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Key Trends

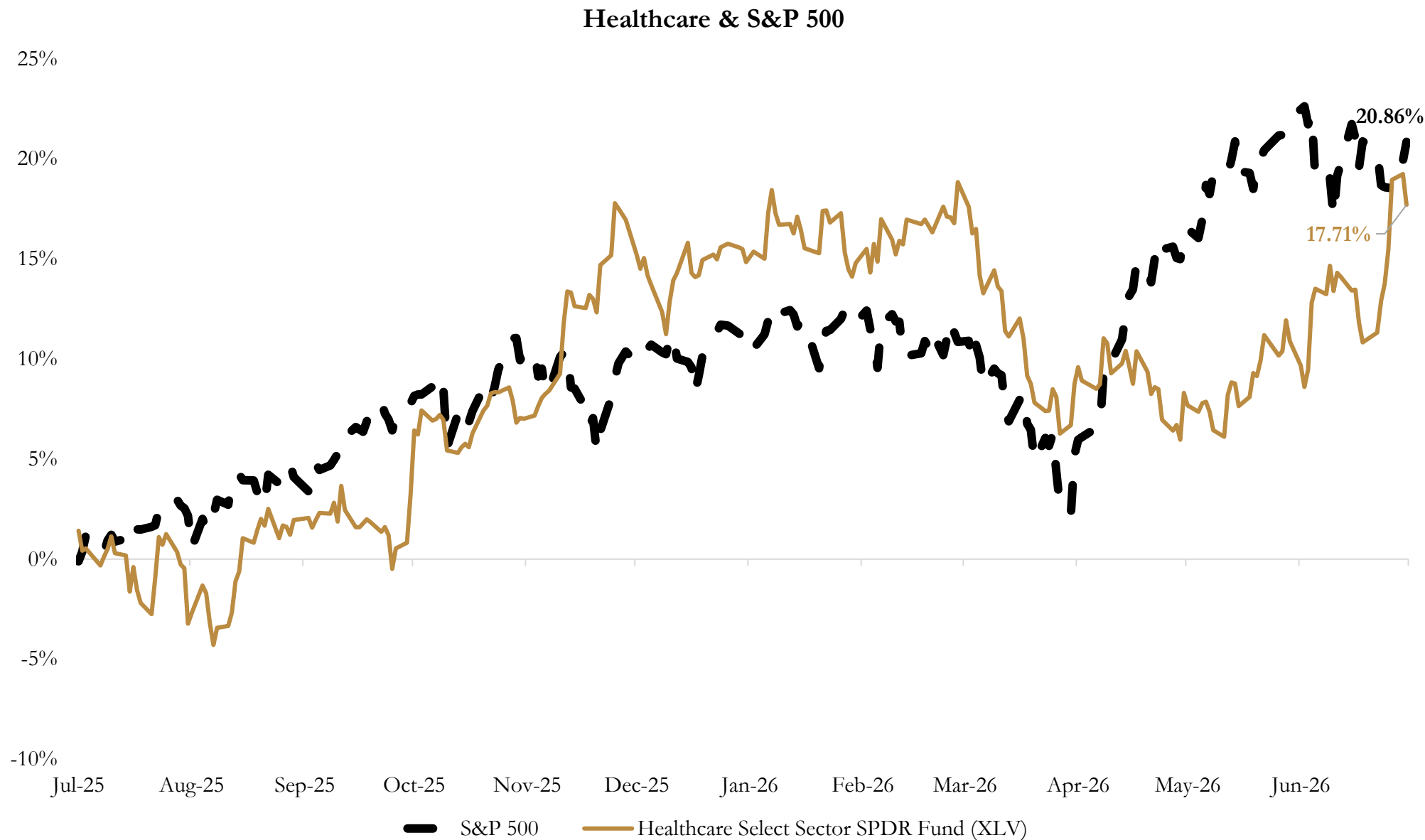
- **AI & Digital Health Acceleration:** AI adoption shifted from experimentation toward scaled deployment in Q2 2026, with health systems leading uptake across clinical AI, revenue cycle automation, care navigation, and drug discovery. Buyers increasingly prioritized measurable ROI, workflow integration, clinician validation, and governance.
- **Workforce & Cost Pressures:** Labor shortages, staffing costs, and administrative complexity continued to pressure provider margins. Operators responded through workforce redesign, automation, revenue cycle improvements, and migration toward outpatient, home-based, and other lower-cost care settings.

Market Overview

- **Hospital & Health System M&A Activity:** Healthcare deal count continued to decline in Q2 and remained below prior-year levels, as buyers maintained a selective approach focused on scale, rationalization, and strategic diversification.
- **Digital Health Venture Funding:** U.S. digital health startups raised \$3.2 billion in Q2, with capital concentrated in larger financings for clinical AI, mental health, weight management, and revenue cycle platforms.

External Drivers

- **Coverage & Reimbursement Pressure:** Medicaid, ACA, and reimbursement uncertainty persisted, while denials, uncompensated care, and delayed collections increased focus on revenue cycle performance.
- **Consumer & Chronic Care Demand:** Aging, chronic disease, behavioral health, GLP-1 demand, and consumer preferences for convenient care supported specialty, home-based, and digital delivery models.



