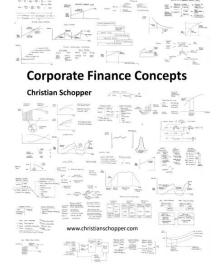
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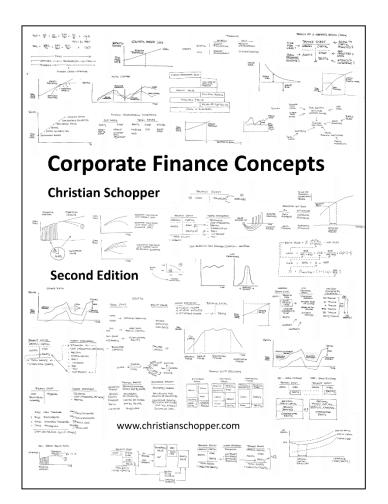
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# What Is Investment Banking?

# What is Investment Banking? - Definition



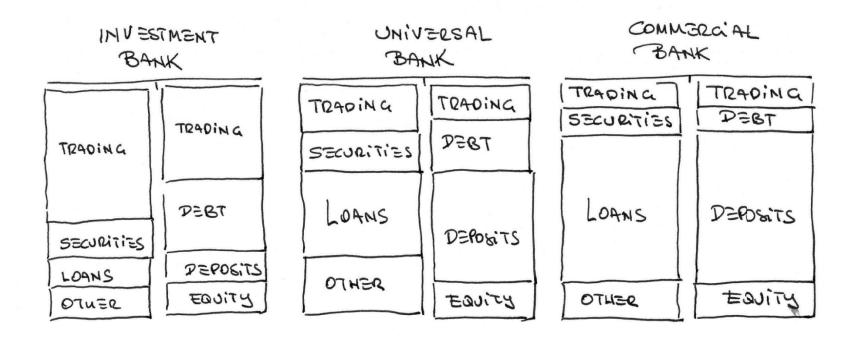
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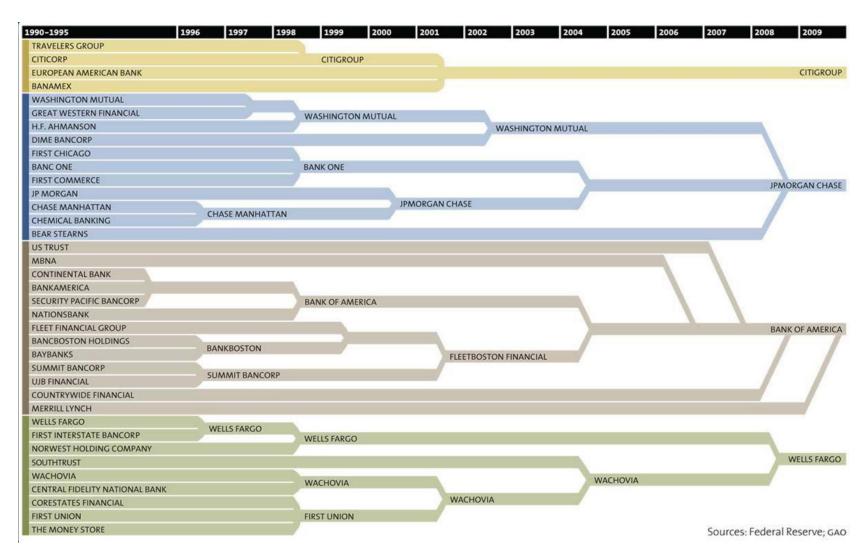
#### BALANCE SUEET STRUCTURES



#### What is Investment Banking? - A Brief History

- Term "Investment Banking" more frequently used as of late 19th century
  - Long tradition in Europe (e.g. Italy ...) ...
  - ... as well as "Merchant Banking" partnerships (e.g. Rothschilds, Barings) ...
  - ... with institutions increasingly underwriting and selling (government) bonds
- As of early 19th century especially strong dynamics in the United States
  - Government debt, funding of infrastructure
  - JP Morgan, Goldman Sachs
- Market Crash 1929 and Great Depression
  - Glass-Steagall Act 1933
  - ... among others spin off of Morgan Stanley from JP Morgan
- 1950s to 1990s ...
  - Golden Age of Dealmaking followed by Golden Age of Trading (de-regulation)
  - Dot-com boom and bust, removal of Glass-Steagall (1999) ... Dodd-Franck (2010)

