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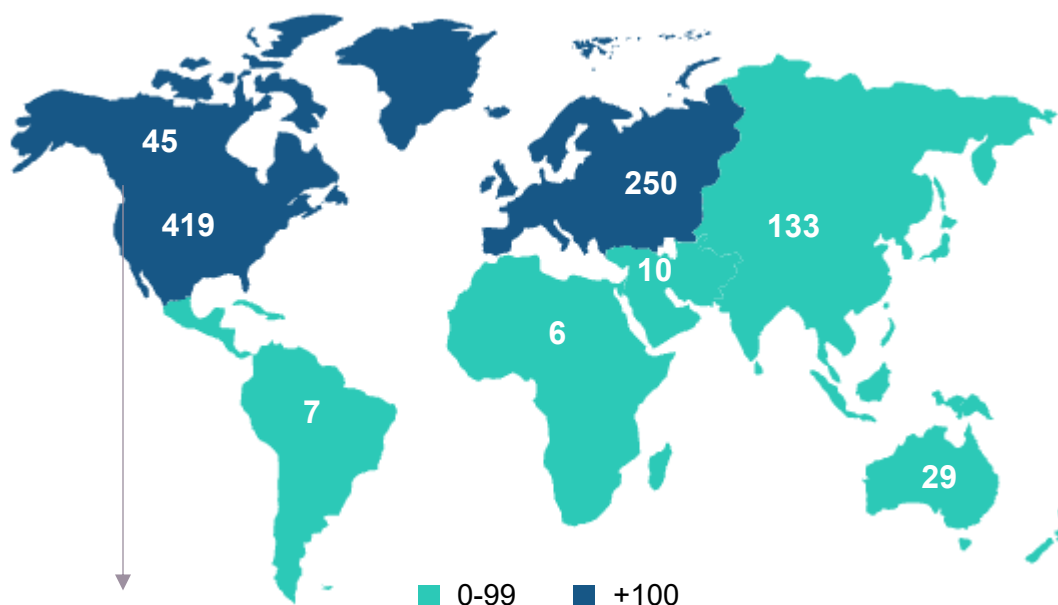
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REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- In Q2, the S&P 500 Healthcare Industry Index increased by 7.4%, underperforming the S&P 500 which increased 14.0% over the same period.
- The median EV/EBITDA multiple for reported private equity deals in the Healthcare sector decreased to 14.5x through 1H 2026 from 15.3x in 2025, but increased for strategic deals to 15.3x from 9.0x in the prior year.
- M&A deal volume in the sector increased 9.4% in Q2 to 907 deals from 829 in Q1 2026, and increased 11.8% from 811 deals in Q2 of the prior year.
- North America was the most active region in Q2 with 464 deals. A notable North American deal was ADIA's \$20.5B acquisition of Hologic, a Massachusetts-based developer of medical imaging systems and surgical products.
- Total capital invested in M&A transactions increased 56.7% in Q2 to \$146.1B from \$93.2B in Q1, in part due to the Hologic deal mentioned above along with several other sizeable transactions in Q2 including Danaher's acquisition of Masimo (see page 10).



Of the 907 deals in the Healthcare sector in Q2, North America was the most active with 464 deals. A notable North American deal (in addition to the Hologic deal mentioned on the previous page) was Gilead's \$7.9 billion acquisition of Arcellx, a California-based biopharmaceutical company focused on developing immunotherapies for cancer and autoimmune diseases. Europe was the second most active with 250 transactions and all other regions combined for a total of 193 deals.



Canada: 45

United States: 419

Mid Atlantic: 95

Southeast: 94

West Coast: 78

Great Lakes: 44

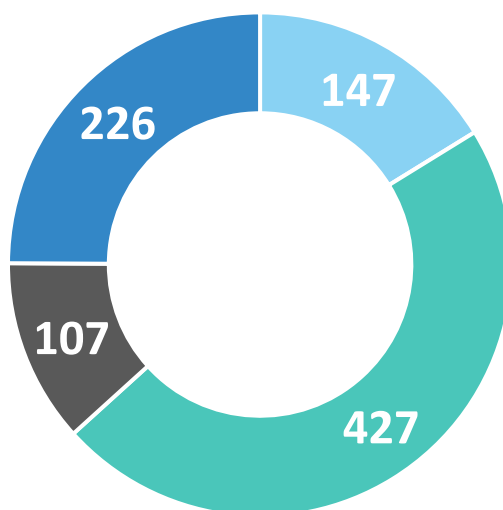
Others: 108

In the U.S., the Mid Atlantic region was the most active with 95 deals, followed by the Southeast and West Coast regions with 94 and 78 transactions, respectively. A notable deal in the Mid Atlantic region was Eli Lilly's \$2.3 billion acquisition of Ajax Therapeutics, a provider of hematologic cancer therapies. The Great Lakes region accounted for 44 deals and all other U.S. regions combined for a total of 108 completed transactions.

In Canada, 45 transactions closed in Q2, including Welltower OP's \$3.3 billion buyout of Amica Senior Lifestyles, a Toronto-based retirement residence.

