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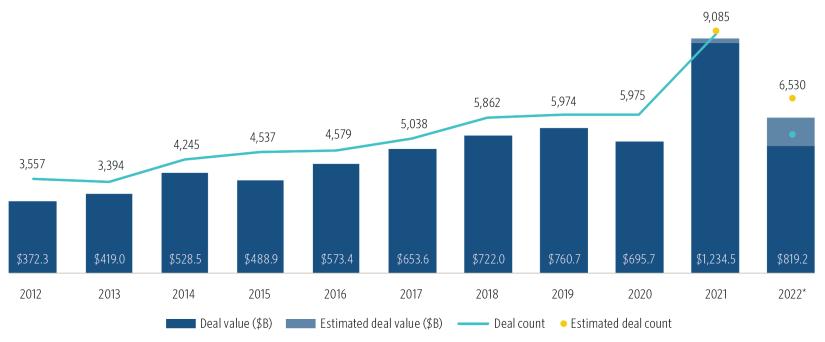
Agenda

- 1. Deal activity
- 2. Industry updates
- 3. Financing trends
- 4. Key deal focus areas



Deal Activity

PE deal activity



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Source: PitchBook | **Geography:** US *As of September 30, 2022

- Overall 2022 volumes slightly up from pre-COVID
- Average deal price down from 2021



US PE Deal Activity by Quarter

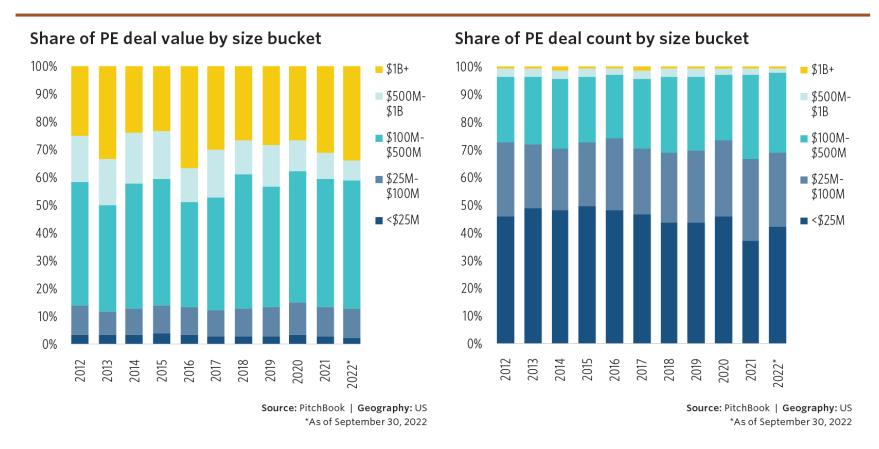


Trends within 2022 show movement

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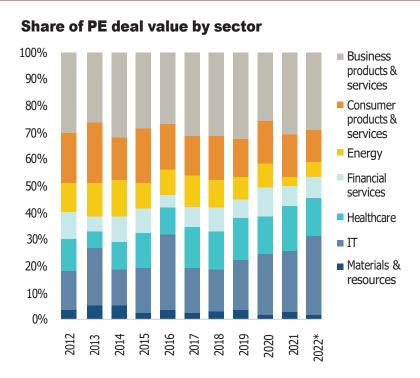
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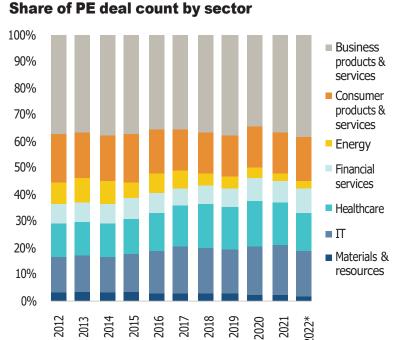


While a small portion of overall deal value, volume of middle market transactions has increased.



Industry Activity





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Business products & services and IT continue to drive the most value and volume, but sector activity is broad.



Financing Trends

- Higher interest rates are impacting transactions
 - More expensive to finance
 - Floating rates for leveraged buyouts (LBO's) were around 4.8% in February and 9.8% in September
 - If 70% is financed with debt, the equity value would need to drop 50% to keep values the same
 - Sellers not ready to accept resulting lower prices, but there are distressed sellers
 - Volume has decreased
 - Many PE's have shifted to add-on transactions
- Private equity funds have "dry powder" to invest
- Strategic buyers may have an advantage if they don't need to finance as much as the financial buyers

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Will multiples decrease in 2023?



Key Deal Trends

Areas of buyer focus:

 Supply chain – pandemic supply chain issues are clearing up in many industries, but buyers are more sensitive to impact of supply chain

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- Working capital financing is more expensive
- Some sellers in distress due to inflation, supply chain, interest rates, etc.



Deal Trends – Supply Chain

Due diligence on supply chain is more robust

- Analyze cost/volume/price analysis what has driven most of change in earnings in last few years?
- Supplier analysis
 - Is there more than one source for key components?
 - Have there been changes in suppliers?
 - Can changes in costs be passed through to customers?
- Inventory turnover
 - How does it compare to past periods?
 - What safety stock is on-hand?
 - Has shift in suppliers resulted in obsolete inventory?

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Working Capital

When financing is more expensive, working capital is more important

- What is normal level, especially in volatile times?
- How to handle due diligence "finds"
- Banks are more interested than in past years
- Any closing adjustments must be clearly defined



Distressed Sellers

- Window dressing changes made to make EBITDA look better
 - Changes in accounting in last periods
 - Reserves
 - Valuations
 - Revenue recognition, including deferred revenue
- Accelerate sales from future periods
- Repairs & maintenance versus PP&E accounting or lag in repairs
- Labor shortages
- Related party transactions
- More motivation for fraud with distressed sale or remote workforce?

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Going concern



Questions





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