Source: Capital IQ

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Public Market Performance

*Key Financial and Valuation Metrics for Large Industry Operators**(USD in millions, except per share data)*

Company Name	Ticker	Valuation Metrics					Financial Metrics			
		TEV	Price at 06/30/26	% of 52 Week High	TEV / LTM Revenue	TEV / LTM EBITDA	LTM Revenue	LTM EBITDA	Revenue Growth	EBITDA Margin
Biopharmaceutical & Biotechnology										
Eli Lilly and Company	LLY	\$1,067,575	\$1,199.43	96.9%	14.8x	29.5x	\$72,249	\$36,215	47.4%	50.1%
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	\$644,778	\$253.97	97.7%	6.6x	18.5x	\$97,929	\$34,872	8.1%	35.6%
AbbVie Inc.	ABBV	\$518,355	\$251.64	98.3%	8.1x	16.8x	\$64,386	\$30,796	10.4%	47.8%
Merck & Co., Inc.	MRK	\$364,027	\$128.50	98.6%	5.5x	12.3x	\$65,768	\$29,517	2.9%	44.9%
Amgen Inc.	AMGN	\$254,498	\$362.12	92.5%	6.8x	15.0x	\$37,220	\$16,918	9.1%	45.5%
Pfizer Inc.	PFE	\$193,926	\$24.08	83.8%	3.1x	7.6x	\$63,315	\$25,460	1.4%	40.2%
Gilead Sciences, Inc.	GILD	\$174,283	\$126.34	80.3%	5.9x	11.8x	\$29,736	\$14,738	3.5%	49.6%
Bristol-Myers Squibb Company	BMJ	\$166,079	\$57.62	91.6%	3.4x	8.8x	\$49,186	\$18,930	3.1%	38.5%
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated	VRTX	\$111,248	\$496.73	97.8%	9.1x	22.3x	\$12,218	\$4,981	10.1%	40.8%
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	REGN	\$58,611	\$623.54	75.9%	3.8x	12.5x	\$15,535	\$4,702	9.3%	30.3%
Healthcare Providers, Services, & Payers										
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	UNH	\$428,935	\$415.63	97.1%	1.0x	17.7x	\$450,129	\$24,261	6.5%	5.4%
CVS Health Corporation	CVS	\$200,977	\$103.45	97.5%	0.5x	13.0x	\$405,618	\$15,412	7.7%	3.8%
HCA Healthcare, Inc.	HCA	\$139,544	\$389.89	70.1%	1.8x	8.9x	\$78,013	\$15,747	7.3%	20.2%
McKesson Corporation	MCK	\$107,481	\$755.60	75.6%	0.3x	15.6x	\$403,430	\$6,884	12.4%	1.7%
Elevance Health, Inc.	ELV	\$102,581	\$386.73	90.6%	0.5x	12.3x	\$201,114	\$8,324	6.3%	4.1%
The Cigna Group	CI	\$100,922	\$275.68	81.3%	0.4x	7.9x	\$282,382	\$12,753	7.8%	4.5%
Cencora, Inc.	COR	\$73,851	\$282.98	75.0%	0.2x	13.9x	\$328,680	\$5,300	5.9%	1.6%
Cardinal Health, Inc.	CAH	\$58,320	\$237.56	98.6%	0.2x	14.6x	\$250,735	\$3,994	12.8%	1.6%
Humana Inc.	HUM	\$51,944	\$397.22	99.6%	0.4x	14.4x	\$145,679	\$3,596	18.3%	2.5%
Centene Corporation	CNC	\$22,104	\$64.19	96.5%	0.1x	4.8x	\$180,304	\$4,606	12.9%	2.6%

