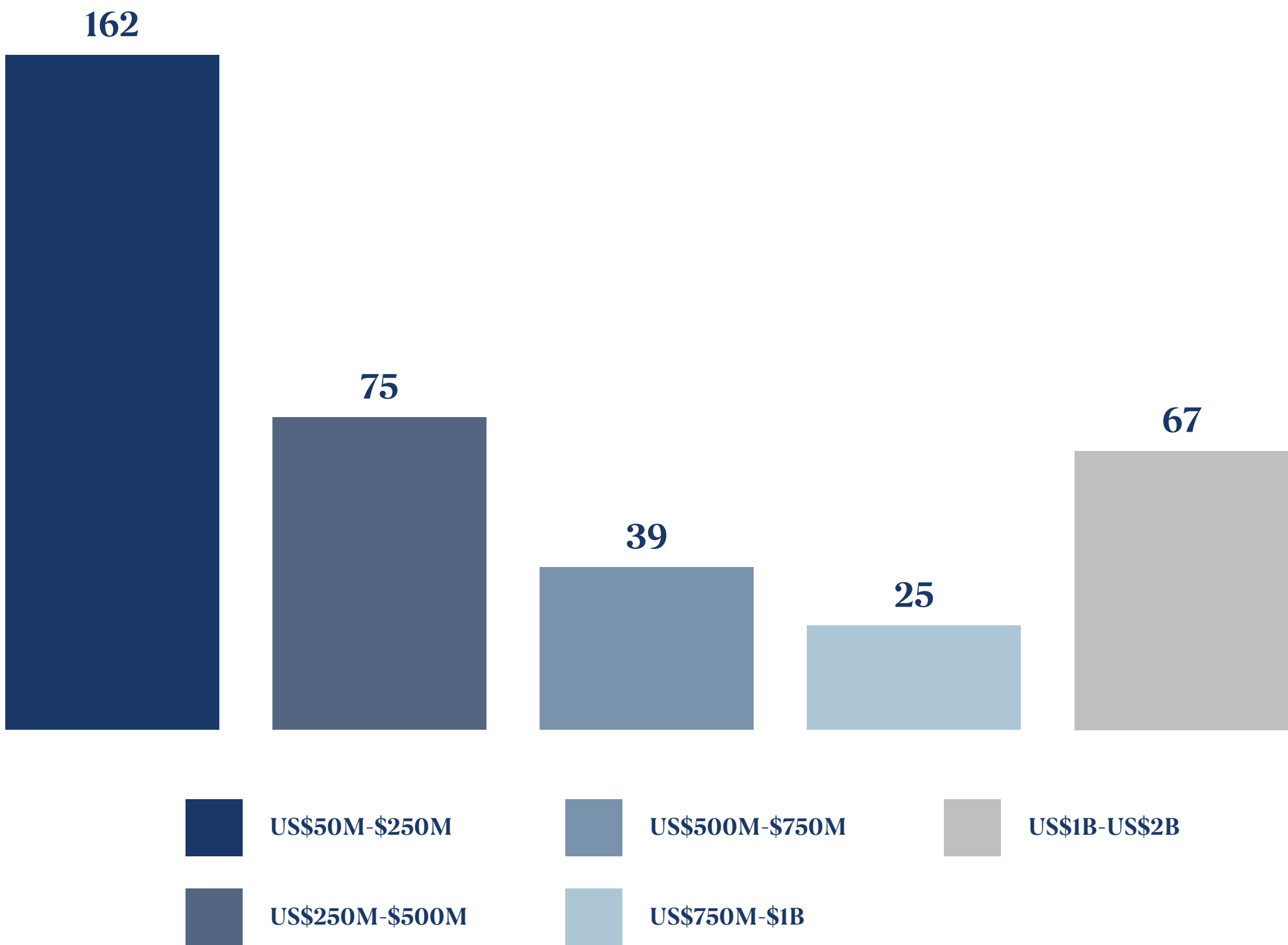
Summary of US\$50M-US\$2B Deals by Industry