### What is Investment Banking? - A Brief History



# **Investment Banking – The State of 2023**

#### April 2021 - The Wildest Quarter for Dealmaking in Memory ...

#### ... as 1Q 2021 came to a close:

- **S&P** at new **record**, passing 4,000 points for the first time, propelled by technology shares
- **Dealmaking** in its **strongest-ever start to the year**, with deals worth \$1.3tn agreed, more than any first quarter since records began in 1980
- Banks having their most lucrative quarter in at least 20 years, bringing in more than \$37bn in total fees
- Private equity groups raised more than \$20bn in the US leveraged loan market in a fresh quarterly high, loading companies they own with fresh debt to award themselves bumper paydays
- Spacs raised more money in under three months than they'd raised in an already heady
   12 months in 2020
- Venture capitalists invested at the fastest pace in more than a decade
- The GameStop saga detached share prices from corporate realities (Reddit, "hedges"), ...
- ... while the Archegos selling frenzy exposed how it's possible for a little-known family office to make incredible use of leverage, ...
- ... and Greensill Capital's administrator has failed to verify invoices underpinning loans to Sanjeev Gupta

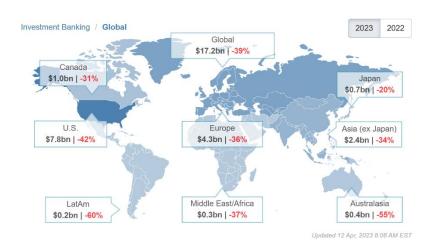


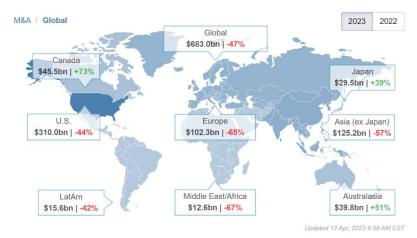
#### April 2023 – How the World Has Changed ...

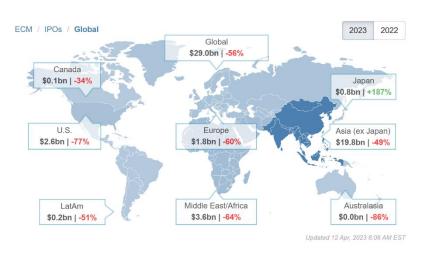
- Global dealmaking suffered its weakest start to the year in a decade, ...
  - ... as a darkening economic outlook depressed activity and a transatlantic banking crisis put the brakes on risk taking in the first quarter
  - The value of mergers and acquisitions dropped 45% y-o-y to \$550.5bn in 1Q 2023, ...
    - ... the largest decline in the first quarter since 2001



#### April 2023 – ... And It Wasn't Just M&A, There Were No Bright Spots







- ECM transaction volumes were higher in certain products, such as equity underwriting in the US and Europe
  - But deals were lower-margin for the investment banks
  - More block trades and fewer IPOs, for example, make for a worse product mix



#### 2022 - ... Was Already Pretty Grim ...





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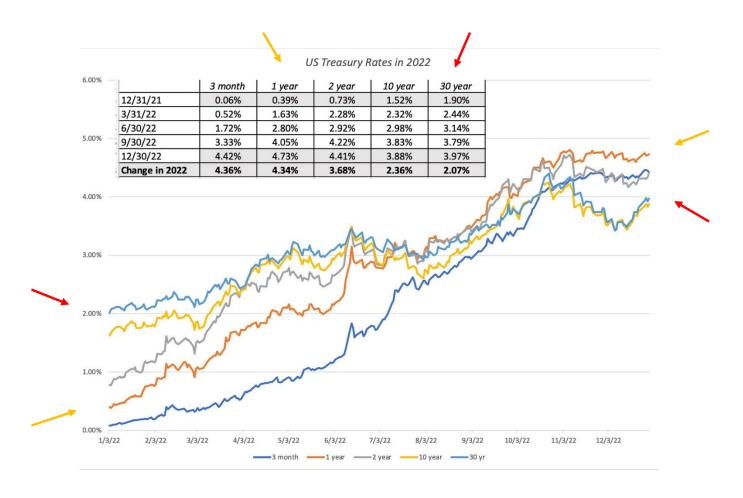
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#### April 2023 – Losses on Buy-Out Loans ...

