

Industry Update
Transportation & Logistics
Q2 2025

Key Trends

- **Regulatory:** New mandates like the EU Green Deal and SEC Climate Disclosure Rules are pushing logistics providers toward electric fleets and route optimization to meet emissions and sustainability targets.
- **Technology:** Driverless trucks from firms like Aurora and Volvo are entering commercial use on key U.S. routes, while AI-powered platforms such as Uber Freight are improving routing and reducing empty miles.
- **Political:** U.S. trade policies, tariffs, and broader geopolitical tensions are disrupting global shipping patterns and container pricing, creating volatility in freight networks.

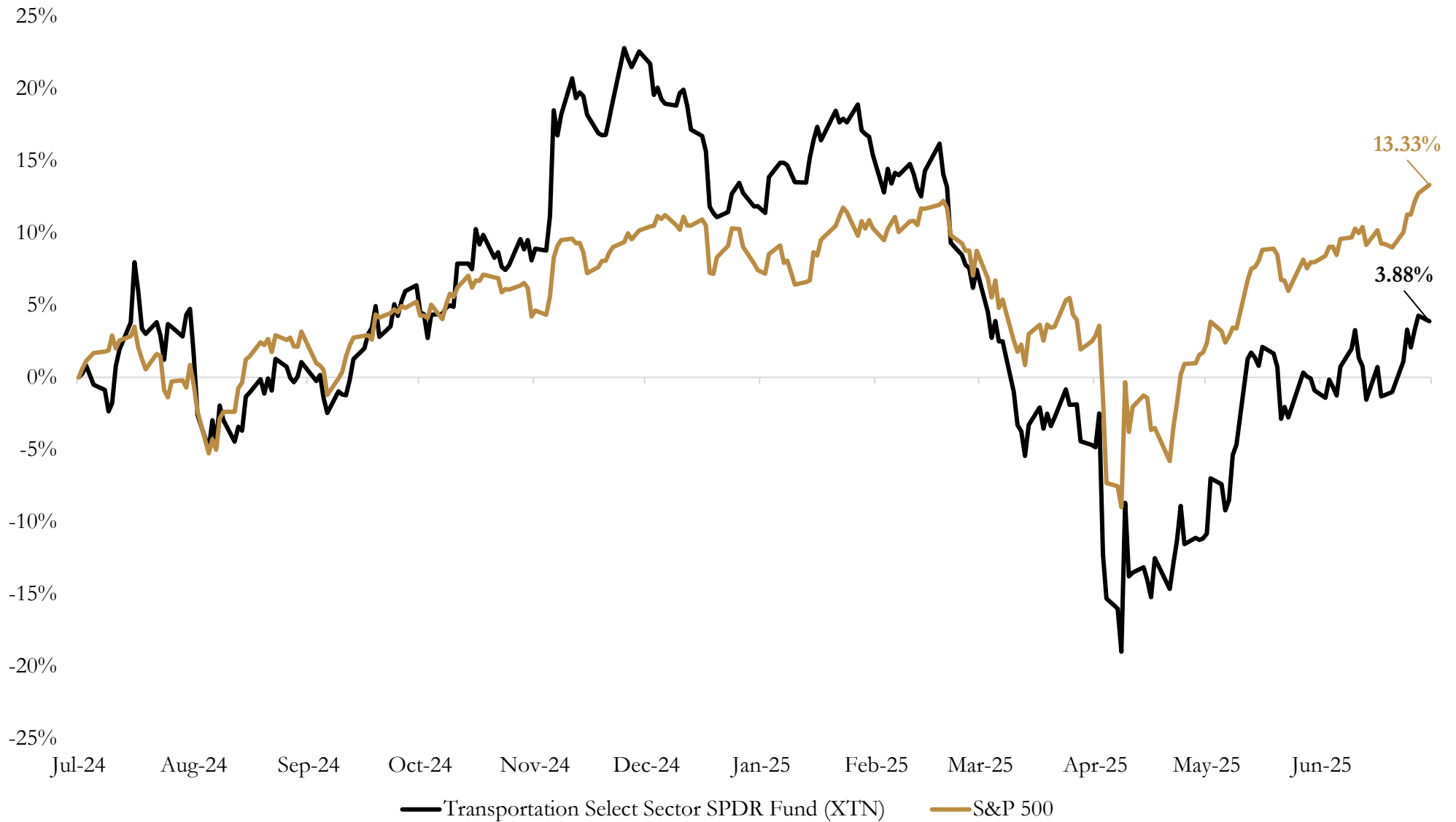
Market Overview

- Sector performance **declined** in Q2 2025 after a modest rebound in late 2024, with public logistics stocks trailing broader indices.
- M&A activity dropped to its **lowest level since 2023**, following a peak in Q4 2024, amid economic and regulatory uncertainty.
- Continued fragmentation in global regulations and persistent energy price volatility contributed to **elevated operational risk**.

External Drivers

- U.S. – China tariffs and global political friction are **reshaping** freight flows and **complicating** logistics planning.
- Driverless freight deployments are helping **offset driver shortages** and enhance delivery efficiency.
- Fuel price swings – driven by both geopolitical shocks and renewable transition pressures – are **squeezing carrier margins** and affecting rate structures.