U.S. Transactions by Sector
Percentage of Transactions September YTD '25¹



¹This page only considers transactions with disclosed enterprise values larger than US\$50M and below US\$2B, where the acquired equity stake was larger than 51%. Excludes financials and real estate. Please contact us for more information on a particular sector
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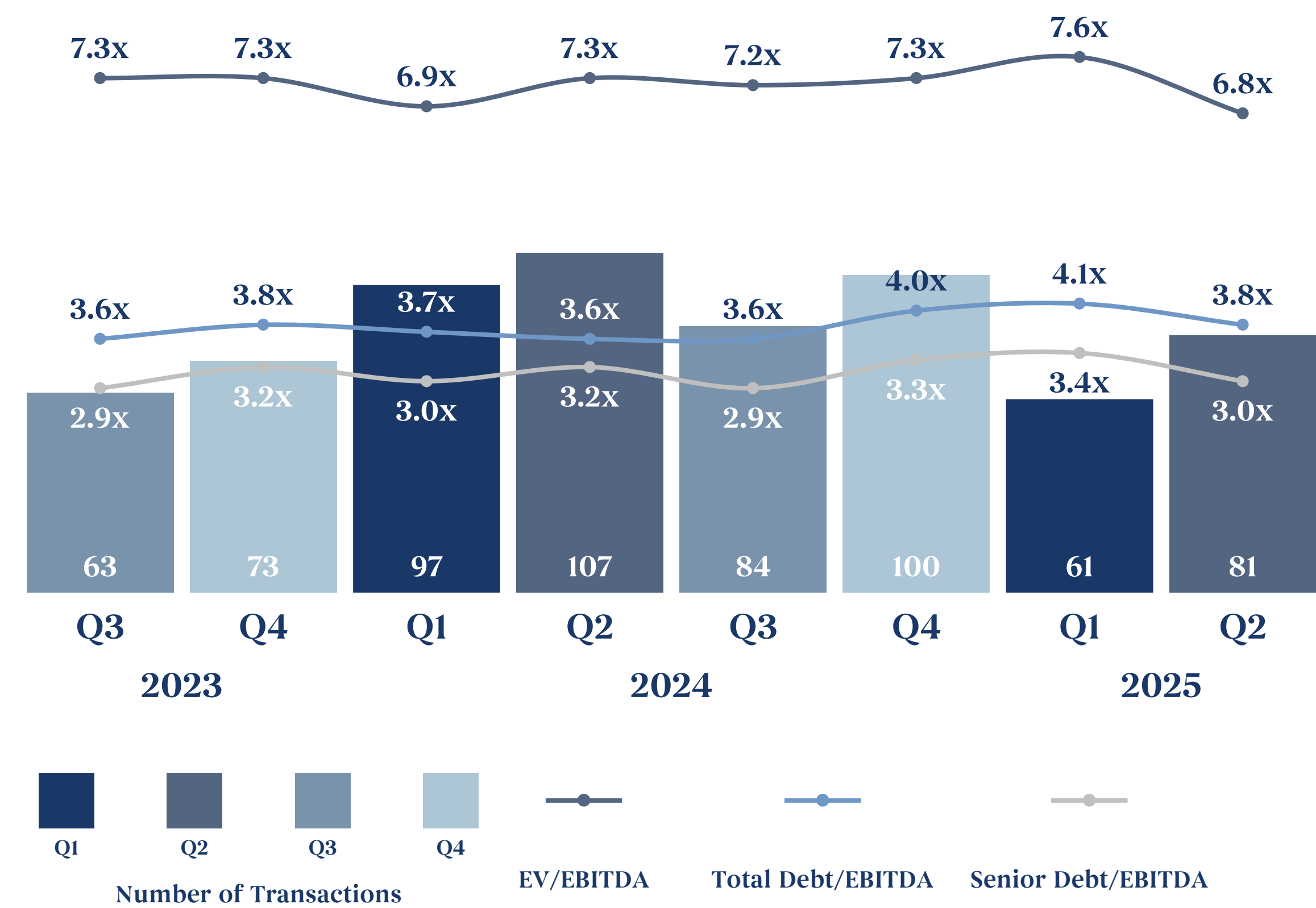
Disclosed Deal Volume and Value of U.S. Transactions
Number of Transactions September YTD '25 by Enterprise Value



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Private Equity: Key Insights on M&A Deal Activity – As of Q2 2025

