



# US Traditional Investment Management Industry Trends

## Q2 2026

Berkshire Global Advisors

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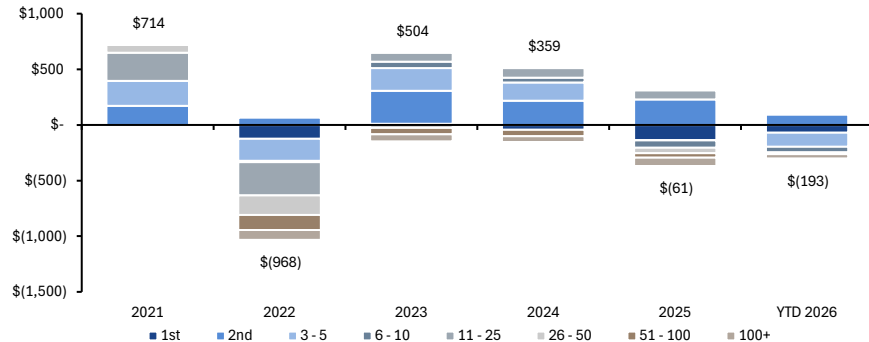
# I. Industry Trends

# Historical Mutual Fund & ETF Flows

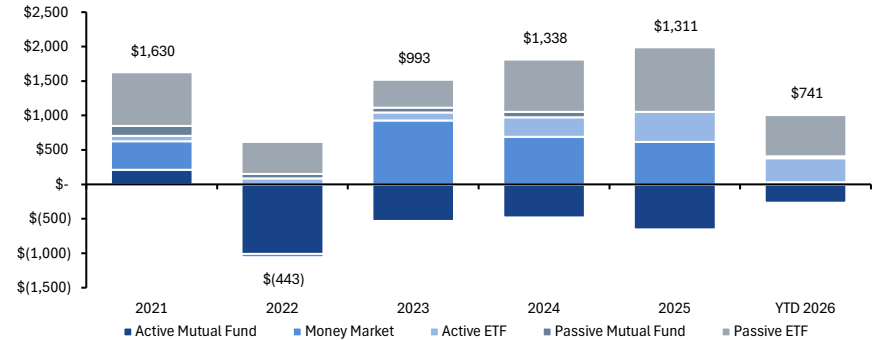
ETF demand remained strong throughout Q2 2026, offsetting continued mutual fund outflows and driving substantial growth in overall industry flows

- Net flows across US mutual funds, ETFs and money market funds totaled \$395B in Q2 2026, a \$365B increase from net flows in Q2 2025
- ETFs continued to see net inflows in Q2 2026, totaling \$537B
  - Active ETFs represented approximately 35% of quarterly ETF flows, substantiating the demand for active strategies delivered through the ETF structure
- Mutual funds and money market products experienced combined outflows of roughly \$141B, with money market inflows only partially offsetting mutual fund outflows
  - Active mutual funds experienced \$178B of net outflows, while passive mutual funds experienced \$10B of net outflows over the quarter
  - Money market funds generated approximately \$47B of net inflows, recovering from \$17B of net outflows in Q1 2026

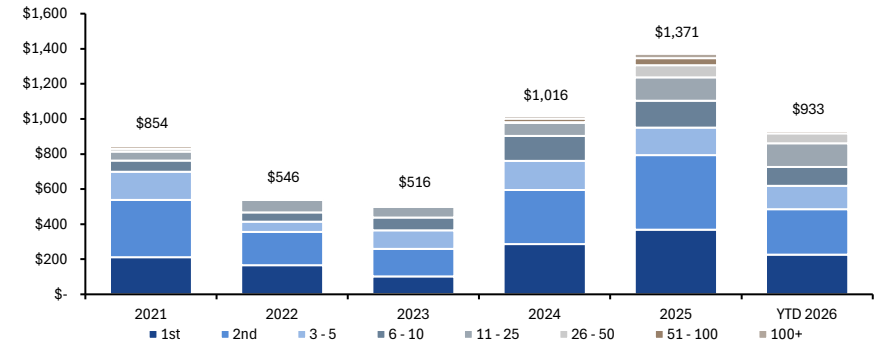
Historical US Mutual Fund Net Flows (\$B) by Firm Ranking<sup>(1)</sup>



Historical US Mutual Fund, MM & ETF Net Flows (\$B)



Historical US ETF Net Flows (\$B) by Firm Ranking<sup>(1)</sup>



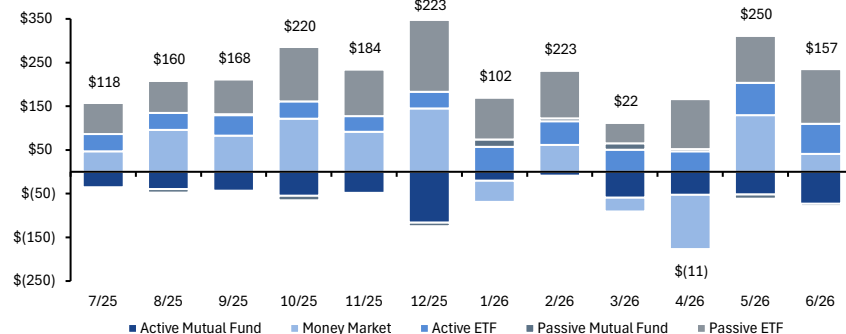
(1) Firms ranked by AUM as of 6/30/2026  
Source: Simfund, as of 6/30/2026

# ETF Resiliency

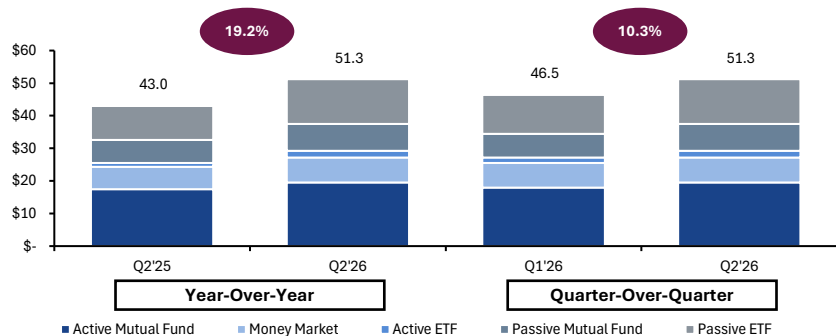
## Passive and active ETFs continued to gain market share in Q2 2026 as investors shift away from mutual funds

- ETFs continued to attract consistent investor demand throughout Q2 2026, generating positive monthly inflows in two of the three months despite heightened market volatility
  - Active ETFs received \$190B of net inflows in Q2 2026, continuing the trend towards the advantageous ETF wrapper
- Total AUM across mutual funds, ETFs and money market funds measured \$51.3T in Q2 2026, up 19.2% YoY from Q2 2025's total AUM of \$43.0T
  - Active mutual funds declined to 38.0% of total industry AUM, compared with 40.7% one year prior, and passive mutual funds declined from 16.5% to 16.1%
  - Over the same period, active ETF market share increased from 2.7% to 3.9% YoY, and passive ETFs expanded to 26.9% from 24.2% in Q2 2025
  - Combined ETF market share increased to approximately 30.8%, up from 26.9% YoY

