

# INSIGHT

## CAPITAL MARKETS UPDATE

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# Executive Summary

## Macroeconomic Uncertainty

- Mounting uncertainty is impacting every household and business alike and thrusting global recessionary concerns to the forefront. Current concerns include record high inflation, rising interest rates, geopolitical uncertainty, foreign exchange fluctuations, military conflict, global supply chain shortages, continuing COVID lockdowns, and labor shortages

## Public Market Update

- As investors navigate and price the effects of higher interest rates and macroeconomic uncertainty, US equities have lost nearly all gains captured since the pandemic. The IPO market has largely been eliminated as an exit opportunity for PE firms, and credit markets have also grinded to a halt causing bond yields to spike as investors price in rate hikes and default risk due to a diminishing economic outlook

## Private Market Update

- Largely, private markets have fared better than public markets. The main lifeline supporting private markets is mass amounts of Dry Powder, totaling \$1.2T, in both Private Equity and Credit funds
- Private Credit funds have the capacity to fill the funding gap left by large institutions, lending support to the M&A markets and enabling good deals to close
- Through 1H 2022, Private Equity fundraising remained strong as GPs were closing more funds than ever, faster than ever, and larger than ever. This trend has abated slightly as funding velocity slowed, likely causing several funds to delay closing
- The Year of The Add-On: ~80% of 2022 YTD PE investments have been add-on acquisitions for existing platforms. These deals are easier to finance and integrate, and better received by investment committees and lenders. The average deal size for an add-on is ~\$300M, increasing demand for middle market companies

## Healthcare Well Positioned

- Investors view Healthcare as noncyclical and recession resilient, resulting in YTD outperformance. Particularly, Pharma Services have maintained their value throughout 2022, currently sitting ~39% above the S&P 500
- With M&A volumes down broadly, Healthcare deals are still coming to market and closing at near record multiples. For the first time since 2007, Healthcare transactions have made up the largest percentage of total M&A deal value, totaling \$56B (or ~30%), while only accounting for 13% of the total number of M&A deals, through Q3 2022
- Healthy Pharma balance sheets will enable existing tailwinds with an estimated \$300B of dry capital earmarked for dealmaking within the next 18 months

# Macroeconomic Uncertainty



# Global Economic Landscape



## Geopolitics

- National governments are conducting a high-stakes balancing act; juggling record inflation, diminishing economic outlook, currency devaluation, soaring energy prices, escalating military conflict, changing of top officials, and more



## Supply Chain Shortages

- The global economy is still dealing with hangover effects of COVID-19 lockdowns, as global trade is still yet to equilibrate. Added effects of labor strikes/disputes (US Railways, French oil refineries, etc.), climate effects (Mississippi river levels), commodity shortages, and price fluctuations make for a challenging business environment



## War in Ukraine

- Russia's invasion of Ukraine has had global implications which were exacerbated by the largely failed economic sanctions
- The War has persisted much longer than expected and has triggered a global energy and grain crisis, as other countries rely heavily on Russian and Ukrainian exports



## Inflation

- Closely related to the prior two topics, inflation has become a daily talking point throughout households, offices, and social groups around the world
- At the highest level in 4 decades, inflation concerns are a key driver of equity and credit markets, and even though there are signs of cooling, we still have a long way to go



## Recession?

- The culmination of these issues has raised much concern about whether we're headed for a recession, while the GDP-based definition indicates we were in one prior to October's reading
- Notable themes to keep an eye on moving forward as it relates to recessions include the Fed's upcoming rate hikes, quarterly GDP, corporate earnings, and the debt markets

# US CPI Headline Inflation

Since early 2021, U.S. inflation has surged topping 9.1% in June. This is largely the aftermath of loose monetary policy and mass stimulus injected by governments to support markets during the pandemic.

The FED's annual inflation target is ~2%. The US hasn't seen this level of inflation since the 1980s

The driving force of inflation is a culmination of **supply shortages** stemming from global lockdowns, war, trade tariffs, and more; all while **loose monetary policy and free flowing fiscal policy** bolstered corporate balance sheets and consumer checking accounts, **increasing demand**

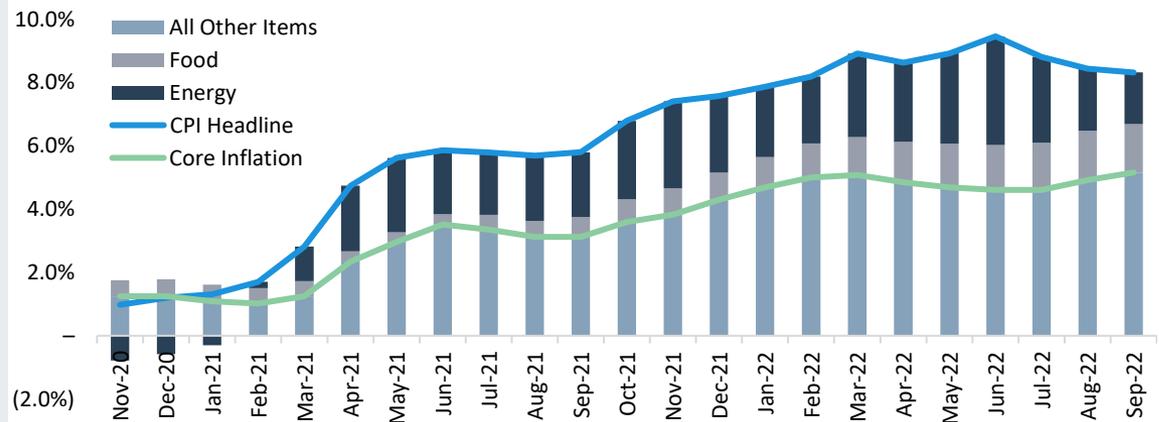
Over the course of 2020 & 2021, the **US Government injected \$5.8T of stimulus in the economy**

Energy and Food has been a large contributor of inflation, but **core inflation still sits at 5.2%** as of September's report

### CPI Headline Inflation (2000 – YTD)



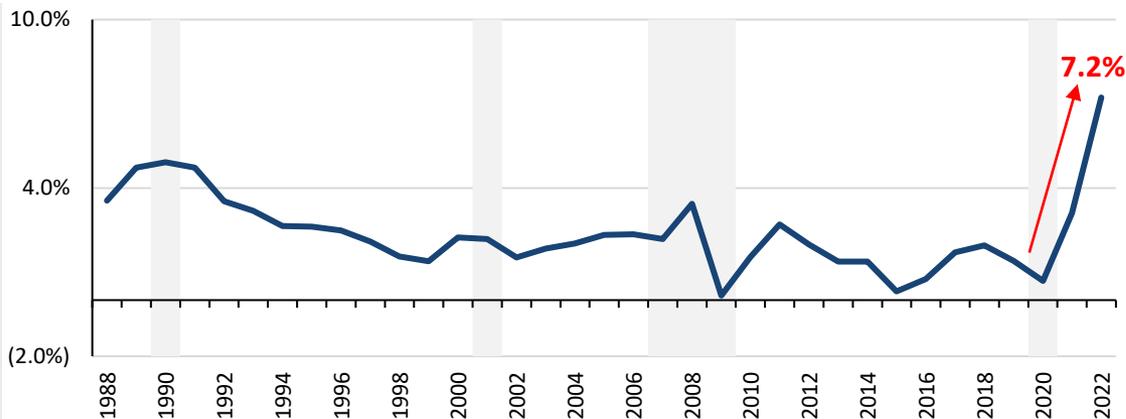
### Consumer Price Index – Inflation by Category (2020 – YTD)



# Global Inflation

Inflation isn't just confined to the US, as prices across the globe have surged 7.2% on average. During the pandemic, Governments around the world deployed similar methods as the US – mass fiscal stimulus.

### Global Inflation – Average Consumer Prices (1998 – YTD)

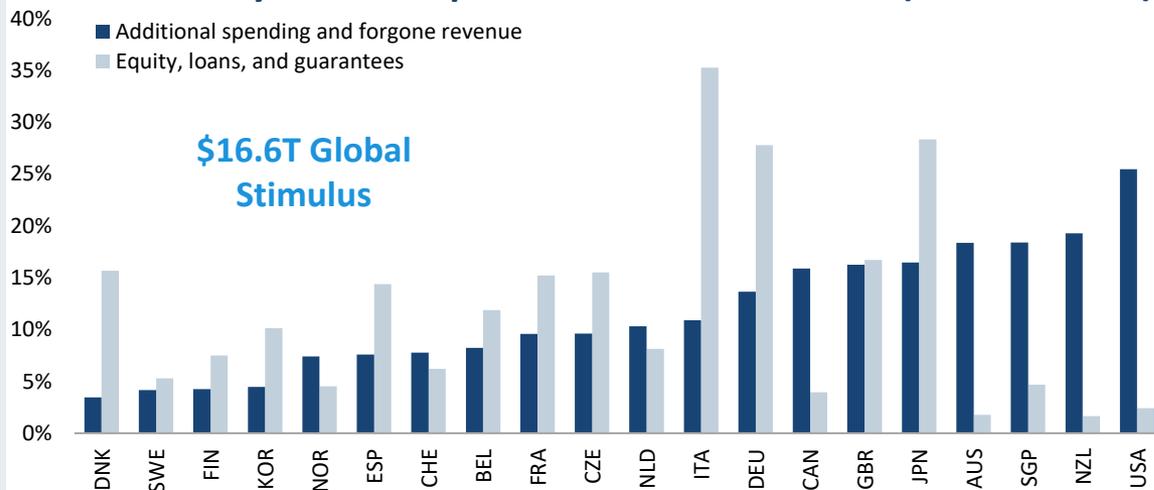


Though none as drastic as the US, total **Discretionary Fiscal spending in response to COVID-19 totaled \$16.6T USD globally**

Advanced economies (shown in figure bottom-right) accounted for 84% of total Global stimulus, 35% of which was the US's \$5.8T. This was deployed in the form of direct spending/forgone revenue (**decreasing Gov. assets**) and liquidity support through bailouts/market intervention (**increasing Gov. liabilities**)