Transportation & S&P 500



Source: Capital IQ

2 Public Market Performance

Key Financial and Valuation Metrics for Large Industry Operators

(USD in millions, except per share data)

Company Name	Ticker	Financial Metrics					Valuation Metrics			
		Price at 06/30/25	% of 52 Week High	TEV	LTM Revenue	LTM EBITDA	Revenue Growth	EBITDA Margin	TEV / LTM Revenue	TEV / LTM EBITDA
Airlines & Air Transportation										
Delta Air Lines, Inc.	DAL	\$49.18	70.3%	\$52,774	\$61,925	\$7,772	3.0%	12.6%	0.9x	6.8x
United Airlines Holdings, Inc.	UAL	\$79.63	68.6%	\$43,782	\$57,737	\$8,504	5.3%	14.7%	0.8x	5.1x
American Airlines Group Inc.	AAL	\$11.22	58.7%	\$36,305	\$54,192	\$5,323	1.9%	9.8%	0.7x	6.8x
Southwest Airlines Co.	LUV	\$32.44	89.8%	\$19,426	\$27,582	\$1,891	3.2%	6.9%	0.7x	10.3x
Alaska Air Group, Inc.	ALK	\$49.48	63.4%	\$9,849	\$12,640	\$1,528	20.8%	12.1%	0.8x	6.4x
JetBlue Airways Corporation	JBLU	\$4.23	50.9%	\$7,411	\$9,210	\$483	-3.0%	5.2%	0.8x	15.3x
SkyWest, Inc.	SKYW	\$102.97	76.0%	\$6,217	\$3,673	\$908	20.5%	24.7%	1.7x	6.8x
Trucking & Ground Freight & Logistics										
Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc.	ODFL	\$162.30	69.6%	\$35,468	\$5,730	\$1,845	-2.6%	32.2%	6.2x	19.2x
XPO, Inc.	XPO	\$126.29	78.4%	\$19,489	\$8,008	\$1,216	1.9%	15.2%	2.4x	16.0x
U-Haul Holding Company	UHAL	\$60.56	76.6%	\$17,201	\$5,829	\$1,702	3.6%	29.2%	3.0x	10.1x
J.B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc.	JBHT	\$143.60	71.7%	\$17,021	\$12,065	\$1,573	-3.8%	13.0%	1.4x	10.8x
Ryder System, Inc.	R	\$159.00	92.6%	\$15,704	\$12,669	\$2,750	6.2%	21.7%	1.2x	5.7x
C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc.	CHRW	\$95.95	83.6%	\$13,367	\$17,359	\$804	-0.2%	4.6%	0.8x	16.6x
GXO Logistics, Inc.	GXO	\$48.70	76.9%	\$10,809	\$12,230	\$822	23.4%	6.7%	0.9x	13.1x
Knight-Swift Transportation Holdings Inc.	KNX	\$44.23	71.9%	\$10,729	\$7,412	\$1,049	1.2%	14.1%	1.4x	10.2x
Saia, Inc.	SAIA	\$273.99	43.9%	\$8,414	\$3,242	\$659	8.9%	20.3%	2.6x	12.8x
Landstar System, Inc.	LSTR	\$139.02	70.6%	\$4,675	\$4,816	\$281	-4.7%	5.8%	1.0x	16.6x