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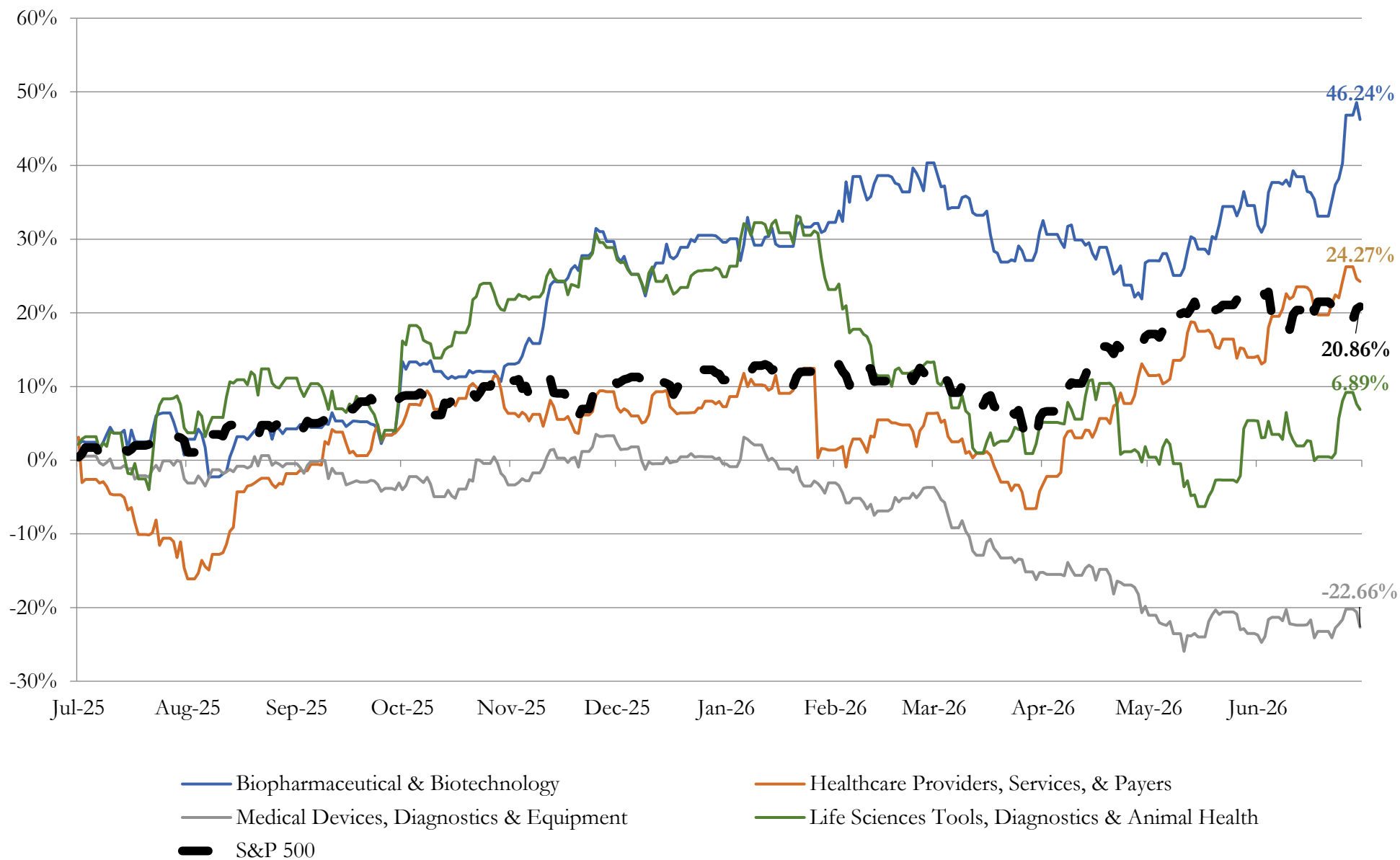
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Medical Device, Diagnostics & Equipment										
Abbott Laboratories	ABT	\$220,309	\$90.74	66.0%	4.7x	18.9x	\$46,585	\$11,681	8.1%	25.1%
Stryker Corporation	SYK	\$142,803	\$314.84	77.8%	5.5x	19.4x	\$25,837	\$7,376	8.5%	28.5%
Intuitive Surgical, Inc.	ISRG	\$136,673	\$397.68	65.9%	12.4x	32.7x	\$11,034	\$4,181	20.7%	37.9%
Medtronic plc	MDT	\$136,354	\$78.23	73.6%	3.7x	13.5x	\$36,364	\$10,103	8.4%	27.8%
Boston Scientific Corporation	BSX	\$87,238	\$42.68	39.0%	4.2x	15.3x	\$20,996	\$5,711	13.5%	27.2%
Becton, Dickinson and Company	BDX	\$65,665	\$151.33	71.0%	2.9x	10.7x	\$22,484	\$6,121	18.5%	27.2%
Edwards Lifesciences Corporation	EW	\$49,881	\$90.46	97.4%	7.7x	25.0x	\$6,512	\$1,997	14.6%	30.7%
GE HealthCare Technologies Inc.	GEHC	\$42,035	\$64.01	71.3%	2.0x	11.7x	\$21,266	\$3,593	6.5%	16.9%
DexCom, Inc.	DXCM	\$33,972	\$67.35	74.8%	6.8x	24.2x	\$4,969	\$1,403	15.5%	28.2%
ResMed Inc.	RMD	\$32,064	\$194.88	66.3%	5.7x	15.1x	\$5,653	\$2,121	9.9%	37.5%
STERIS plc	STE	\$24,594	\$210.57	78.2%	4.1x	15.0x	\$6,038	\$1,641	8.4%	27.2%
Insulet Corporation	PODD	\$10,570	\$152.25	42.9%	3.5x	17.2x	\$3,053	\$615	29.4%	20.1%
Life Sciences Tools, Diagnostics & Animal Health										
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	TMO	\$258,942	\$501.36	77.9%	5.6x	22.1x	\$46,336	\$11,739	7.2%	25.3%
Danaher Corporation	DHR	\$166,853	\$190.48	78.5%	6.6x	20.8x	\$25,107	\$8,028	4.6%	32.0%
IQVIA Holdings Inc.	MRK	\$54,059	\$193.22	78.2%	3.2x	17.7x	\$16,983	\$3,048	4.6%	43.4%
Waters Corporation	WAT	\$45,565	\$375.04	90.6%	12.1x	40.1x	\$3,770	\$1,135	52.5%	31.3%
IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.	IDXX	\$45,563	\$526.44	68.4%	10.0x	28.1x	\$4,553	\$1,622	12.8%	35.6%
Agilent Technologies, Inc.	A	\$43,899	\$132.83	82.9%	6.1x	21.8x	\$7,232	\$2,015	9.1%	27.9%
Zoetis Inc.	ZTS	\$38,918	\$71.86	44.4%	4.1x	9.6x	\$9,525	\$4,066	1.6%	42.7%
Mettler-Toledo International Inc.	MTD	\$30,754	\$1,277.51	83.8%	7.4x	24.1x	\$4,134	\$1,276	6.9%	30.9%