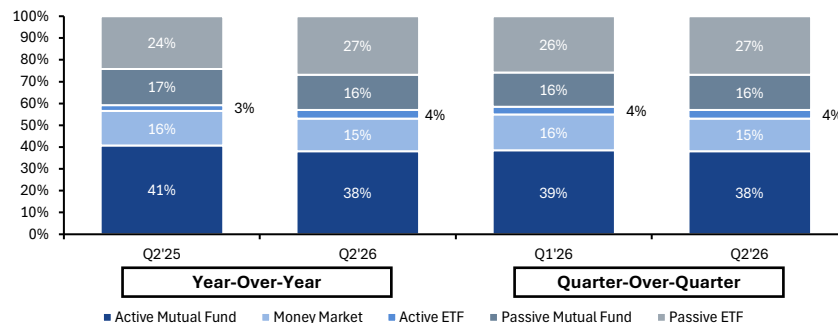
### Historical US Mutual Fund, MM & ETF Net Flows (\$B)



### Historical US Mutual Fund, MM & ETF AUM (\$T)

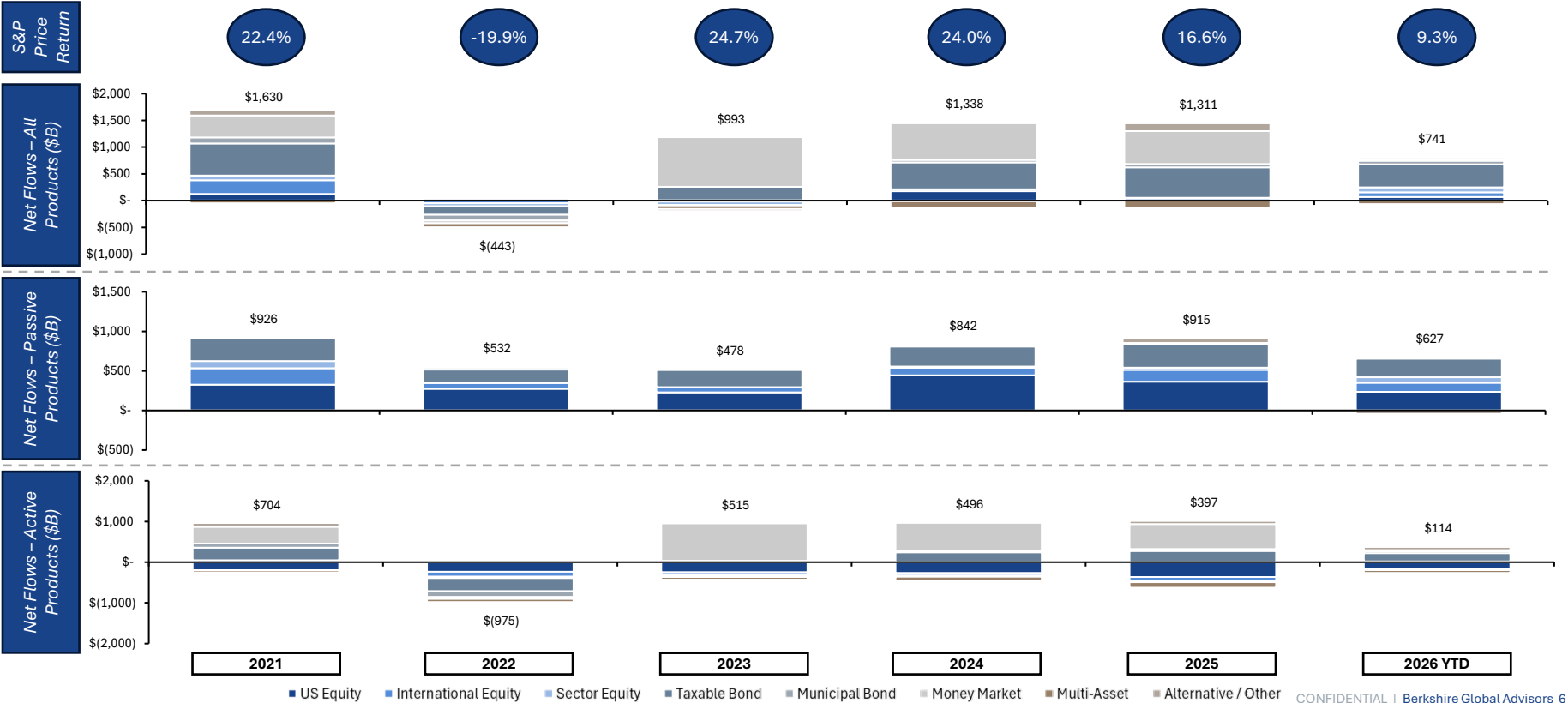


### Historical US Mutual Fund, MM & ETF AUM (%)



# Annual Mutual Fund & ETF Flows by Strategy

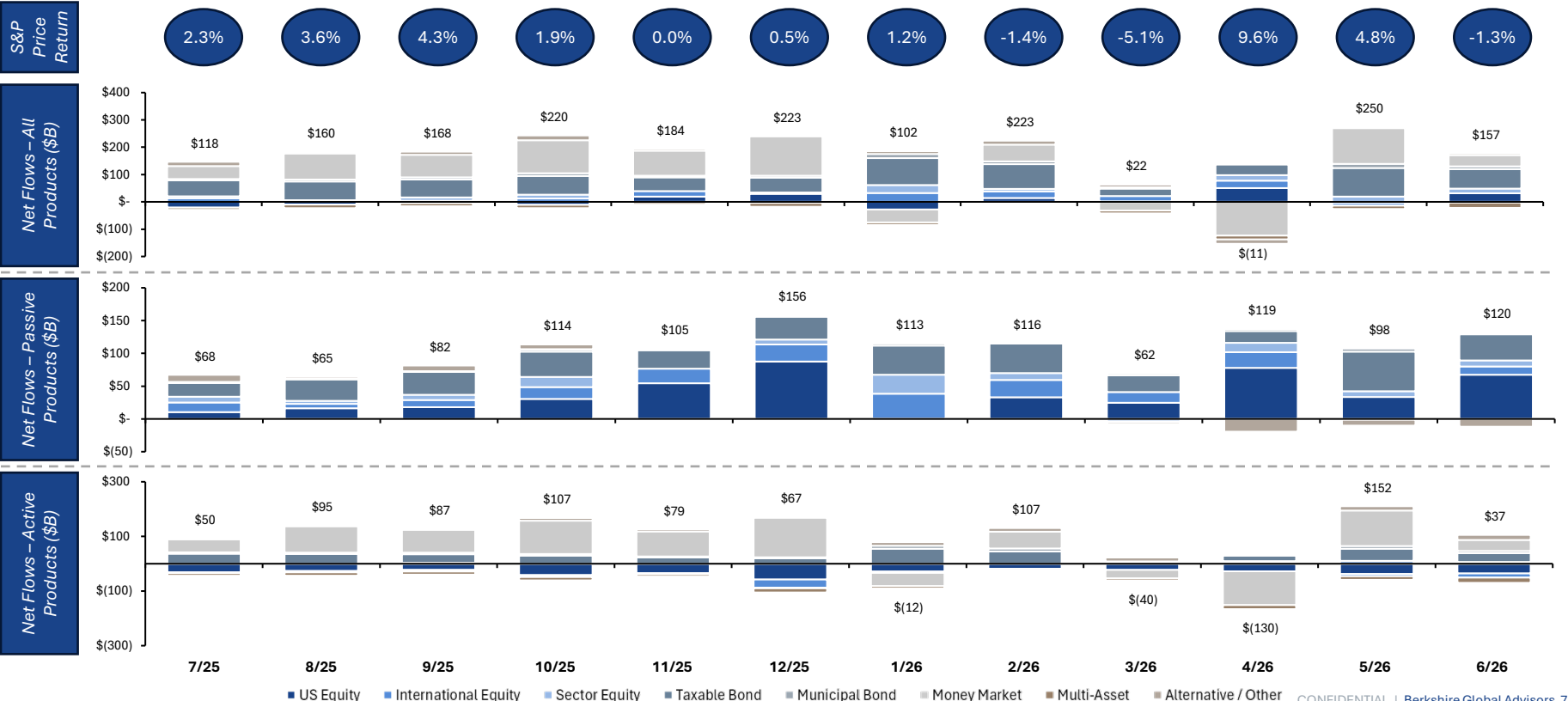
Taxable bond and passive equity strategies drove industry flows during the first half of 2026, while active US equity and passive multi-asset products remained under pressure



