



MIDDLE MARKET PRIVATE EQUITY UPDATE

Q2 2022



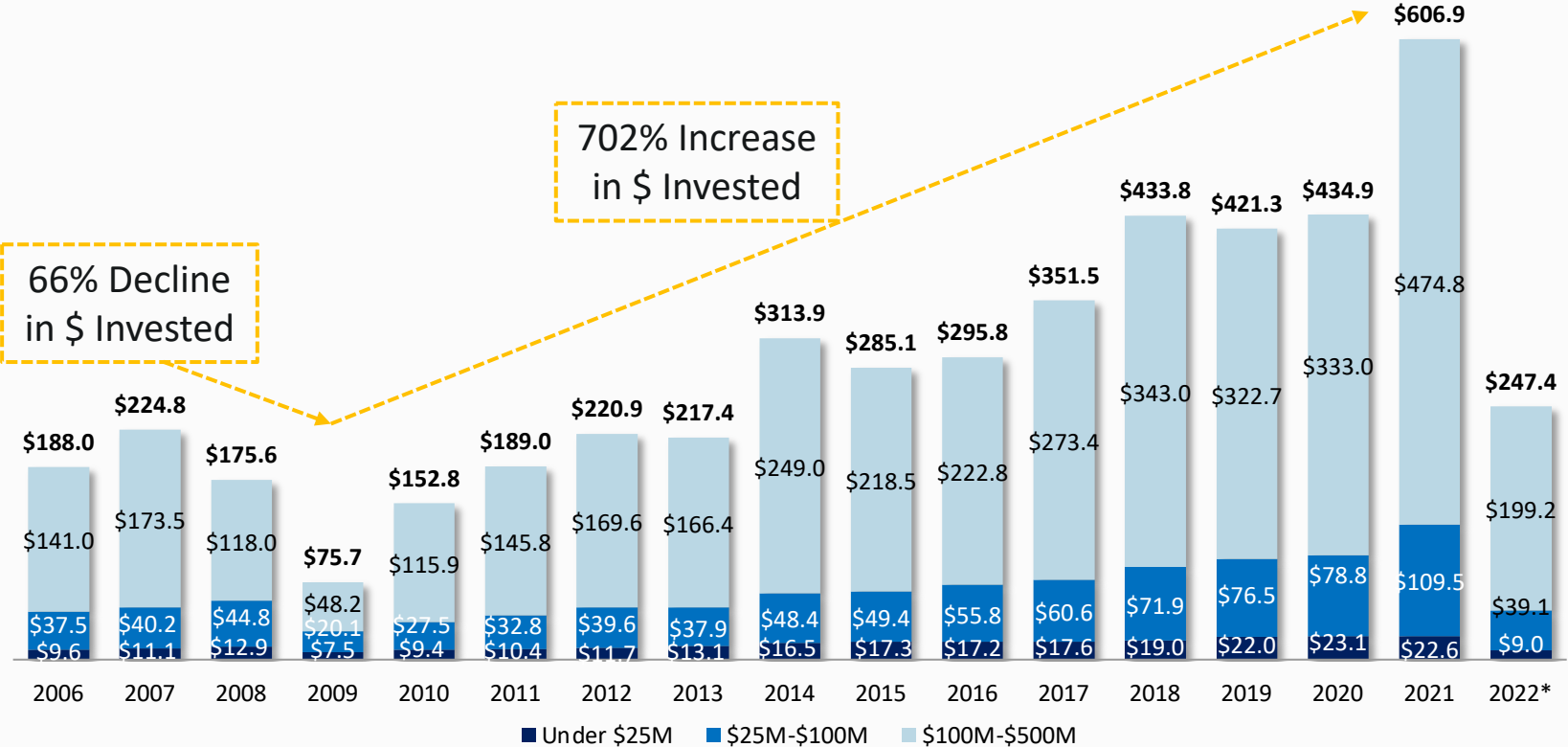
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U.S. Private Equity M&A Activity

Deal values for the first half of 2022 are down 18% from 2021 on an annualized basis, however 2021 was a record setting M&A year and 2022 is still very strong from a middle-market M&A perspective. Deal values for the first half of 2022 are still up 14 - 15% from the 2018-2020 years. 2021 was fueled by low rates and post pandemic pent-up supply, as well as the potential for higher taxes. 2022 deal activity is facing more headwinds as rates are increasing and tax changes do not appear to be significant. That said, with PE having record levels of capital raised, the deal activity remains vibrant.

