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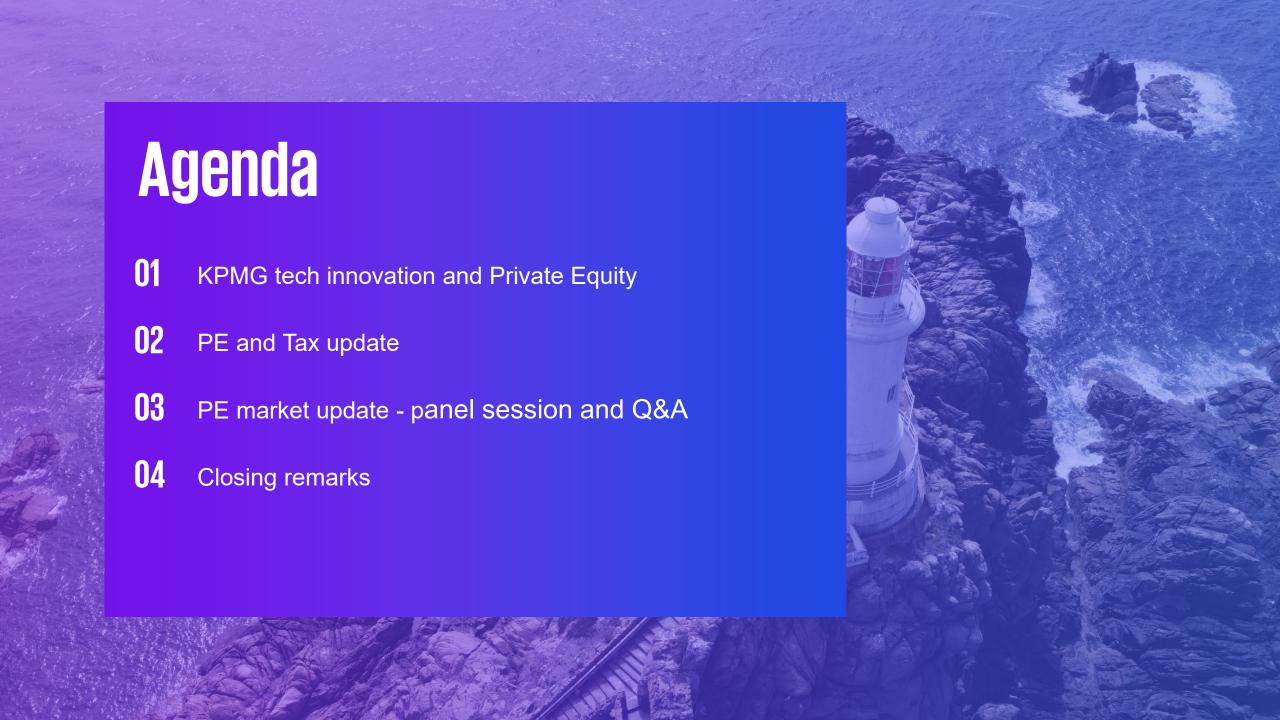
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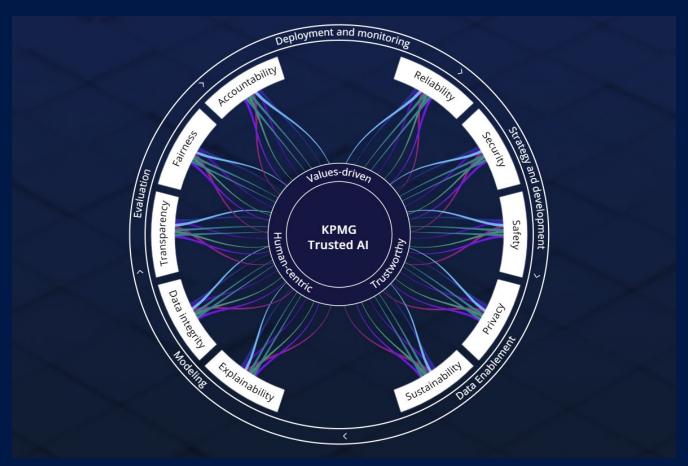
# You can with Al.