Source: Simfund, as of 6/30/2026

# Monthly Mutual Fund & ETF Flows by Strategy

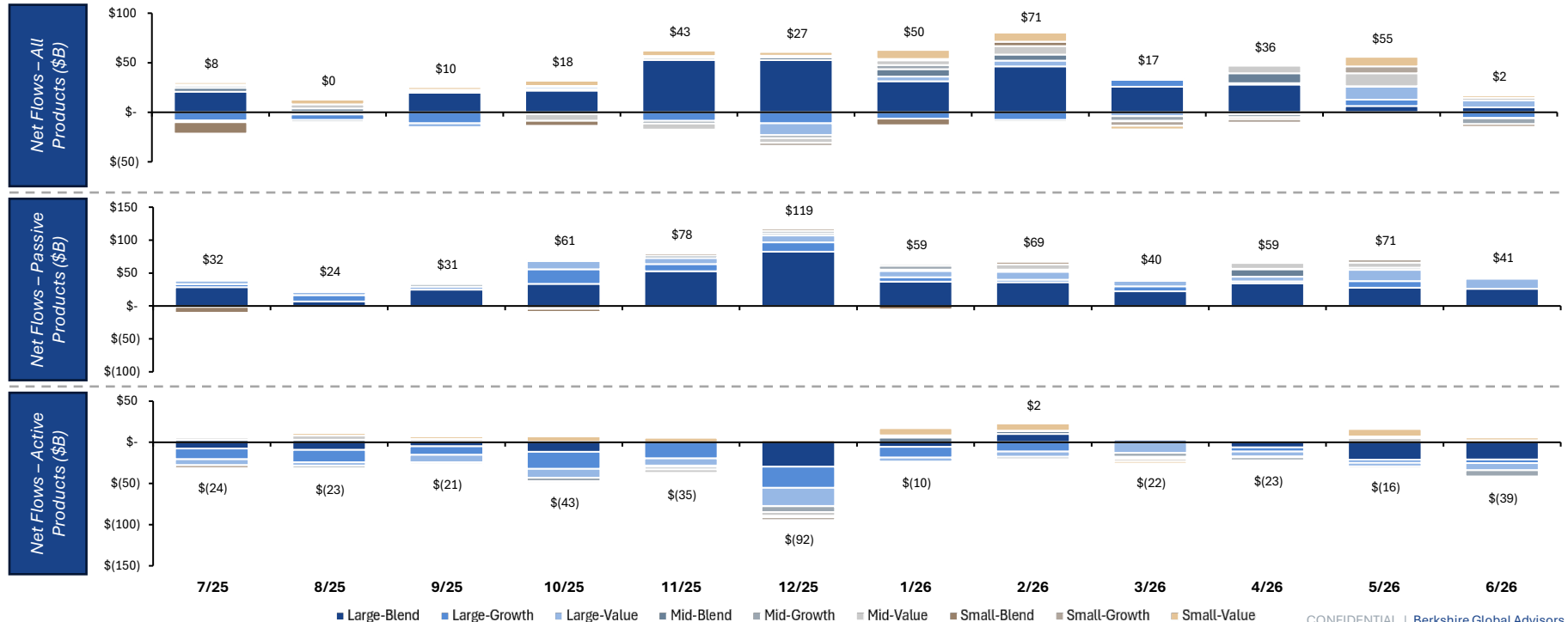
Following an April decline driven by money market outflows, Q2 2026 flows rebounded in May and June, supported by taxable bonds, sector equity and a shift back into money market funds



# Monthly Equity ETF & Mutual Fund Flows by Style-Box

Large-blend, mid-value and large-value products saw the greatest inflows in Q2 2026, while mid-growth and small-blend experienced a fourth and third consecutive quarter of outflows, respectively

- Large-blend sustained its leadership among style-boxes with the highest inflows in Q2 2026 (\$39B); value products also continued to attract inflows across small-, mid- and large-cap



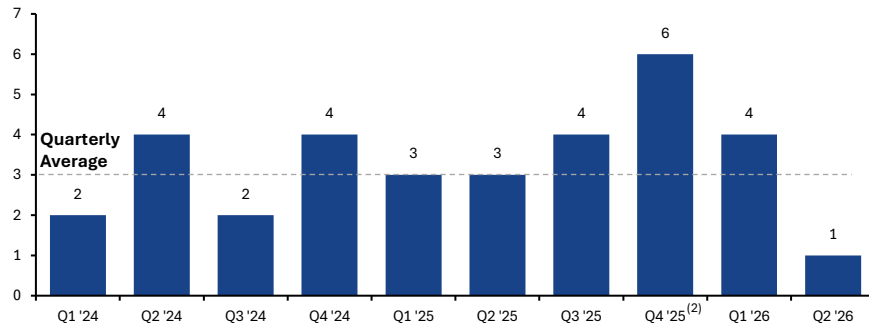
## II. M&A Trends

# US Traditional Investment Management Quarterly M&A Trends

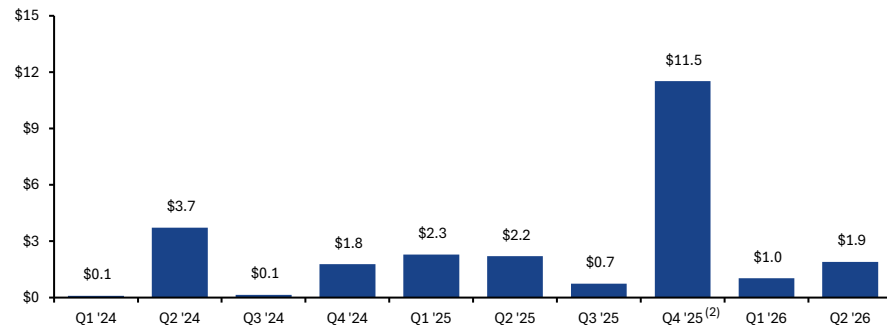
M&A transaction volume across the US traditional investment management sector fell in Q2 2026; deal activity was concentrated in a single, larger-scale transaction, which drove a rebound in aggregate deal value and AUM transferred