Of the 907 Healthcare deals in Q2, 427 deals were in the Healthcare Services subsector, making it the most active from an M&A volume standpoint. The Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology and Healthcare Devices & Supplies subsectors saw 226 and 147 closed transactions, respectively, followed by the Healthcare Technology Systems subsector with 107 deals during the quarter.

Healthcare M&A Volume by Subsector



 Healthcare Services

 Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology

 Healthcare Devices & Supplies

 Healthcare Technology Systems


Home Health & Hospice


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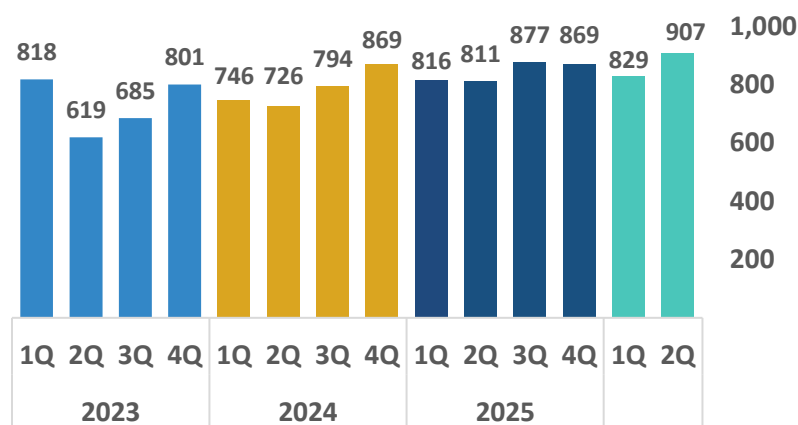


Deal volume in the Healthcare sector increased 9.4% in Q2 to 907 deals from 829 in Q1, and increased 11.8% from 811 in Q2 of the prior year. Q2 volume follows a general trend of steadily increasing activity dating back to Q2 2023, fueled by ample PE dry powder, roll-up strategies across highly fragmented subsectors, and rising care demand from an aging population.

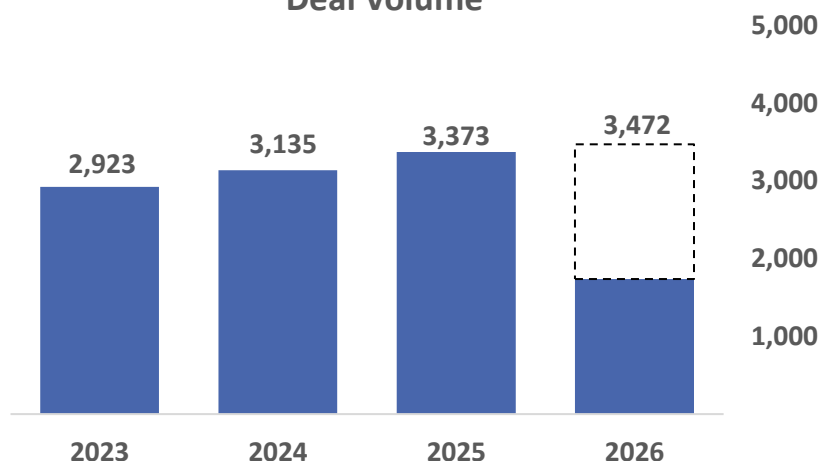
Annual deal volume is on pace to increase 2.9% in 2026 to 3,472 deals from 3,373 in 2025. We attribute this slight increase to a combination of favorable dynamics from interest rate cuts and significant PE dry powder looking for deals, offset by heightened regulatory and antitrust scrutiny on large-cap healthcare consolidation causing hesitancy from buyers.

Total capital invested in M&A deals in the Healthcare sector increased 56.7% in Q2 to \$146.1B from \$93.2B in Q1, and increased 111.8% from \$69.0B in Q2 of the prior year. The increase from the prior quarter was primarily the result of several mega-sized deals in Q2. In Q1, the largest deal was Waters' \$17.5 billion acquisition of BD Solutions, while the largest deal reported in Q2 was Hologic's \$20.5 billion buyout by a consortium including Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, Blackstone, GIC Private, and TPG.

