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### Private Equity Outlook for 2025

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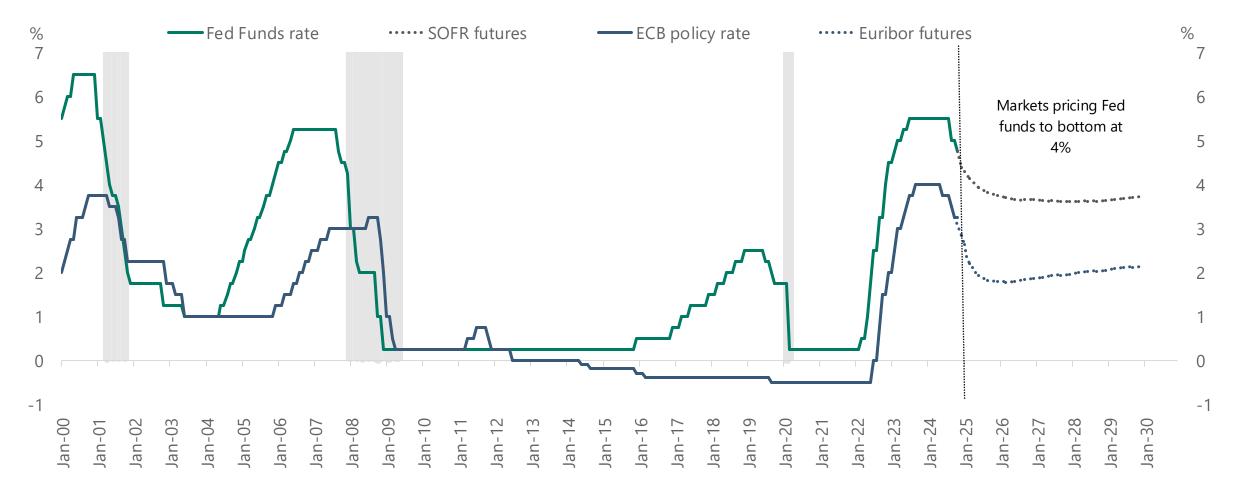


#### Overview

- 1. Lower interest rates could spark a new wave of deals as, on one hand, sponsors seek to deploy capital raised in the past three years and, on the other, managers may be willing to part with existing investments as cheaper borrowing costs may bolster valuations.
- 2. We believe the secondaries market can offer excess return per unit of risk when compared to other private market strategies due to a variety of factors, including a rapidly evolving secondary investment landscape.
- 3. There is plentiful demand for hybrid solutions, including M&A financing and capital for growth, reequitization of over-levered balance sheets, owner and sponsor liquidity solutions, and financing to support public company growth initiatives.

For more discussion, see here: <u>https://www.apolloacademy.com/2025-economic-outlook-firing-on-all-</u> cylinders/