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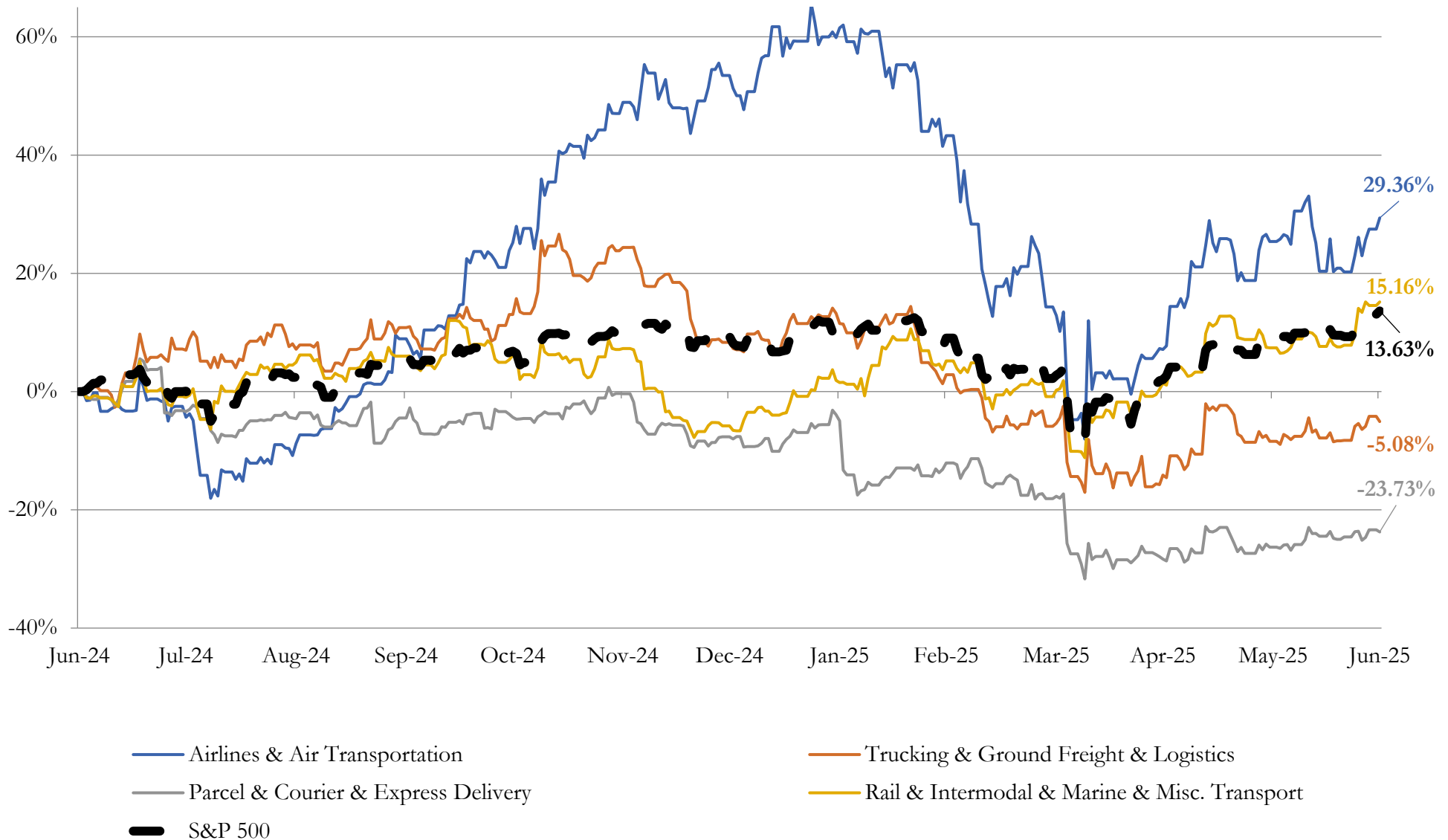
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Parcel & Courier & Express Delivery										
United Parcel Service, Inc.	UPS	\$100.94	68.1%	\$107,053	\$90,910	\$11,613	1.3%	12.8%	1.2x	9.2x
FedEx Corporation	FDX	\$227.31	72.4%	\$88,582	\$87,926	\$11,009	0.3%	12.5%	1.0x	8.0x
Expeditors International of Washington	EXPD	\$114.25	86.8%	\$15,331	\$11,060	\$1,153	24.1%	10.4%	1.4x	13.3x
Rail & Intermodal & Marine & Misc. Transport										
Uber Technologies, Inc.	UBER	\$93.30	98.9%	\$203,087	\$45,380	\$4,576	17.6%	10.1%	4.5x	44.4x
Union Pacific Corporation	UNP	\$230.08	89.2%	\$173,770	\$24,246	\$12,179	0.6%	50.2%	7.2x	14.3x
CSX Corporation	CSX	\$32.63	88.0%	\$81,195	\$14,282	\$6,789	-2.4%	47.5%	5.7x	12.0x
Norfolk Southern Corporation	NSC	\$255.97	92.2%	\$75,367	\$12,112	\$5,994	0.7%	49.5%	6.2x	12.6x
Avis Budget Group, Inc.	CAR	\$169.05	89.0%	\$32,148	\$11,668	\$901	-2.8%	7.7%	2.8x	35.7x
Hertz Global Holdings, Inc.	HTZ	\$6.83	72.7%	\$20,475	\$8,782	-\$810	-6.6%	-9.2%	2.3x	-25.3x
Kirby Corporation	KEX	\$113.41	85.8%	\$7,770	\$3,244	\$660	3.0%	20.3%	2.4x	11.8x
Lyft, Inc.	LYFT	\$15.76	82.7%	\$5,662	\$5,959	\$63	27.3%	1.1%	1.0x	90.4x
Matson, Inc.	MATX	\$111.35	65.8%	\$4,244	\$3,482	\$757	11.9%	21.7%	1.2x	5.6x
FTAI Infrastructure Inc.	FIP	\$6.17	59.0%	\$3,902	\$345	\$93	5.7%	27.0%	11.3x	41.9x
Genco Shipping & Trading Limited	GNK	\$13.07	58.9%	\$658	\$377	\$96	-7.4%	25.3%	1.7x	6.9x