Private Equity Activity
Quarterly Number of Transactions



Middle-Market M&A: Q2 2025 Highlights a Drop in Deal Volume and Valuations

- According to GF Data, in **Q2 2025**, middle-market private equity firms recorded **81 completed transactions**, indicating an **increase from the previous quarter**, but a **decline from Q2 2024**, periods where 61 and 107 deals were closed, respectively. **Year-to-date**, deal volume has **decreased 30%** in comparison to 2024
- Despite the increase in deal volume, **EV/EBITDA multiples averaged 6.8x**, marking the **lowest level since Q3 2023**. This represents a **decline of 0.8x from the previous quarter**, which had recorded the highest average multiple since Q3 2023
- **Average total debt levels declined 0.3x versus the previous quarter** but remained **0.2x higher compared to Q2 2024**. Similarly, the **average senior debt multiple decreased relative to both Q1 2025 and Q2 2024**, with contractions of 0.4x and 0.2x, respectively
- **Above-Average Financial Performers (AAFP) represented 48.0% of completed buyouts** in the first half of the year, with an **average premium of 5%** paid for these companies. This premium rose from 4% reported in Q1 2025, driven by a **decline in valuations of non-AAFP companies**

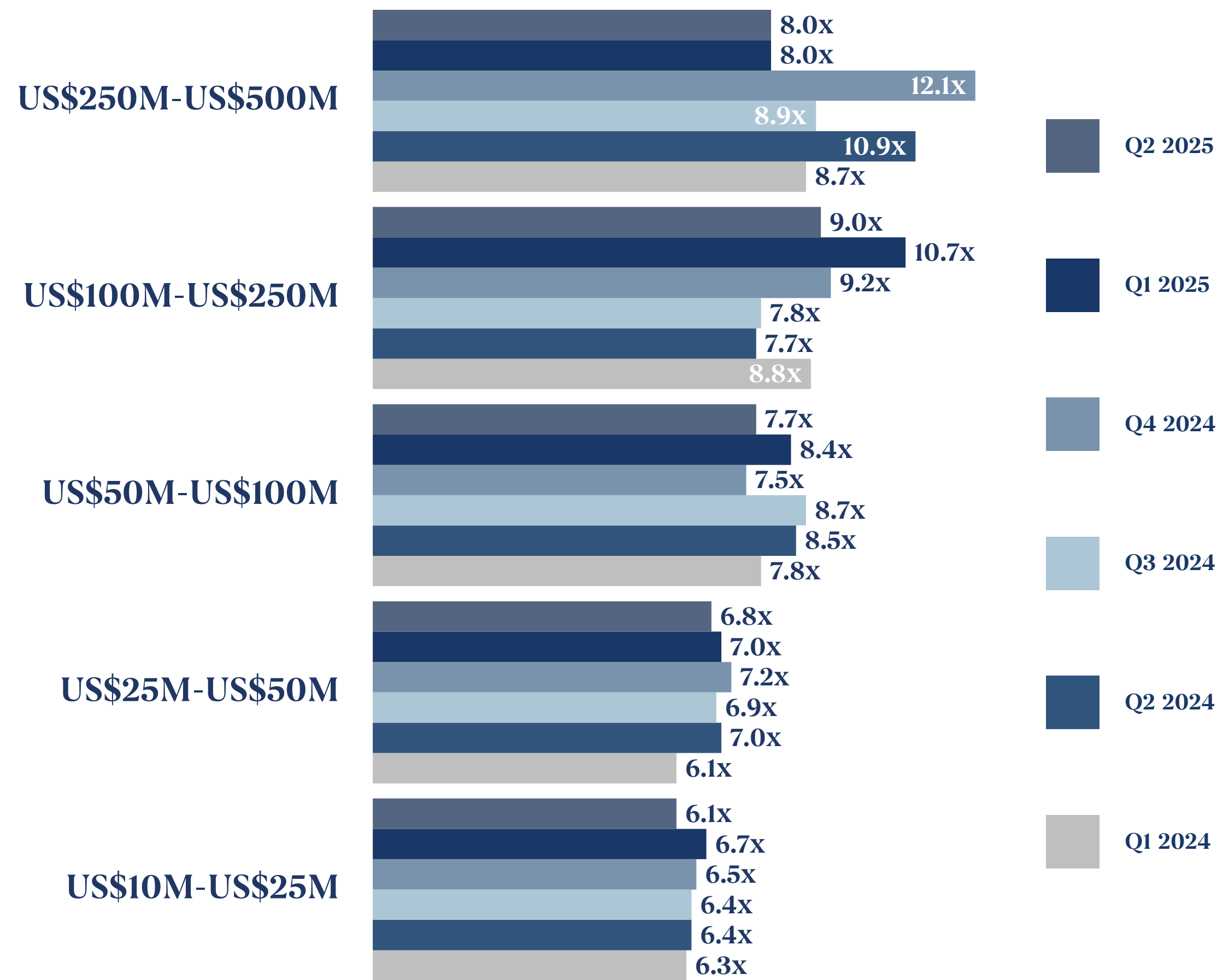
*GF Data defines above-average financial performers as businesses with TTM EBITDA margins and revenue growth rates both above 10%, or one above 12% and the other metric at least 8%. Outliers on the high side are also excluded.