- Wall Street investment banks that financed 2022 LBO of Citrix lost roughly \$1.5bn after selling off remnants of a deal
  - GS, BofA, CS and 30 other lenders sold \$3.8bn junior bonds backing Elliott Management and Vista Equity Partners' \$16.5bn Citrix LBO
  - The bonds are among the final pieces of a multibillion-dollar financing package that the banks had kept on their own balance sheets ...
    - ... after a sell-off in financial markets wreaked havoc on Wall Street's dealmaking machine



### ... As The Environment Has Changed - And Fast!



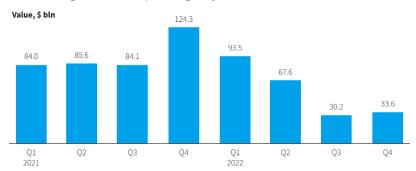


#### 2Q 2022 - M&A / LBO Slowdown Already Visible ...

- M&A decline in 2022 among others - due to a pullback by big investment banks from the leveraged-loan market
- Enormous losses on loans agreed to provide for buyouts ...
  - Citrix (cloud-computing)
  - Twitter
- ... before demand from institutional investors collapsed
  - Investment banks as a result lost their appetite for this type of financing, ...
  - prompting acquirers to turn to alternative sources, among them: private lenders ...

#### LBOs suffer from shortage of debt

Lack of financing causes 40.4% drop in leveraged buyouts in 2022



Note: Data through December 14, 2022. Source: Refinitiv | Reuters, Dec. 21, 2022 | By Vincent Flasseur

#### March 2023 – ... But Here Comes Private Lending!

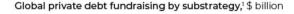
- Acquisition of a 50% stake in Cotiviti by Carlyle from Veritas Capital
  - Healthcare analytics company
- The \$7.5-8.0bn deal to be supported by a \$5.5bn loan
  - Private credit groups including Apollo, Ares and Blackstone are poised to write the largest direct loan on record ...
  - ... as they continue to muscle in on a lucrative business traditionally dominated by Wall Street banks

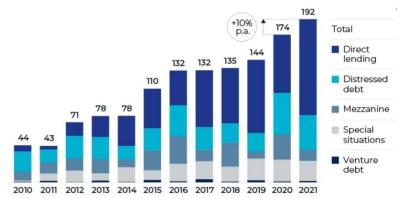




#### **Private Credit Fundraising at Record Levels**

- Wave of fundraising by private credit funds ...
  - ... many of them operated by companies that started out as pureplay buyout groups
    - Oaktree Capital currently trying to raise \$10bn to fund loans for big buyouts
    - CVC recently raised a EUR6.3bn direct lending fund
- Non-bank lenders attracted by the high returns on offer
  - Many loans yielding 6-7% over the floating rate benchmark (i.e. 11-12% in total)
  - That may further rise further if the Fed and other central banks press ahead with their campaign to raise interest rates ...

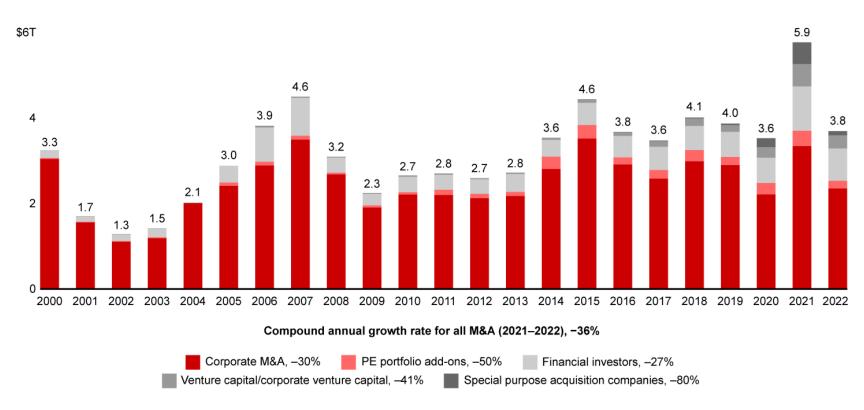




'Excludes secondaries, funds of funds, and co-investment vehicles to avoid double counting of capital fundraised. Source: Pregin

#### **M&A Dynamics**

#### M&A deal market value (in trillions of US dollars)



Note: Categorizations based on deal technique, industry, and acquirer business description

Source: Dealogic



### **M&A Dynamics and EBITDA Multiples Paid**

#### M&A deal market value (in trillions of US dollars)



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#### Median enterprise value to EBITDA multiples