The US and other countries with strong currencies had the ability to increase spending, while weaker nations were forced to provide guarantees

### Discretionary Fiscal Response to COVID-19 Crisis (% of '20 GDP)



# Global Inflation - continued

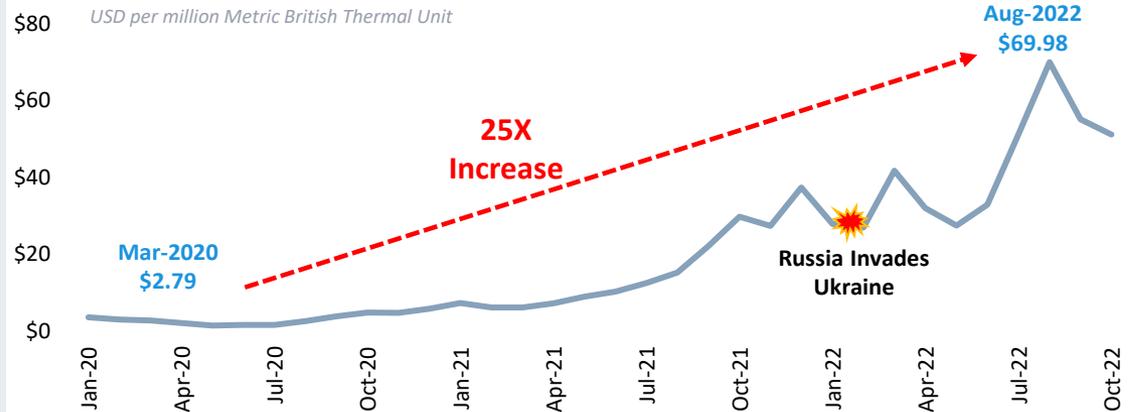
European nations and others reliant on Ukrainian and Russian exports have suffered the most since the escalation of Russo-Ukrainian War.

Global inflation was further exacerbated when **sanctions aimed to weaken Russia had unintended consequences** as Russia weaponized energy against EU nations

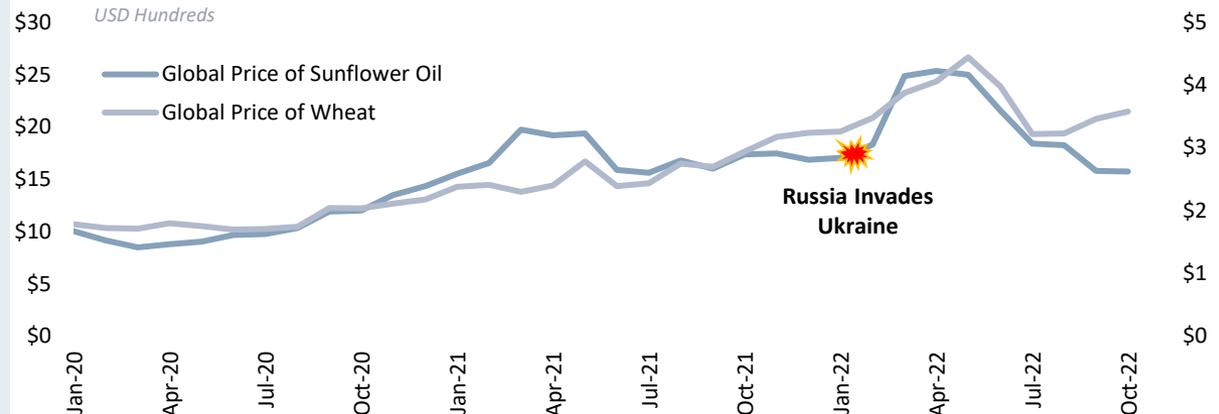
EU nations are heavily reliant on Russian energy supply. Natural Gas prices multiplied **25x since COVID-19 lockdowns** to a peak in August. Prices have since declined 27% from this high, yet prices are still forcing nations, businesses, and households to curtail utilization

Additionally, low-income African countries have suffered dramatic food shortages. **Ukraine and Russia account for 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the world's wheat and barley production**, and 75% of sunflower oil supply

## European Natural Gas Prices (2020 – YTD)



## Key Agricultural Commodity Prices (2020 – YTD)



# FED Interest Rate Intervention

In response, The Fed is raising rates at the fastest pace in 40 years with a primary goal of taming inflation, but at risk of pushing the economy into a recession.

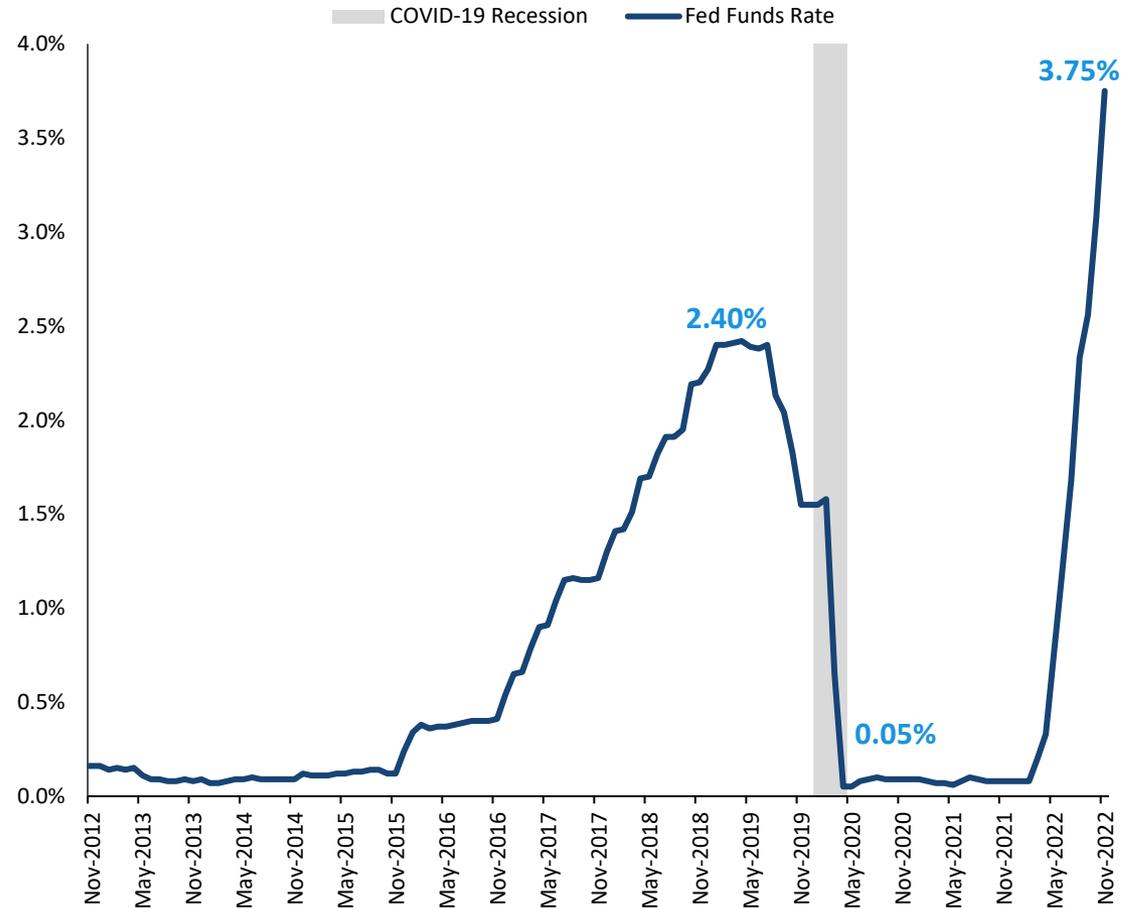
After **6 rate hikes**, the Federal Funds Rate sits at 3.75% as of November's FOMC meeting

The FED clarified it aims to start cutting rates upon seeing "compelling evidence" of inflation falling toward 2%, implying rate hikes could end meaningfully before that

Markets predict the pace of hikes to slow to 50bps, even as the Chairman still seems adamant on stamping out inflation, despite the **increasing likelihood of pushing the economy into a recession**

As a result of these hikes, the average **30-year mortgage rate reached 7.1%**

## Federal Funds Rate (2020 – YTD)



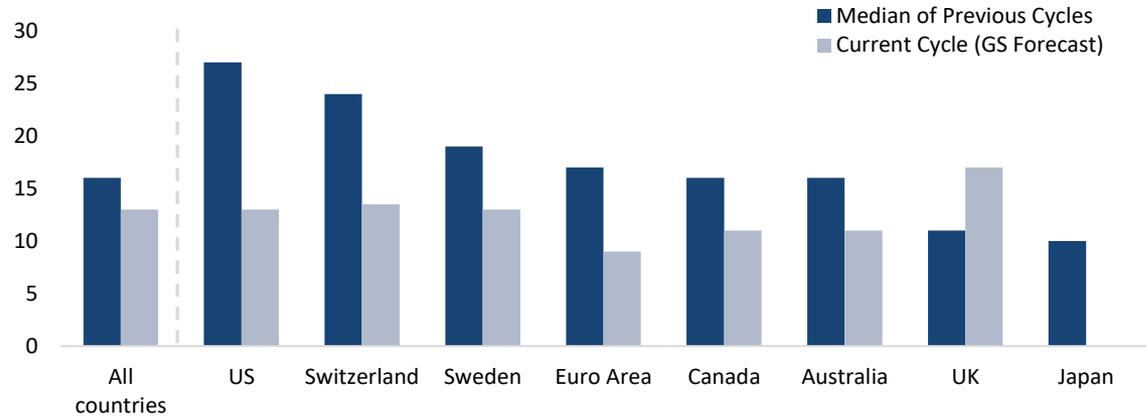
# Global Interest Rate Intervention

Other G10 Nations are also raising rates alongside the US. This poses the question that many investors are grappling with – how much longer will the rate hiking cycle continue and when will central banks start to cut rates?