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Public Market Performance

Sub-Industry Performance vs. S&P 500



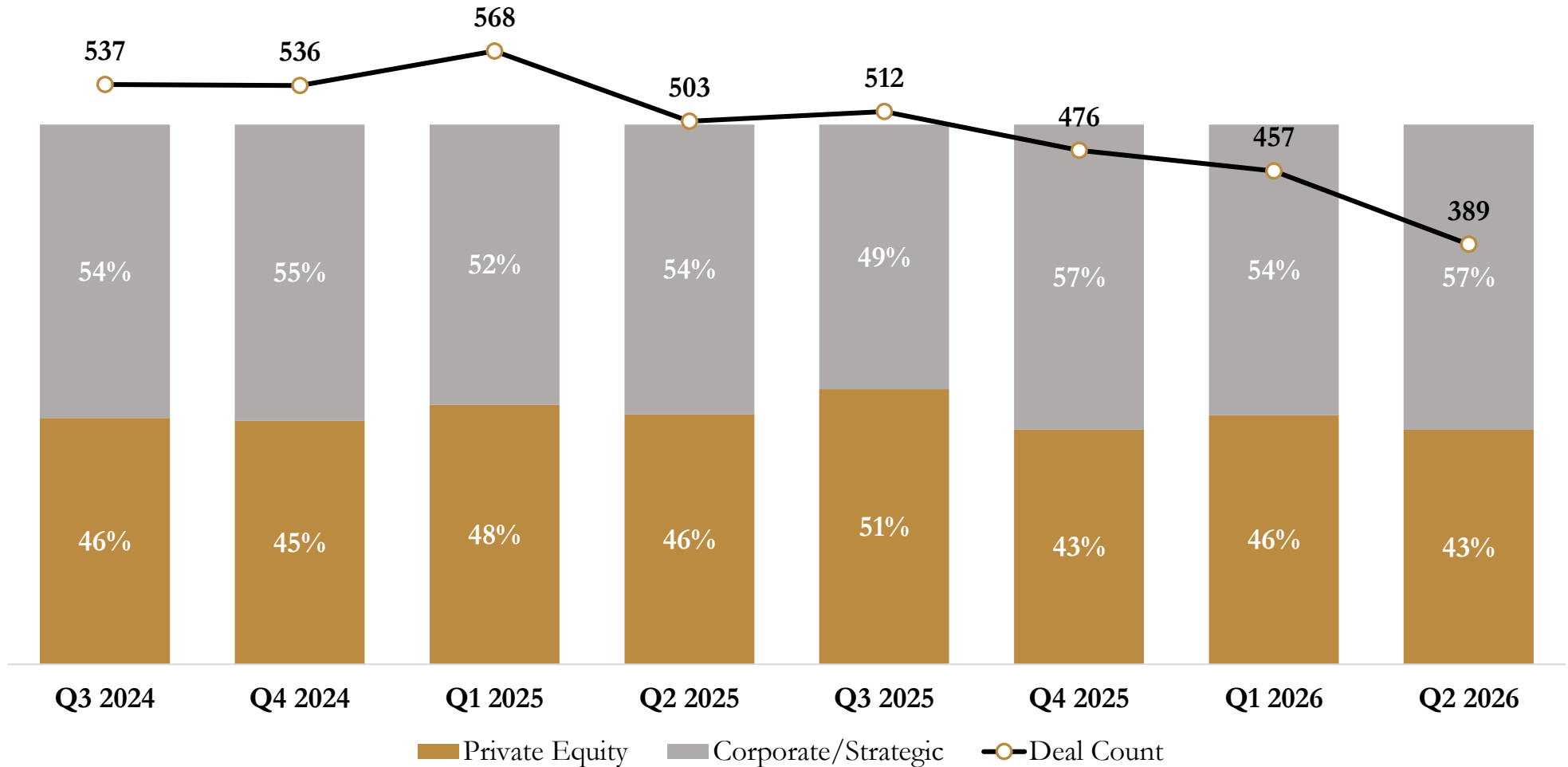
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M&A Trends

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

The Healthcare M&A market continued to cool in Q2 2026, with total transactions declining to 389 – the lowest level in the observed period and down 15% from the prior quarter. Corporate/strategic acquirers strengthened their majority to 57%, while private equity buyers accounted for 43%, at the low end of the range observed since Q3 2024 as sponsors remained selective.



Source: PitchBook

Note: Transaction data reflects completed U.S. transactions involving Strategic M&A, PE-backed Companies, and Buyout/LBO platform transactions

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M&A Trends

Recent M&A Transactions

(USD in millions)