Source: GF Data

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Private Equity: Key Insights on M&A Deal Valuation Trends – As of Q2 2025

Disclosed Valuation Multiples of Private Equity Transactions
EV/EBITDA Multiples by Enterprise Value Range



Shifting Dynamics of M&A and Valuations:

- Valuation multiples remained stable compared to the previous quarter in transactions between US\$250M and US\$500M, while **smaller transactions showed a contraction in their valuations**. Compared to the same period last year, average multiples also declined, except for **transactions between US\$100M and US\$250M, whose average multiple increased by 1.3x**
- Financial sponsors have prioritized **strengthening companies in their existing portfolios**, which explains why **40.0% of activity in the first half of 2025 corresponds to add-on investments**. However, this approach could change if interest rate cuts continue
- In Q2 2025, **add-on buyouts and platforms recorded the same average valuation of 7.2x**, breaking with the previous trend in which add-ons tended to receive higher multiples
- In the first half of 2025, most sectors recorded valuation multiples higher than those of 2024, with **healthcare services and retail showing the largest increases**, of 0.6x and 0.4x, respectively. In contrast, sectors such as **technology and manufacturing showed declines** in their valuations, of 2.1x and 0.5x, respectively

NOTE: All multiples mentioned above represent EV/EBITDA

Source: GF Data

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Representative Sub-US\$2B Transactions During September 2025 (1/2)

Target			Buyer		Seller	Financial Information			
Name	Description	Sector	Name	Country	Name	Size (US\$M)	% Acquired	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
 Paragon	* Provides critical systems, custom equipment, and qualification services to nuclear energy facilities to improve efficiency and manage obsolescence	Industrials	 MIRION	USA		\$585.0	100.0%	18.0x	-
 ACE HOTEL	* Operates hotels that combine local culture, contemporary design, dining, and community-focused experiences	Consumer Discretionary		JPN	-	\$90.0	100.0%	-	-
 WATER engineering inc	* Provides services for optimizing water use and controlling contaminants to manufacturing, municipal, and commercial clients	Industrials	 kemira	FIN	<u>NOLAN CAPITAL, INC.</u>	\$150.0	100.0%	-	-
Hill Top Energy Center	* 620 megawatts natural gas combined cycle plant located in Western Pennsylvania	Energy	 Blackstone	USA	ARDIAN	\$1,000.0	100.0%	-	-
Proficy Software Business	* Provides services to monitor, control, and optimize manufacturing processes using data management, process visualization, and production oversight tools	Information Technology	 TPG CAPITAL	USA		\$600.0	100.0%	-	-
 vimeo	* Provides online video hosting and management services, including tools for uploading, sharing, editing, and analyzing videos	Communication Services	 BENDING SPOONS	USA		\$1,380.0	100.0%	64.3x	2.6x
TOURMALINE	* Manufactures transformative medicines for inflammatory and immunological diseases	Healthcare	 NOVARTIS	CHE	Multiple Sellers	\$1,400.0	100.0%	NM	-
 NOZOMI NETWORKS	* Provides cybersecurity services, including network and endpoint monitoring and AI-driven threat detection, to critical infrastructure operators	Information Technology		JPN	Multiple Sellers	\$883.0	93.0%	-	12.7x
 accessone.	* Provides technology-driven payment and financing solutions, offering patient financing and payment services to hospitals, health systems, and employers	Healthcare	 Phreesia	USA	FRONTIER GROWTH /	\$160.0	100.0%	-	-