Deal Volume

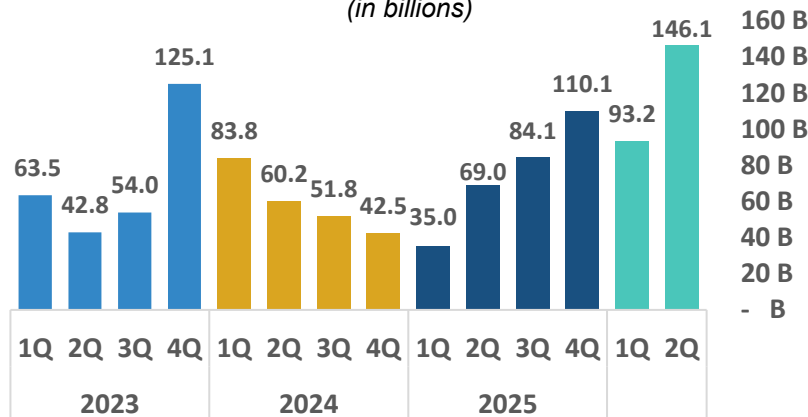


Deal Volume



Total Capital Invested

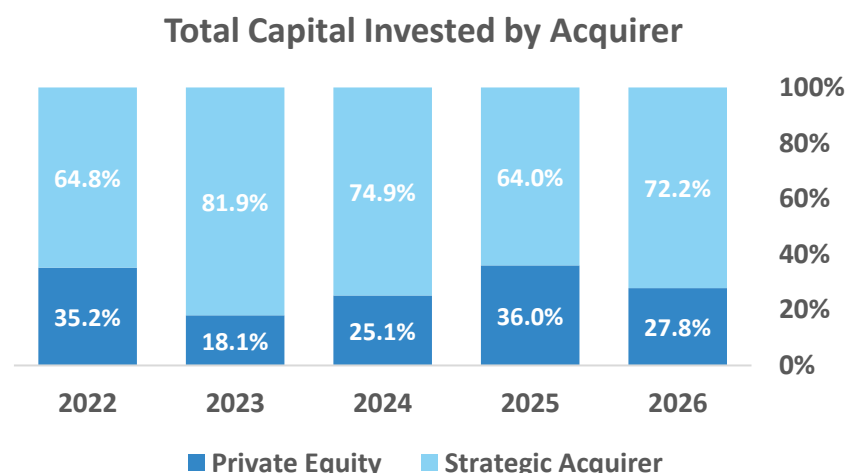
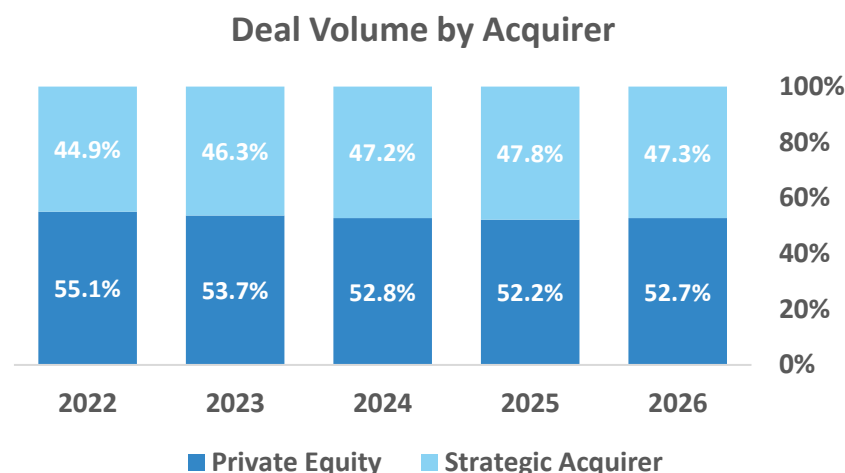
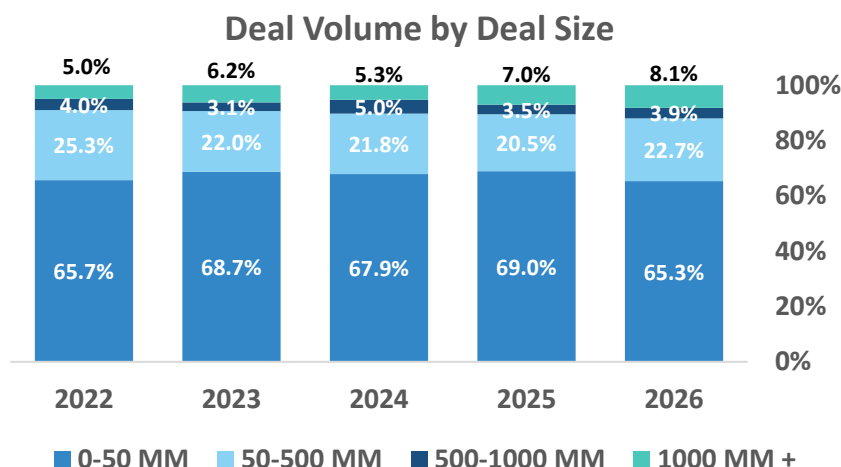
(in billions)



In 1H 2026, we generally saw a shift in mix toward larger-sized deals relative to the prior year. Specifically, the middle (\$50 - \$500 MM), upper-middle (\$500 - \$1,000 MM) and large cap (\$1,000+ MM) tranches of the market all increased to 22.7%, 3.9% and 8.1% from 20.5%, 3.5% and 7.0%, respectively. The lower middle (\$0 - \$50 MM) decreased to 65.3% from 69.0% over the same period.

As a % of total deal volume, PE buyers trended slightly higher in 1H relative to strategic buyers, representing 52.7% of deal volume in the sector compared to 52.2% in 2025. 1H marks the first increase in PE share of deal volume seen in the last five years, underscoring a gradual shift in dealmaking dynamics toward private equity buyers.

Despite the trend in deal volume, PE's share of total capital invested decreased to 27.8% from 36.0% in 2025. The decrease in share of capital invested by PE buyers was largely driven by large strategic acquisitions such as Danaher's \$10.2 billion acquisition of Masimo and Eli Lilly's \$7.8 billion acquisition of Centessa Pharmaceuticals in Q2.