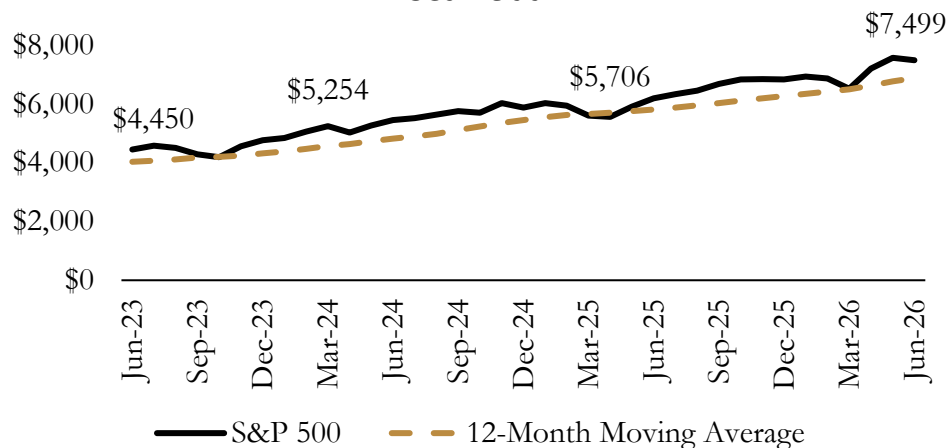
Close Date	Target	Acquirer	Implied TEV
Mar-26	Exact Sciences Corporation	Abbott Laboratories	\$22,537
Apr-26	Hologic, Inc.	Blackstone Inc.; GIC Private Limited; Abu Dhabi Investment Authority; TPG	\$18,376
Feb-26	Avidity Biosciences, Inc.	Novartis AG	\$10,270
Jun-26	Masimo Corporation	Danaher Corporation	\$9,982
Mar-26	Clario	Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	\$9,400
Jan-26	Cidara Therapeutics, Inc.	Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC	\$8,837
Apr-26	Arcellx, Inc.	Gilead Sciences, Inc.	\$8,003
Feb-26	OneOncology, LLC	Cencora, Inc.	\$7,400
May-26	Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Biogen Inc.	\$6,357
May-26	Terns Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC	\$5,846
Jun-26	Select Medical Holdings Corporation	Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe, L.P.; WCAS XIV, L.P.	\$5,227
Apr-26	Amicus Therapeutics, Inc.	BioMarin Pharmaceutical Inc.	\$4,967
Jun-26	AMSURG Corp.	Ascension Health Alliance	\$3,900
Apr-26	Team Services Group, LLC	General Atlantic Service Company, L.P.	\$3,000
Apr-26	Global rights to RADICAVA ORS and IV RADICAVA from Tanabe Pharma	Shionogi Inc.	\$2,500
Jun-26	Perfuse Therapeutics, Inc.	Bayer Aktiengesellschaft	\$2,450
May-26	Solenio Therapeutics, Inc.	Neurocrine Biosciences, Inc.	\$2,392
Jun-26	Candid Therapeutics, Inc.	UCB SA	\$2,200
Jun-26	Ouro Medicines, Inc.	Gilead Sciences, Inc.	\$2,175
Apr-26	Day One Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.	Servier Pharmaceuticals LLC	\$2,069
Mar-26	RAPT Therapeutics, Inc.	GlaxoSmithKline LLC	\$1,717
Feb-26	Dynavax Technologies Corporation	Sanofi	\$1,567
Jun-26	KalVista Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Chiesi Farmaceutici S.p.A.	\$1,538
Jan-26	Semler Scientific, Inc.	Strive, Inc.	\$1,531
Feb-26	ArthroSi Therapeutics, Inc.	Swedish Orphan Biovitrum AB (publ)	\$1,500
May-26	Enhabit, Inc.	Kinderhook Industries, LLC	\$1,238
Jun-26	Transcend Therapeutics, Inc.	Otsuka America, Inc.	\$1,225
Jun-26	Neurona Therapeutics, Inc.	UCB SA	\$1,150
Jun-26	Portfolio of over the counter consumer health products of Foundation Consumer	Prestige Brands, Inc.	\$1,045
Jun-26	Biocare Medical, LLC	Agilent Technologies, Inc.	\$950

Source: Capital IQ

Macroeconomic Environment

Macroeconomic Indicators

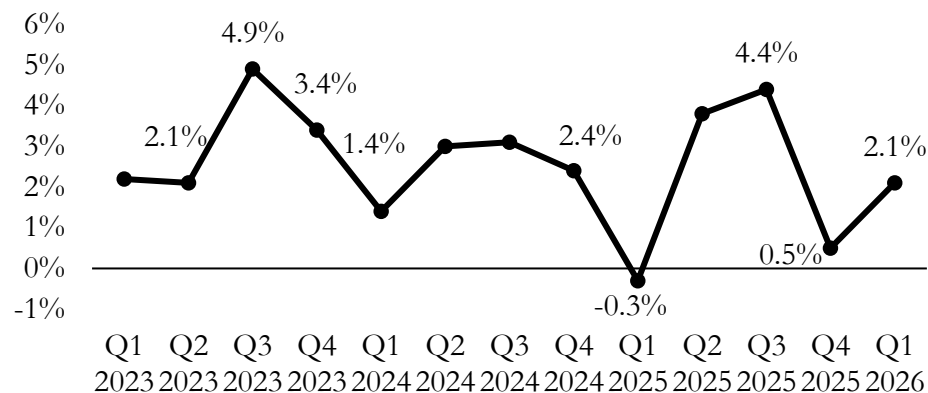
S&P 500



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

Real GDP Growth

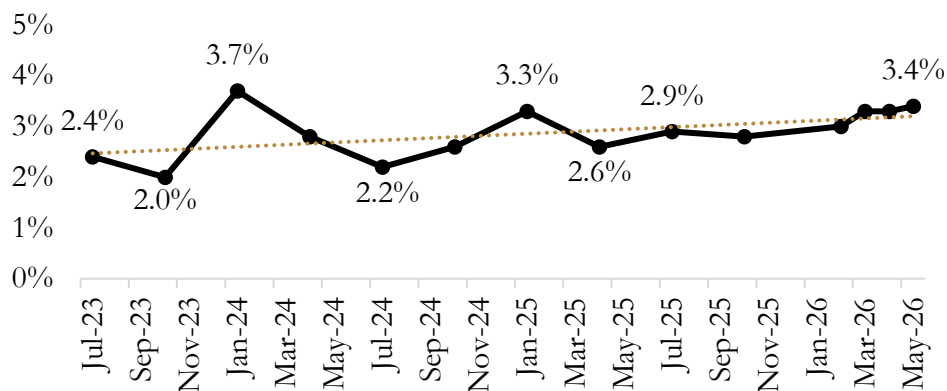
Gross Domestic Product



Tracks inflation-adjusted economic output, typically reported quarterly.