#### Interest rates will remain higher for longer

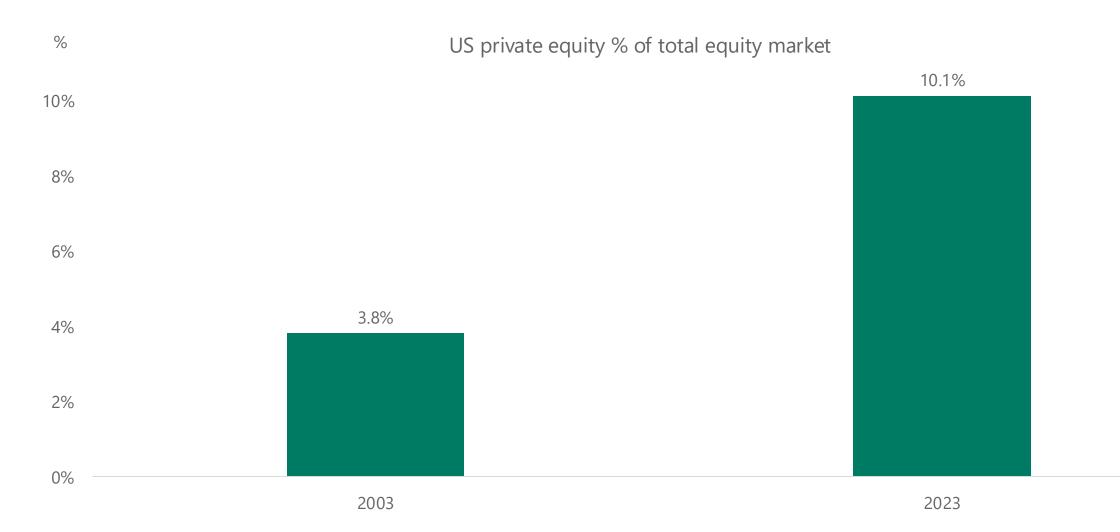


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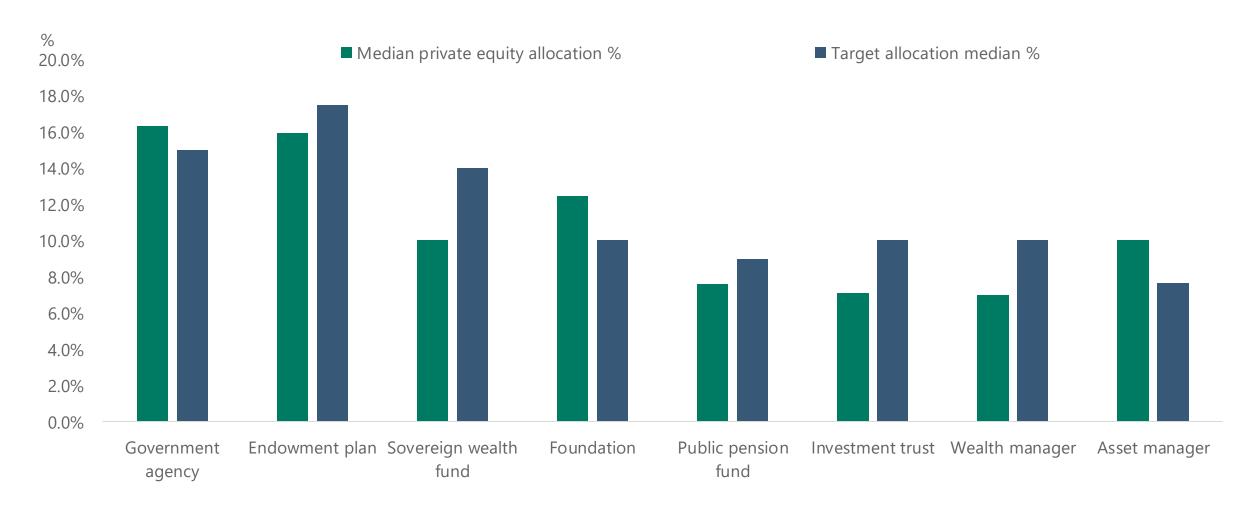
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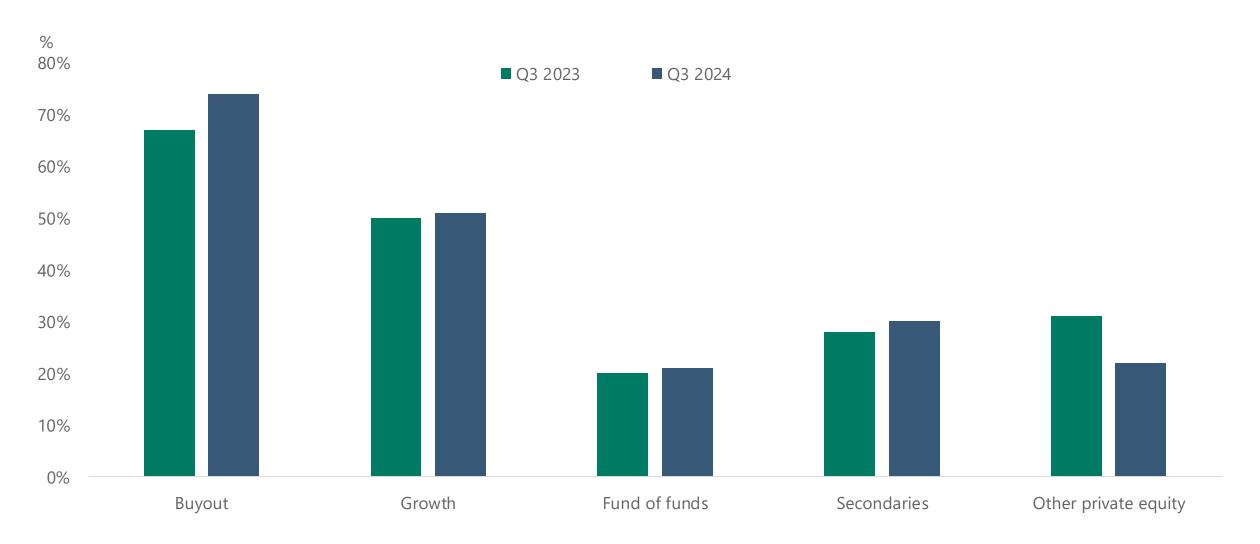
### Private equity as a percentage of the public equity market