Source: Capital IQ

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Public Market Performance

Sub-Industry Performance vs. S&P 500



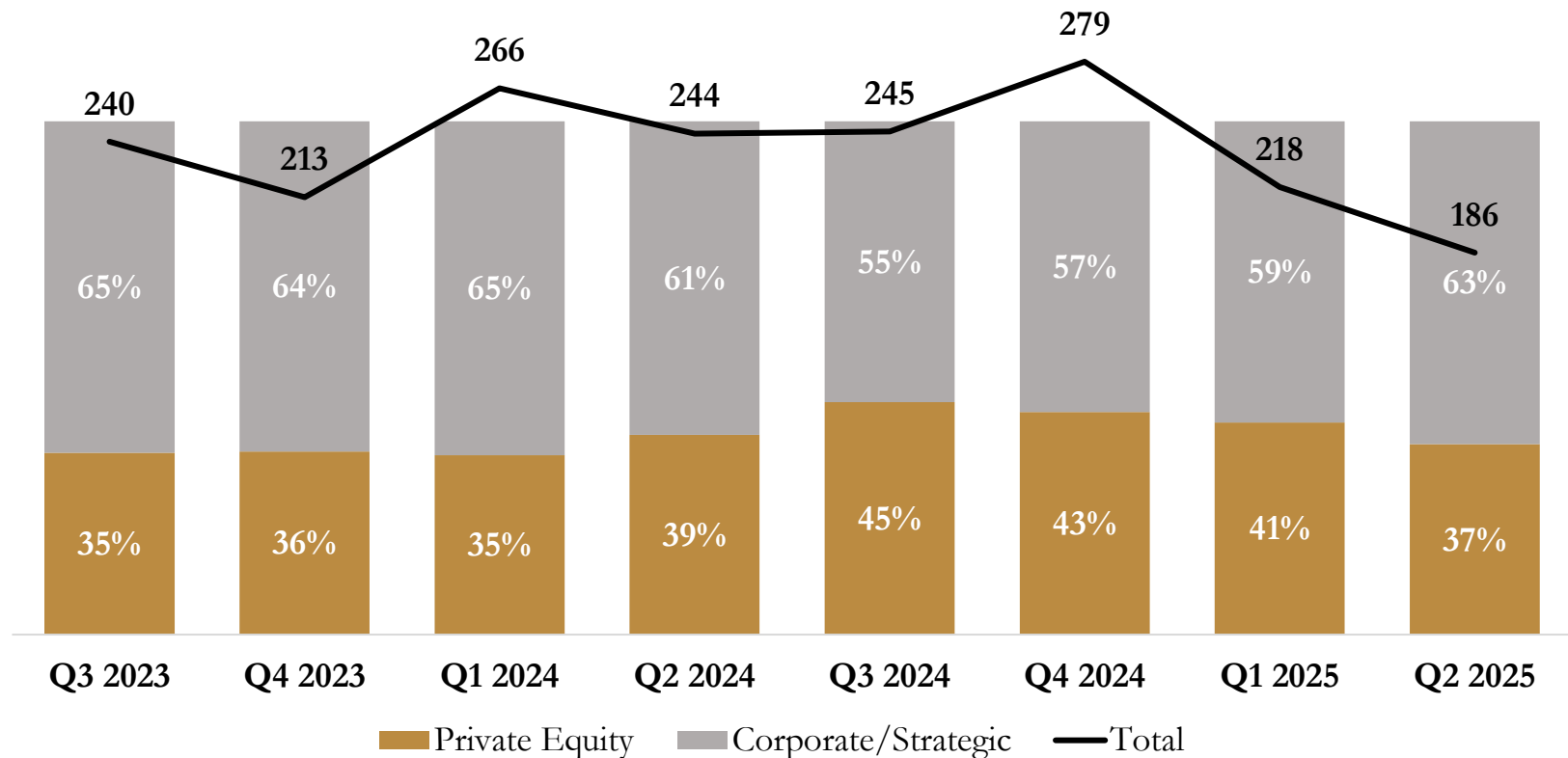
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M&A Trends

Quarterly M&A Volume (Strategic vs. Private Equity)

Over the past two years, strategic acquirers have led M&A activity in the Transportation and Logistics sector, accounting for approximately 62% of total deal volume on average. The industry experienced strong momentum in 2024, with over 1,000 transactions completed. However, activity has slowed in 2025, largely due to a combination of factors: tightening credit markets have made acquisition financing more expensive, while lingering macroeconomic uncertainty and shifting global trade dynamics have caused strategic buyers to adopt a more cautious stance. Private equity accounted for just 37% of transactions in Q2 2025, marking its lowest share since Q1 2024. Q2 2025 also marked the lowest number of transactions in this dataset.



Source: PitchBook

(USD in millions)

Close Date	Target	Acquirer	Implied TEV
Apr-25	Air Transport Services Group, Inc.	Stonepeak Partners LP	\$3,104
Sep-24	Hawaiian Holdings, Inc.	Alaska Air Group, Inc.	\$1,842
Apr-24	Daseke, Inc.	TFI International Inc.	\$1,098
Sep-24	Coyote Logistics, LLC	RXO, Inc.	\$1,029
Dec-24	Cowan Equipment Leasing, LLC/Cowan Transport Holdings, LLC/Cowan	Schneider National, Inc.	\$390
Nov-24	Turbine Standard Ltd.	BSEL USA, Inc.	\$41
Nov-24	Nordic Bulk Partners LLC	Pangaea Logistics Solutions, Ltd.	\$38
Mar-25	Flewber Global Inc.	Crestd, Inc.	\$14
Sep-24	Foundation Logistics & Services, LLC	Radiant Logistics, Inc.	\$12
Aug-24	Buckshot Trucking LLC	Enservco Corporation	\$6
Jun-25	Bahama Boat Works, LLC	Twin Vee Powercats Co.	\$3
Apr-25	Buckshot Trucking LLC	N/A	\$3
Mar-25	Pure NJ Logistics LLC	Smart Repair Pro	\$3
Jun-25	Rapid Track Service, Inc.	American Track	NA
Jun-25	Howards Wrecker Service	Guardian Fleet Services, Inc.	NA
Jun-25	Ts3 Logistics LLC	Heritage Trucking LLC	NA
Jun-25	Massiano Logistics	Diverse Logistics & Distribution, LLC	NA
Jun-25	Red Arrow Consulting, Inc.	Allstates WorldCargo, Inc.	NA
Jun-25	Cathcart Rail Holdco, LLC.	Tikehau Star Infra Partners, LLC	NA
Jun-25	PDP Courier Services (USA) Inc.	DHL Supply Chain International Holding B.V.	NA
Jun-25	ATI Jet, Inc	N/A	NA
Jun-25	Minnesota Commercial Railway Company	Regional Rail, LLC	NA
May-25	Kable Products Services, Inc	Aero Fulfillment Services Corp.	NA
May-25	Headliner Tours	Perkin Industries, LLC	NA
May-25	Simple Logistics LLC	Everest Transportation Systems, LLC	NA
May-25	The Perishable Specialist, Inc.	Alba Wheels Up International, LLC	NA
May-25	Angels Moving Autos Inc.	Montway LLC	NA