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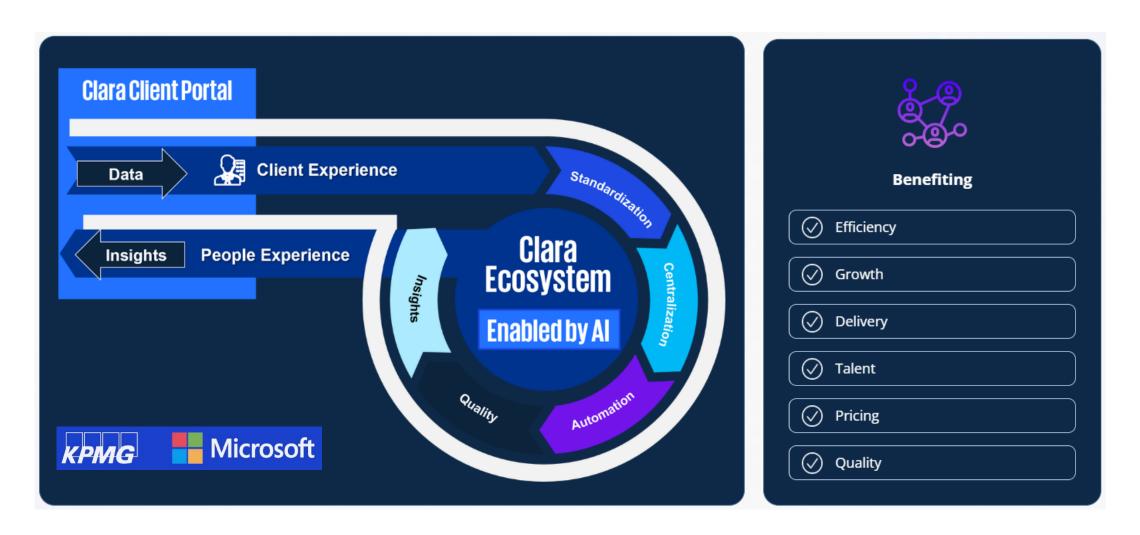
## **KPMG's Trusted Al framework**



# how we drive principles into practice



## **KPMG Clara**





## **KPMG Clara Al Fundamentals**



**Latest Al Model Access** GPT-5, GPT-4.1, GPT-4.1 mini, o4 mini - with GPT-4.1 as default.



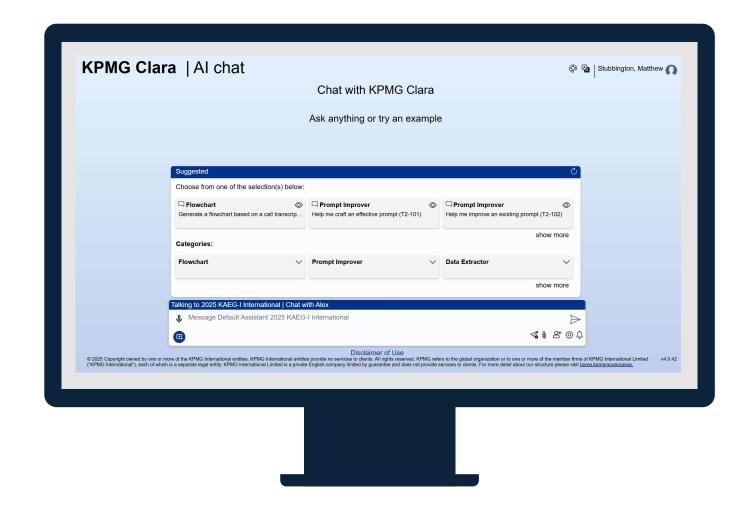
#### **Knowledge Agents**

Direct integration with accounting frameworks and KPMG audit methodology.



#### "Trusted AI" Framework

Designed to extract and analyse relevant data, all within KPMG's "Trusted AI" framework built on security and privacy.





## **KPMG Clara Al Additional Features**

#### **Document Analyser**

**Updated version of Data** Extractor features user experience improvements, including a verification station (human in the loop), document viewer, and enhanced accuracy.