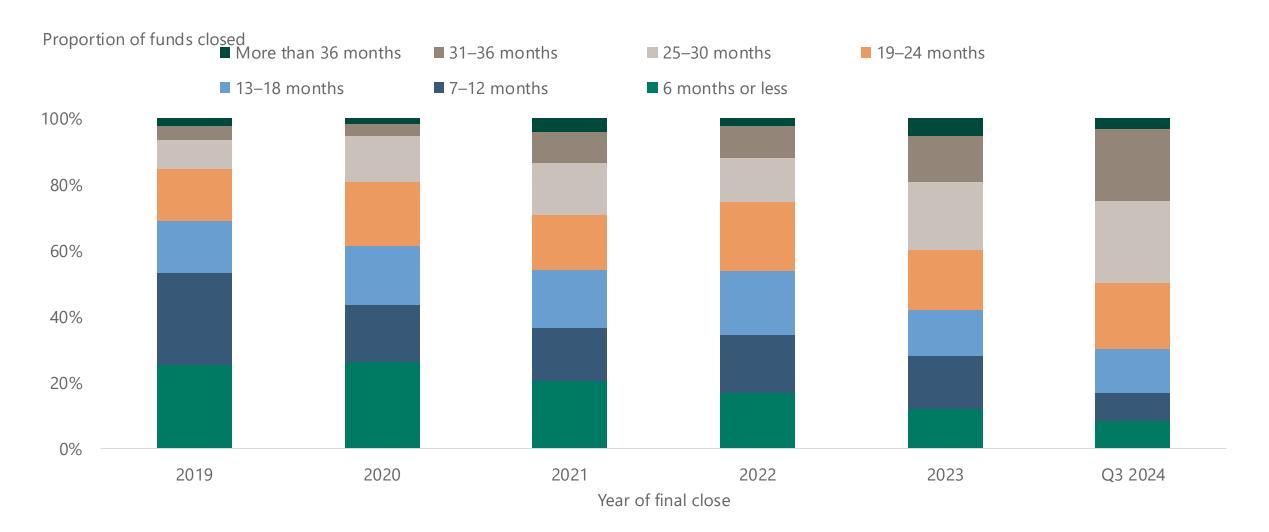
Median current and target private equity allocations by investor type, ranked by aggregate AUM of investors by type, Q3 2024



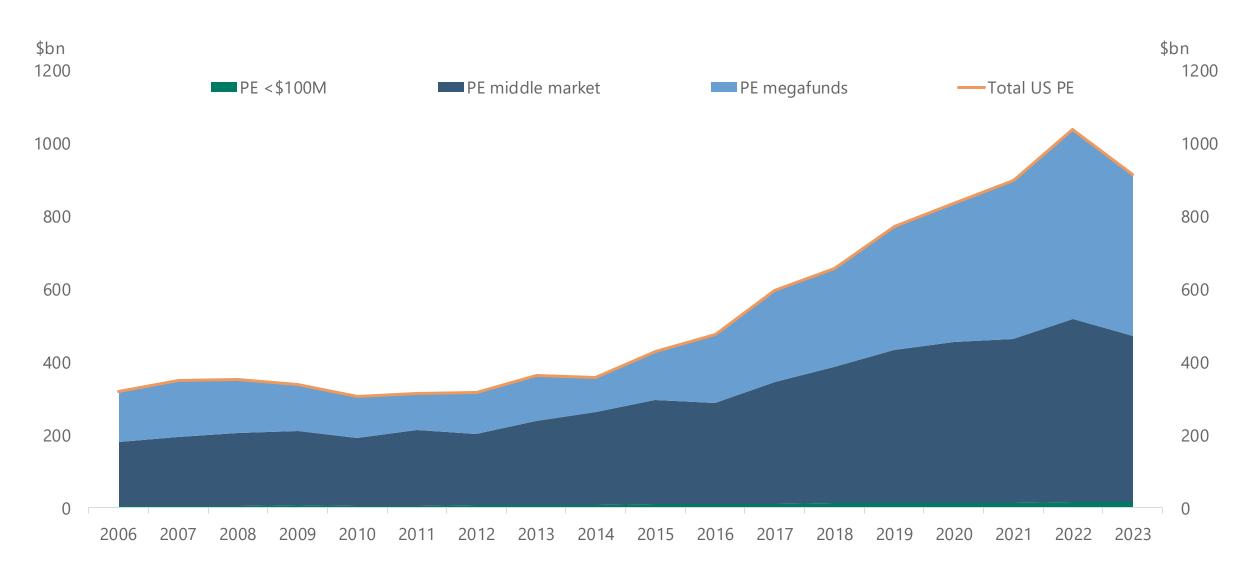
#### Strategies targeted by investors over the next 12 months vs. Q3 2023