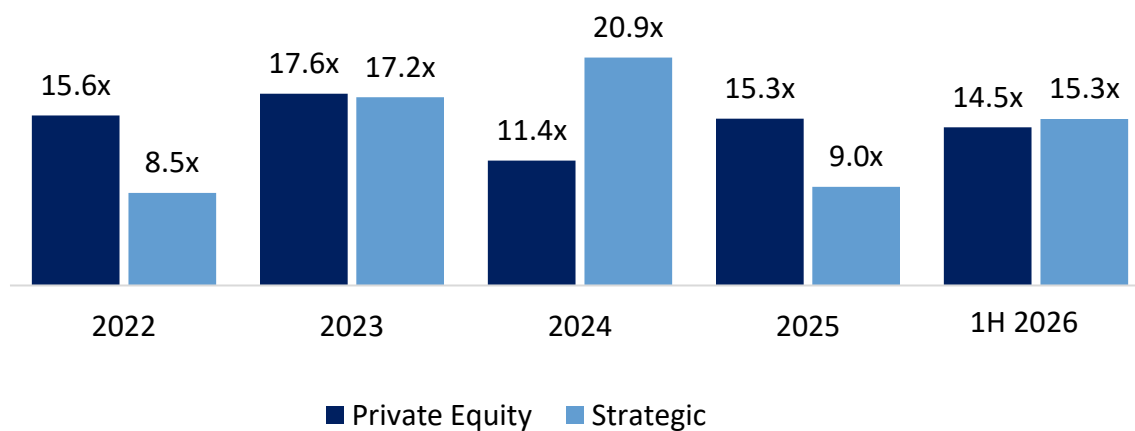


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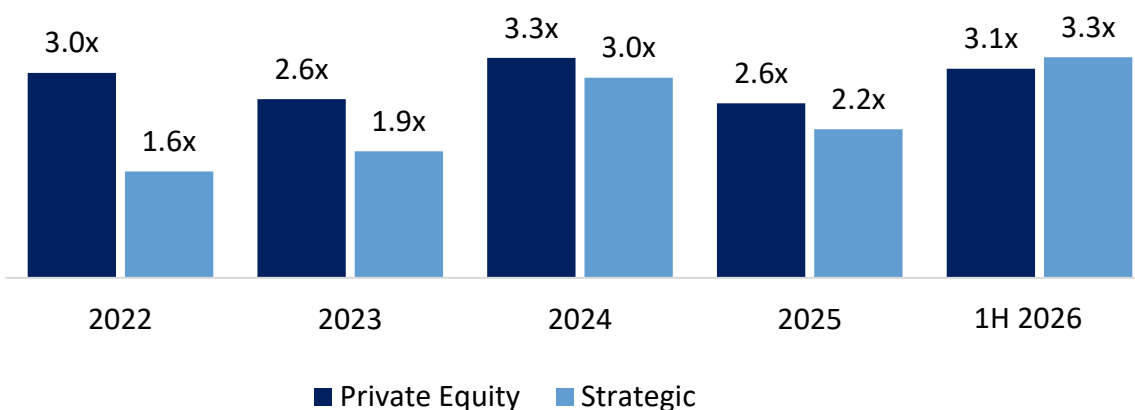
The median EV/Revenue multiple for reported private equity deals increased to 3.1x in 1H from 2.6x in 2025, and increased for strategic deals to 3.3x from 2.2x in the prior year.

1H 2026 represents the highest median EV/Revenue multiple for strategic buyers in the last five years.

Reported EV/EBITDA Multiples



Reported EV/Revenue Multiples



Active Strategic Investors - Healthcare

Investor	2026 Investments	Select Targets
	4	   
	2	 
	2	 

Active Private Equity Investors - Healthcare

Investor	2026 Investments	Select Targets
	5	    
	3	  
Blackstone	3	  

Largest Deals (Disclosed)