#### **Financial Statement Analyser**

Proofread financial statements, offers suggestions and extracts comments. Further integration to financial statement review solution.

#### **Financial Statement Disclosure Checklist**

An Al-powered checklist enhancing procedures around client reporting, with integrated insights on both financial and ESG reporting.

#### **Build Your Own Agent**

Allow users to create their own agents with custom instructions, knowledge and leverage existing skills.



## Financial Statement Analyser



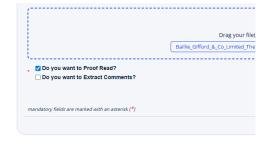
something that happens overhight or changes at Initial Public Offering ('IPO'). We are simply trying to invest in companies for the longest and steepest part of their growth curves.

#### Net asset value per share

The net asset value per ordinary share and the net assets attributable to the ordinary shareholders at 31 January calculated in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation were as follows:

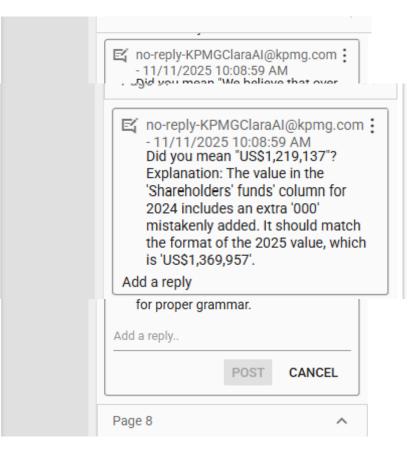
Ordinary shares	2025	2024		
Shareholders' funds	US\$1,369,957	US\$1,219,137,000		
Number of ordinary shares in issue at the year end	1,024,738,907	1,029,898,907		
Net asset value per ordinary share	133.69¢	118.37¢		

There are no dilutive or potentially dilutive shares in issue. The aggregate change in assets during the year attributable to the



and across sectors. Our emphasis on finding exceptional companies naturally leads us away from macroeconomics or thematic investing, towards bottom-up analysis. We believe we are able to excel at doing this because we have a differentiated analytical approach, access to the best companies in our universe, and a unique strategy for adding value to our companies.