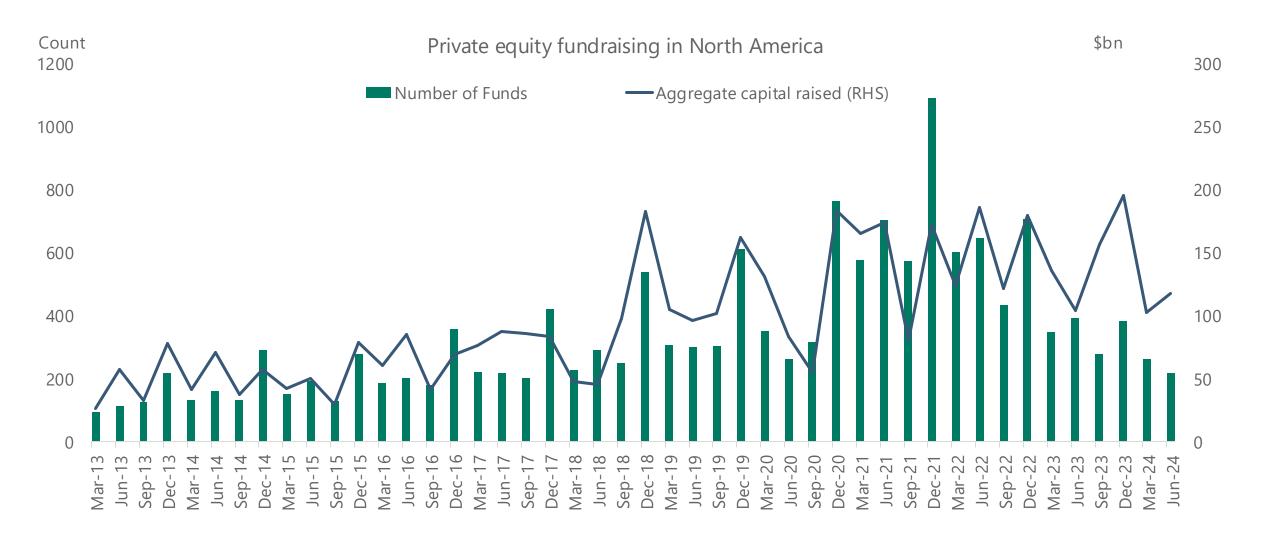
### Private equity funds closed, by time spent in market