- Q2 2026 recorded 1 transaction, marking the lowest quarterly deal activity over the trailing 10 quarters
  - Q4 2025 marked a recent high of 6 deals, and activity had remained at or above 3 transactions per quarter for 6 consecutive quarters until Q2 2026
- Excluding Q4 2025, aggregate transaction value was \$400MM higher than the trailing ten-quarter estimated average of \$1.5B despite lower deal activity
  - Wellington Management's acquisition of Hartford Funds marked the fifth-largest transaction by transaction value since Q1 2024
- AUM transferred increased to \$160.2B in Q2 2026 from \$85.6B in Q1 2026, remaining at levels more consistent with historical norms
  - Excluding the Q4 2025 outlier, average quarterly AUM transferred since Q1 2024 is \$119.7B

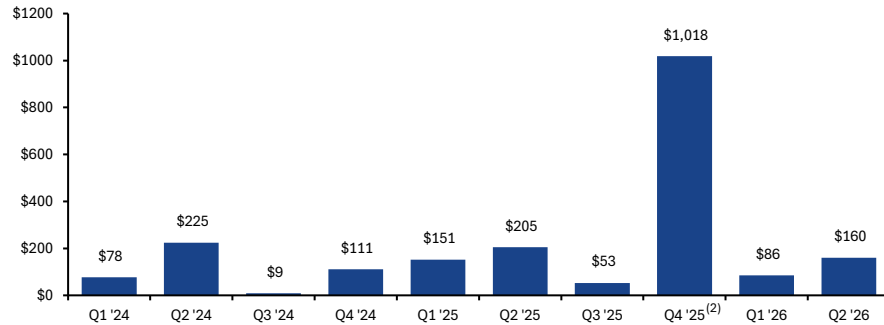
## Historical Number of Transactions (#)



## Historical Transaction Value (\$B)<sup>(1)</sup>



## Historical AUM Transferred (\$B)



(1) For transactions that did not disclose financial terms, transaction value is estimated as ~1.5% of AUM

(2) Despite Janus Henderson being UK domiciled, Q4 2025 transaction statistics include its acquisition by Triun Partners due to its substantial US presence and trading on the NYSE

Source: Berkshire Global Advisors Investment Management Transaction Database. Excludes transactions involving sellers with less than \$250 million in AUM, follow-on investments and acquisitions of <10% stake

# Wellington Management Acquires Hartford Funds

The transaction will create a single, full-service firm capable of delivering stronger outcomes for its clients and position the combined organization to compete as the industry continues to evolve

**Announcement Date:** June 3, 2026

**Consideration:** \$1.9 billion<sup>(1)</sup>

**Percent Acquired:** 100%

**HARTFORDFUNDS**

Has agreed to be acquired by

WELLINGTON  
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## Transaction Overview

Wellington Management ("Wellington") has entered into a definitive agreement with The Hartford (NYSE: HIG) to acquire Hartford Funds. Upon closing, Hartford Funds will be integrated into Wellington's US Wealth business and operate under the Wellington brand. The transaction will allow Wellington to offer financial advisors and investors broader access to investment capabilities, a deeper distribution platform and more integrated support across the US wealth management landscape. The net present value of the transaction is estimated to be \$1.9B, with \$300 million in upfront cash consideration and earnout payments to be paid over 7 years based on the after-tax cash generated by the combined business.

## Hartford Funds

Founded in 1996 and headquartered in Wayne, Pennsylvania, Hartford Funds is an asset manager with \$160.2B<sup>(2)</sup> in assets under management. The firm's product suite comprises actively managed strategies, including fixed income, equity and multi-strategy options, in addition to its systematic ETFs, which leverage a proprietary risk-optimized indexing approach. Wellington currently sub-advises 83% of Hartford Funds' assets.

## Wellington Management

Founded in 1928 and headquartered in Boston, Wellington Management is one of the world's largest independent, privately held investment managers, managing more than \$1.35T<sup>(3)</sup> trillion in client assets on behalf of fund sponsors, global wealth managers, family offices, pensions, endowments and foundations, insurers and other clients. The firm serves over 3,000 clients globally through investment capabilities spanning equities, fixed income, multi-asset, alternatives and private investments.



*"Hartford Funds' and Wellington's partnership is rooted in shared values, organizational alignment and a focus on delivering investment excellence for advisors and investors. We are excited to become part of a single, integrated Wellington platform and believe this combination represents not only continuity for our clients and teams, but also a reaffirmation of our shared investment philosophy. We look forward to working together to build on our history and create new opportunities for growth and innovation."*

– Christopher Swift, President of Hartford Funds



*"For more than 40 years, Wellington and Hartford Funds have partnered together in support of advisors and investors, and I'm excited about what this combination means for the future of both organizations. Wellington's nearly century-long investment heritage is underscored by a deep commitment to supporting advisors, investors and employees, and I know that the Hartford Funds team shares this commitment. I look forward to continuing to build on the strengths that have defined our partnership together in the years ahead."*

– Jean Hynes, CEO and Managing Partner at Wellington Management

(1) Estimated net present value of the transaction, calculated using an 11% discount rate

(2) Discretionary and non-discretionary assets under management as of 4/30/2026; excludes affiliated funds of funds