MM Private Equity (PE) Deal Flow (\$Billions) by Deal Size



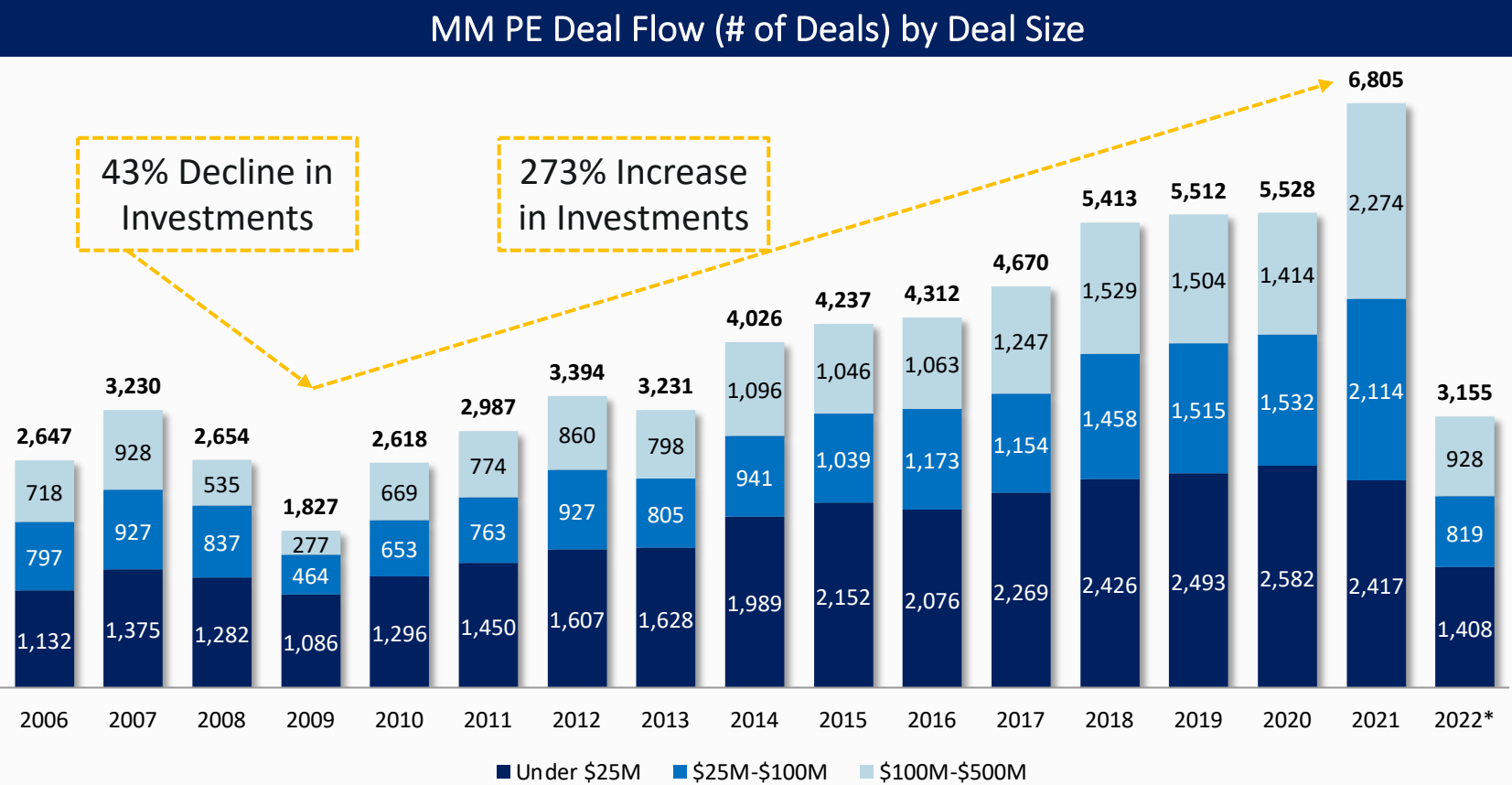
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Deal volumes for the first half of 2022 on an annualized basis dropped approximately 7.3 percent from 2021 volumes, but the number of deals had a smaller percentage drop than the value of deals. This signals that more deals are getting done at the lower part of the middle market vs the upper end. Deal volume in 2022 on an annualized basis would still be the 2nd best year on record for private equity, coming in approximately 14 percent above the 2018 – 2020 years.