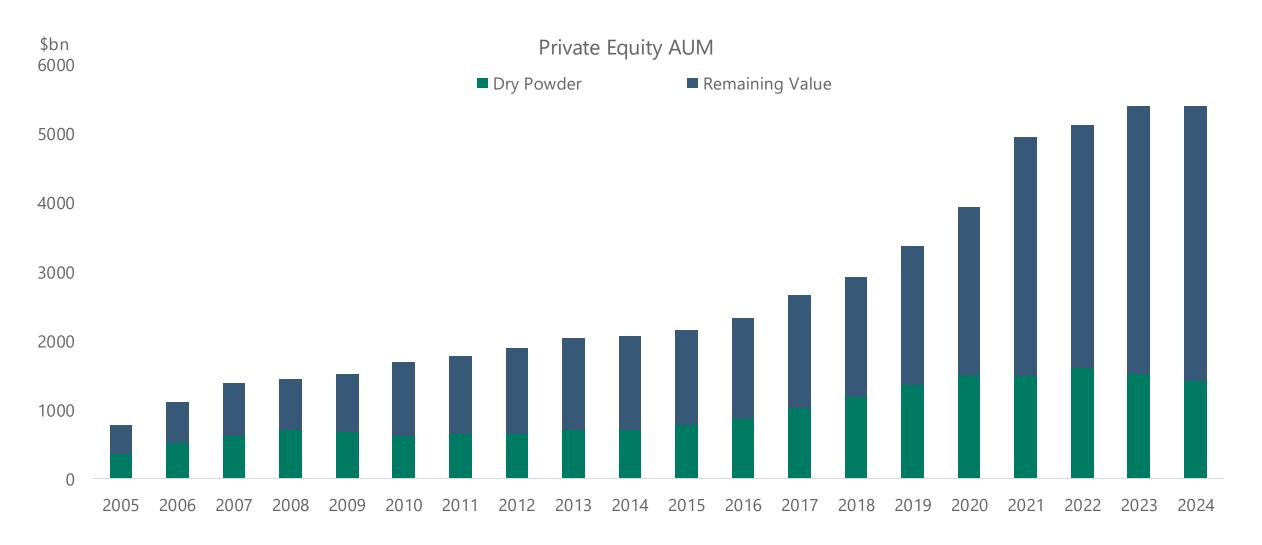
### The composition of PE dry powder



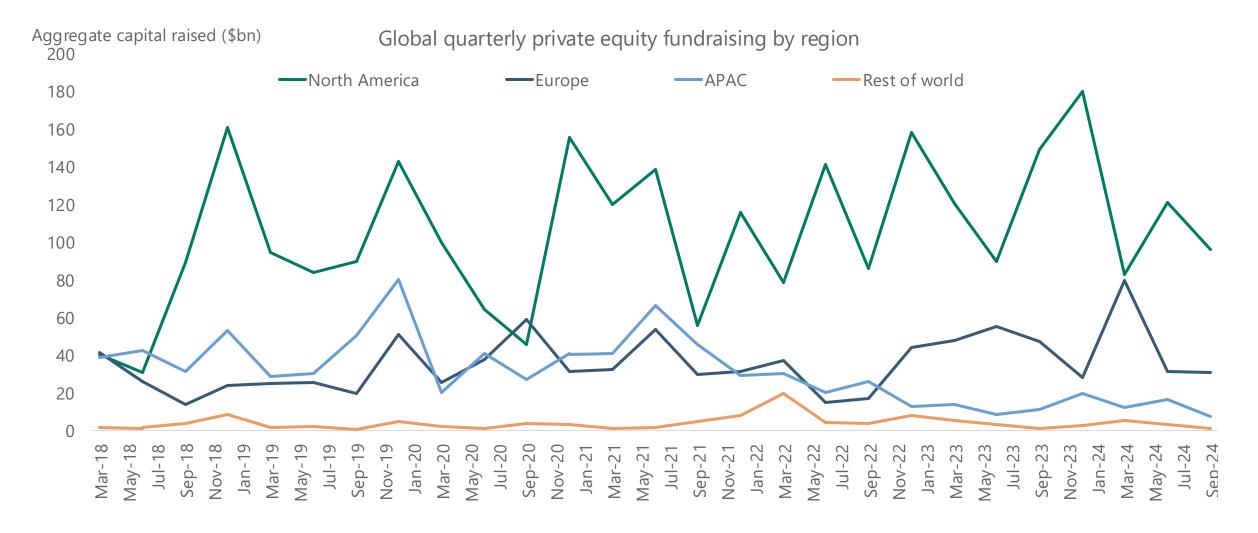
### Private equity fundraising trending lower after the Fed started raising rates in 2022Q1



#### Global private equity AUM is around \$5trn

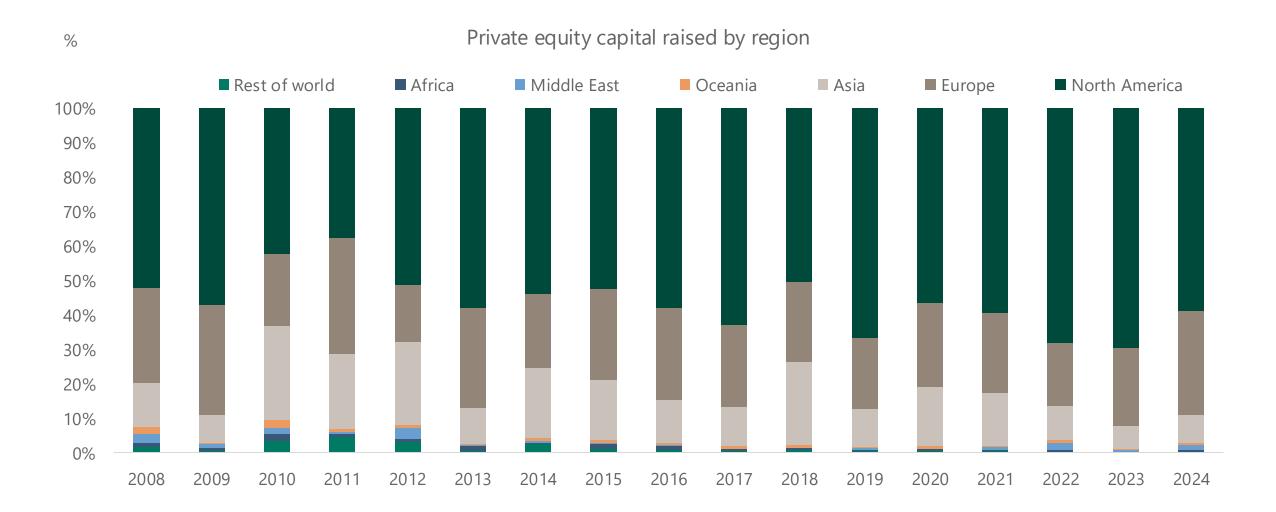


### PE fundraising by region



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### 59% of global private equity capital is raised in North America