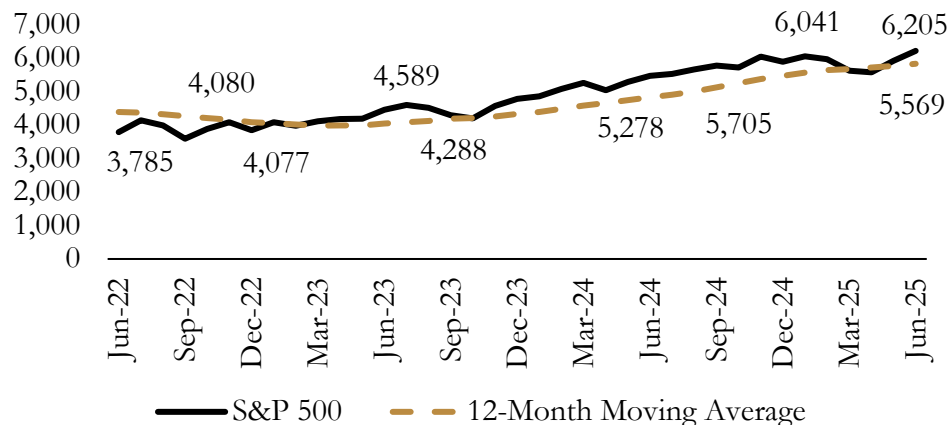
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Macroeconomic Environment

Macroeconomic Indicators

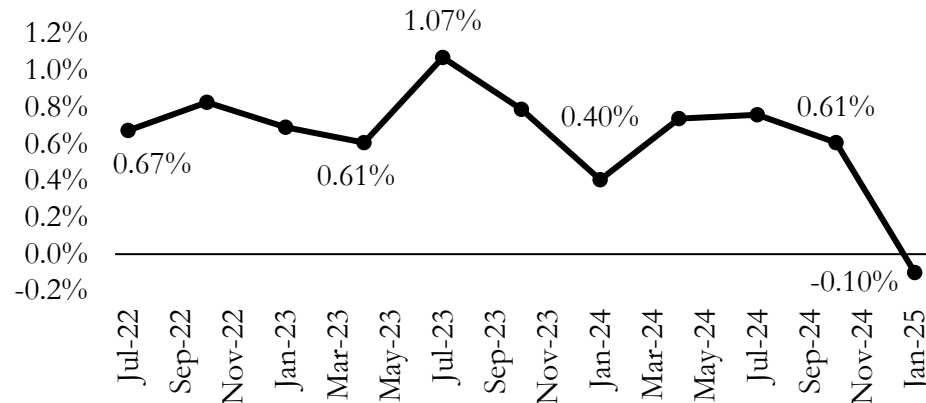
S&P 500



A leading equity index tracking the performance of 500 large U.S. companies.

Real GDP Growth

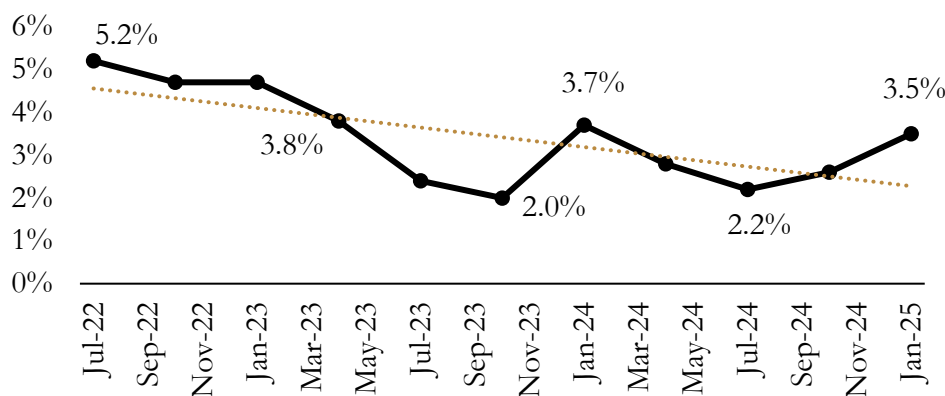
Gross Domestic Product



Tracks inflation-adjusted economic output, typically reported quarterly.

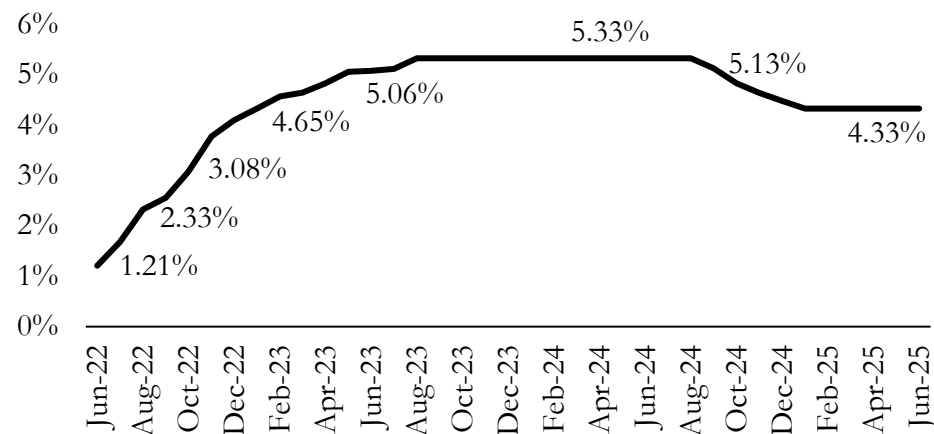
Core PCE

Personal Consumption Expenditures



A key inflation gauge that tracks consumer spending, excluding volatile food and energy prices.