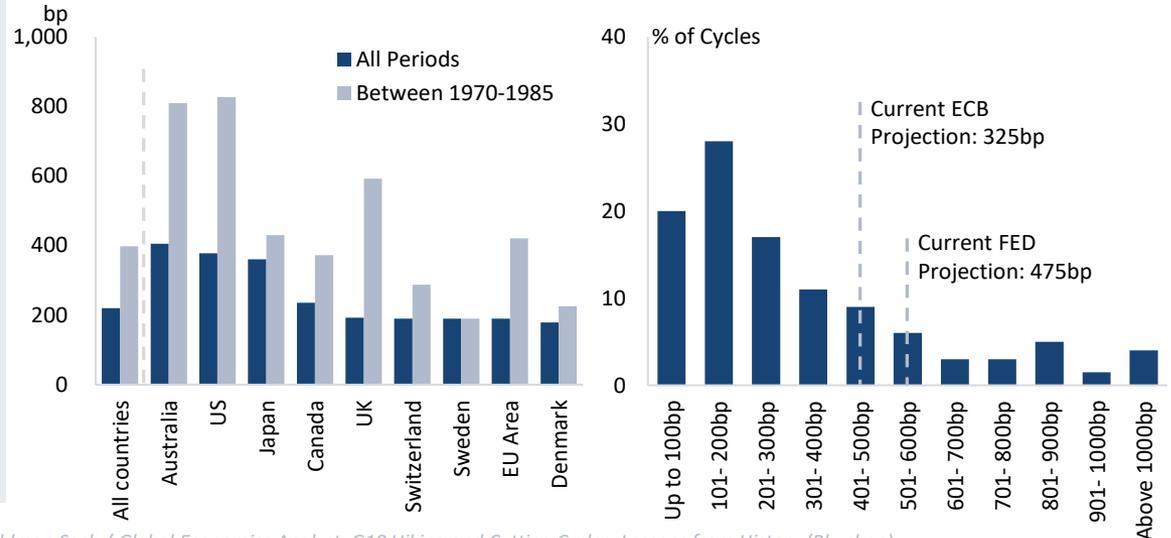
According to a Goldman Sachs report that analyzed 85 prior hiking and subsequent easing cycles from 1960 – 2019 across G10 economies...

1. G10 hiking cycles lasted just over 15 months on average, and 70% of historical cycles lasted longer than a year
2. Central banks tend to stop hiking when year-over-year inflation is still relatively close to its peak without necessarily having fallen significantly
3. Rates increased by 200bp in the median G10 hiking cycle, and by only 400bp in the 1970s. And 75% of hiking cycles featured a pause
4. Large rate cuts tend to come soon after the hiking cycle ends

## Length of Hiking Cycles Across Countries



## Increase in Policy Rate Over the Cycle



# Strengthening US Dollar

As rates rise, US federal debt and currency investments look more attractive, causing the U.S. Dollar to surge in value, and increasing concerns over its negative impact on foreign economies.

As the USD strengthens, other currencies lose buying power, furthering the energy crisis, inflation, debt burden, and ultimately leading to a global economic crisis if left unchecked

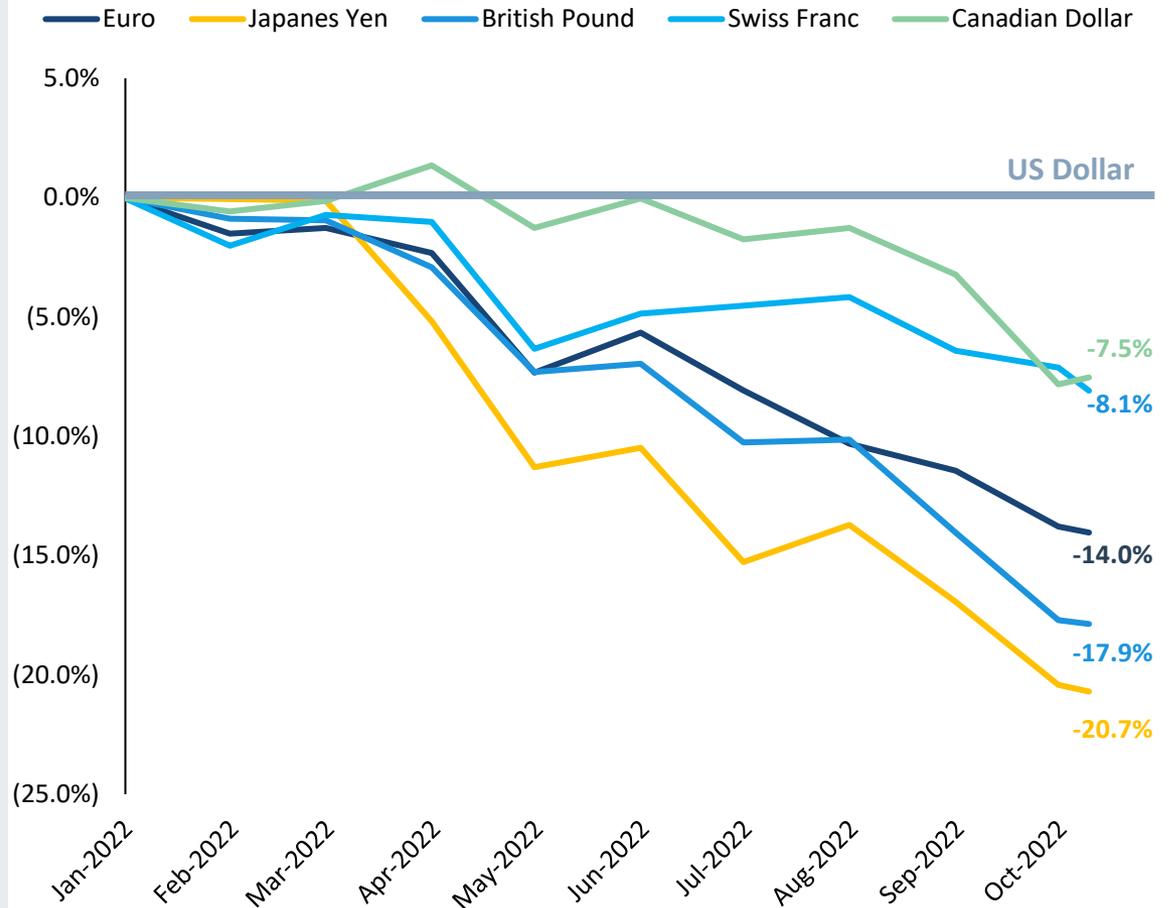
## Why this is important?

The US dollar lubricates the global economy as the global reserve currency. Meaning the **cost of doing business has increased 20x** for many nations and businesses!

## Global Trade by the Numbers

- 80%** of global trade is settled in USD
- 60%** of foreign debt is denoted in USD
- 100%** of oil is settled in USD

Major Currencies vs. USD (YTD\*)



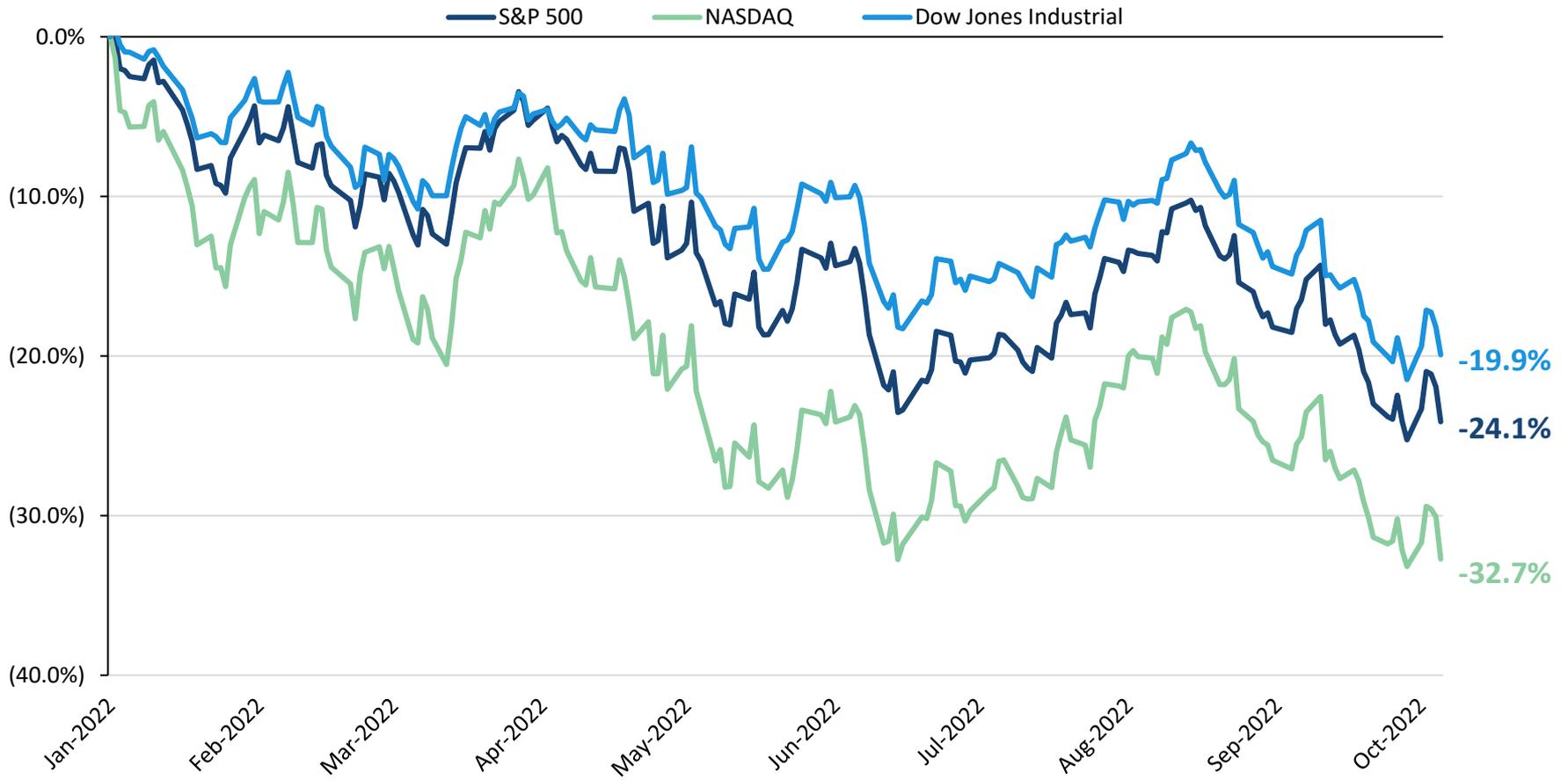
# Public Markets



# Major Indices Sell-Off

All major indices have posted substantial declines in 2022 as investors navigate and price the effects of higher interest rates and macroeconomic uncertainty. After a pandemic boom that resulted in record highs, US equities have declined to near pre-pandemic levels, forfeiting nearly all 2020 & 2021 gains.