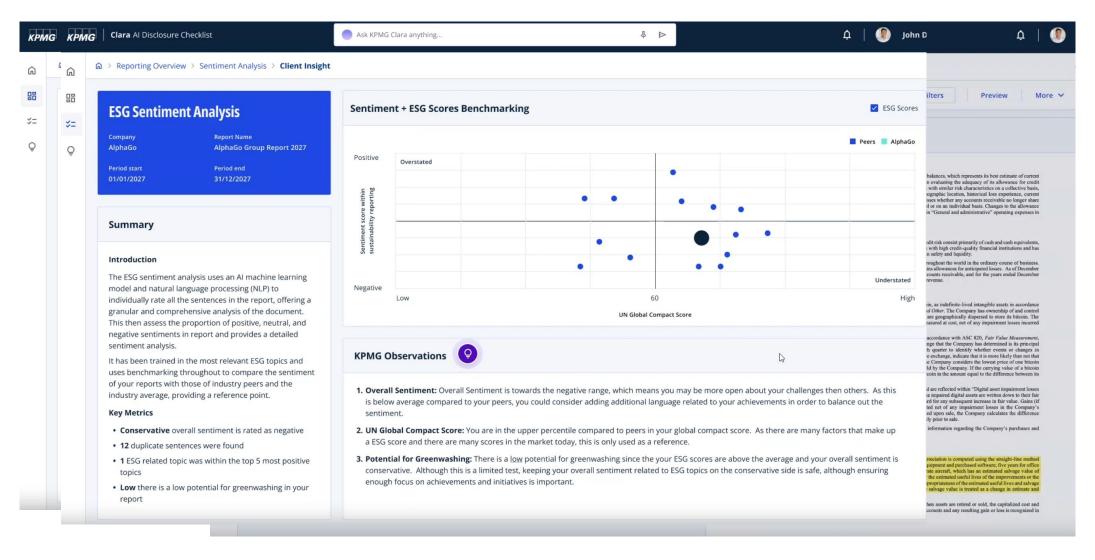






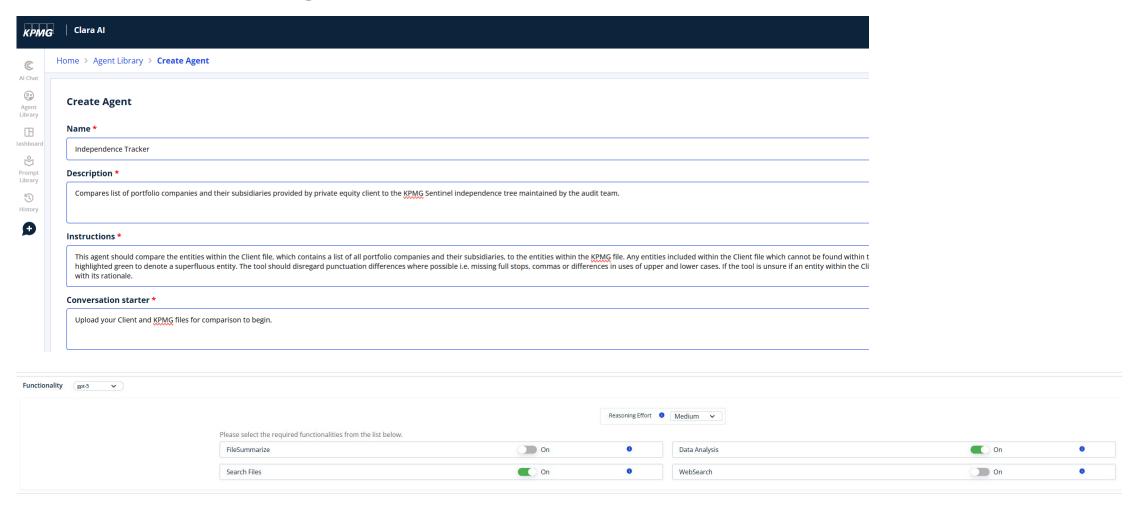
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## Financial Statement Disclosure Checklist

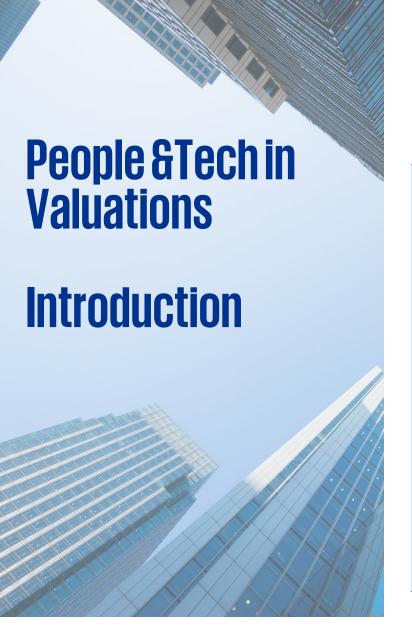




## **Build Your Own Agent**







	Advisory services	<b>Audit support</b>
Overview	<ul> <li>Support clients across multiple sectors and deal stages</li> <li>Key services for Private Equity: <ul> <li>Recurring portfolio valuations</li> <li>Independent valuations for continuation funds</li> <li>Fairness opinions on transactions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Valuation Advisory work closely with our PE Audit Group</li> <li>One firm</li> <li>Expertise leveraged by audit</li> </ul>



## The Evolving Landscape

## **Technological shift**

Industry shift: Excel → Automated platforms

### **Risks**

- Al inaccuracies
- · FCA review highlights need for stronger valuation processes

Case study: Turn around company

How do we harness these powerful tools effectively?





