

# PE FUNDRAISING AT A GLANCE

First Quarter 2025

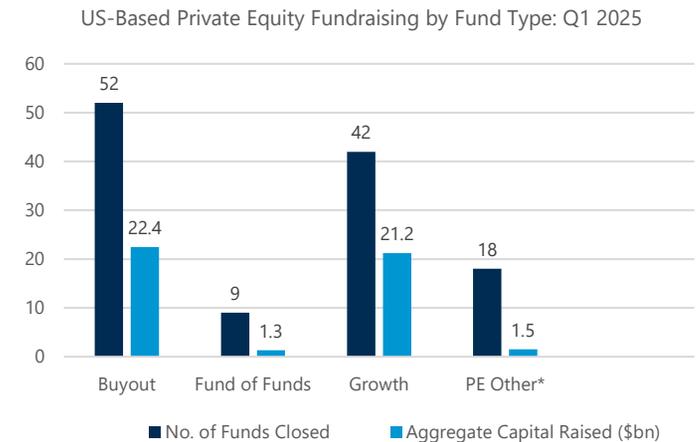
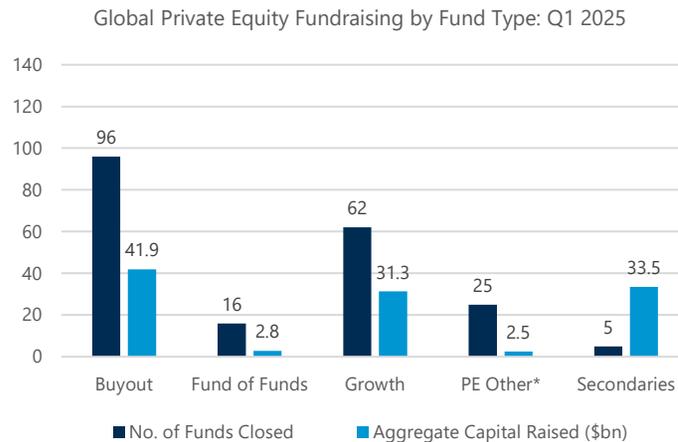
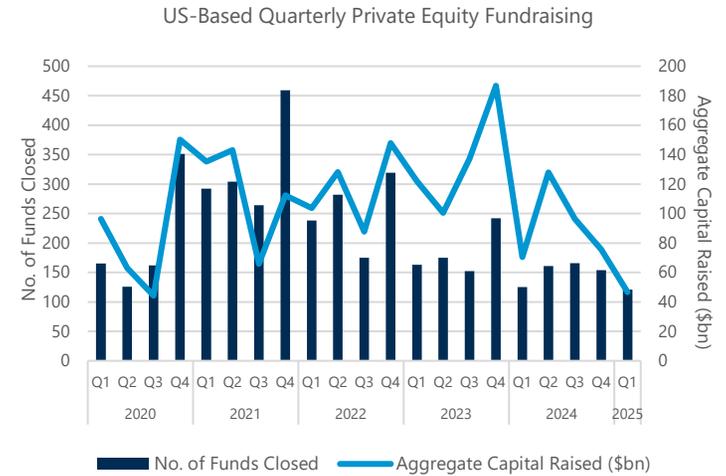
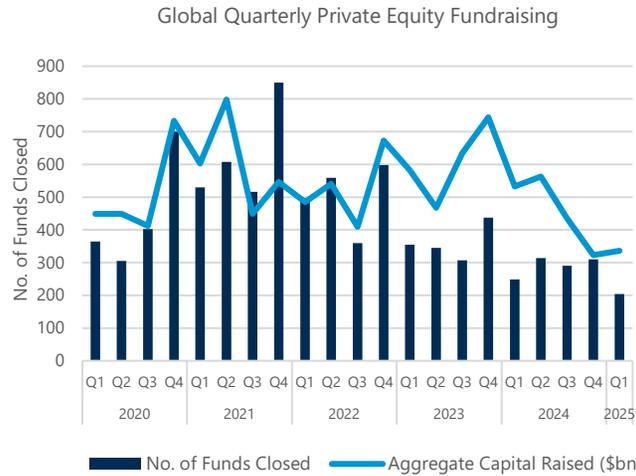
## Q1 Trends

► **Challenging Fundraising Market.**

Private equity fundraising remained challenging in Q1.

- \$112.2bn was raised globally in Q1, up 4% from \$107.6bn raised in Q4 2024, but down 39% from 177.6bn raised in Q1 2024. The last two quarters marked the lowest fundraising quarters over the last five years.
- Funds closings slowed in Q1 with 204 funds reaching a final closing globally, down 34% from 310 in Q4 2024, marking the lowest number of funds closed in any quarter over the last five years.
- Despite the slower pace, the largest final close ever by a private fund (\$30bn secondaries fund) was held in Q1.<sup>1</sup> The average final fund size in Q1 increased 37% to \$550mn from \$347mn in Q4 2024, likely skewed by this large fund.
- Buyout funds accounted for 37% of aggregate capital raised globally in Q1; secondaries funds and growth funds accounted for 30% and 28%, respectively.