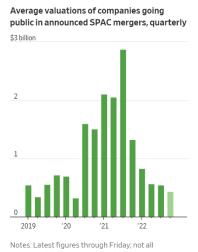


Notes: Median deal multiples for announced strategic deals in which valuation data was available; strategic deals include corporate M&A and PE portfolio add-ons Source: Dealogic



#### **Excursion: SPACs (Special Purpose Acquisition Companies)**

- Shell firm that raises money from investors and lists publicly ...
- ... with the sole purpose of merging with a private company to take it public
  - After regulators review the deal and it is completed, the company going public replaces the SPAC in the stock market
- Popular alternatives to traditional
   IPOs in 2020 and 2021
  - The boom turned into a bust ...
  - By end 1Q 2023, a SPACs-focused ETF is down more than 70% y-o-y (e.g. losses by sports-betting firm DraftKings or electric car maker Lucid)

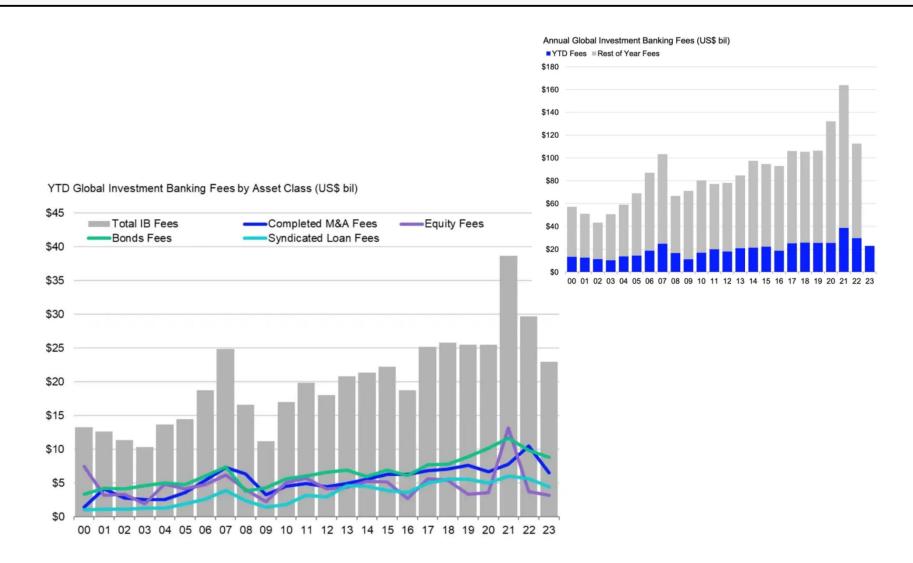




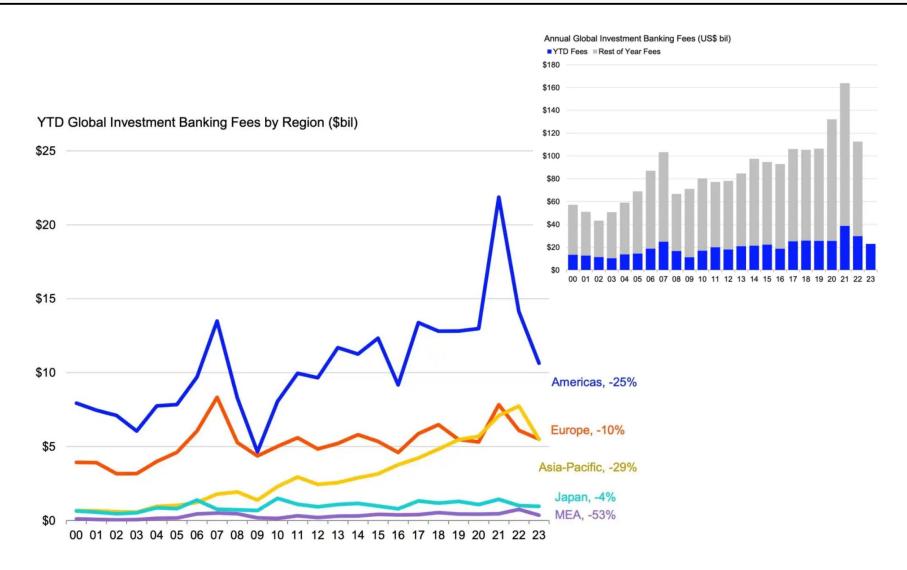
# Total SPAC creator losses from liquidations, quarterly \$1.00 billion 0.75 0.50 0.25

Note: Latest figures through Friday Source: SPAC Research

## **Global Investment Banking Fees – 1Q 2023**



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### February 2023 – Deutsche Bank and "Unpredictable Investment Banking"

- Erratic earnings path gets part of the blame for Deutsche Bank's market value which persistently trades well below tangible book value ...
  - ... currently only 0.4x P/BV ...
  - ... slightly above the 5-year average
- Deutsche Bank's shares fell, as a widely expected cash return from a new buyback did not materialize
  - ... given about EUR3.1bn of excess common equity tier one capital, over management's target ...
  - Regulators are probably hesitant to sign off on any new buybacks in the face of an economic slowdown ...