## **Innovation at KPMG**

## **01** Across the business

Globally invest \$7bn in tech, 2.5% of revenue

## **02** Audit

- 95% auditors use GenAl daily
- KPMG recognised by regulators for tech adoption

## **03** Valuation Advisory

- GenAl comparable company finder
- Valuation platforms: tech transformation and valuation implementation

## **Augmentation rather than replacement**



# The KPMG Approach

Maintaining professional judgement
Increase efficiencies
Use tech as a tool
Augmenting not replacing
Adding expertise



Enabled by technology but powered by people





## **UK tax update**

**Autumn Budget** Relocations **Onshoring Uncertainty** 

#### **Autumn Budget**

- NI on LLPs
- Align CGT and IT rates
- Freeze on IT thresholds/increase IT rates
- Reduction in tax free threshold on pension withdrawals

#### **Relocations**

- HNWs/Fund principals + key execs looking at:
  - Italy, Switzerland, Portugal, Dubai, CI
- Steady stream of HNW interest/ not seeing movement of fund execs to CI

#### **Onshoring**

- Reserved Investor Fund (**RIF**) rules competition to JPUTs
- Qualified Asset Holding Company(QAHC) regime – competition to CI holding vehicles

#### **Uncertainty**

 CI can provide certainty and stability

## **Domestic tax update**

**Local filing** deadline

#### Local filing deadline

30 November

Pillar 2 registration

#### Pillar 2 registration

31 December 2025 (for entities with a December year end) Portal in Jersey live Requirements to consider scope and classification prior to registration



## International tax update

Pillar 2

#### Pillar 2

- Classification/ registration
- US push back side by side deal

Unshell directive

#### **Un-shell directive**

Parked due to lack of consensus



#### **Trends**

- Beneficial ownership
- Governance
- Substance
- Beneficial ownership, governance and substance trends across the EU



## International tax update

- Pomestic WHT relief can be denied solely in BO or a similar concept grounds in the majority of the jurisdictions that levy a WHT – 52 percent for dividend payments, 72% for interest payments and 85% for royalty payments.
- Only 28% of jurisdictions define BO for dividends; 36% do so for interest and royalties. 40% (dividends) and 23% (interest/royalties) rely on case law or administrative practice instead.
- § 57% of jurisdictions report increased scrutiny from tax authorities on BO and substance
- Advance certainty on BO/substance is available in just 50% of jurisdictions.