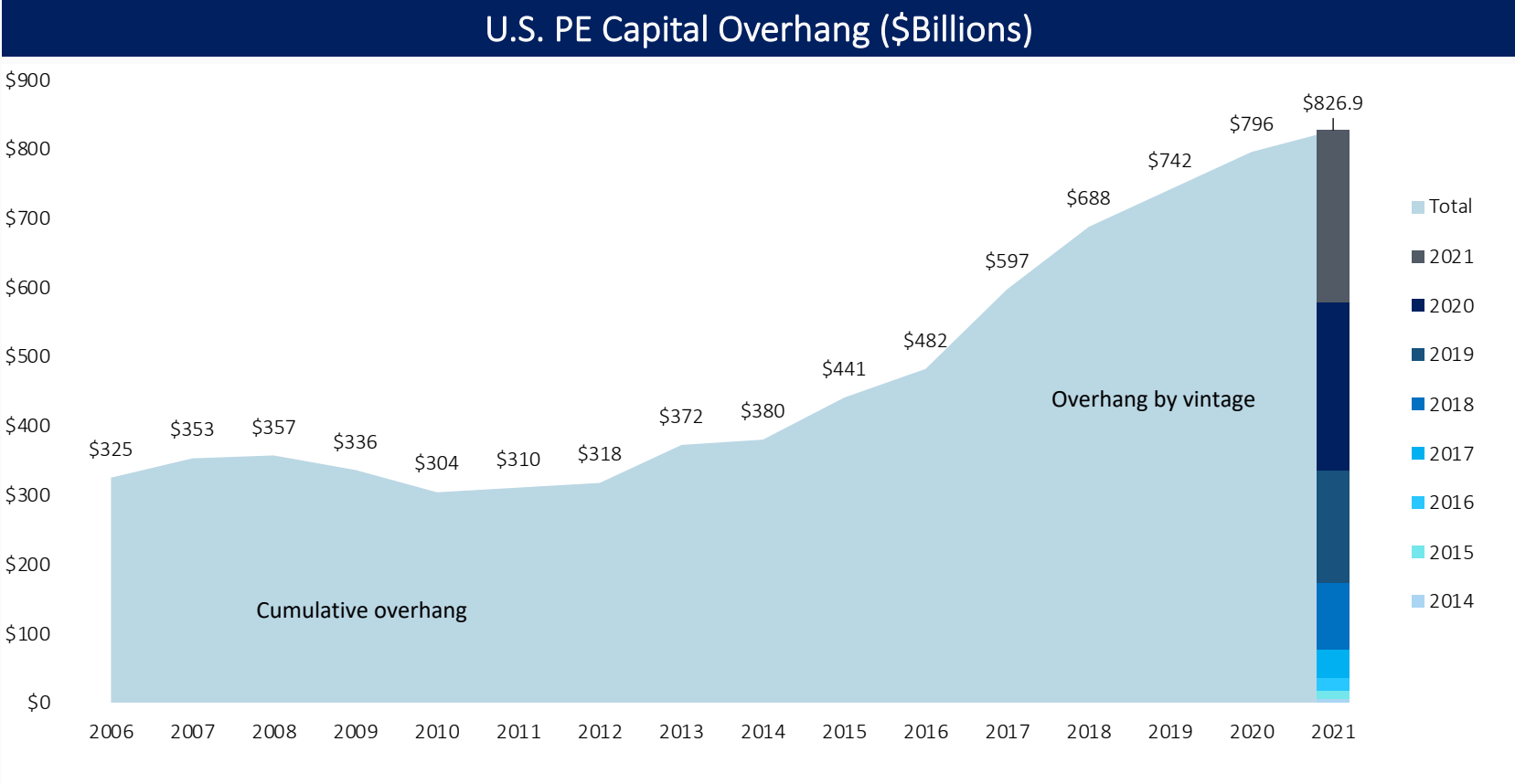
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U.S. Private Equity Capital Overhang