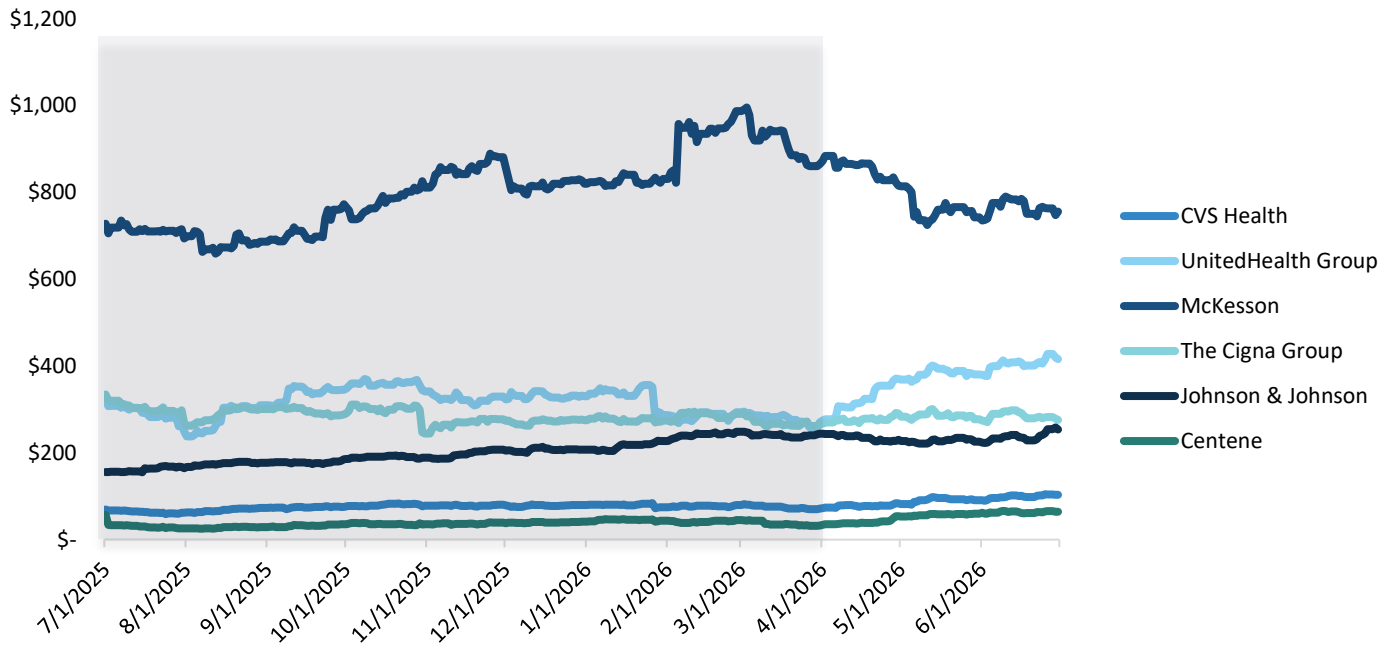
Date	Company Name	Investor	Deal Type	Deal Size (\$mm)	EV		Target Business Description
					Revenue	EBITDA	
29-Jun-2026	Lannett	Aurobindo Pharma USA	Merger/Acquisition	\$ 250.0	0.82x		Developer of generic pharmaceuticals manufacturing and commercializing prescription medications for healthcare providers and patients.
26-Jun-2026	Kelonia	Lilly USA	Merger/Acquisition	7,000.0			Developer of genetic medicine delivery platforms enabling targeted gene therapies for complex diseases.
25-Jun-2026	Biocare Medical	Agilent Technologies	Merger/Acquisition	950.0	10.56x		Developer of immunohistochemistry and molecular diagnostic reagents supporting clinical and research laboratories.
25-Jun-2026	Deerfield Agency	Martis Capital Management	Buyout/LBO	280.0	2.6x		Provider of healthcare marketing services for pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical companies.
24-Jun-2026	Biofarm	Polpharma	Merger/Acquisition	335.0	3.91x	9.93x	Manufacturer of prescription pharmaceuticals, over-the-counter medicines, and dietary supplements for healthcare markets.
24-Jun-2026	Centessa Pharmaceuticals	Lilly USA	Merger/Acquisition	7,800.0			Developer of neuroscience therapies targeting orexin biology for neurological disorders.
17-Jun-2026	Candid Therapeutics	UCB	Merger/Acquisition	2,200.0			Developer of T-cell engager immunotherapies for autoimmune diseases.
17-Jun-2026	Perfuse Therapeutics	Bayer	Merger/Acquisition	2,450.0			Developer of ophthalmic therapies for retinal vascular diseases and vision preservation.
15-Jun-2026	Celerion	Thomas H. Lee Partners	Buyout/LBO	1,800.0		12.0x	Provider of early-stage clinical research and bioanalytical testing services for pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies.
13-Jun-2026	Ajax Therapeutics	Lilly USA	Merger/Acquisition	2,300.0			Developer of targeted therapies for hematologic cancers using precision molecular drug discovery.
12-Jun-2026	Scientia Vascular	Medtronic	Merger/Acquisition	550.0			Manufacturer of endovascular medical devices for neurovascular and peripheral vascular interventions.
12-Jun-2026	Transcend Therapeutics	Otsuka Pharmaceutical	Merger/Acquisition	1,225.0			Developer of neuropsychiatric therapies using psychedelic-based medicines.
11-Jun-2026	KalVista	Chiesi Farmaceutici	Merger/Acquisition	1,600.2			Developer of oral therapies for rare diseases, including hereditary angioedema.
10-Jun-2026	Emalex Biosciences	Teva Pharmaceutical Industries	Merger/Acquisition	700.0			Developer of therapies for central nervous system and rare neurological disorders.
10-Jun-2026	Masimo	Danaher	Merger/Acquisition	10,227.8	6.4x	29.4x	Developer of noninvasive patient monitoring technologies and healthcare connectivity solutions.
02-Jun-2026	Eucalyptus	Hims & Hers Health	Merger/Acquisition	1,150.0	2.56x		Operator of digital healthcare platforms providing telehealth consultations and chronic care management.
02-Jun-2026	Neurona Therapeutics	UCB	Merger/Acquisition	1,150.0			Developer of regenerative neural cell therapies for chronic neurological disorders.
Mean				2,468.7	4.5x	17.1x	
Median				1,225.0	3.2x	12.0x	
High				10,227.8	10.6x	29.4x	
Low				250.0	0.8x	9.9x	