## **KPMG Publications**



Q3'25 Pulse of Private Equity — Global insights

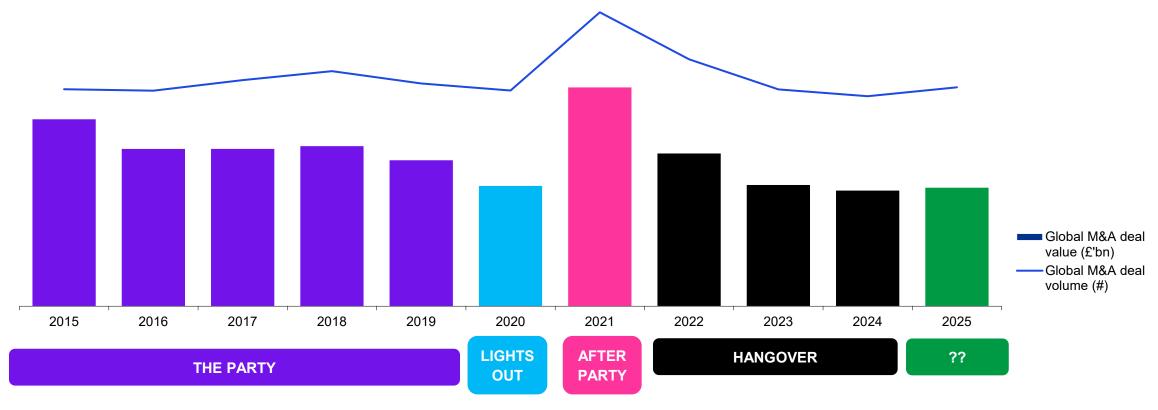


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## **Global M&A activity**

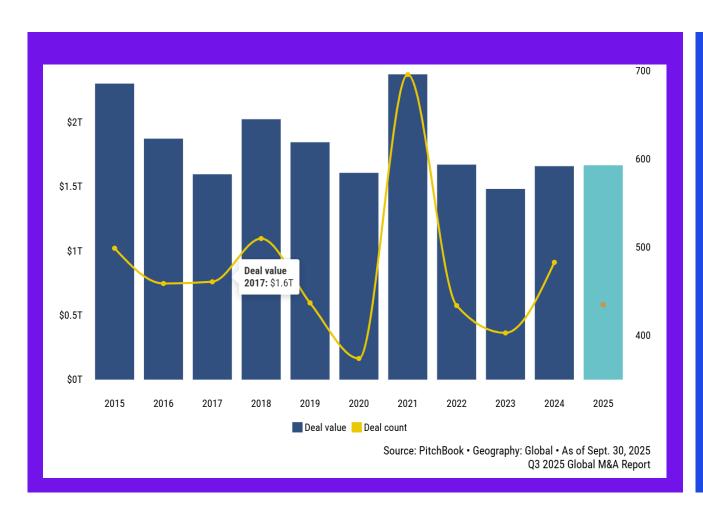
US	0.13%	0.40%	1.16%	1.90%	2.16%	0.36%	0.08%	2.40%	5.09%	5.25%	4.38%	Base rate
UK	0.50%	0.38%	0.33%	0.69%	0.75%	0.22%	0.10%	1.63%	4.67%	4.88%	4.22%	Base rate

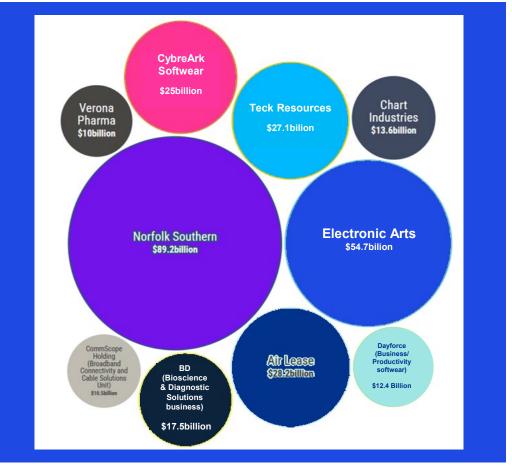




## **Global M&A activity**

# Return of the mega deal





\* Source: Pitchbook



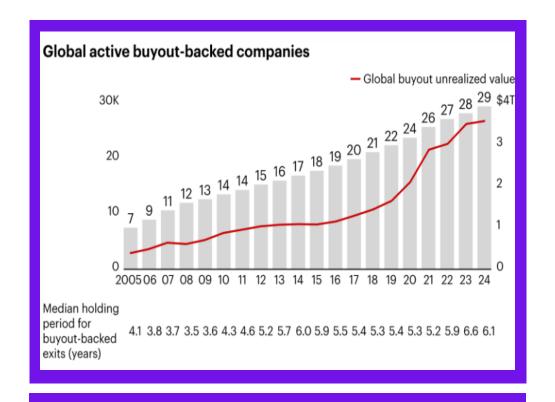
# **PE Update**



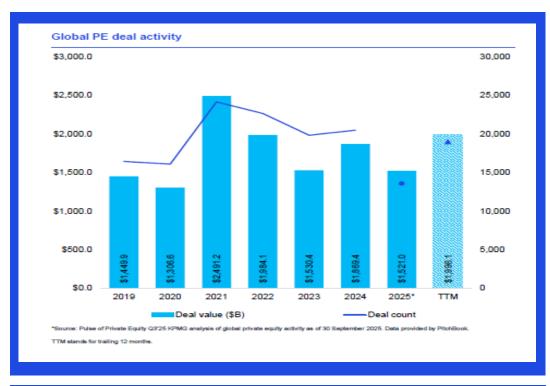


## Unrealised value Q3 '25

# PE Dealmaking trends to Q3'25



At Q3 '25 PE firms held more than 30,000 assets, estimated to represent \$3.6 trillion of unrealised value



Despite the drop in deal volumes, deal value remains strong driven by very large megadeals. Investors remain cautious and are only going for highest-quality assets.