(3) As of 4/30/2026

Source: Press Release; Company Materials

### **III. Public Market Trends**

# Public Market Statistics

## Selected US Publicly Traded Investment Management Firms

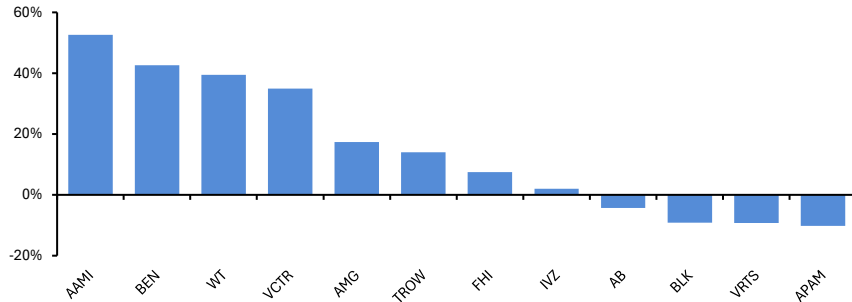
(\$Millions, except per share values)

| U.S. Traditional Investment Managers<br>Company Name |      | Stock Price, Total Return & Market Value Metrics (6/30/26) |                   |                |        |            |                  |            | AUM Statistics |       |       | Valuation Parameters (6/30/26) |       |             |       |                  |       |
|------------------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------|------------|------------------|------------|----------------|-------|-------|--------------------------------|-------|-------------|-------|------------------|-------|
|                                                      |      | Closing Price                                              | % of 52-Week High | % Total Return |        | Market Cap | Enterprise Value | Total      | LTM AUM Growth |       | Total | EV / Revenue                   |       | EV / EBITDA |       | Price / Adj. EPS |       |
|                                                      |      |                                                            |                   | YTD            | 1-Year |            |                  |            | Organic        | Total |       | 2026E                          | 2027E | 2026E       | 2027E | 2026E            | 2027E |
| Acadian Asset Management Inc.                        | AAMI | \$ 71.52                                                   | 83%               | 53%            | 104%   | \$ 2,560   | \$ 2,716         | \$ 195,700 | 39%            | 61%   |       | 3.6x                           | 3.1x  | 9.9x        | 8.5x  | 14.8x            | 12.1x |
| Affiliated Managers Group, Inc.                      | AMG  | 338.40                                                     | 93%               | 17%            | 72%    | 9,107      | 12,754           | 882,000    | 7%             | 24%   |       | 5.4x                           | 4.9x  | 10.0x       | 9.6x  | 9.7x             | 8.7x  |
| AllianceBernstein Holding L.P.                       | AB   | 35.22                                                      | 80%               | (4%)           | (6%)   | 10,477     | 10,325           | 838,600    | (3%)           | 7%    |       | 2.8x                           | 2.6x  | 9.0x        | 8.4x  | 10.1x            | 9.3x  |
| Artisan Partners Asset Management Inc.               | APAM | 34.53                                                      | 71%               | (10%)          | (14%)  | 2,799      | 2,717            | 172,981    | (8%)           | 7%    |       | 2.2x                           | 2.2x  | 6.3x        | 6.0x  | 9.0x             | 8.6x  |
| BlackRock, Inc.                                      | BLK  | 961.56                                                     | 79%               | (9%)           | (6%)   | 151,238    | 154,146          | 13,894,600 | 6%             | 20%   |       | 5.4x                           | 4.9x  | 12.1x       | 10.9x | 18.1x            | 15.8x |
| Federated Hermes, Inc.                               | FHI  | 55.22                                                      | 92%               | 7%             | 28%    | 4,192      | 3,895            | 907,147    | 0%             | 9%    |       | 2.0x                           | 1.9x  | 7.3x        | 6.7x  | 10.7x            | 9.7x  |
| Franklin Resources, Inc.                             | BEN  | 33.27                                                      | 97%               | 43%            | 47%    | 17,288     | 16,970           | 1,682,100  | 3%             | 9%    |       | 2.4x                           | n/a   | 7.3x        | 6.0x  | 12.4x            | 10.5x |
| Invesco Ltd.                                         | IVZ  | 26.39                                                      | 89%               | 2%             | 73%    | 11,767     | 15,438           | 2,159,500  | 6%             | 17%   |       | 3.0x                           | 2.8x  | 7.3x        | 6.8x  | 10.2x            | 8.9x  |
| T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.                            | TROW | 113.69                                                     | 96%               | 14%            | 24%    | 24,360     | 20,171           | 1,709,700  | (3%)           | 9%    |       | 2.6x                           | 2.6x  | 6.5x        | 6.4x  | 11.8x            | 11.7x |
| Victory Capital Holdings, Inc.                       | VCTR | 84.06                                                      | 93%               | 35%            | 36%    | 5,320      | 6,212            | 309,833    | (2%)           | 85%   |       | 4.0x                           | 3.8x  | 7.8x        | 7.3x  | 11.8x            | 10.9x |
| Virtus Investment Partners, Inc.                     | VRTS | 143.50                                                     | 67%               | (9%)           | (16%)  | 976        | 1,278            | 149,026    | (15%)          | (11%) |       | 1.7x                           | 1.7x  | 5.5x        | 5.4x  | 5.8x             | 5.6x  |
| WisdomTree, Inc.                                     | WT   | 16.94                                                      | 85%               | 39%            | 48%    | 2,667      | 3,167            | 152,556    | 10%            | 32%   |       | 4.6x                           | 4.1x  | 10.6x       | 9.6x  | 14.7x            | 13.1x |
| 75th Percentile                                      |      |                                                            |                   | 93%            | 36%    | 54%        | \$ 13,147        | \$ 15,821  | \$ 1,689,000   | 7%    | 26%   | 4.1x                           | 4.0x  | 10.0x       | 8.8x  | 13.0x            | 11.8x |
| Median                                               |      |                                                            |                   | 87%            | 11%    | 32%        | \$ 7,213         | \$ 8,268   | \$ 860,300     | 1%    | 13%   | 2.9x                           | 2.8x  | 7.5x        | 7.1x  | 11.2x            | 10.1x |
| 25th Percentile                                      |      |                                                            |                   | 80%            | (5%)   | (6%)       | \$ 2,766         | \$ 3,055   | \$ 190,020     | (3%)  | 9%    | 2.3x                           | 2.4x  | 7.1x        | 6.3x  | 10.0x            | 8.9x  |

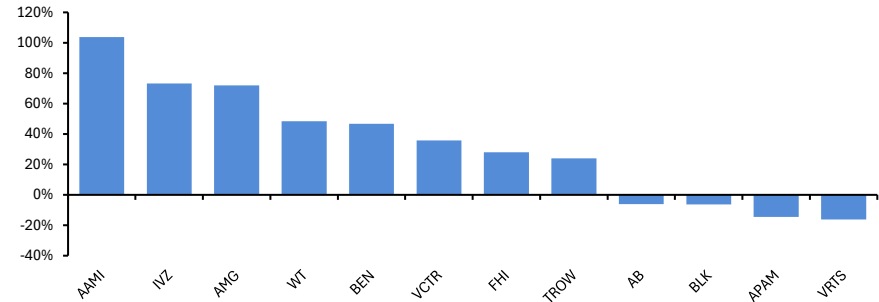
# Traditional Investment Management Firms Total Return (%)<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