Leading M&A Deals (Completed)

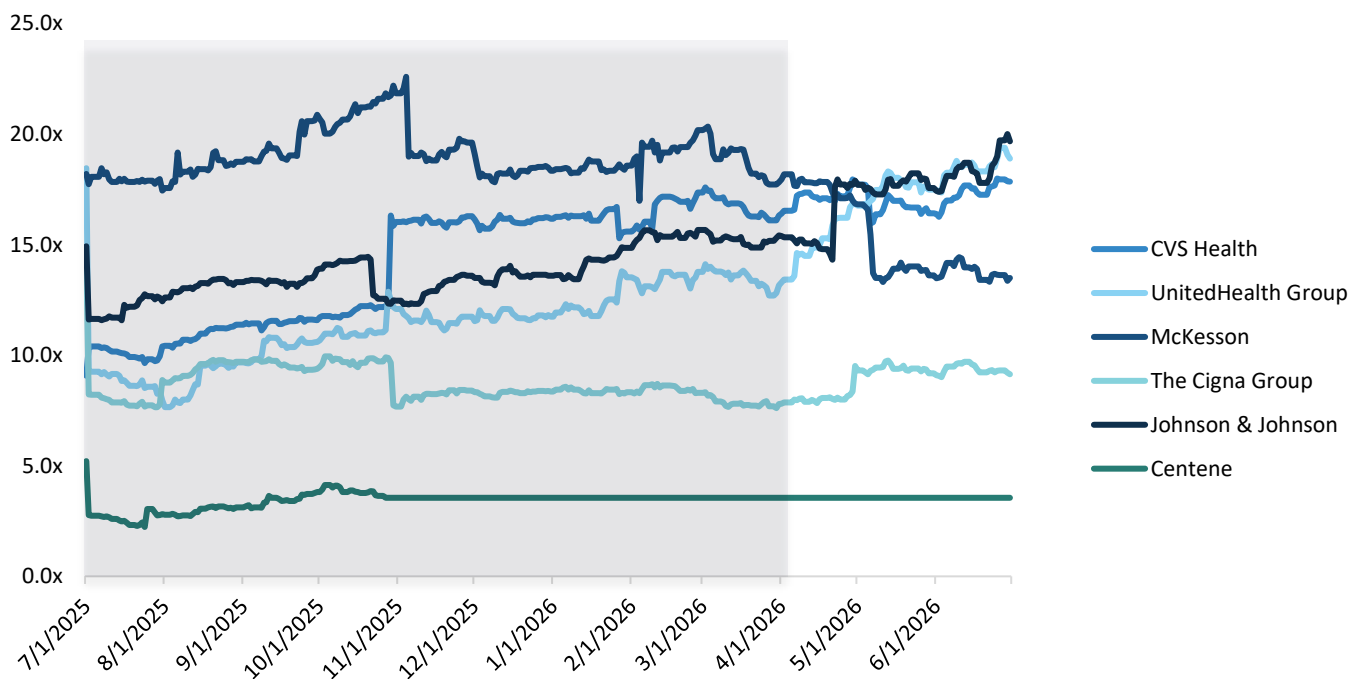


Target	Investor	Driver	Deal Synopsis
		LBO/Buyout	A consortium including Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, Blackstone, GIC Private, and TPG acquired Hologic a Bedford, Massachusetts-based manufacturer of women's healthcare products for \$20.5 billion in Q2. Hologic operates across four segments: diagnostics, breast health, surgical, and skeletal health with diagnostics representing its largest revenue driver following its acquisition of Gen-Probe and generates most of its revenue from the United States, followed by Europe and Asia.
		Merger/ Acquisition	Eli Lilly acquired Kelonia for up to \$1.0 billion, a biotechnology company developing in vivo gene editing therapies. Kelonia's proprietary delivery platform is designed to precisely target specific cells within the body, enabling genetic medicines without the need for ex vivo cell manipulation. The acquisition expands Eli Lilly's genetic medicine capabilities by strengthening its in vivo gene editing platform and accelerating the development of next-generation treatments for a range of diseases.
		Merger/ Acquisition	Danaher acquired Masimo, an Irvine-based medical technology company, for \$10.2B in Q2. Masimo manufactures non-invasive patient monitoring technologies, hospital automation and connectivity solutions and remote monitoring devices for hospitals, emergency medical service providers. The acquisition strengthens Danaher's diagnostics and monitoring portfolio.
		Merger/ Acquisition	Gilead acquired Arcellx, a California-based clinical-stage developer of immunotherapies for patients with cancer and other incurable diseases, for \$7.9 billion. Arcellx's pipeline spans multiple myeloma, acute myeloid leukemia, non-oncology, and solid tumor indications, further building out Gilead's cell therapy and oncology capabilities.