## US Equities Shed ~20-35% of Value YTD\*



# The IPO Window has Shut

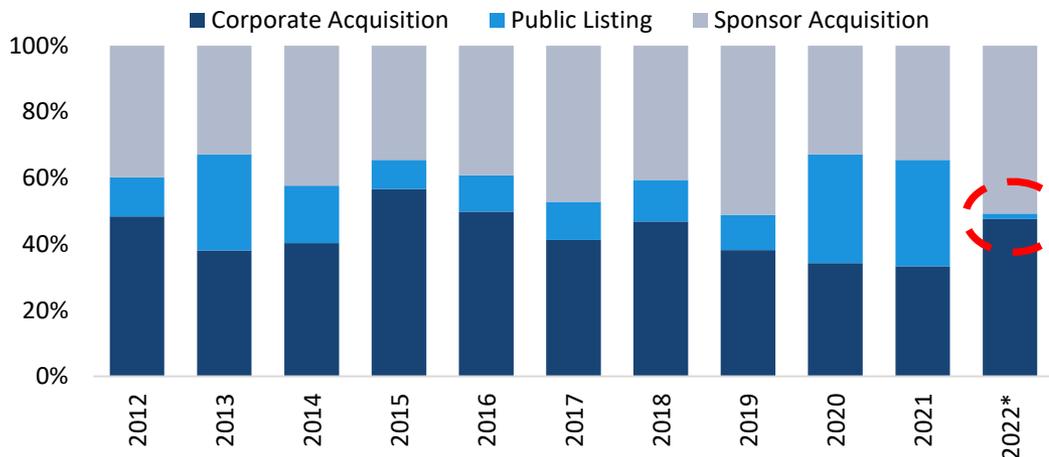
Very few companies have IPO'd in 2022 compared with the prior two years. Biotech IPO's have seemingly come to a halt with deal count and deal value settling at or below pre-COVID levels

### Biotech IPO Count and Deal Value (2010 – YTD)



Through Q3 2022, PE-backed IPOs as a % of PE Exits reached their lowest level ever, making up just 1.6%, while Sponsor-to-Sponsor transactions gained steam, making up half of PE Exits

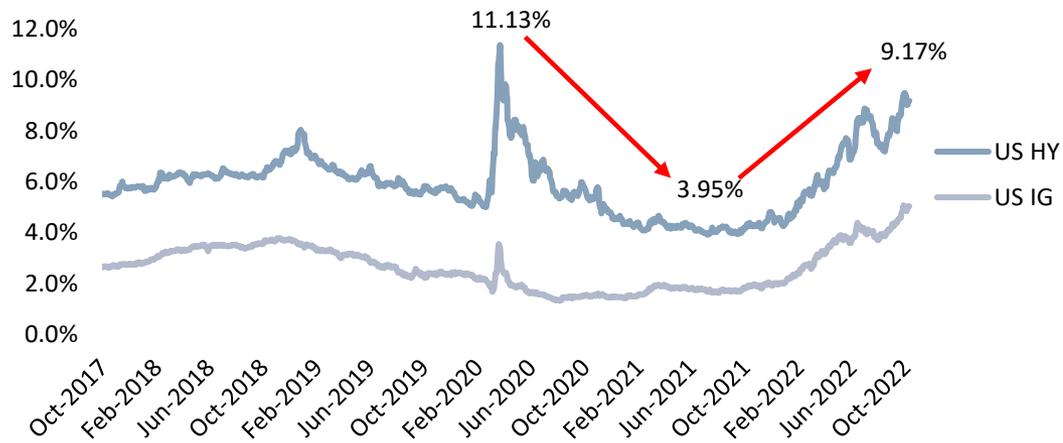
### PE Exits by Type – Total Dollar Amount (2012 – YTD)



# Credit Market Volatility & Tightening

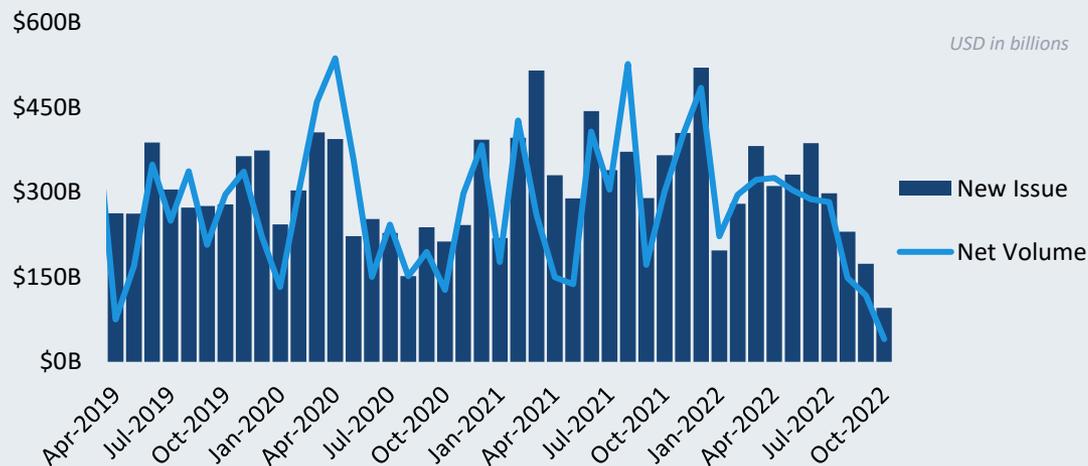
## Bond yields have jumped as investors price in rate hikes...

Market uncertainty is most evident by the **whiplash effect seen in US High Yield** bonds, largely due to higher interest rates and the increased likelihood of defaults during an economic downturn



## ...and lenders have dramatically slowed New Loan Issuance

Lenders are incedingly more hesitant to issue new loans, leading to **tighter pricing, more OID fees, and the overall decline in volumes**





# Private Markets



# Private Credit to The Rescue

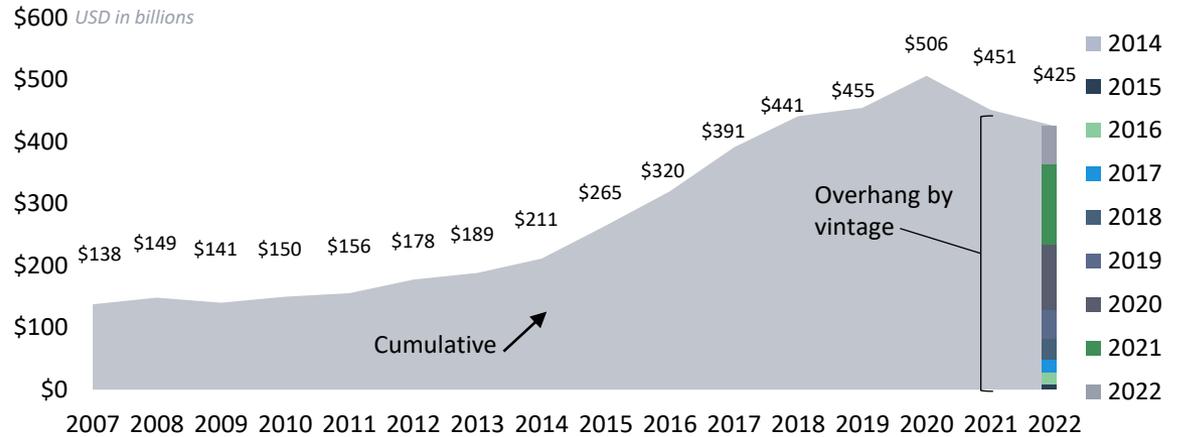
## Private Credit funds have substantial dry power to deploy...

Globally, Private Credit funds have the willingness and capacity to step up and fill the large funding gap left by institutions. The direct lending market alone has **nearly \$169B of dry powder**, providing a base of capital which should continue to support M&A activity

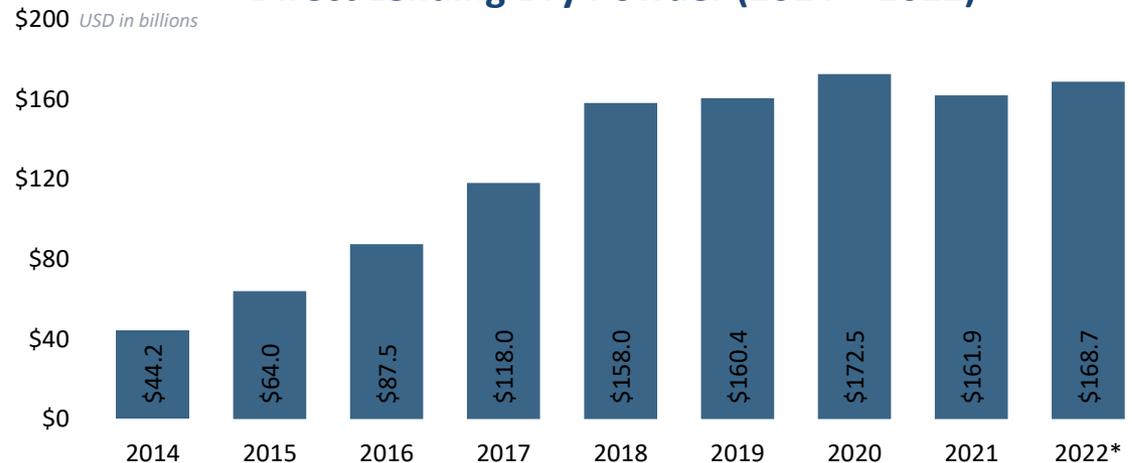
## ...and an increased likelihood to lend