Federal Funds Rate



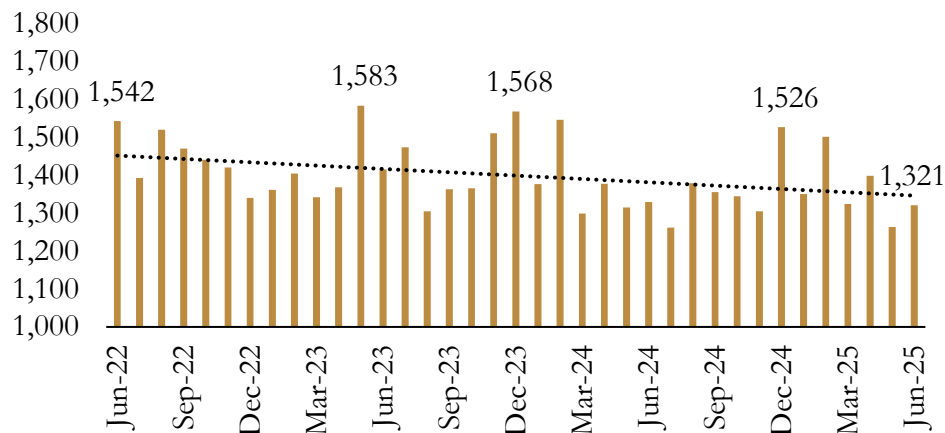
The Fed's benchmark interest rate that influences borrowing costs throughout the economy.

Source: Capital IQ, St. Louis Fed – FRED Economic Data, Institute for Supply Management

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Macroeconomic Indicators (Cont.)

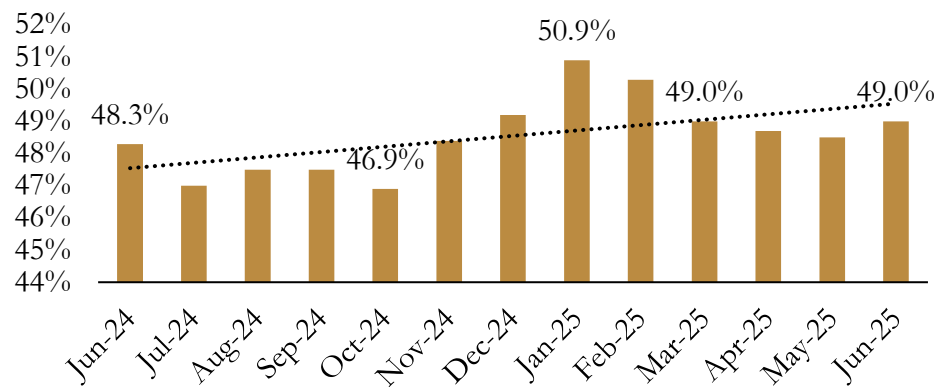
New Privately-Owned Housing Units Started¹



Measures the number of new residential construction projects begun each month.

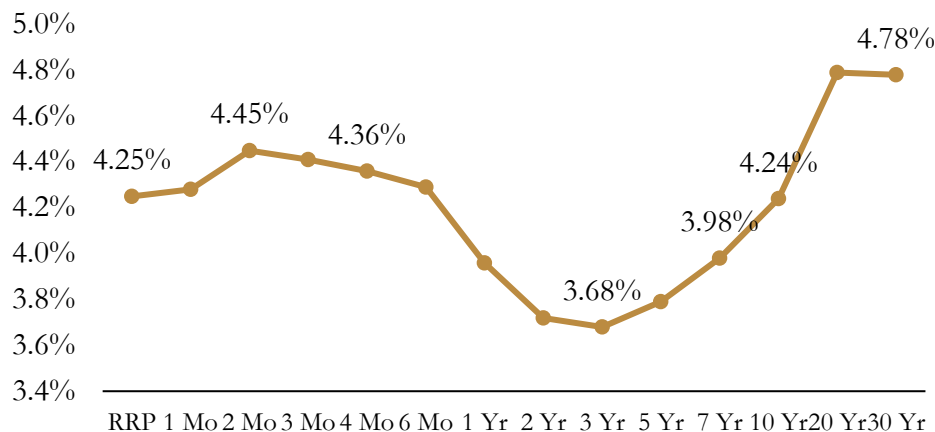
Manufacturing PMI

Purchasing Manager's Index



A monthly survey signaling manufacturing sector activity; readings above 50 indicate expansion.

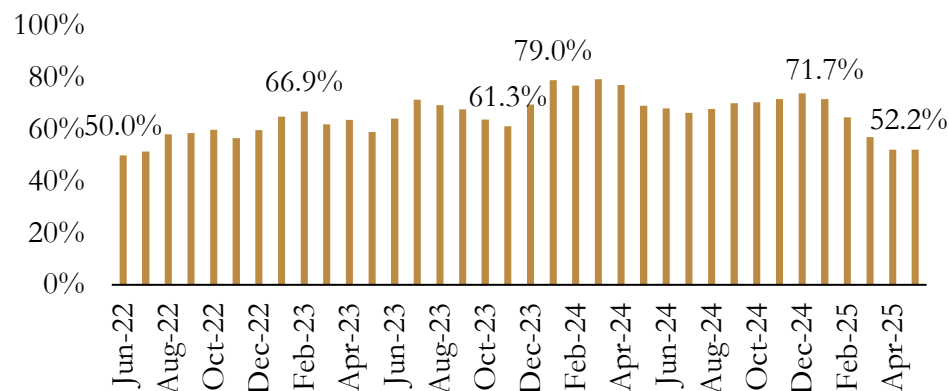
Treasury Par Yield Curve Rates



Displays yields across Treasury maturities, reflecting market expectations for future interest rates.