Stock Price

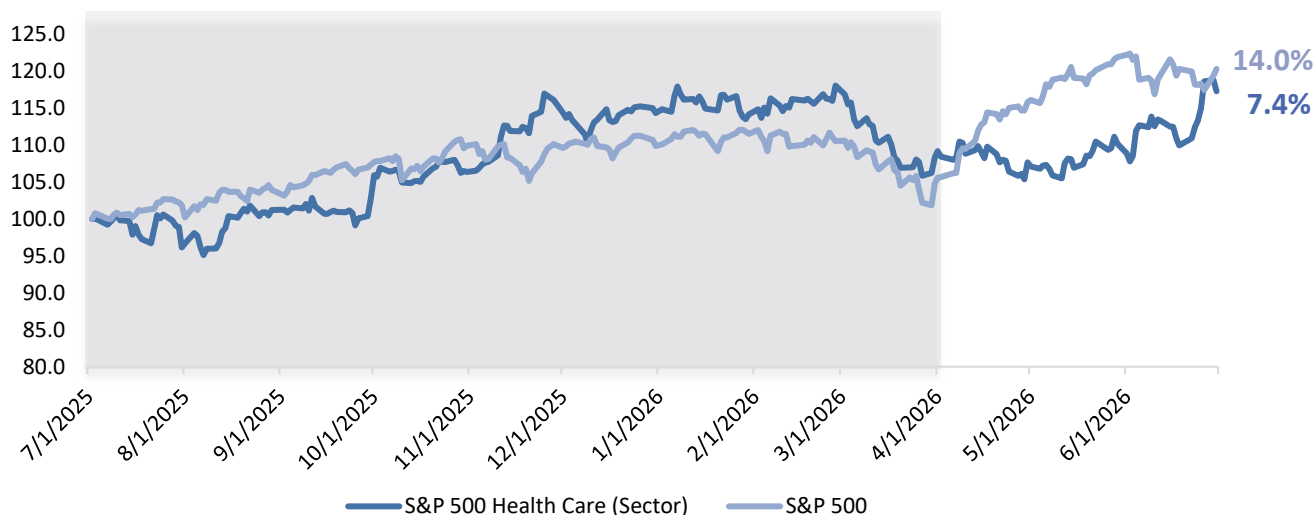


EV/EBITDA



Index Performance

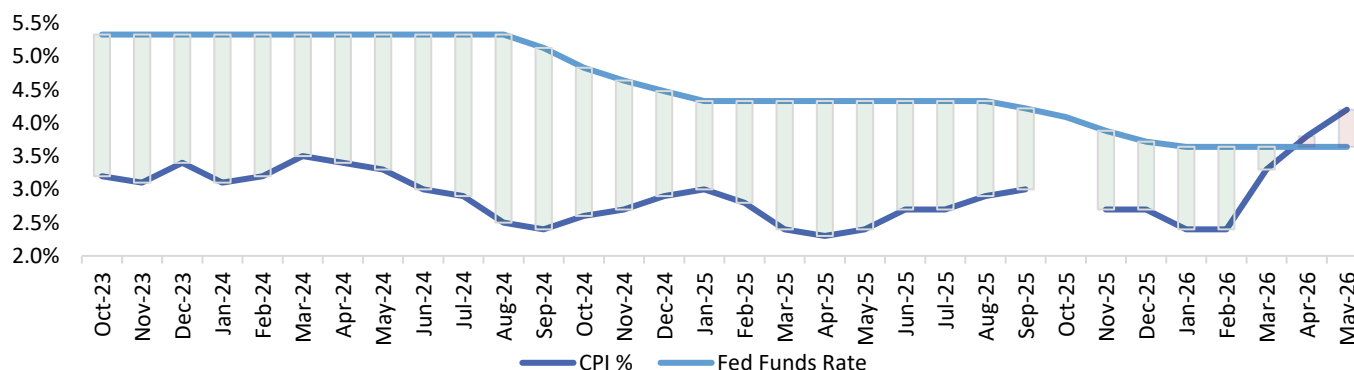
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Key External Drivers

The market's gains are resting on an increasingly narrow foundation. AI infrastructure spending keeps lifting the chipmakers tied to it, while a handful of mega-caps like Nvidia, Microsoft, and Alphabet now set the index's direction. This concentration is the structural story: leadership and risk both hinge on whether these names hold. Broader earnings growth could eventually diversify leadership, but for now the market rests on the mega-caps.

The bigger story this quarter was the Fed itself. Kevin Warsh was sworn in as Chair on May 22, succeeding Jerome Powell, who is staying on the board in an unusual move for a former chair. Warsh's first meeting at the helm, on June 17, held rates steady at 3.50%–3.75% for a fourth straight meeting, but the tone turned hawkish: the committee erased its one remaining projected cut for the year and pushed easing out to 2027-2028, with several members now penciling in a hike instead. The catalyst was inflation: May CPI hit 4.2% year-over-year, a three-year high, driven largely by the energy and commodity disruption from the Iran war, which sent Brent crude above \$100/barrel at its peak before easing back by late June as hostilities cooled. The Strait of Hormuz remains a flashpoint given its role in roughly 27% of global seaborne oil trade, so renewed escalation is a real tail risk heading into Q3.