Direct lenders have remained active and for the first time on record, **3Q direct lending outpaced syndications**

### Private Credit Dry Powder (2007 – 2022)



### Direct Lending Dry Powder (2014 – 2022)



# Private Equity Deal Volumes

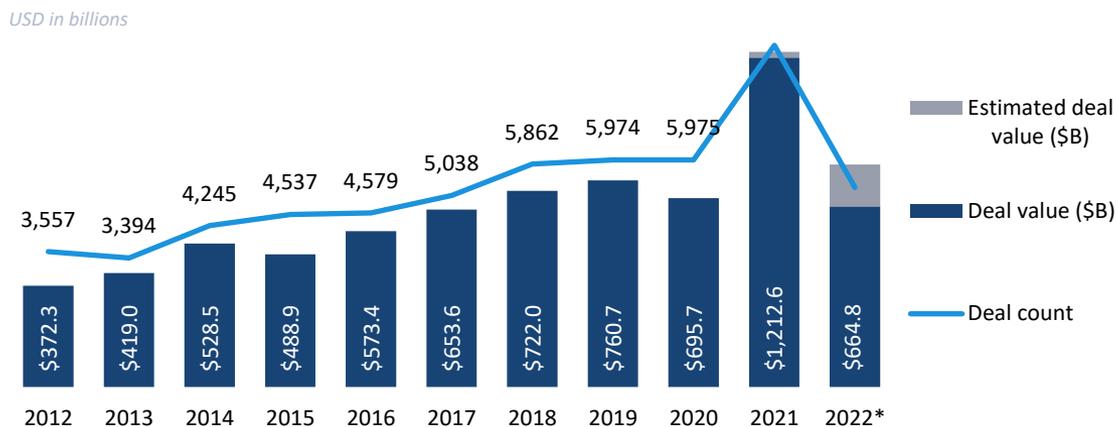
**YTD 2022 US PE Deal Volumes have declined from a record 2021...**

Q3 reports showed the **third consecutive decline** for both total deal volumes and value, yet annualized data indicates **volumes and deal value are on par/above 2019 levels**, a fairer comparison

**...but Median PE Transaction Multiples remain historically elevated**

Publicly available transaction multiples are difficult to source, yet data indicates Q3 buyout multiples are only slightly off record highs, indicating **good deals are still getting done at historically high valuations**

**US Total PE Deals (2012 - 2022)**



**Global PE Transaction Multiples (2012 - 2022)**



# Private Equity Exits

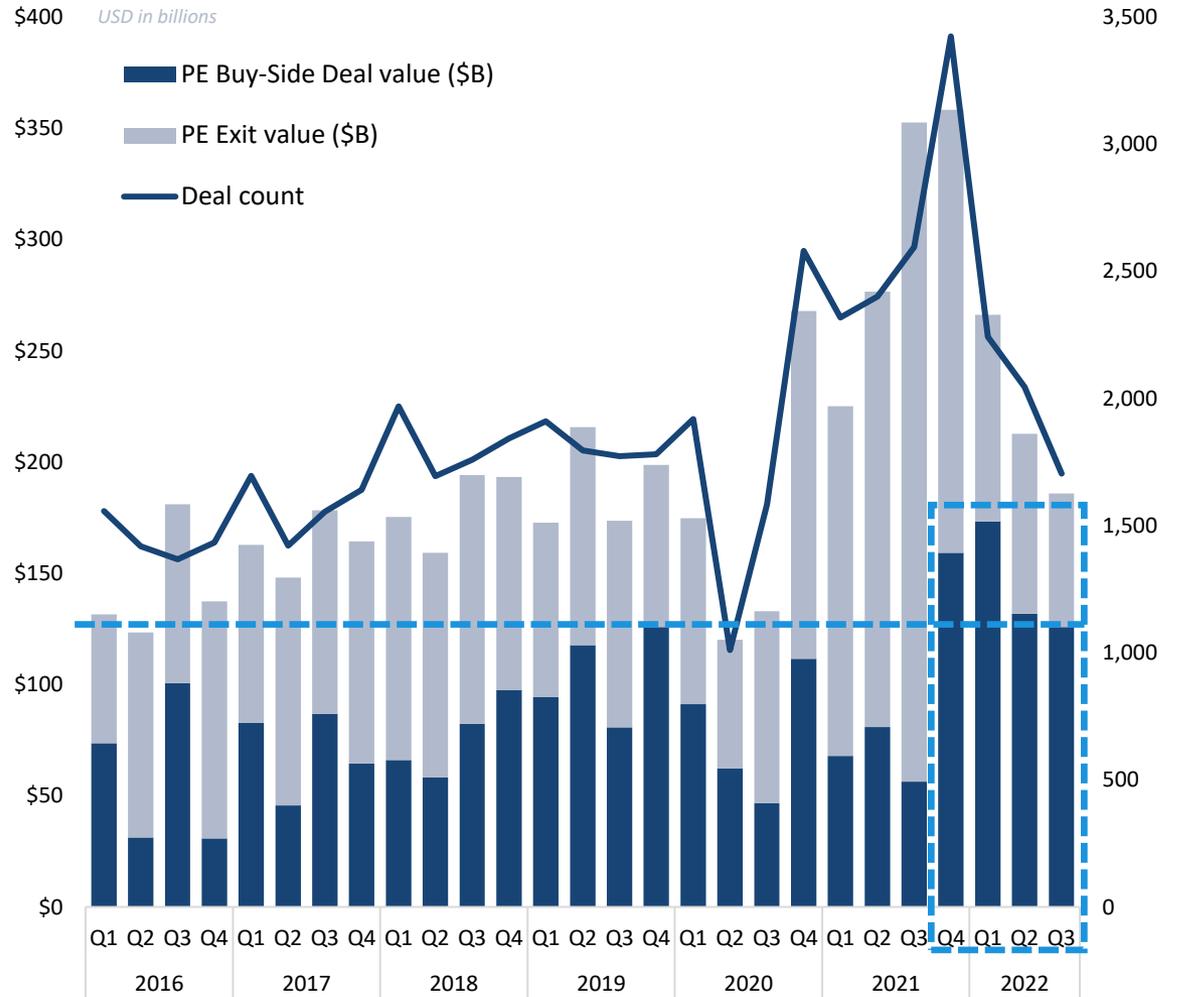
**YTD 2022 US PE Exit Values have declined significantly, disproportionate to total deal values...**

**Q3 Exit values decline 80% from YoY Q3 2021, while PE buy-side deal values increase 126% YoY**

**...as PE Buy-Side Deal Value is still at record highs**

This divergence between buy-side deals and sell-side exits shows **Investors are still cautiously deploying capital** despite the lack of exits opportunities. A large contribution of suppressed exits is the nonexistent IPO market

**Total US PE Deals (2016 – 2022)**



# Private Equity Investments-to-Exit Ratio

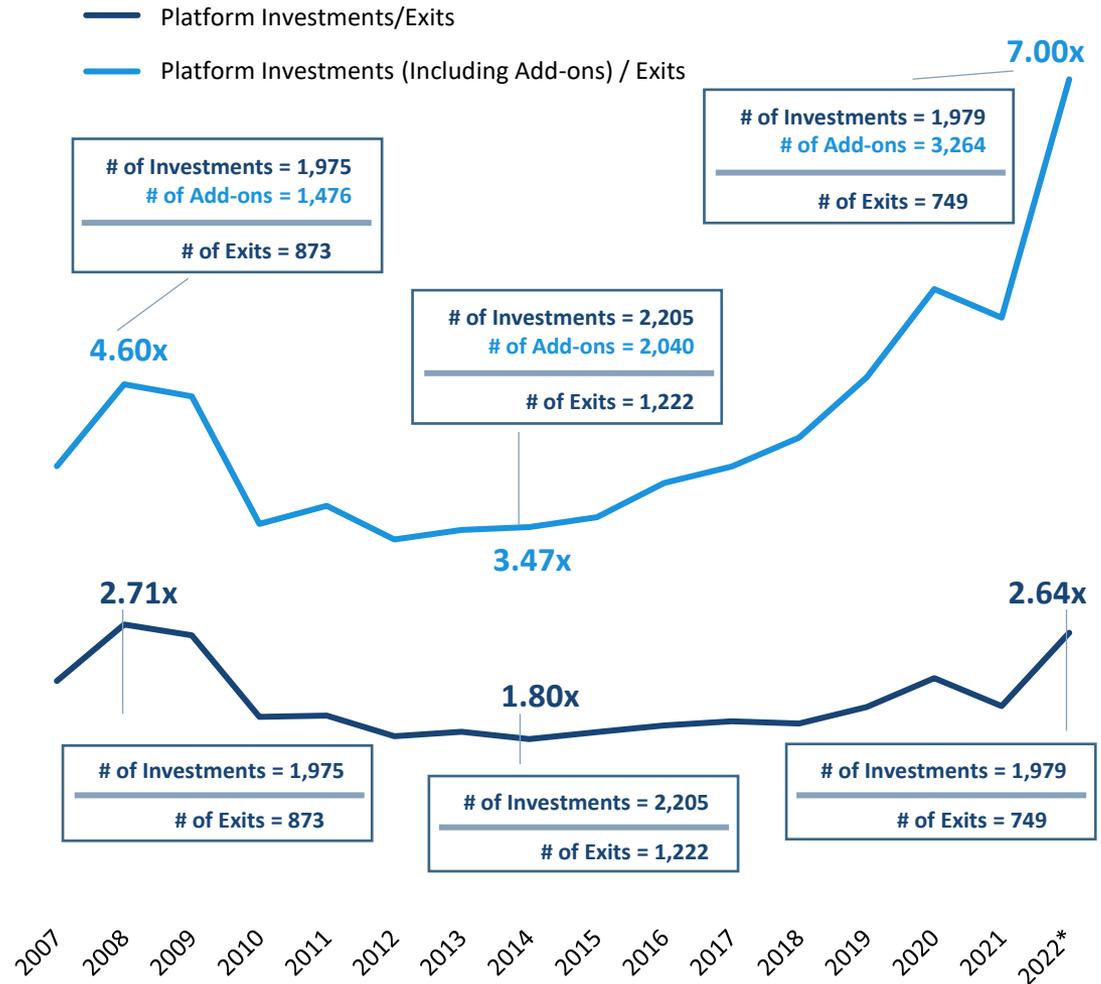
2022 YTD US PE Exits are at their lowest rate since 2008...