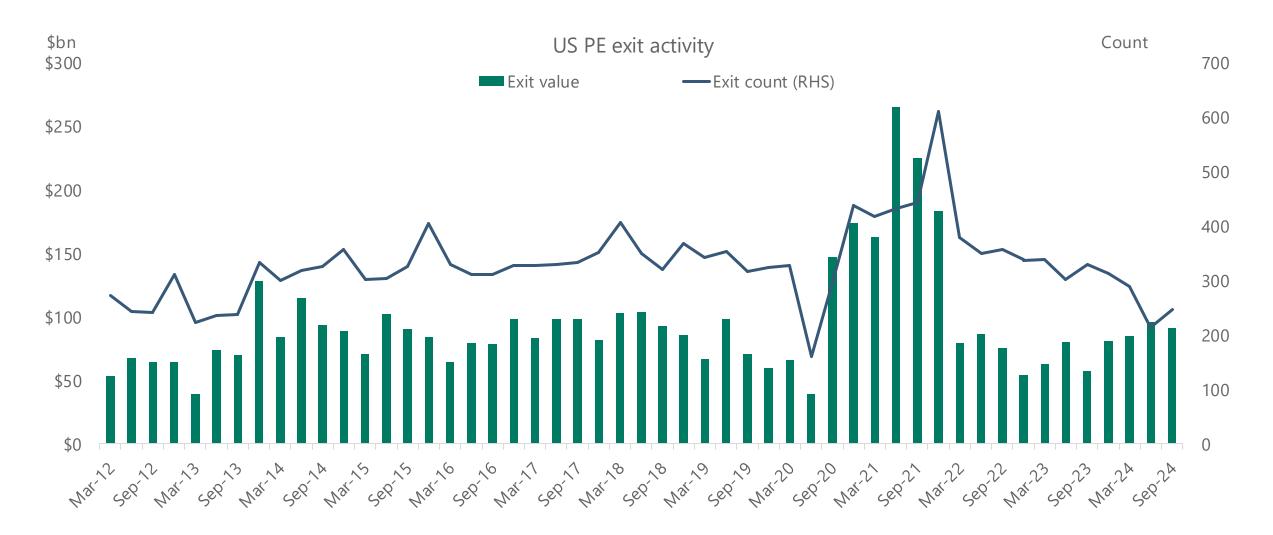


Source: PitchBook, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Data as of 30th September 2024

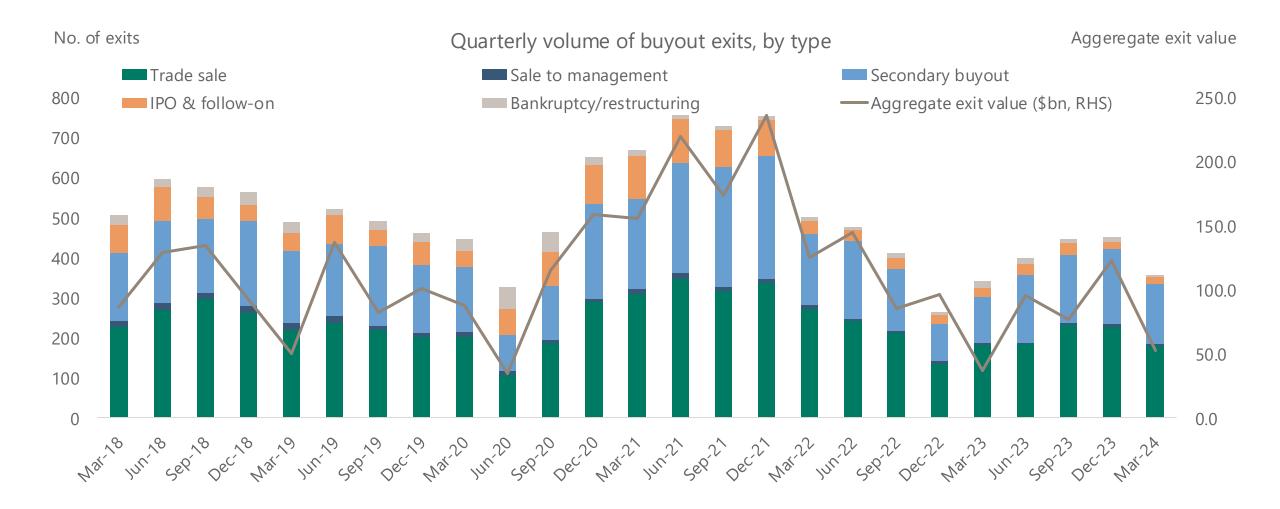
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# Recent PE deal activity

