

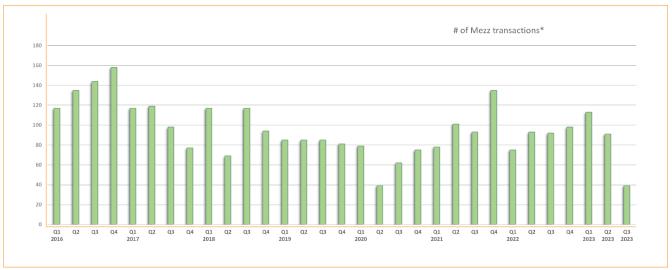
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Mezzanine Market Perspective

Q3 2023

BREAKING DOWN THE MARKET

In Q2 2023 91 deals including mezzanine debt closed, a 20% decrease from the 113 mezzanine deals closed in Q1 2023. 1H mezzanine activity increased approximately 21% YoY from 168 deals in 2022, to 204 deals in 2023. Despite the increase in mezzanine deal activity, private equity deal volume for the same time period decreased 18% from 2,950 deals in 2022, to 2,412 deals in 2023. Out of the 91 mezzanine deals that closed in Q2 2023, 38 deals were buyouts, 27 were minority financings, and 26 were sponsor-backed add-ons. The most common industries in total M&A activity for the quarter were Technology, Industrials, Consumer, and Healthcare, respectively.



*closed mezzanine investments of \$3 MM and greater with the target located in the U.S. and Canada. Includes unitrance and senior secured financings with pricing or other features similar to mezzanine.

NOTABLE MEZZANINE TRANSACTIONS

In July, **Northstar Capital** provided mezzanine debt and an equity co-investment in support of **Tonka Bay Equity Partners'** acquisition of **Corporate Technologies LLC**, a provider of managed IT services, technology support, and cloud solutions.

NewSpring Capital invested subordinated debt and equity in support of **Third Arch Investments**' acquisition of **FiberGlass Coatings LLC**, a manufacturer and distributor of multi-use epoxy, resin and fiberglass products, in August. **Aberdeen Advisors** provided financial advisory services to the seller.

In August, **Midwest Mezzanine** invested subordinated debt and equity to support **Keswick Partners'** acquisition of **Metal Tech of Murfreesboro** (dba **Metal Tech**), a provider of outsourced machining, fabrication, maintenance, and field services. **Bundy Group** served as the seller's financial advisor.



NOTABLE MEZZANINE TRANSACTIONS (CONT.)

Avalon Document Services, a portfolio company of **Surge Private Equity**, acquired **Tower Legal Solutions**, a provider of staffing and managed solutions to corporate legal departments, in August. **NorthCoast Mezzanine** invested subordinated debt and **Woodforest National Bank** invested senior debt to support the acquisition. **Kenyon Group** and **BakerHostetler** served as financial and legal advisor to the sellers, respectively.

Cyprium Investment Partners invested subordinated debt and equity in Hirsch Solutions, a distributor of commercial embroidery equipment, in September. Chestnut Hill Partners advised Cyprium Investment Partners on the investment.

In July, **GMB Mezzanine** invested mezzanine debt to support the acquisition of **Garner Industries**, a manufacturer and supplier of measurement sensors, by **Shoreview Industries**. **Bridgepoint Merchant Banking** provided sell-side financial advisory services on the deal.

In August, **Comvest Partners** made a junior capital and equity investment in **Apotheco Pharmacy Group**, a network of specialized pharmacies focused on providing dermatological care solutions.

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