...however, add-ons have increased 2x and now represent the majority of PE activity

This is largely due to General Partners raising bigger funds with more deployable capital executing more "roll-ups" and more add-ons<sup>1</sup> per platform; further amplifying the Investment/Exit ratio

Slide 23 further examines the persistent add-on trend in private markets, but this chart depicts it well. **Despite delaying exits, Investors have not slowed their deployment of capital and have continued to increase add-on acquisition activity**

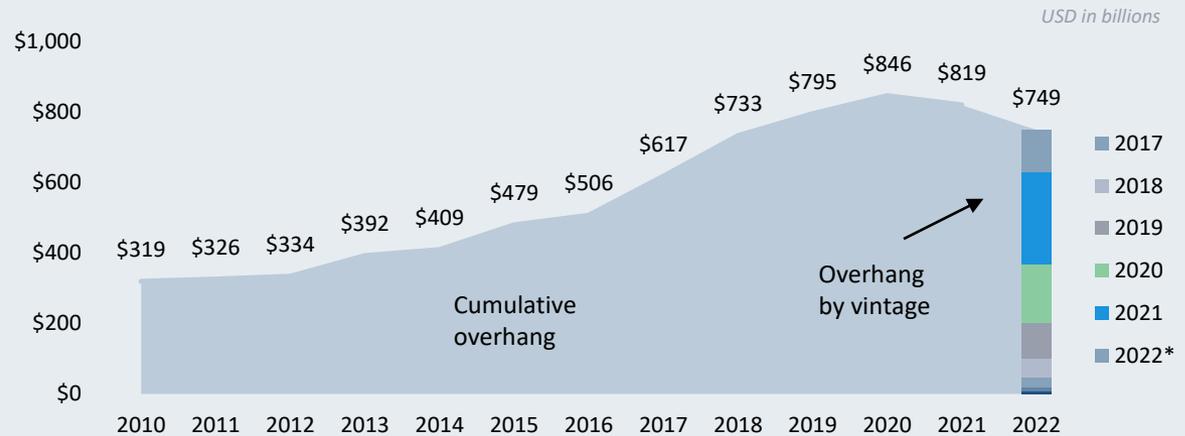
## US PE Investment / Exit Ratio (2007 – 2022)



# Private Equity Dry Power

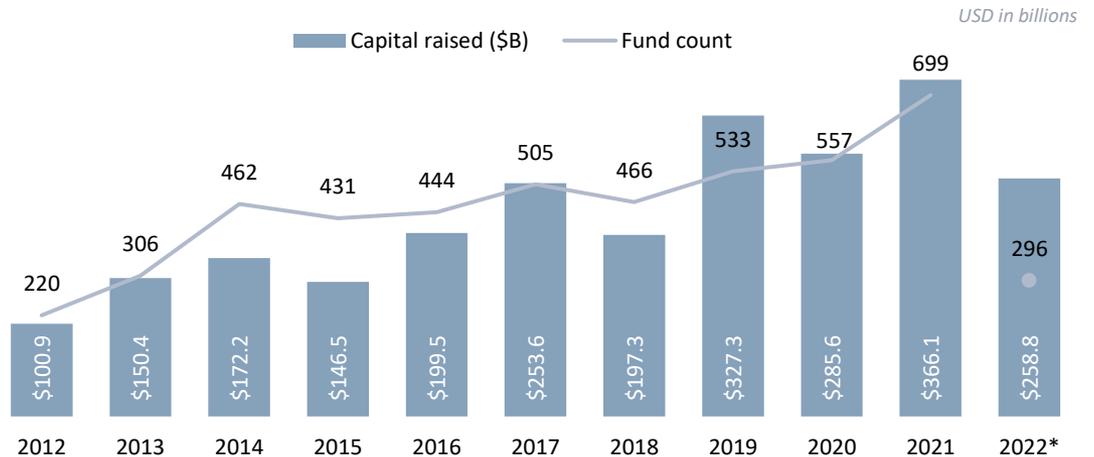
## Private Equity still has billions in Dry Powder to deploy...

The driving force behind elevated buyout multiples is the near **historically high levels of capital** in Private Equity coffers



## ...and Private Equity fundraising is still strong

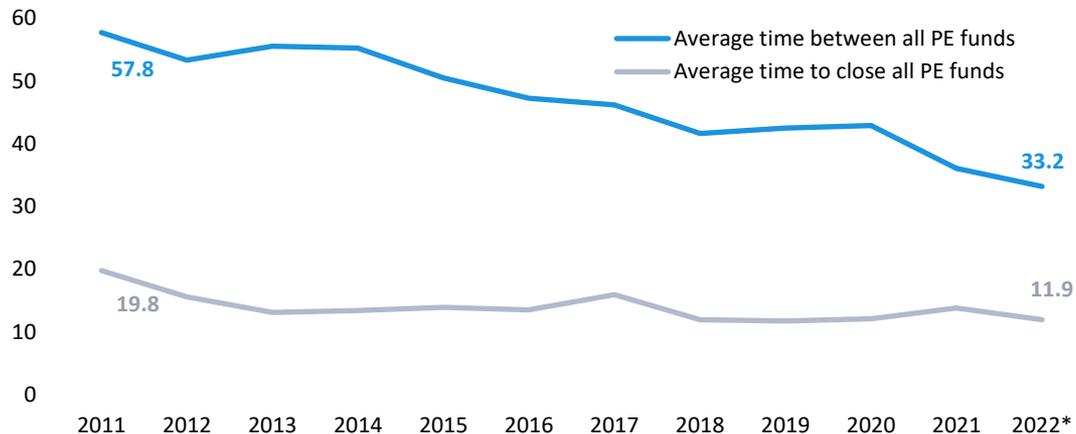
Private Equity fundraising was on track to match last year's high-water mark through 1H 2022, but **Q3 showed the first signs of slowing fundraising**, disproportionality effecting middle market funds. Albeit, PE firms should sustain a significant capital overhang in 2024



# Private Equity Fundraising

## Time to Close (months) and Time between Funds (months) are at historical lows...

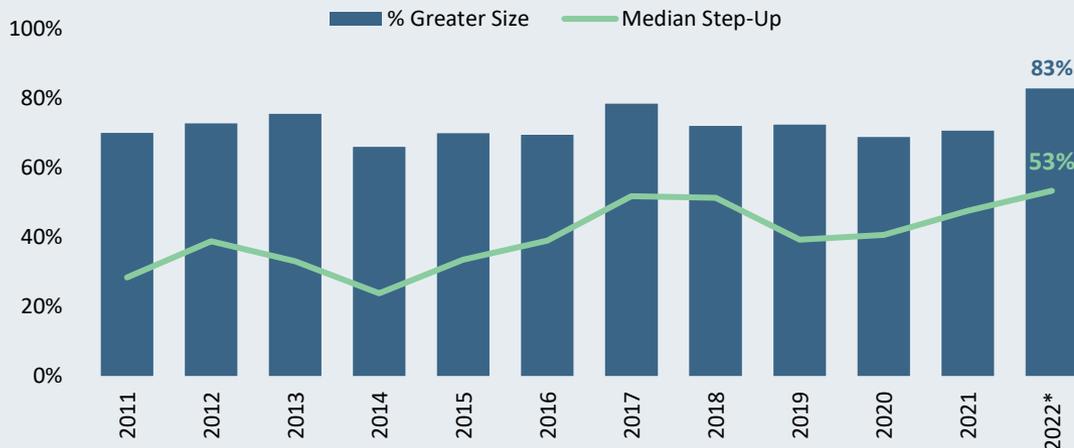
2022 has seen new funds raised and closed at the **fastest rate since 2007**. However, Q3 reports began to show signs of a **thinning of the herd**, with more mega funds and fewer closings. Analysts now expect that 2/3<sup>rds</sup> of funds in the market will postpone closings until next year



## ...and Funds are getting larger with each turn

2022 has also seen Private Equity groups launch larger funds, with **83% of funds raised in 2022 seeing a step-up in size** from prior vintage

The median step-up size is at 53% YTD, its highest in the past 10 years, however, that is down from 62% in 1H 2022



# Private Equity - Year of The Add-On<sup>1</sup>

**~80% of total investments were add-on acquisitions to existing platforms...**

With overall exits down, Financial Sponsors are **shifting focus to building out their existing platforms** and furthering growth initiatives; opposed to new large platform investments

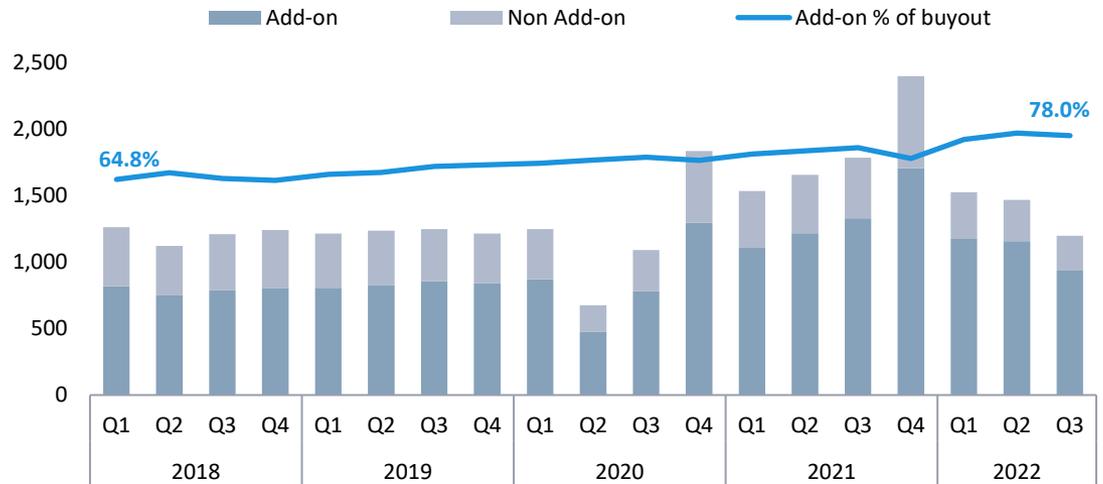
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**...presenting an interesting opportunity for middle market companies**