Consumer Sentiment

From the University of Michigan

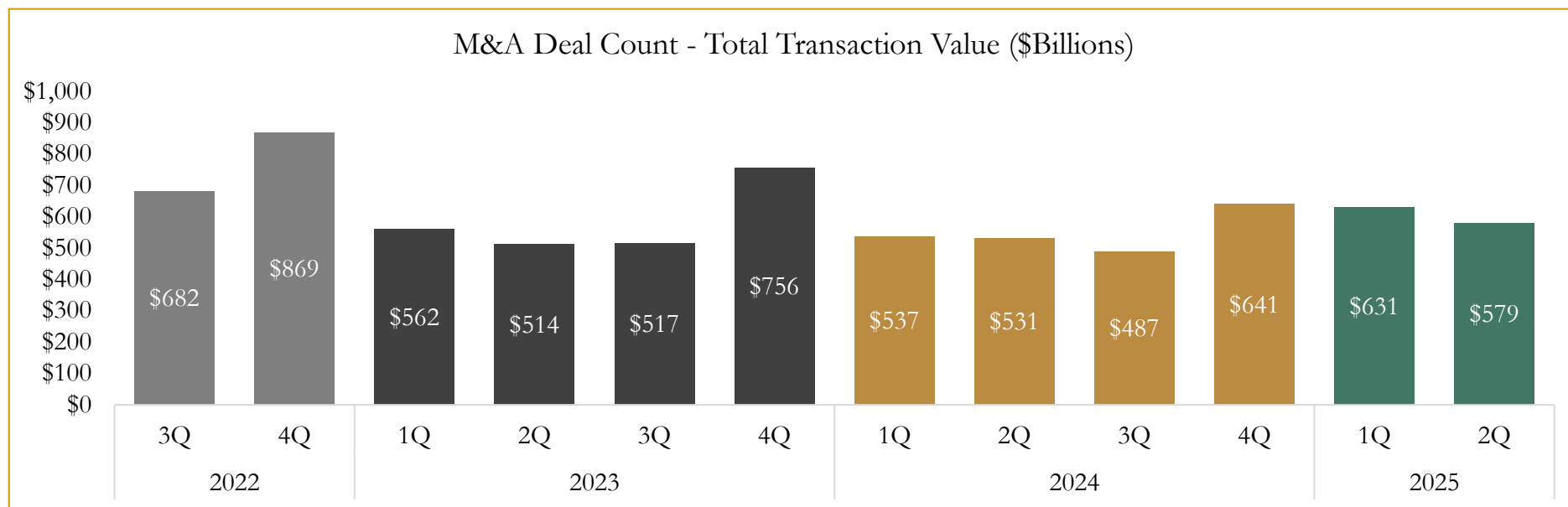
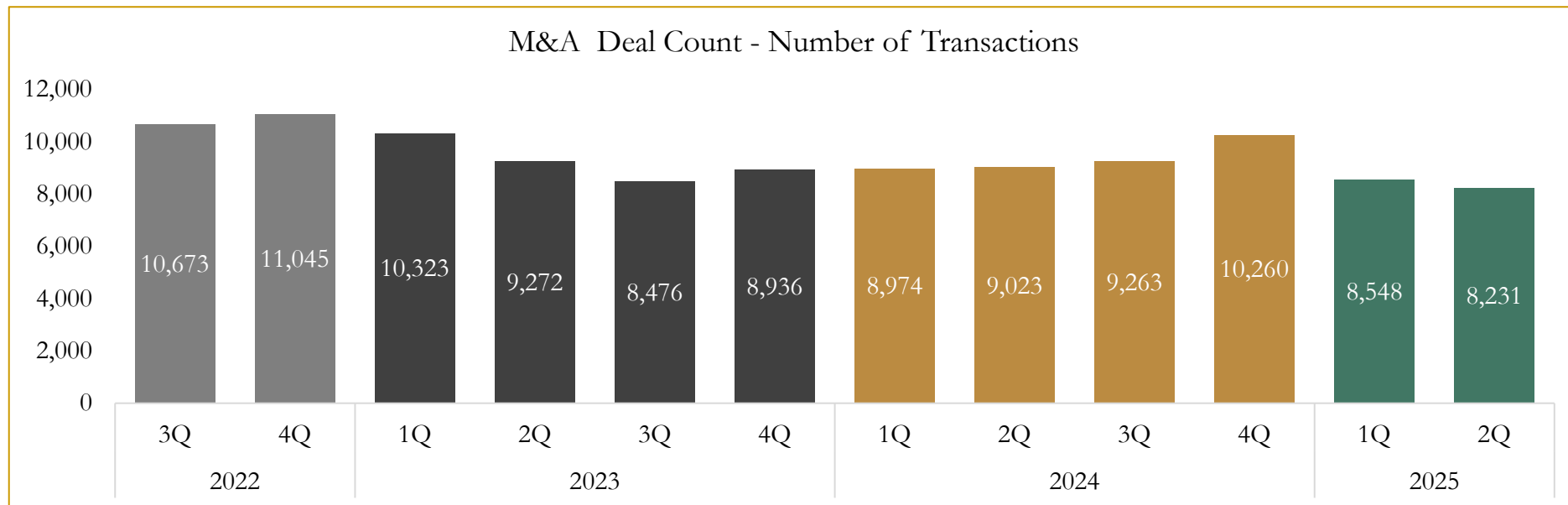


Measures consumer confidence in the economy based on monthly survey data.

Source: St. Louis Fed – FRED Economic Data ¹Figures in Thousands

Macroeconomic Environment

Total M&A Volume (Past Three (3) Years)



Source: Capital IQ; Data derived from M&A activity over the past three years.