#### PE exit activity falling after the Fed raised rates in 2022Q1

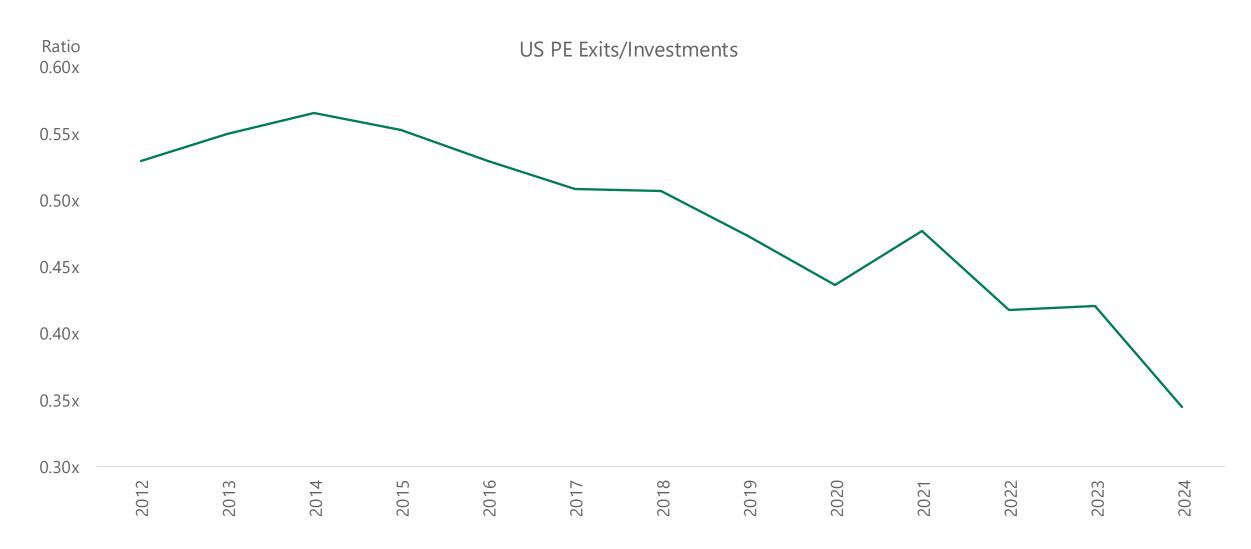


### Quarterly volume of buyout exits, by type

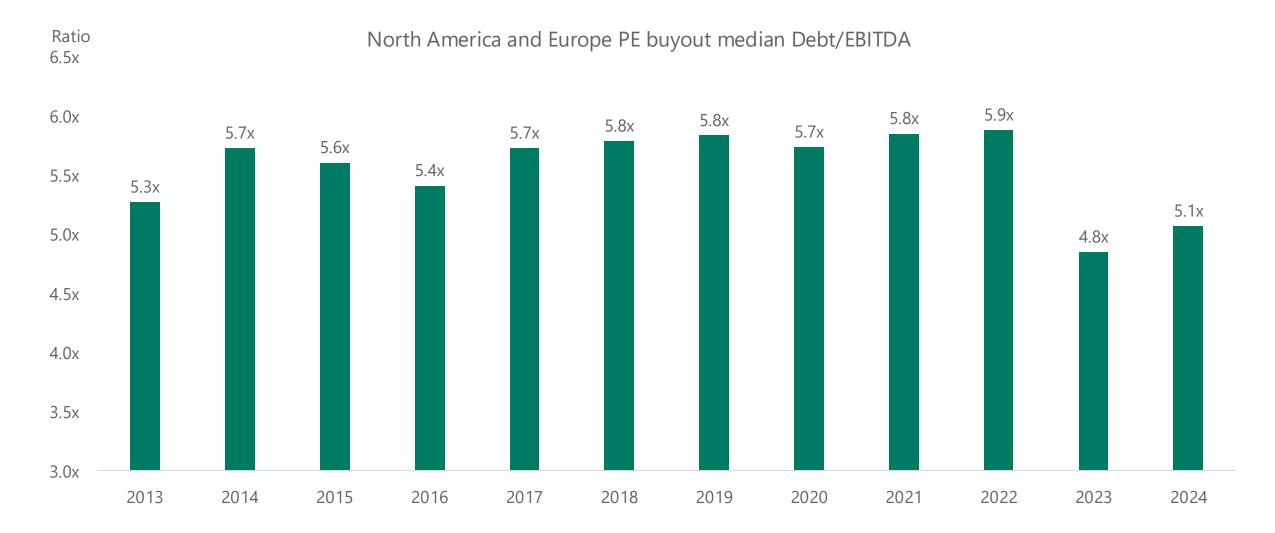


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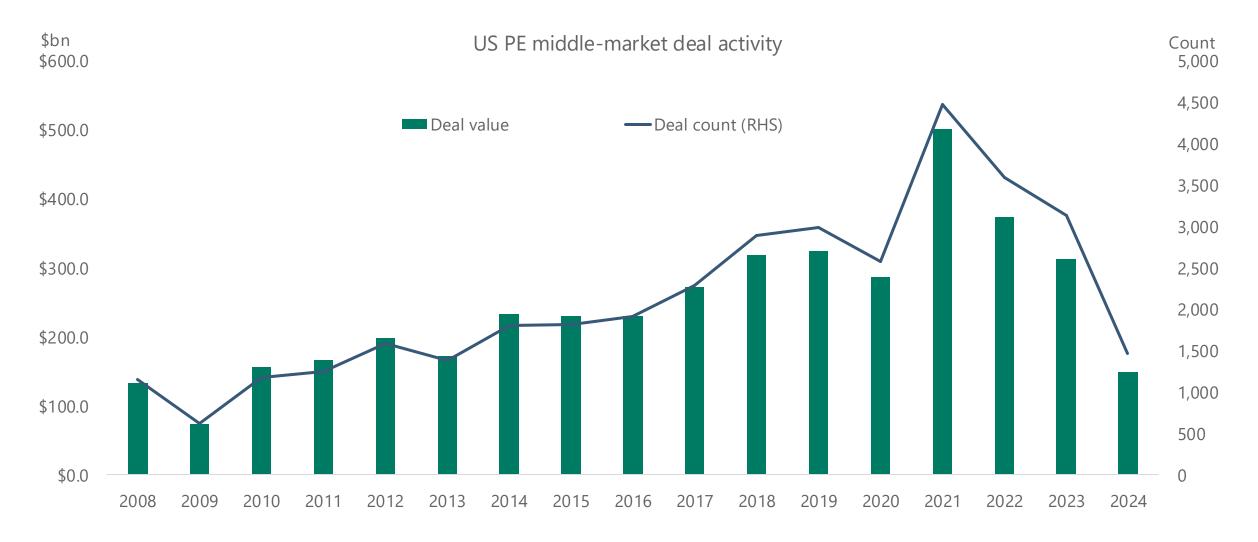