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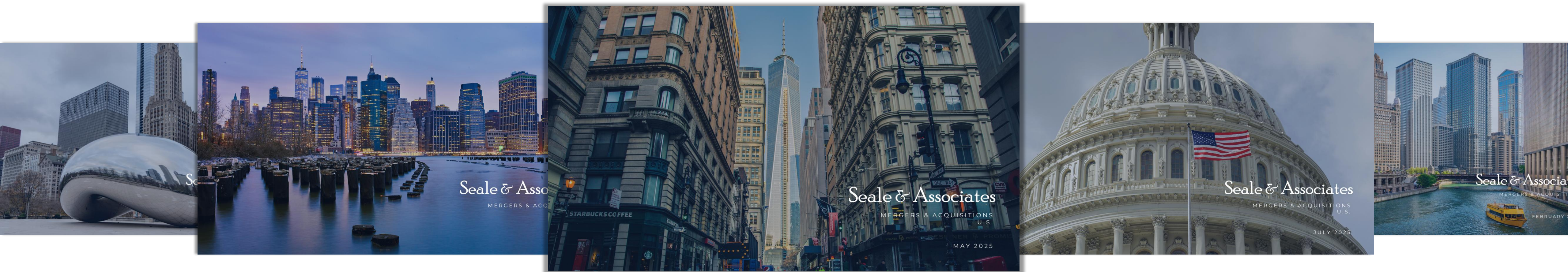
Representative Sub-US\$2B Transactions During September 2025 (2/2)

Target				Buyer		Seller	Financial Information			
Name		Description	Sector	Name	Country	Name	Size (US\$M)	% Acquired	EV/ EBITDA	EV/ Revenue
	*	Provides luxury travel services to consumers, offering hotels, air travel, experiences, car rentals, and travel protection	Consumer Discretionary		IND		\$125.0	100.0%	11.2x	1.1x
	*	Provides virtual specialized healthcare services, offering personalized telemedicine for hair loss, women’s health, and migraines	Healthcare		USA	Multiple Sellers	\$500.0	100.0%	-	-
		Provides advanced research technology services to global market research firms and brands, matching millions of respondents and surveys in real time	Communication Services		SWE	-	\$250.0	100.0%	-	-
	*	Trip Support Services (TSS) division of Universal Weather and Aviation	Consumer Discretionary		USA		\$220.0	100.0%	-	-
		Provides AI-powered email security solutions that detect and block advanced phishing and social engineering attacks	Information Technology		USA	Multiple Sellers	\$150.0	100.0%	-	-
	*	Provides tools for experimentation to help companies ship and optimize features based on data	Information Technology		USA	Multiple Sellers	\$1,100.0	100.0%	-	-

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 has sold  to Daives Baird Pty Ltd a sister company of 	 has acquired 	 has sold  to Code Flower Inc.	 has sold its GRACE Membranes Business  a subsidiary of 	 has sold  and  to 	 has sold a controlling interest to 	 has been acquired by 	 has sold SENSI CARE and ALOE VESTA to 	 has sold their Sanitaryware Manufacturing Plant to 	 has acquired Multiple snack companies   	 has sold  to 
 has sold  to 	 has been acquired by 	 has sold Oxbow Sulphur, Inc. to 	 has been acquired by 	 has sold  to KPAC Holdings, Inc. A private investment group	 Engineers & Constructors has acquired 	 has acquired 	 has acquired 	 has sold  to 	 has sold  to Private Equity Partners	 has been acquired by 
 has sold  to 	 has acquired  KFC Costa Rica from 	 has been acquired by 	 has sold  to 	 has sold the Films Business of  to 	 has been acquired by 	 has sold  to 	 Oxbow's Senior Subordinated debt issued by  was refinanced by 	 has sold  to 	 has acquired  from THE MOORE COMPANY	 sold its concrete pumping business to 

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