Capital overhang, which represents the amount of capital raised by PE funds that has not yet been invested, continues to grow. The Capital overhang is still at a robust level and fundraising is accelerating in 2022. The majority of this capital is in funds that are 0-2 years old and based in the U.S. Most of the \$826.9B of overhang in the U.S. in 2021 had between 5-7 years to be invested based on average fund mandates that capital needs to be deployed within seven years. This is the basis for our belief that 2022 to 2026 will be an extremely hot M&A market led by private equity.



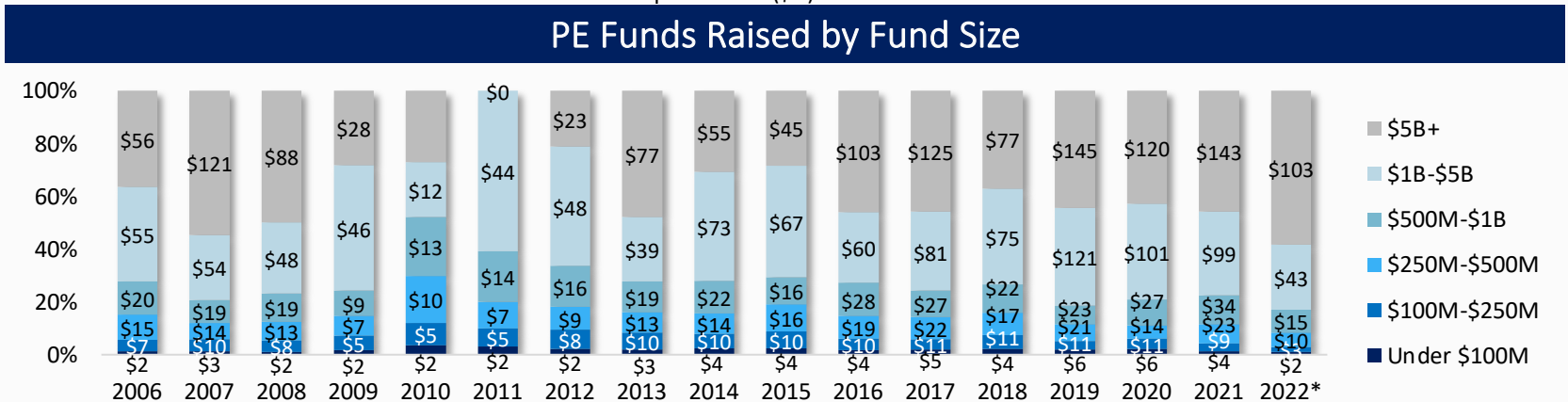
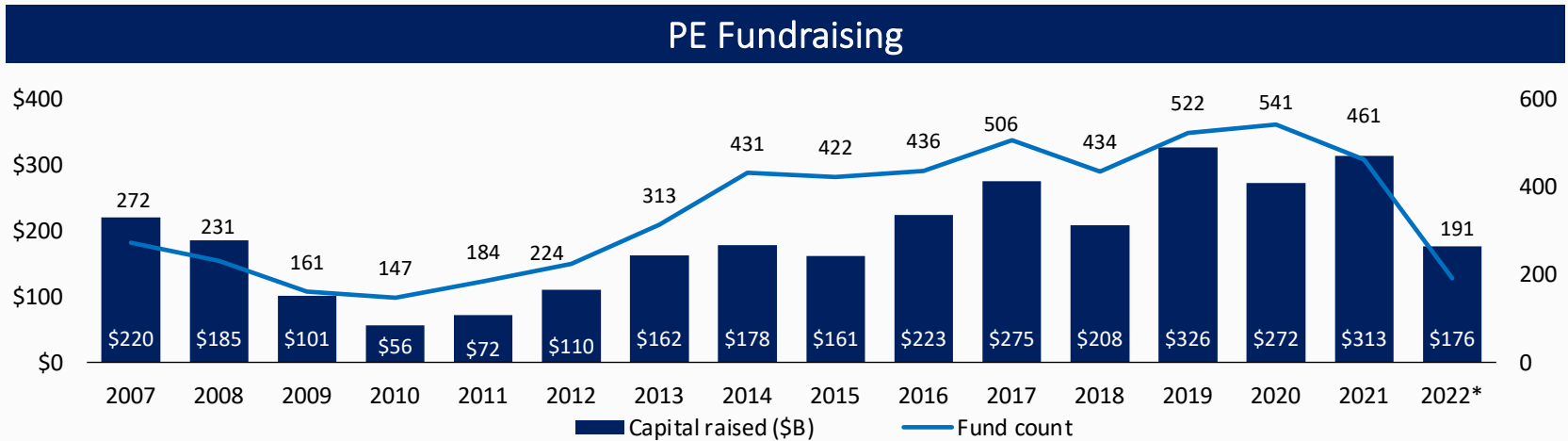
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U.S. Private Equity Fundraising Activity