#### The exits-to-investments-ratio is declining



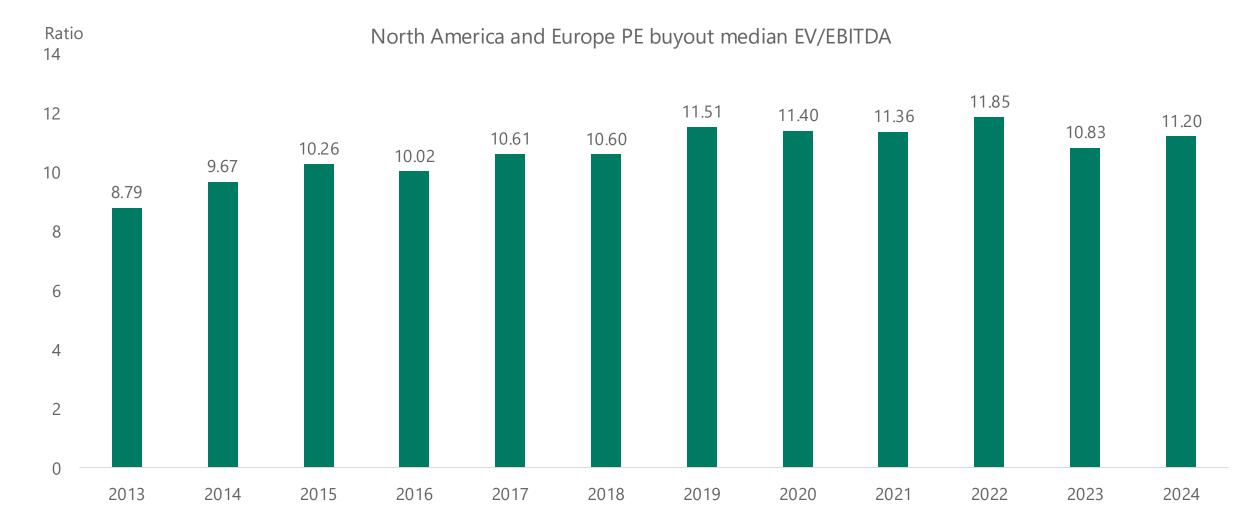
#### Median Debt/EBITDA declined after the Fed started raising rates in 2022



#### US PE middle market deal activity



#### Median North America and Europe PE middle-market EV/EBITDA multiples





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