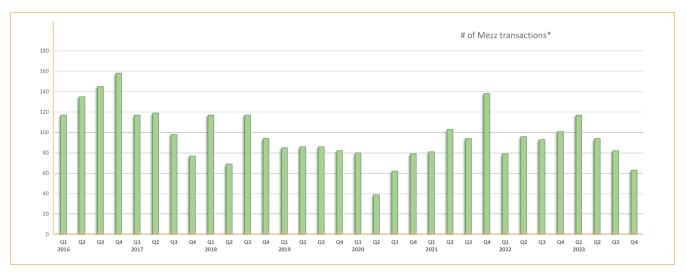


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Mezzanine Market Perspective
Q4 2023

BREAKING DOWN THE MARKET

In Q3 2023 82 deals including mezzanine debt closed, a 13% decrease from the 94 mezzanine deals closed in Q2 2023. Mezzanine activity through the first three quarters of the year increased approximately 9% YoY from 268 deals in 2022, to 293 deals in 2023. Despite the increase in mezzanine deal activity, private equity deal volume for the same time period decreased 18% from 4,487 deals in 2022, to 3,679 deals in 2023. Out of the 82 mezzanine deals that closed in Q3 2023, 33 deals were buyouts, 27 were minority financings, and 22 were sponsor-backed add-ons. The most common industries in total M&A activity for the quarter were Technology, Industrials, Business Services, 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 December, Cyprium Investment Partners invested subordinated debt and common equity in OneroRx, a provider of integrated pharmacy services and medical supplies. Wells Fargo invested senior debt in support of the transaction, and England & Co. advised the sellers.

In November, Ironwood Capital invested subordinated debt and equity to support Caldicot Capital's acquisition of John To Go, a provider of portable toilet and restroom trailer rentals and services.

WF Cabinetry, a portfolio company of HCI Equity Partners, acquired Woodharbor Molding & Millworks, a manufacturer and distributor of custom cabinetry and vanities, in October. Patriot Capital invested subordinated debt and equity to support the acquisition. Greenwich Capital Group served as the sellers' financial advisor.



NOTABLE MEZZANINE TRANSACTIONS (CONT.)

Summit 7 Systems, a portfolio company of WestView Capital Partners, acquired CSW Systems, a provider of managed services and continuous compliance support for classified data processing facilities, in November. PNC Erieview Capital invested subordinated debt and equity to support the acquisition. KippsDeSanto & Co. provided sell-side financial advisory services on the deal.

Penfund completed a mezzanine debt investment in CBI Health Group, a provider of outpatient rehabilitation services and home care programs, in December. CBI Health Group is a portfolio company of OMERS Private Equity.

Lafayette Instrument, a portfolio company of Branford Castle, acquired Actimetrics, a provider of scientific instrumentation equipment and software for circadian rhythm biology and animal behavioral neuroscience, in November. Brookside Capital Partners provided a subordinated debt and equity investment in support of the acquisition. Akerman provided buy-side legal advisory services on the deal.

Graycliff Partners acquired XCEL NDT, a provider of non-destructive testing and pipeline integrity services for critical infrastructure assets, from Pine Tree Equity Partners in October. Southfield Mezzanine Capital invested subordinted debt and equity to support the acquisition. Farlie Turner & Co. provided sell-side financial advisory services on the deal.

In October, NorthCoast Mezzanine, provided a subordinated debt and equity investment to support Benford Capital Partners' acquisition of RP Foods, a distributor of Hispanic food and beverage products. Byline Bank invested senior debt in support of the acquisition, and Generational Equity advised the sellers.

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