The first half of 2022 saw \$176 billion raised by private equity. On an annualized basis, this will set a new record. The previous high year of raised capital was 2019; 2022 is on pace to exceed this by 8 percent. As can be seen on the bottom graph, the fundraising is skewed toward the largest funds. They are on a pace to raise record amounts. Smaller funds are not raising funds at that level and have stronger years for fund raising.



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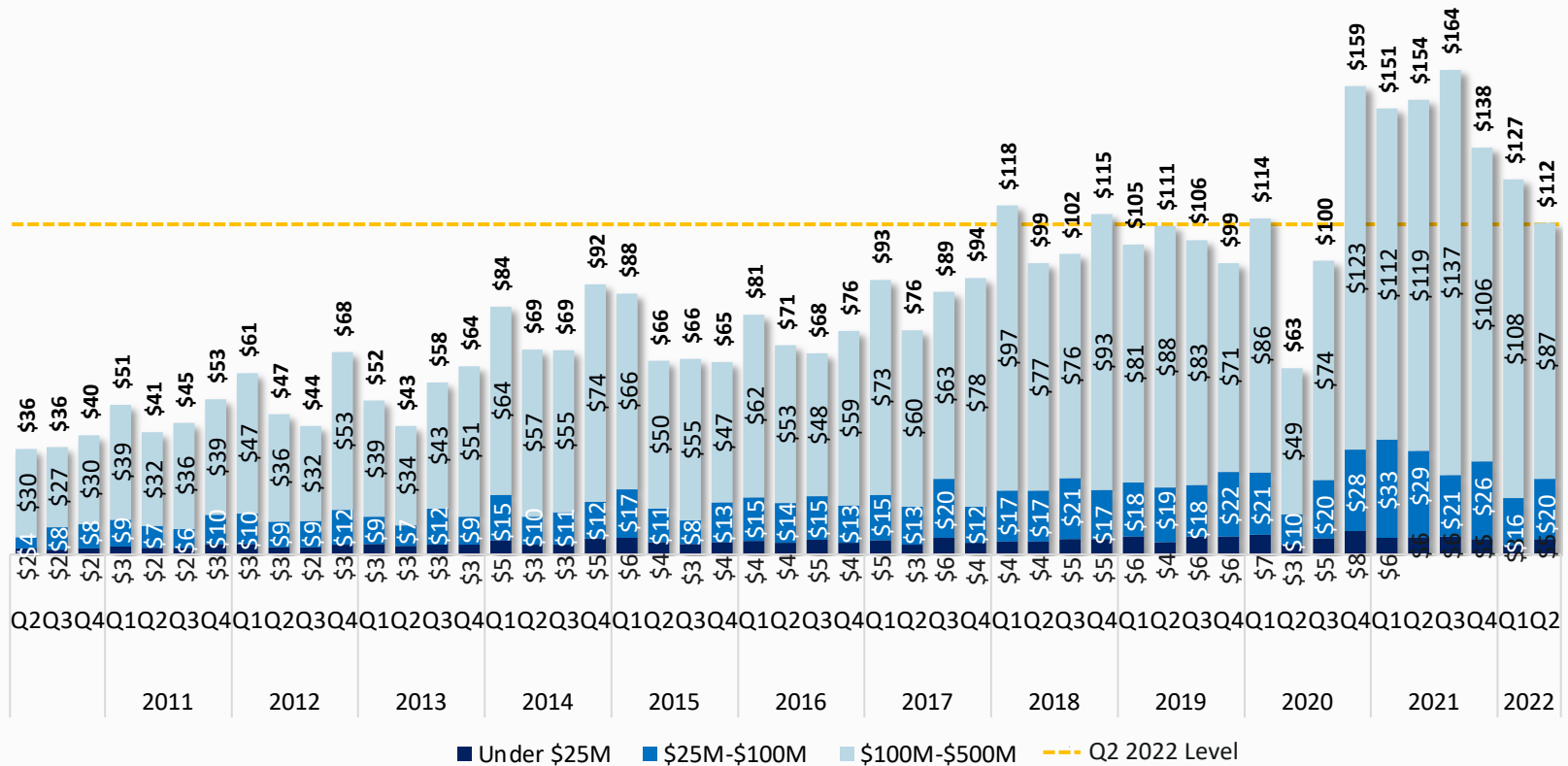


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While the first half of 2022 is off to a strong start, on a quarterly basis, the activity in Q2 has clearly slowed down. Q2 is down 27% from Q2 2021 and 12% from Q1 2022. Q2 2022 was near the same level as pre-pandemic, however, it at the lowest level of any quarter since Q3 2020. Additionally, the deal value in private equity has continued to decline from Q3 2021. As rates rise and economic uncertainty grows, deal activity has taken a step back from its frothy levels.