<sup>\*</sup> Source: Bain Capital



# Capital deployment



Regional capital deployment

Capital deployment to Infrastructure AI, & Data centres,

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# Globalinsights

Top 10 global deals announced in Q3 2025



- **1. Electronic Arts** \$54.6B, Redwood City, US Public-private, *Gaming*
- 2. Air Lease \$28.2B, Los Angeles, US Public-private, Air
- **3. Dayforce** \$12.4B, Minneapolis, US Public-private, *Business software*
- **4. Sempra Infrastructure** \$10B, San Diego, US Buyout, *Energy*
- **5. Pension Insurance Corporation** \$7.7B, London, UK Addon, *Financial services*
- OneDigital \$7B, Atlanta, US Secondary buyout, HR services
- **7. Enverus** \$6.5B, Austin, US Secondary buyout, *Business software*
- 8. Spectris \$6.4B, London, UK Take-private, Instrumentation
- **9.** Reckitt Benckiser Group (Essential Homes unit) \$4.8B, London, UK Corporate divestiture, *Consumer goods*
- **10. Green Infrastructure Partners** \$4.25B, Markham, Canada PE growth, *Construction & engineering*

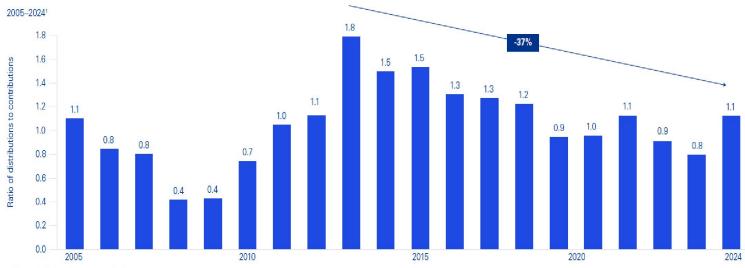
Source: Pulse of Private Equity Q3'25 KPMG analysis of global private equity activity as of 30 September 2025. Data provided by PitchBook.



## Liquidity challenges persist

#### Distributions to paid-in capital (DPI) ratios remain depressed

## Distribution drought<sup>(3)</sup>



Slow down in deal making exacerbating liquidity challenges

DPI for recent fund vintages lagging historical peaks.
Since 2013, DPI has dropped by ~52%

GPs resources are spread over more portfolio companies. Delayed progress from management fees to carry fees affecting staff retention.

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Ratio of distributions to contributions

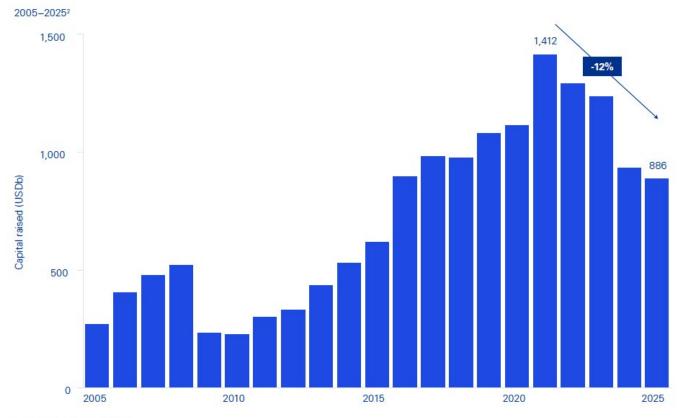
Note: 'As of December 2024, 'Annualised figure for 2025, 2Global PE activity through 31 December 2024, 'Pitchbook accessed on 6th August 2025

Emerging evidence shows LPs are dissatisfied with temporary and minority exits, they are pushing for full, traditional realisations even accepting valuations below recent marks if necessary



## **Fundraising trends**

#### Fundraising slowdown(m)



Capital raised (US\$bn)

Note: <sup>2</sup>Annualised figure for 2025, <sup>2</sup>Global PE activity through 31 December 2024
Source: <sup>(m)</sup>S&P Global and Market Intelligence and related blogs <sup>2</sup>IPO activity slowdown stretches through Q1 2024

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# Fundraising remains very low in both fund number and value

2025 fundraising value likely to be the lowest seen since 2018



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