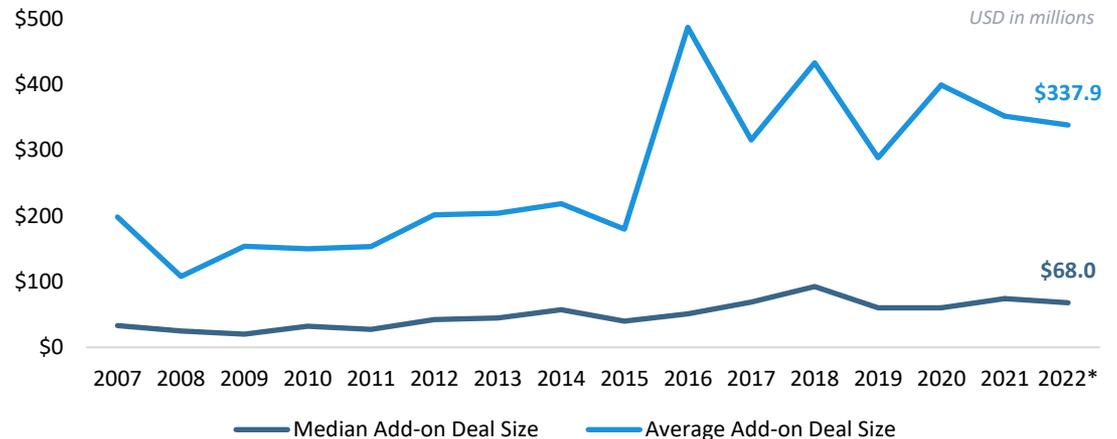
Middle Market (MM) companies are predominantly targeted for add-ons, and with PE exits down, **scarcity value for investable MM targets are poised to drive/maintain higher values**

This trend (among others) will likely further **decouple private MM valuations** from public market comps

### Add-On as % of Total PE Deals (2012 - 2022)



### Median/Average Size of Add-Ons (2012 - 2022)





# Healthcare Well Positioned

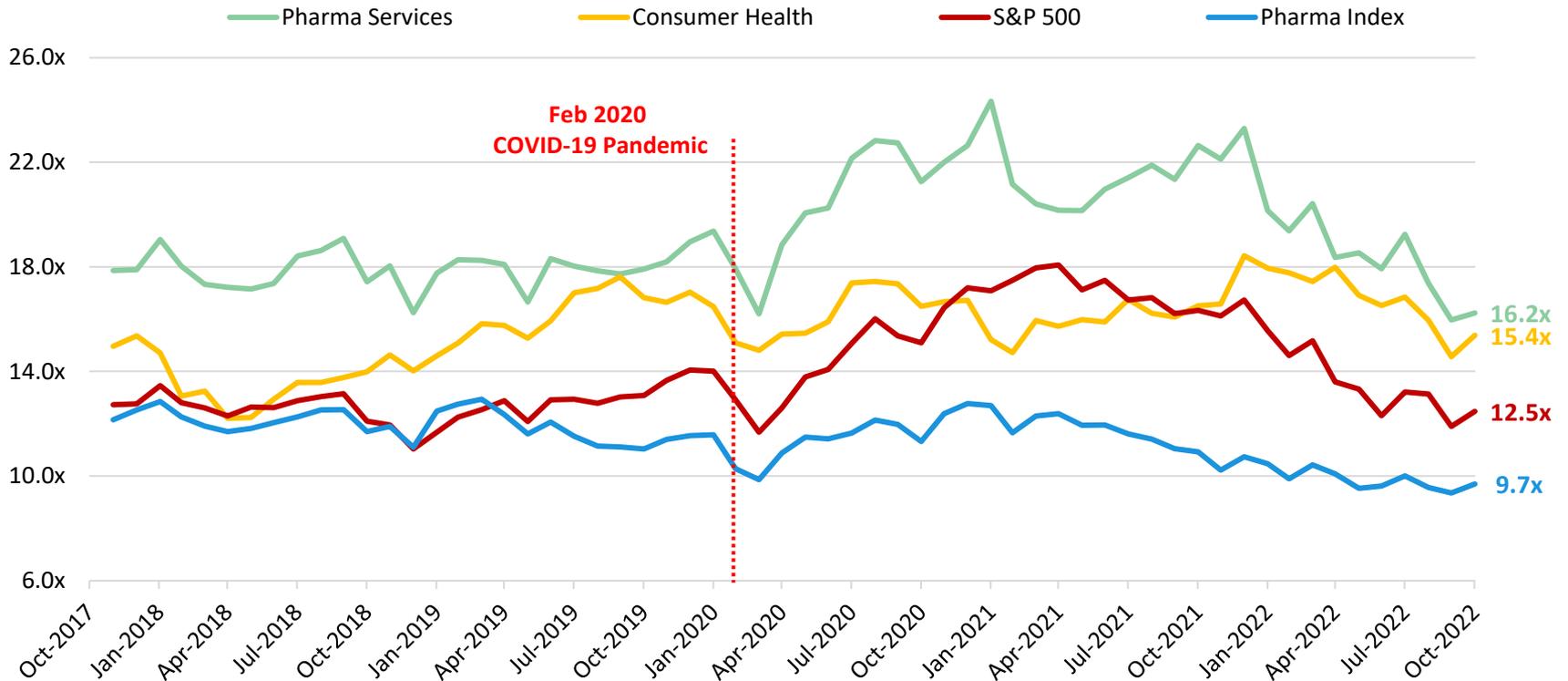


# Healthcare's Resiliency and Safe Harbor

Healthcare's nondiscretionary nature has proven to be non-cyclical and recession resilient, resulting in YTD outperformance over the S&P 500. Public markets have been rocked by the seemingly unending stream of negative headlines, but investors are more confident in Healthcare's ability to weather the volatility and impending recession.

Pharma Services and Consumer Health companies have withheld their premiums throughout 2022, both currently sitting ~34% above the S&P 500, while CROs and Tech Enabled companies bore the brunt of the sector's losses

### EV/EBITDA Multiples by Healthcare Sub-Sector (2017 – 2022)

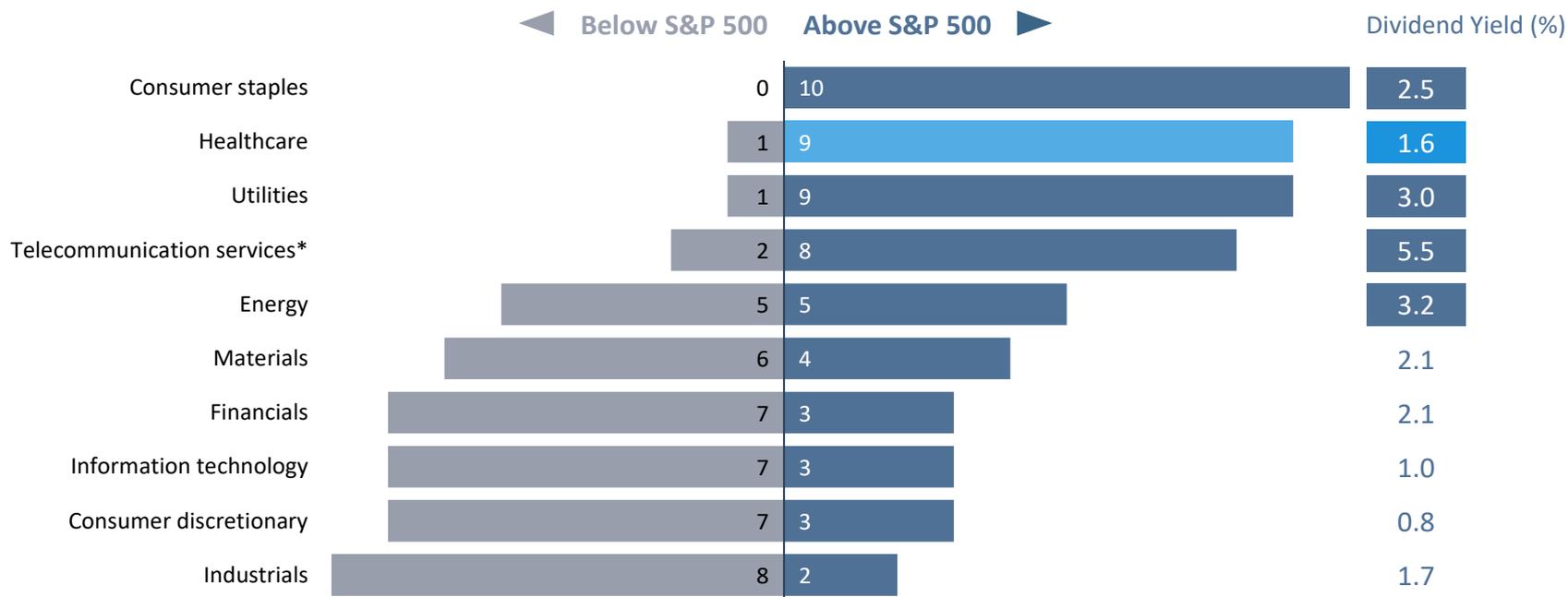


# Healthcare's Resiliency and Safe Harbor

Healthcare's resiliency is proven by a strong track-record, finishing above the S&P 500 benchmark in 9 of the past 10 downturns<sup>1</sup> - tied for the second-best record.