Note: The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics did not publish an official CPI reading for October 2025 due to the federal government shutdown, which disrupted data collection. As a result, no official year-over-year CPI figure is available for that month.

Emerging Trends in the Healthcare Sector



Ambulatory Surgery Center Consolidation Wave

Over 70% of surgical procedures shift to outpatient settings

Major health systems are rapidly consolidating ambulatory surgery centers and offloading inpatient capacity, with Ascension's acquisition of AmSurg adding more than 250 ASCs across 34 states. ASCs offer 20 to 30 percent EBITDA margins while growing 6 to 8 percent annually, creating attractive acquisition targets for platform consolidators. Health systems are directing capital from high-cost inpatient infrastructure toward scalable outpatient networks aligned with shifting patient preferences.



AI-Enhanced Revenue Cycle & Healthcare Technology M&A

Data and automation reshape health services platform economics

Healthcare services and technology acquirers are systematically upgrading financial and clinical infrastructure through AI-enabled acquisitions focused on revenue cycle automation, predictive analytics, and clinical documentation tools. Between 80 and 90 percent of these transactions are platform technology upgrades rather than market expansion plays. Buyers recognize AI as a core differentiator in margin expansion and competitive positioning, moving beyond administrative efficiency into clinical workflow optimization.



Behavioral Health & Specialty Physician Platform Consolidation

Recessions create demand for resilient, scalable care delivery models

Private equity and strategic buyers are aggressively consolidating regional behavioral health platforms, specialty physician groups in oncology and gastroenterology, and primary care networks amid clinician shortages and demographic tailwinds. These deals target recurring revenue assets with diversified payor mix and defensible clinical positioning. Buyer discipline has sharpened toward high-quality operators with proven compliance maturity and measurable patient outcomes.



Health System Portfolio Right-Sizing & Carve-Outs

Non-core asset divestitures accelerate strategic repositioning

Health systems are systematically offloading non-core assets including lab services, home health units, and revenue cycle operations to refocus capital on core clinical and mission-critical priorities. Carve-outs from larger healthcare platforms create attractive acquisition targets for specialized operators and PE platforms seeking bolt-on opportunities. This portfolio optimization trend will intensify in 2026 as systems navigate financial pressure and reimbursement uncertainty.



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Revenue

\$2 - 20MM
EBITDA

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Industries Served



Healthcare



Tech-Enabled
Services



Plastics &
Packaging



Industrials



Transportation
& Logistics



Food &
Consumer



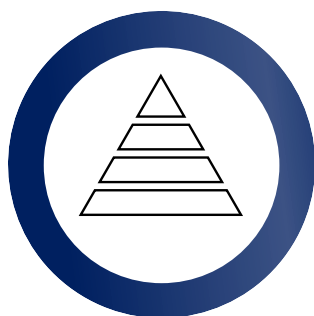
Sell-Side Advisory: Sell your business

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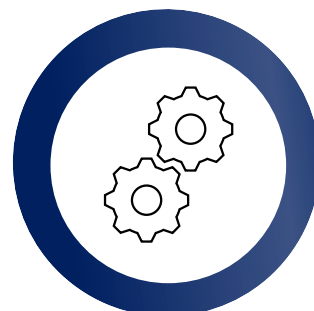
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Below are two recent transactions facilitated by R.L. Hulett, showcasing our expertise in the Healthcare sector. Each transaction exemplifies our commitment to delivering exceptional value and strategic growth for our clients.



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Bain Capital *Ventures*



The Seller: The Corner Pharmacy operates retail pharmacies located in hospitals to provide a convenient resource for hospital in-patient and outpatient discharges, hospital-affiliated Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs), and clinical visits to hospital-affiliated physician offices located in Medical Office Buildings.

The Buyer: Bain Capital Ventures is the Boston-based venture capital affiliate of Bain Capital. Founded in 1984, Bain Capital Ventures has made investments in over 110 early and growth-stage companies. Bain Capital Ventures currently has \$2 billion under management and invests in business services, consumer, healthcare, internet & mobile, and software companies.

Transaction Rationale: The Corner Pharmacy will use the investment proceeds to fund the continued expansion of its business and for general corporate purposes.



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The Seller: All-Staff Nursing, Inc. ("ASN"), located in the St. Louis metropolitan area, is a specialized provider of supplemental staffing services for long-term care facilities. Since its establishment in September 1990, All-Staff Nursing has been dedicated to addressing the temporary staffing needs of healthcare organizations, particularly nursing homes. Their primary focus is on supplying highly qualified healthcare professionals, including Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, and Certified Nurse Assistants.

The Buyer: Founded in 1986, Cooperative Home Care ("CHC") is a trusted provider of healthcare staffing and home care services in St. Louis, Missouri. The company provides nurse staffing and palliative home care services under Medicaid, Medicare and private pay programs.

Transaction Rationale: The acquisition of ASN expands CHC into the Illinois market.

Selected Transactions

Over the years, R.L. Hulett has completed hundreds of transactions in a variety of industries. Below are several representative transactions highlighting the firm's experience in the sector.



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