Return profiles of leading publicly traded investment management firms

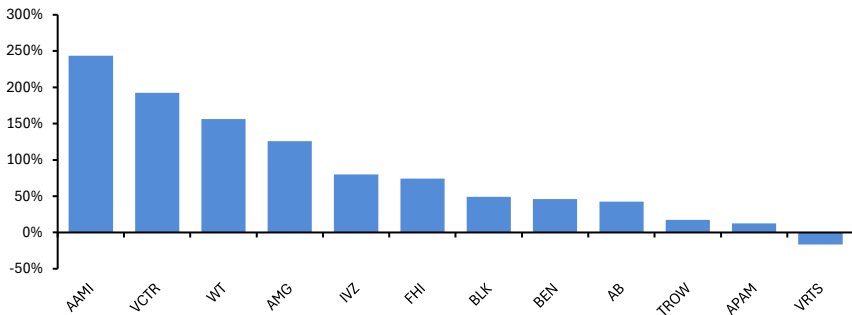
YTD Return



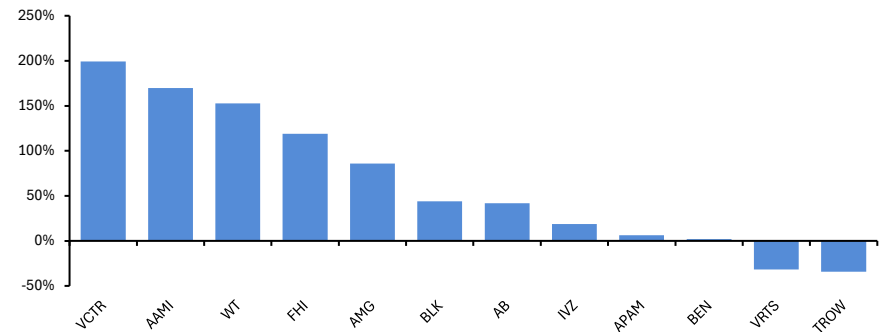
1-Year Return



3-Year Return



5-Year Return



1) All data as of 6/30/2026

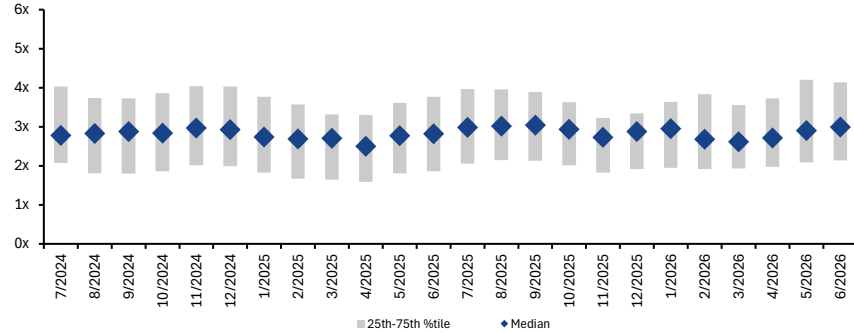
2) Total return includes share price return as well as dividends (and assumes dividends are re-invested)

Source: S&P Capital IQ

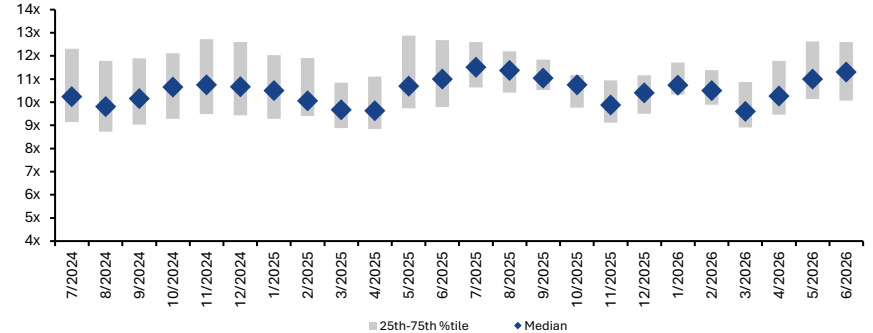
# Recent Valuation Trends<sup>(1)</sup>

Key value metrics from July 2024 to June 2026

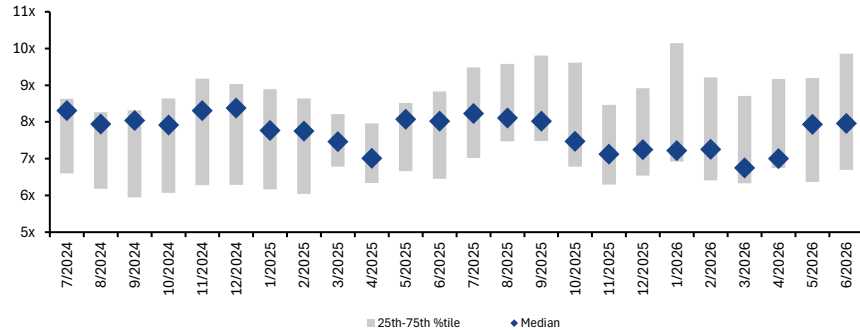
## EV / FFY Revenue



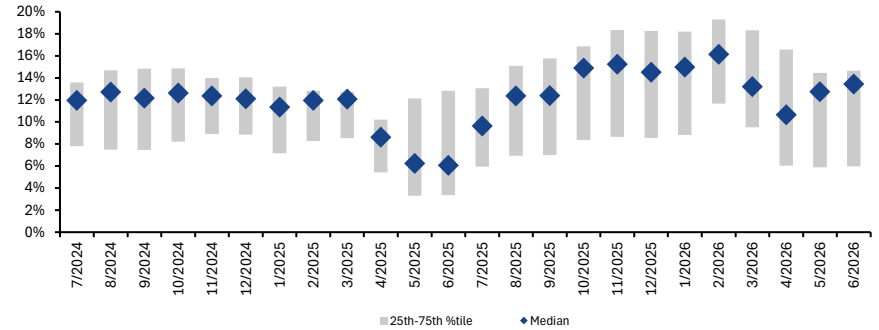
## FFY P / E Ratio



## EV / FFY EBITDA



## Historical Estimated EPS Growth



1) Firms included are: AAMI, AMG, AB, APAM, BLK, FHI, BEN, IVZ, TROW, VCTR, VRTS, WT  
Source: S&P Capital IQ

# Traditional Investment Managers

## Summary of assets under management

(\$Billions)