Company Overview

- Founded in 1996, Houlihan Capital is an employee-owned valuation and investment banking firm
- As a member of FINRA and SIPC, our team of 40+ professionals are committed to the highest levels of quality and professionalism

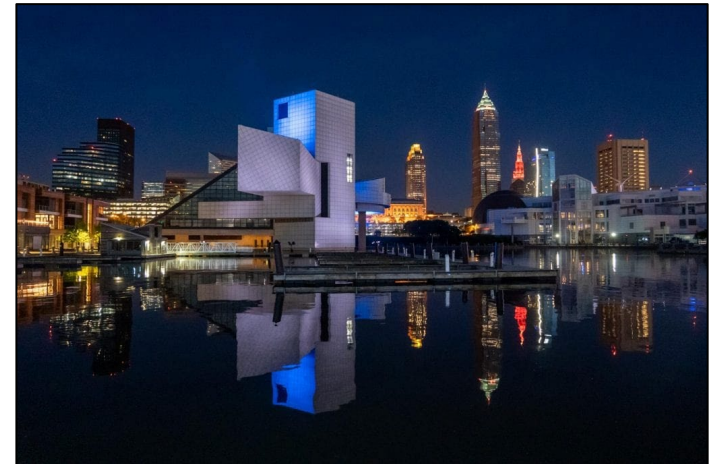
Divisions & Core Offerings

- Valuation & Financial Advisory – Portfolio Valuations for Funds, with an industry specialization in cryptocurrency
- Investment Banking – M&A Advisory for Founders and Family-Owned businesses in the lower middle market

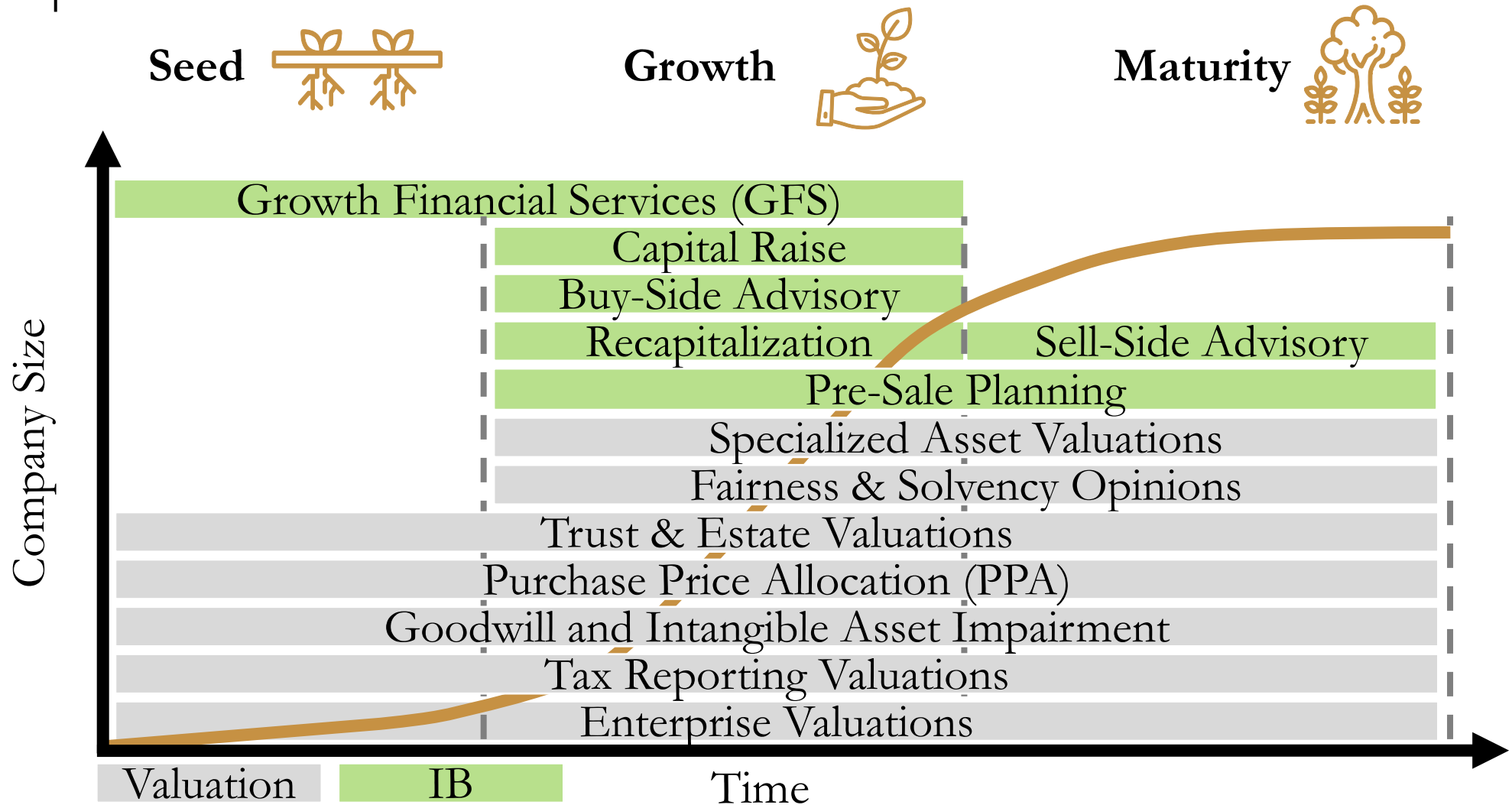
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