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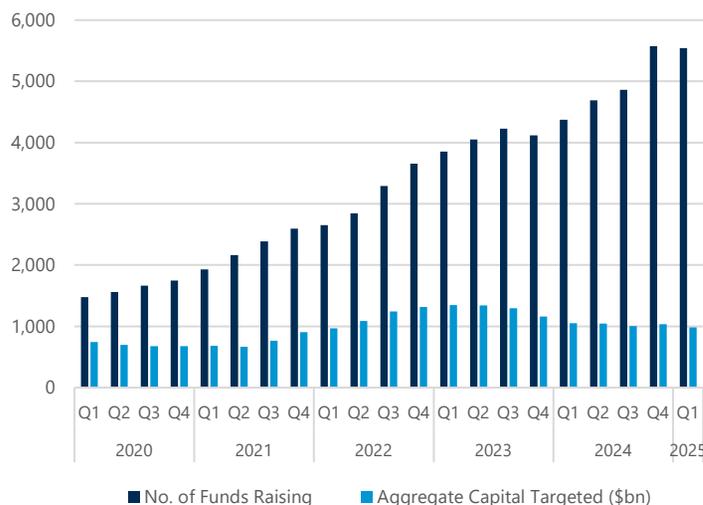
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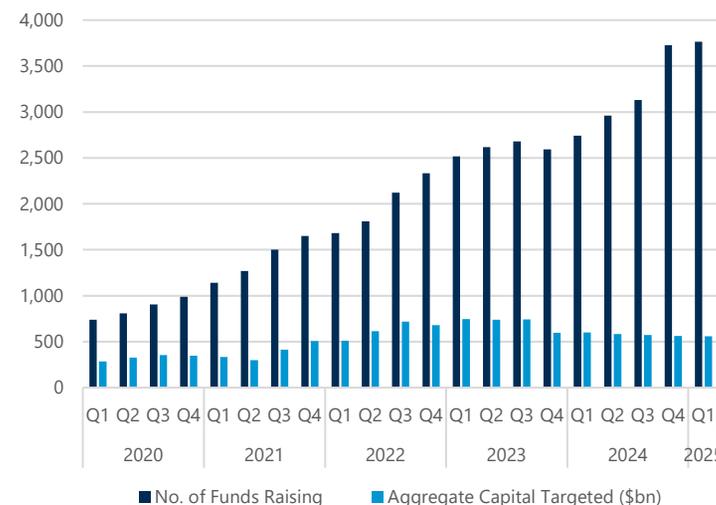
- Shorter Fundraising Timelines.** The average number of months to reach a final close in Q1 dropped to 19 months, down from an average of 24 months in FY 2024, and 22 months in FY 2023.<sup>1</sup>
- Near Record Funds in Market.** In Q1, there were 5,542 private equity funds in the market globally, down slightly from 5,574 funds in Q4 2024, but still near record highs.
- Less Capital Targeted.** Aggregate capital targeted globally in Q1 was \$981.1bn, down 5% from \$1.036tn in Q4 2024, marking the first time since Q1 2022 that quarterly aggregate capital targeted has fallen below \$1tn.
- AUM; Dry Powder.**
  - In Q3 2024, global private equity AUM dropped to \$6.545tn, a less than 1% decrease from the all-time high of \$6.548tn reached in Q2 2024. AUM remains near record highs.
  - In Q3 2024, dry powder dropped to \$1.568tn, a 5% decrease from \$1.651tn at the prior quarter end. Dry powder represented 24% of AUM in Q3 2024, in line with levels over the preceding three years.

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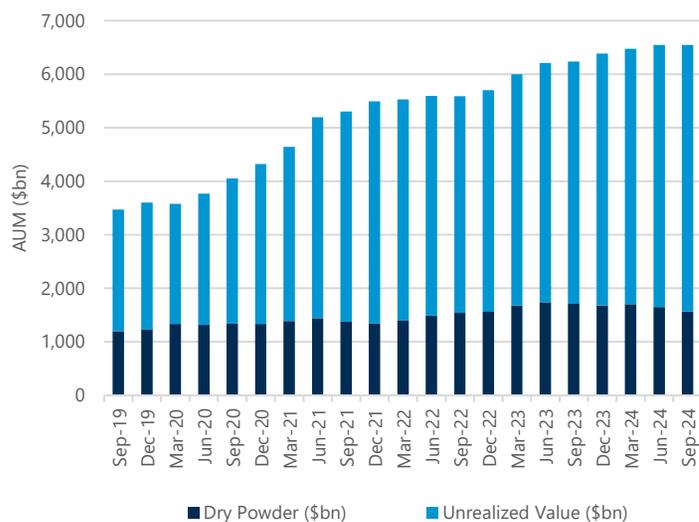
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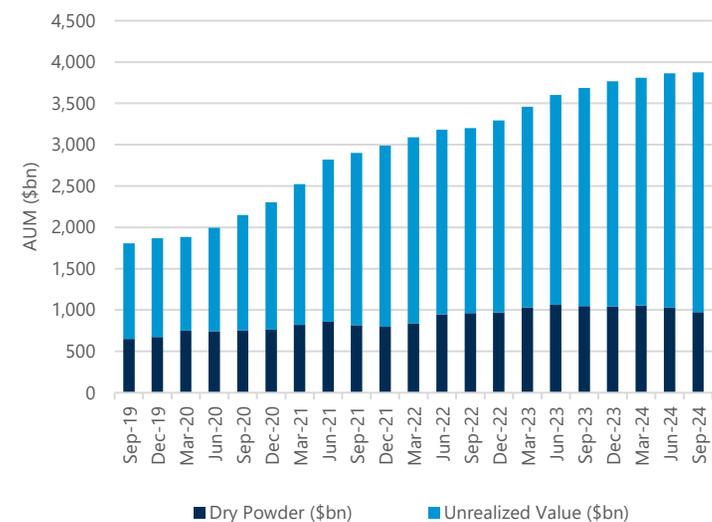
US-Based Quarterly Private Equity Funds in Market



Global Quarterly Private Equity AUM



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