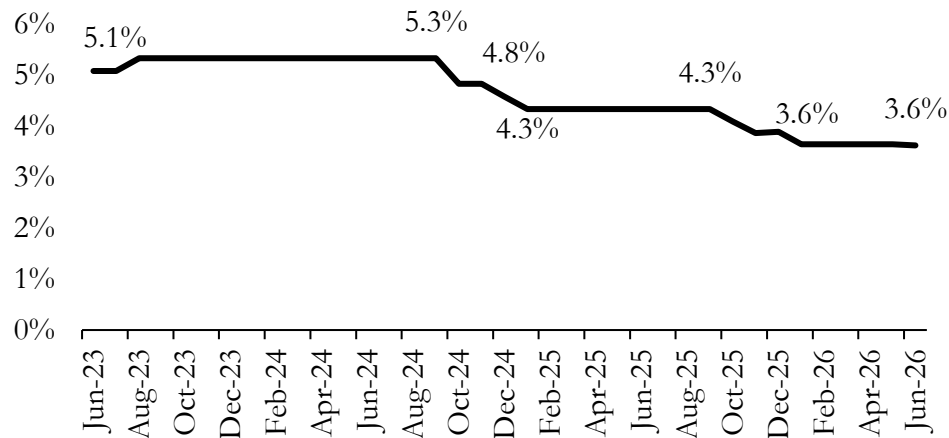
Core PCE

Personal Consumption Expenditures



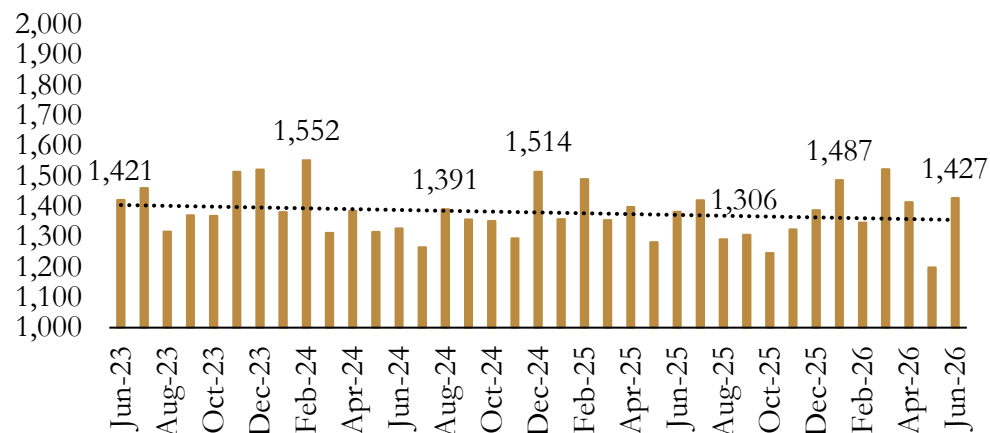
A key inflation gauge that tracks consumer spending, excluding volatile food and energy prices.

Federal Funds Rate



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

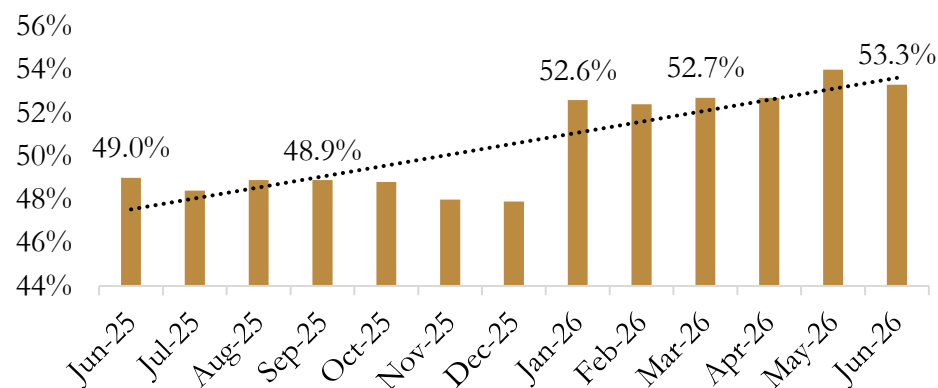
Source: Capital IQ, St. Louis Fed – FRED Economic Data