|                                        |        | AUM and Flows Statistics (06/30/26) |        |              |            |       |                  |              |            |              |                           |           |                          |  |
|----------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|--------|--------------|------------|-------|------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|--|
|                                        |        | AUM Composition                     |        |              |            |       | Previous Quarter |              | 1 Year Ago |              | MRQ AUM Composition       |           |                          |  |
| Firm                                   | Ticker | MRQ AUM                             | Equity | Fixed Income | Money Mkt. | Other | AUM              | Over / Under | AUM        | Over / Under | Mkt. Appreciation / Other | Net Flows | Net Flows (% of BoP AUM) |  |
| US-Based Investment Managers           |        |                                     |        |              |            |       |                  |              |            |              |                           |           |                          |  |
| Acadian Asset Management Inc.          | AAMI   | 196                                 | 91.4%  | 0.0%         | 0.0%       | 8.6%  | 178              | 10.3%        | 122        | 60.5%        | (3)                       | 21        | 10.9%                    |  |
| Affiliated Managers Group, Inc.        | AMG    | 882                                 | 33.8%  | 0.0%         | 0.0%       | 66.2% | 813              | 8.4%         | 712        | 23.8%        | (9)                       | 23        | 2.6%                     |  |
| AllianceBernstein Holding L.P.         | AB     | 839                                 | 62.7%  | 37.3%        | 0.0%       | 0.0%  | 867              | -3.3%        | 725        | 15.7%        | NA                        | NA        | NA                       |  |
| Artisan Partners Asset Management Inc. | APAM   | 173                                 | 86.4%  | 10.6%        | 0.0%       | 3.0%  | 180              | -3.9%        | 160        | 8.1%         | (5)                       | (3)       | -1.9%                    |  |
| BlackRock, Inc.                        | BLK    | 13,895                              | 55.1%  | 23.5%        | 7.7%       | 13.6% | 14,042           | -1.0%        | 11,584     | 19.9%        | (267)                     | 192       | 0.9%                     |  |
| Federated Hermes, Inc.                 | FHI    | 907                                 | 11.1%  | 11.0%        | 75.5%      | 2.4%  | 903              | 0.5%         | 830        | 9.3%         | NA                        | NA        | NA                       |  |
| Franklin Resources, Inc.               | BEN    | 1,682                               | 39.8%  | 25.8%        | 5.2%       | 29.1% | 1,684            | -0.1%        | 1,541      | 9.2%         | (17)                      | 17        | 1.0%                     |  |
| Invesco Ltd.                           | IVZ    | 2,160                               | 13.3%  | 14.5%        | 9.3%       | 62.9% | 2,170            | -0.5%        | 1,845      | 17.1%        | (45)                      | 34        | 1.6%                     |  |
| T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.              | TROW   | 1,710                               | 47.4%  | 12.6%        | 0.0%       | 40.0% | 1,776            | -3.7%        | 1,566      | 9.2%         | (52)                      | (14)      | -0.8%                    |  |
| Victory Capital Holdings, Inc.         | VCTR   | 310                                 | 42.3%  | 25.7%        | 1.2%       | 30.8% | 314              | -1.3%        | 167        | 85.0%        | (3)                       | (1)       | -0.4%                    |  |
| Virtus Investment Partners, Inc.       | VRTS   | 149                                 | 47.0%  | 26.4%        | 0.0%       | 26.6% | 159              | -6.6%        | 167        | -11.0%       | (4)                       | (8)       | -5.7%                    |  |
| WisdomTree, Inc.                       | WT     | 153                                 | 53.0%  | 14.7%        | 0.0%       | 32.3% | 145              | 5.6%         | 116        | 31.8%        | 2                         | 6         | 3.9%                     |  |
|                                        |        | 75TH PERCENTILE                     | 57.0%  | 25.8%        | 5.8%       | 34.3% |                  | 1.8%         |            | 25.8%        |                           |           | 2.3%                     |  |
|                                        |        | MEAN                                | 48.6%  | 16.8%        | 8.2%       | 26.3% |                  | 0.4%         |            | 23.2%        |                           |           | 1.2%                     |  |
|                                        |        | MEDIAN                              | 47.2%  | 14.6%        | 0.0%       | 27.9% |                  | -0.8%        |            | 16.4%        |                           |           | 1.0%                     |  |
|                                        |        | 25TH PERCENTILE                     | 38.3%  | 10.9%        | 0.0%       | 7.2%  |                  | -3.4%        |            | 9.2%         |                           |           | -0.7%                    |  |

# Public Comparables

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## Notes

As of 6/30/2026

- AUM statistics are based on recently reported figures
- Organic growth includes inflows, outflows, realizations and distributions where applicable
- Organic growth is based on fee earning AUM, long-term AUM, third-party AUM, where applicable
- Market cap is calculated as closing stock price times adjusted diluted shares (total common shares outstanding, plus any assumed exchangeable units or other ownership converted to common stock, plus the amount of any dilutive instruments which are convertible to common stock, including stock options and restricted stock)
- Enterprise value is equal to market cap, less cash & cash equivalents, plus total debt, plus minority interest where applicable, and has been adjusted to exclude amounts related to consolidated investment products
- Company multiples show n/m if less than 0x or greater than 50x
- Data that is not available is shown as n/a

## **Appendix A. Berkshire Overview**

# A Leading Provider of M&A and Strategic Advice to the Financial Services Industry

Focused on the wealth management, investment management, private markets, fintech and related sectors

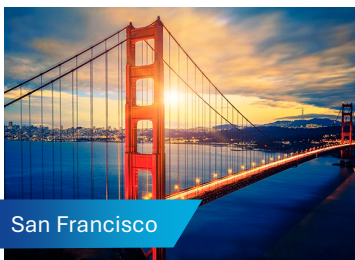
## Global Presence

**18** Team Owners

**28** Years Average Partner Experience

**44** Bankers

**63** Team Members



**40+ Years of Advising Independent Employee-owned**

**600+** Completed Transactions

**300+** Conducted Independent Valuations

## Consistently Ranked Among Top Advisors for Strategic Partnerships and Transactions

### Announced Transactions

| Rank | Firm                             | Industry Focus<br>Fin Services | Total      | 2026     | 2025      | 2024      | 2023      | 2022      | 2021      | 2020      | 2019      |
|------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1    | Houlihan Lokey                   | x                              | 143        | 11       | 29        | 14        | 27        | 24        | 19        | 9         | 10        |
| 2    | <b>Berkshire Global Advisors</b> | ✓                              | <b>138</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>13</b> |
| 3    | Goldman Sachs                    | x                              | 94         | 8        | 15        | 21        | 9         | 12        | 17        | 5         | 7         |
| 4    | J.P. Morgan                      | x                              | 72         | 4        | 8         | 11        | 8         | 9         | 15        | 8         | 9         |
| 5    | Raymond James                    | x                              | 70         | 3        | 2         | 5         | 2         | 12        | 17        | 13        | 16        |
| 6    | Morgan Stanley                   | x                              | 60         | 4        | 10        | 13        | 9         | 5         | 13        | 5         | 1         |
| 7    | Ardea Partners                   | x                              | 59         | 3        | 9         | 11        | 10        | 7         | 10        | 5         | 4         |
| 8    | Evercore                         | x                              | 57         | 3        | 8         | 10        | 11        | 5         | 11        | 3         | 6         |
| 9    | Bank of America                  | x                              | 47         | 3        | 9         | 11        | 7         | 5         | 7         | 3         | 2         |
| 9    | Moelis & Company                 | x                              | 47         | 1        | 8         | 7         | 7         | 2         | 9         | 5         | 8         |
| 11   | Ernst & Young                    | x                              | 42         | 2        | 3         | 4         | 5         | 9         | 9         | 7         | 3         |
| 12   | Piper Sandler                    | x                              | 39         | 4        | 7         | 6         | 4         | 4         | 6         | 2         | 6         |
| 13   | Jefferies                        | x                              | 38         | 2        | 8         | 12        | 2         | 6         | 5         | 1         | 2         |
| 13   | RBC Capital Markets              | x                              | 38         | 0        | 5         | 7         | 2         | 8         | 8         | 3         | 5         |
| 15   | Colchester Partners LLC          | ✓                              | 36         | 2        | 4         | 6         | 3         | 5         | 4         | 4         | 8         |
| 15   | Rothschild & Cie                 | x                              | 36         | 4        | 4         | 3         | 6         | 1         | 4         | 7         | 7         |

Berkshire Global Advisors is recognized for its achievements in the league tables for M&A transactions and strategic partnerships.