MM Private Equity (PE) Deal Flow (\$Billions) by Deal Size



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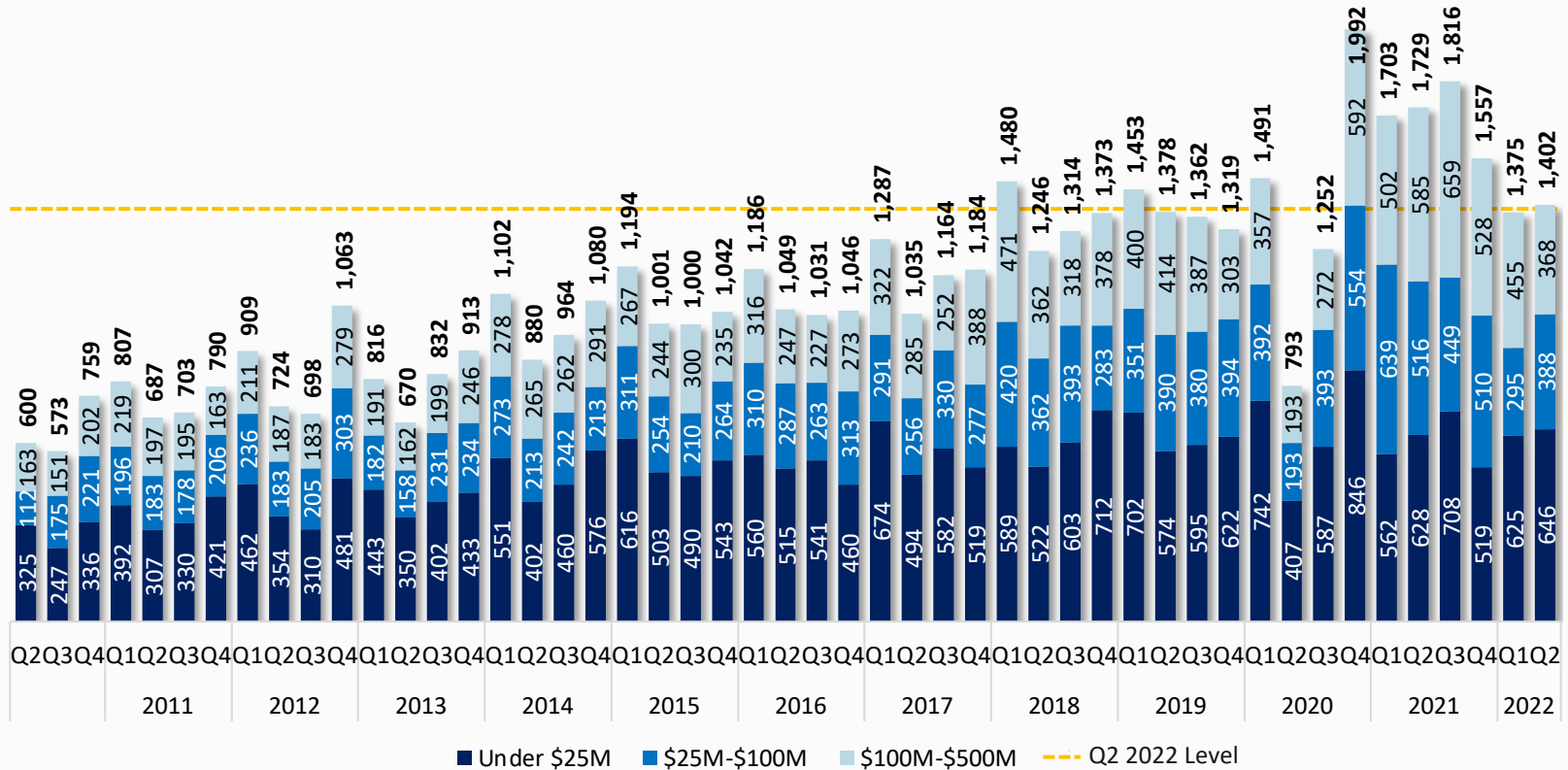


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In a divergence from deal value, deal volume during the 2nd quarter of 2022 was actually higher than 2022 Q1. Deal volume in Q4 2020 was the best quarter of recent history and kicked off a strong 2021, which ended up being one of the largest years in history for PE M&A. Q1 2022 was off to a lower start and at a similar level to 2019 averages; Q2 was a slight improvement. Compared to 2021, Q2 2022 was 19% lower than Q2 2021 and 2% higher than Q1 2022. 2022 deal volume returned to similar pre-covid levels. Deals under \$100M continue to represent the majority of PE demand.