New Privately-Owned Housing Units Started¹

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

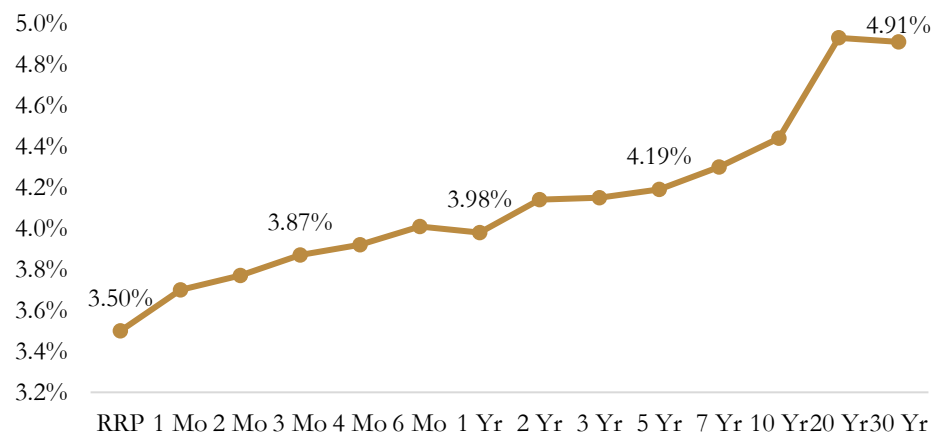
Manufacturing PMI

Purchasing Manager's Index



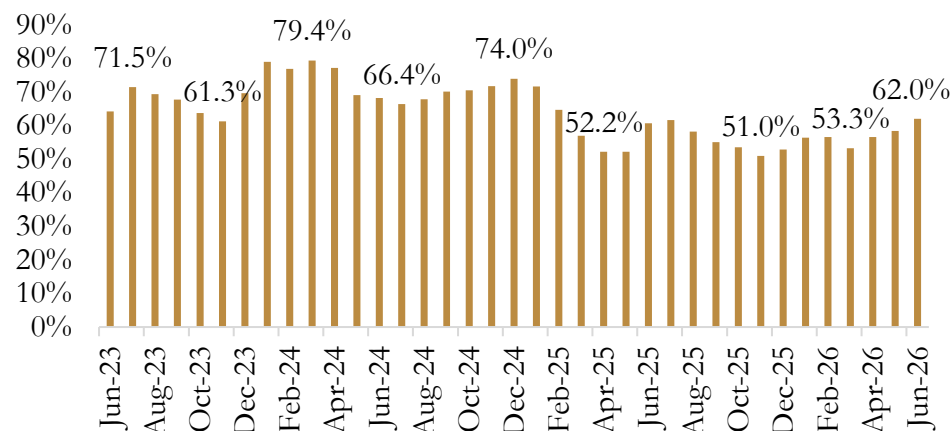
A monthly survey signaling manufacturing sector activity; readings above 50 indicate expansion.

Treasury Par Yield Curve Rates



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

Consumer Sentiment

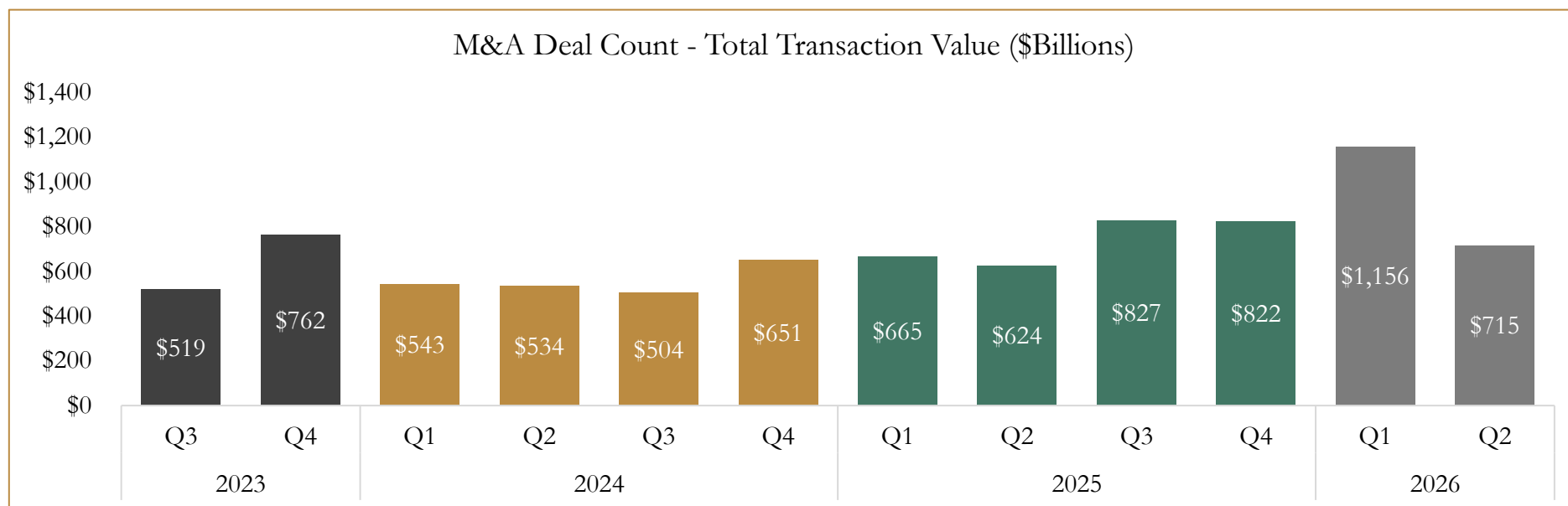
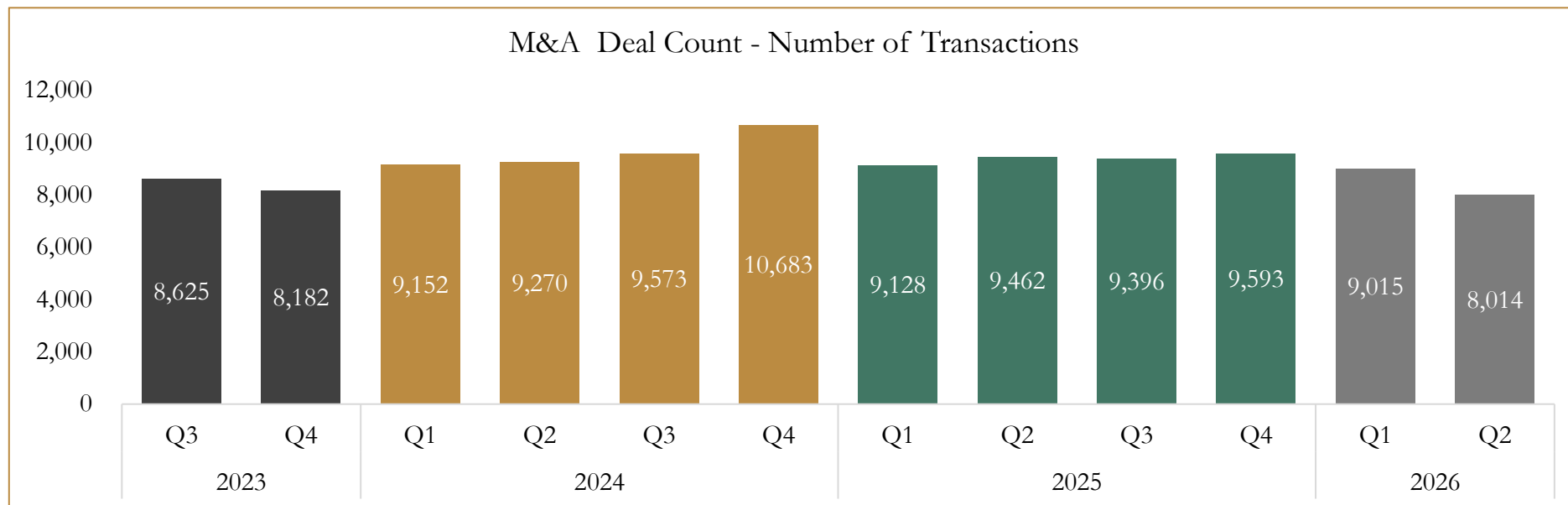