Further analysis shows that a large contributor of outperformance is due to higher dividend yields. If this consideration is removed, analysis shows that the Healthcare sector not only holds its value, but historically delivers growth above other defensive sectors during recessionary environments, further outperforming

## Number of Periods Sector Finished Above S&P 500



# Institutional Investors' Healthcare Allocations



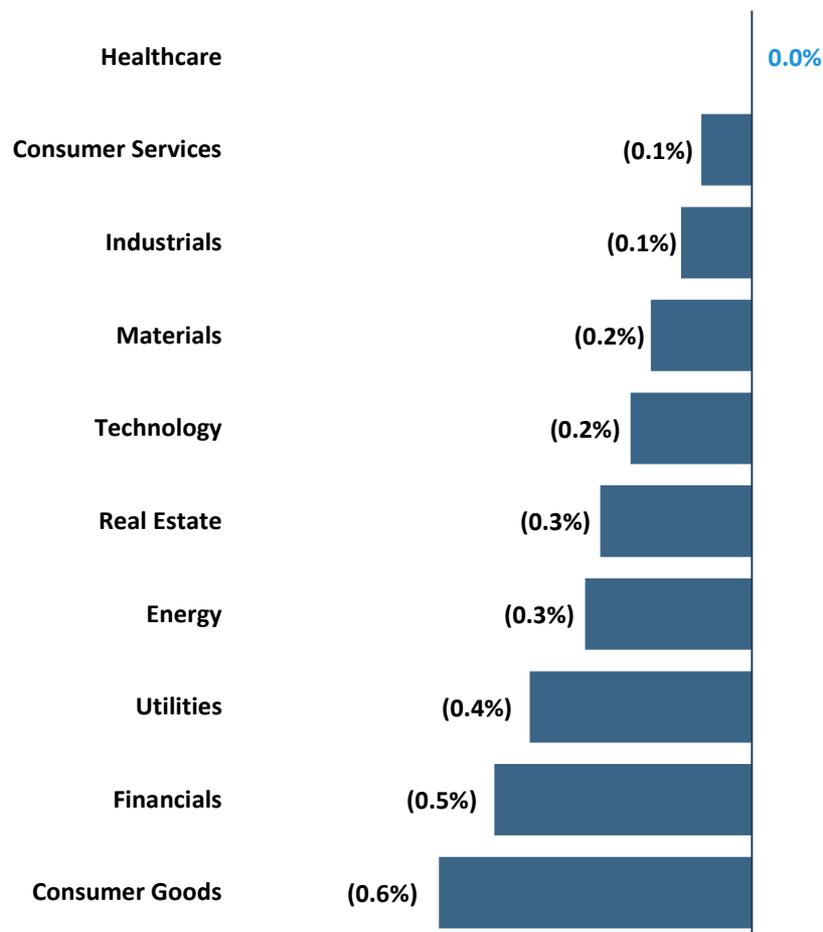
As of October 5, 2022, net cumulative capital flows from Institutions were down ~\$303B YTD

Institutions continued to sell equities aggressively in Q3, while hedge funds were overall buyers, posting net inflows of \$22B in Q3

**Notably, the selling pressure was experienced by all sectors except Healthcare**

Healthcare's proven track record in past economic downturns comforted investors, providing a needed tailwind for public sector valuations

Institutional Capital Flows per Sector (8/31/22 – 9/28/22)



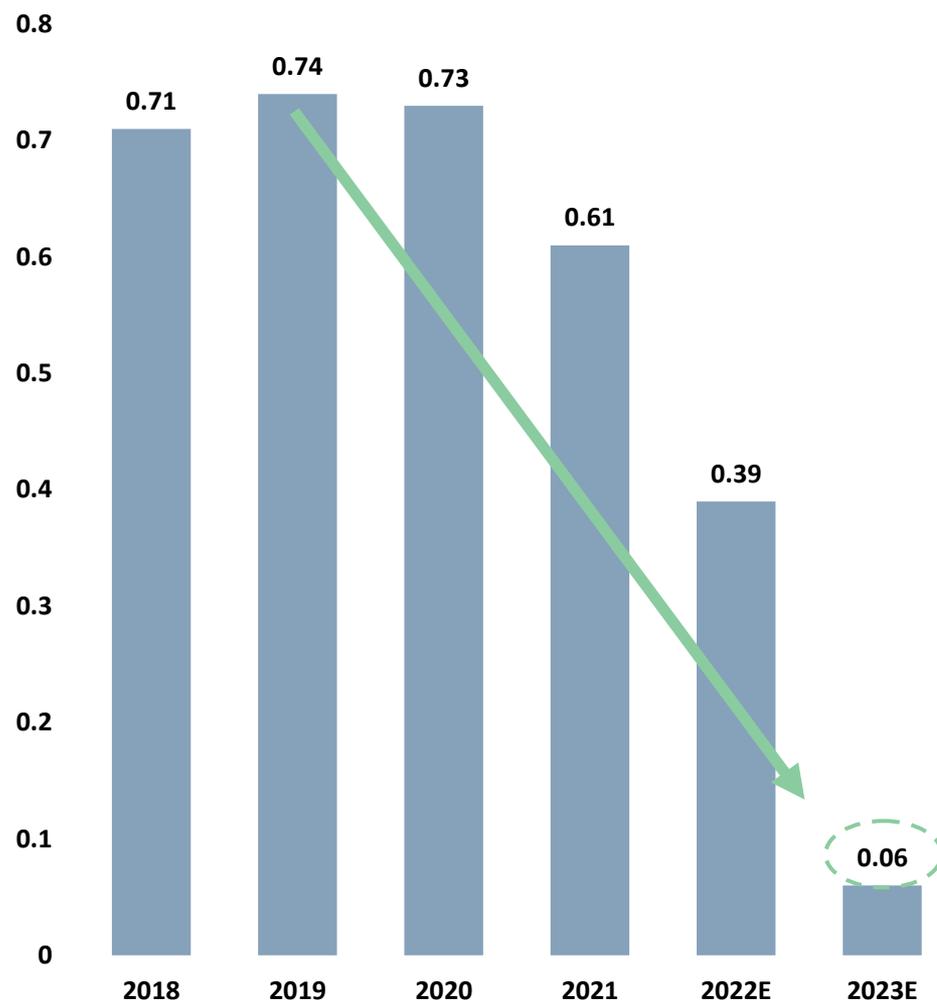
# Strategics' Dry Powder and Debt Capacity

## Top-50 Pharma companies' Net Debt / EBTIDA ratio is near all-time lows, providing additional tailwinds

Healthy Pharma balance sheets will further prop up existing industry tailwinds as companies are prepared to **weather any potential economic downturn and pursue opportunistic M&A**

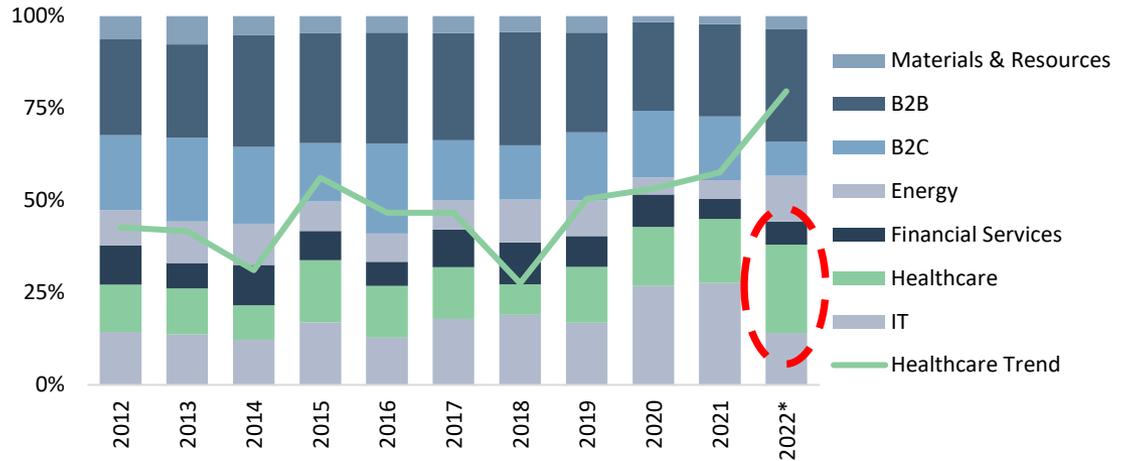
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Top-50 Pharma Net Debt / EBTIDA



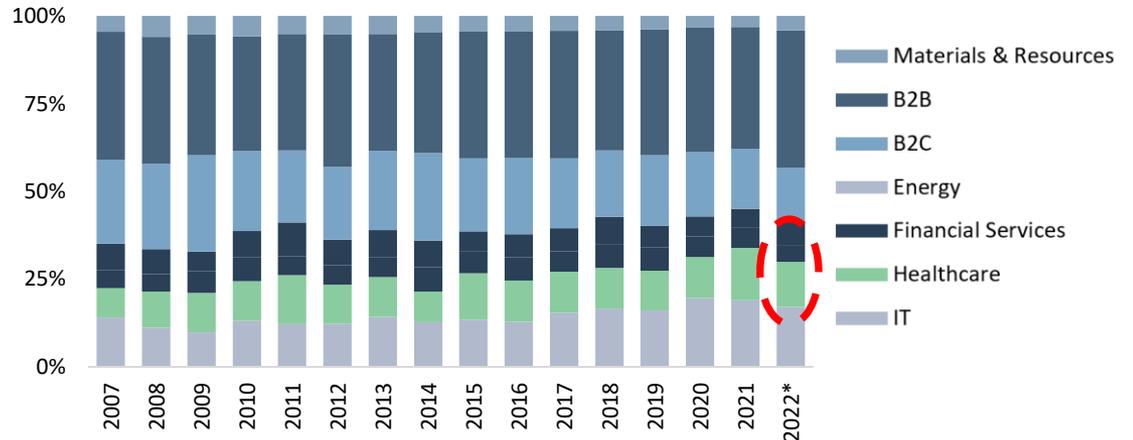
# Private Equity Healthcare Exits

### PE Exits by Sector as % of total deal (\$)value



For the first time since 2007, **Healthcare transactions have made up the largest percentage of total deal value**, totaling \$56B through Q3 2022

### PE Exits by Sector as % of total deal (#)volume



While accounting for ~30% of the overall deal value, Healthcare only accounts for 13% of the number of deals – more **evidence that the industry is holding on to its high valuations**

# Select 3Q Healthcare Deals

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