Our dedication to delivering exceptional results positions us as a trusted partner in navigating complex financial landscapes.

# Tailored Global Solutions for Client Success

## Our Advisory Business



### M&A Advisory

Sell-side  
Buy-side  
Mergers  
MBOs



### Strategic Advisory

Strategic Partnerships  
Acquisitions  
Strategic Minority  
GP Stakes Financing  
NAV Fund Finance  
Capital Raises



### Valuations

Internal Valuations  
Fairness Opinions  
Employee Equity Plans



### Other

Strategic Consulting  
Succession Planning

## Sector Coverage

### Financial Services Industry

#### Private Markets

Private Equity  
Private Credit  
Real Estate  
Infrastructure  
Agriculture & Timber  
Fund of Funds  
Diversified

#### Wealth Management

RIAs & Hybrid RIAs  
MFOs & Family Offices  
IBDs & Retail BDs  
Trust Companies  
OCIOs & Investment  
Consultants

#### Financial Technology

Wealth Technology  
Data & Analytics  
Capital Markets Technology  
Banking Technology  
Insurance Technology  
Digital Assets

#### Traditional Investment Management

Equity Focused  
Fixed Income Focused  
Diversified  
ETFs

#### Securities & Investment Banking

Institutional Broker Dealers  
Investment Banks

#### Related Sectors

Insurance  
Hedge Funds  
Specialty Finance  
RE Operating Companies  
Consulting Services

## Combining Big Firm Expertise with Small Firm Feel

### Market-Leading Expertise

40+ years of trusted M&A and strategic advice

600+ M&A transactions, totaling \$3.6T in AUM transferred

### Client-First Approach

Building strong partnerships and achieving successful outcomes for our clients are our focus

### Tailored Strategies

Optimizing value for clients through strategic positioning and creative solutions for complex challenges

### Proprietary Data & Insights

Robust databases and transaction insights that enhance decision-making

Continuous dialog with key market participants

### Global Specialists

Presence in U.S., Europe and APAC

Expertise in cross-border dynamics and local market nuances

### Broad Sector Coverage

In-depth knowledge of key value drivers in wealth management, investment management, private markets, fintech and securities sectors

### Independent & Impartial

Employee-owned with no external stakeholder influence

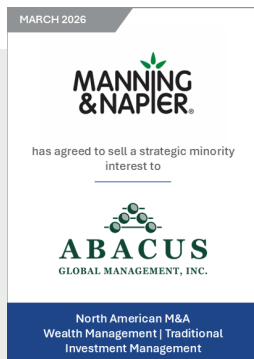
No lending or proprietary trading, ensuring alignment with client interests

### Thought Leadership

Unique and insightful perspectives derived from decades of experience

A culture of innovation and growth that drives ongoing industry leadership

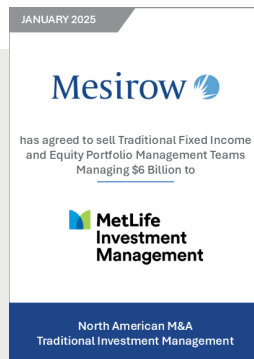
# Recent Berkshire Traditional Investment Management Transactions



*March 2026*

Manning & Napier is a diversified wealth and asset management firm with \$18 billion in total assets under management that provides a broad range of financial solutions and complementary consultative services. Founded in 1970, Manning & Napier serves a diversified client base of high-net-worth individuals and institutions, including Taft-Hartley plans, endowments and foundations.

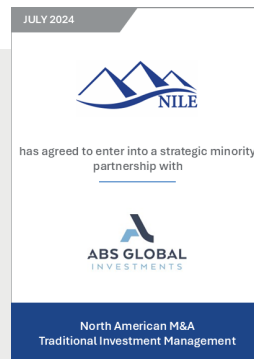
Abacus will acquire a strategic minority equity stake in Manning & Napier. In connection with the equity investment, the parties have agreed to enter into a Strategic Alliance Agreement (the “SAA”) designed to create mutual growth across three core dimensions: product distribution, lead generation and referrals and joint product development. The SAA is the primary value driver of the proposed transaction, which is expected to create a framework for strategic collaboration between the two platforms while preserving Manning & Napier’s independent operations.



*January 2025*

Mesirow is an independent, employee-owned financial services firm founded in 1937. Headquartered in Chicago, with offices around the world, Mesirow has capabilities spanning Global Investment Management, Wealth Management, Fiduciary Solutions and Capital Markets/Investment Banking. Mesirow has over \$300 billion in total assets under supervision.

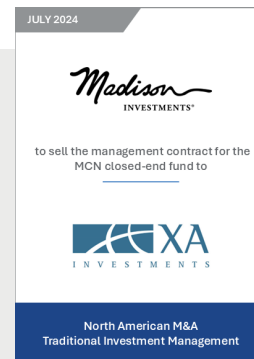
MIM is acquiring the high yield and bank loan, strategic fixed income and small-cap equity teams and certain related investment products. About \$6 billion of assets managed by the acquired teams will transfer to MIM. The acquisition is consistent with MetLife’s New Frontier strategy to accelerate growth in asset management; MIM’s efforts to expand offerings and channels and add higher yield capabilities; and Mesirow’s continuing focus on expanding its differentiated alternative investment management capabilities.



*July 2024*

ABS Global Investments (“ABS”) specializes in sourcing alpha opportunities across global equity strategies. With global offices, ABS often identifies specialized investment managers from around the world early in their life cycle. This advantage is enhanced by the firm’s proprietary system, The ABSolute, which organizes the research, due diligence and risk management processes.

ABS Global Investments, a global investment firm focused on differentiated equity strategies, together with Nile Capital Group Holdings, a private equity firm that specializes in making GP stake investments in innovative asset managers, has acquired the remaining 23% minority interest in ABS previously owned by Evercore Inc. (“EVR”).



*July 2024*

Madison Investments is an independent investment management firm with approximately \$26 billion in assets under management as of March 31, 2024, and is recognized as one of the nation’s top investment firms. Madison Investments offers domestic fixed income, US and international equity, covered call, multi-asset, insurance and credit union investment management strategies.

The agreement stipulates that XAI will become investment adviser to the Madison Covered Call and Equity Strategy Fund (NYSE: MCN), a \$147 million listed closed-end fund. Madison will maintain portfolio management responsibilities as sub-adviser to MCN.

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