Measures consumer confidence in the economy based on monthly survey data from the University of Michigan.

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

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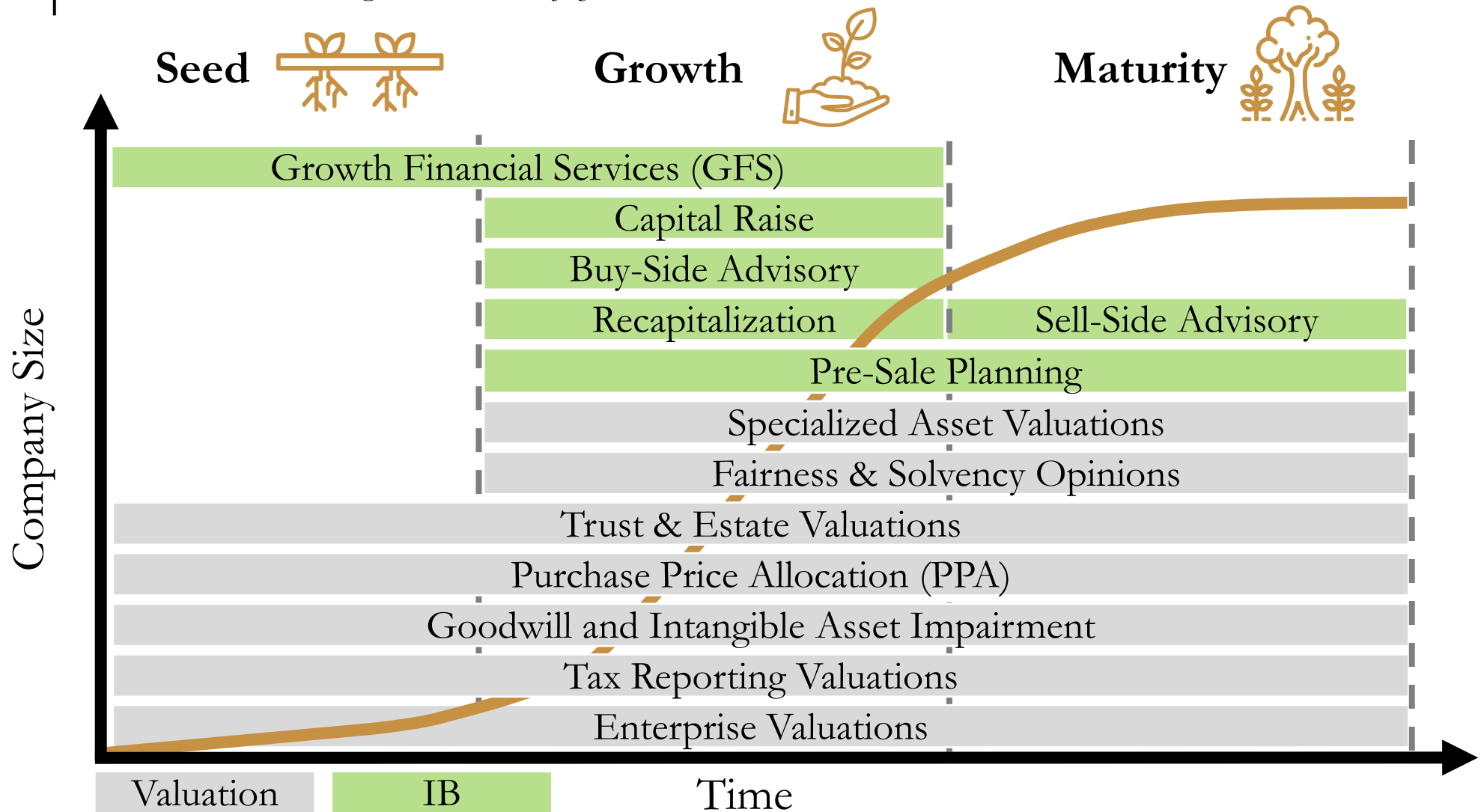
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