MM PE Deal Flow (# of Deals) by Deal Size



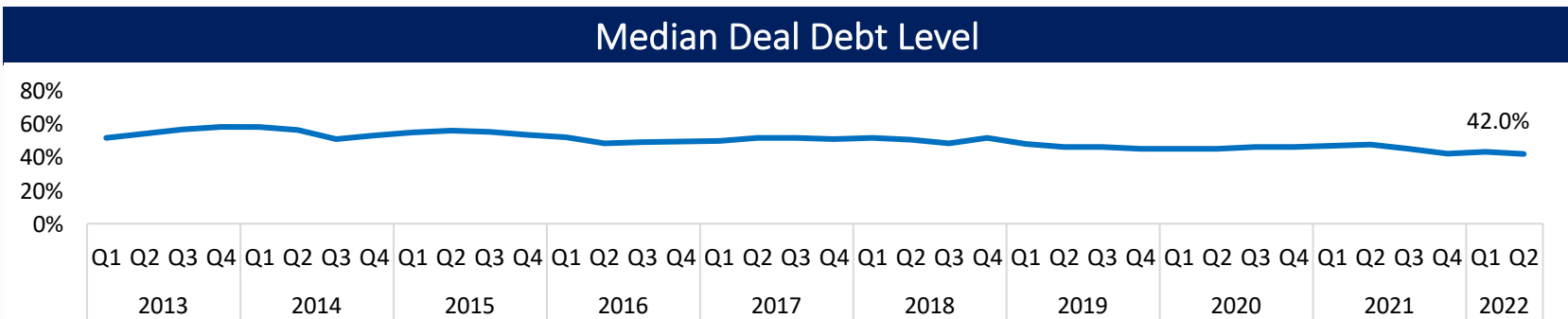
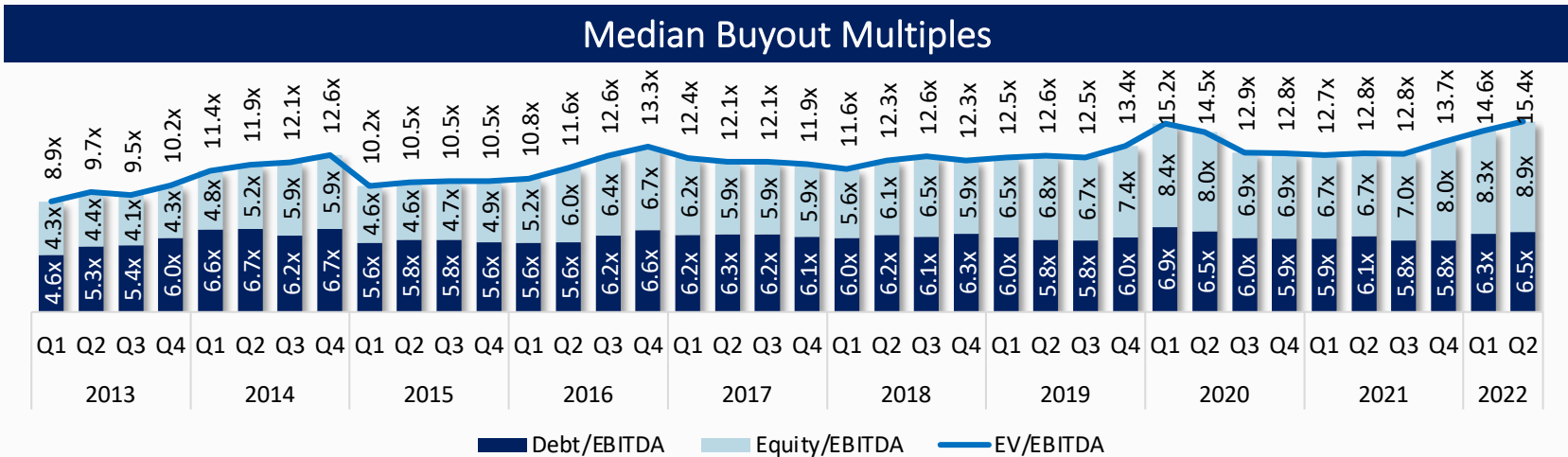
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EV/EBITDA multiples continue to rise. Q2 2022 had its highest EBITDA multiples on record. Multiples came in at 15.4x, which is significantly higher than prior quarters. Additionally, these higher multiples were being financed with more debt as a multiple of EBITDA. During Q2 of 2022, debt levels of 6.5 times were used to finance transactions by PE funds. This is from 6.3 times in Q1 2022, and 6.1 times during Q2 2021. Part of this can be explained by the lower EBITDA for many companies PE resulting from supply chain issues. We expect the debt level to ultimately be an inhibitor for further escalation of deal multiples, especially in a rising interest rate environment.



Source: Pitchbook, S&P CIQ. Note: Median is a four-quarter rolling median. Based on all PE deals



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