# Deutsche Bank: market will enforce a lower reliance on investment banking

Non-investment bank revenues are vulnerable to disappointments too



 $Deutsche Bank \ chief executive \ Christian \ Sewing \ has \ voiced \ concerns \ about \ volatility \ and \ uncertainty \ despite \ the \ German \ lender \ unveiling \ its \ highest \ annual \ profits \ in \ over \ a \ decade \ \ \ \ Uens \ Krick/POOL/EPA-EFE/Shutterstock$ 

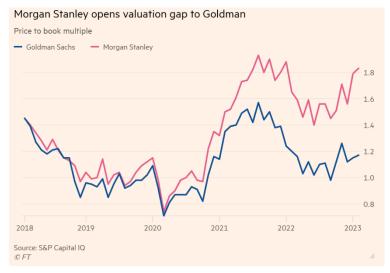
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#### February 2023 - Goldman Sachs ... - Lost Its Way?

- Goldman Sachs' profits plunged two-thirds in 4Q 2022, missing expectations, capping a grim year that has forced it to embark on its largest cost-cutting exercise since the financial crisis
  - Will cut 3,000+ jobs, slash bonuses and launch a review of spending
- Tried to emulate Morgan Stanley by diversifying into more stable business ...
  - ... but been unable to lessen reliance on investment banking and trading
  - 4Q 2022 net income fell to \$1.3bn, short of analysts' expectations of \$2.2bn (vs \$3.9bn in 4Q2021)





#### February 2023 - Goldman Sachs: Why Consumer Lending Business?

- Big chunk of Goldman's consumer lending business has lost about \$3bn since 2020
  - Marcus, Goldman's consumerbanking arm, launched in 2016 to a strong start
  - Rivals JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Bank of America Corp. were posting big profits on the back of strong consumer businesses that carried them through rocky stretches in their Wall Street operations
  - Goldman rolled out savings accounts, personal loans and credit cards
    - Its 2019 credit-card partnership with
       Apple signalled its ambitions to be a big player in the business ...

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# Goldman Sachs Lost \$3 Billion on Consumer Lending Push

Wall Street firm's push into Main Street businesses has proven costly



The New York headquarters of Goldman Sachs, which released some financial information Friday ahead of fourth-quarter earnings.

#### February 2023 – Rothschild: Family Plans to Take Investment Bank Private

- The Rothschild family planning to take its investment bank private ..
  - ... at €3.7bn
  - Rothschild family owns 38.9% of shares / 47.5% of voting rights
  - Currently in talks with banks and investors to finance an offer for the Paris-listed group
- The Rothschild family's intention to take their boutique company private runs counter to the trend of the past two decades ...
  - ... when a wave of smaller advisories such as Evercore and Lazard sought public listings in the US



#### **Excursion: Rothschild**

- Rothschild's origins go back more than 200 years
  - Roots of the current structure of Rothschild & Co date to a 2012 merger between the then-separate French bank and UK merchant bank NM Rothschild & Sons ...
  - ... putting an end to decades of cross-Channel rivalry
- Rothschild & Co has three divisions:
  - Global advisory
  - Wealth and asset management
  - Merchant banking
  - Rationale of taking Rothschild private: None of these businesses requires access to capital from the public equity markets, and given their long-term nature

Opinion The Top Line

Lazard's family legacy is gone, the Rothschilds fight on

Two European banking dynasties show the struggle to reconcile family control and growth

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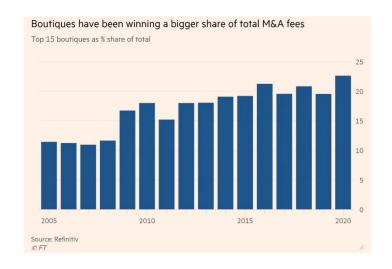




Baron Guy de Rothschild, centre, with his son David, left, and lawyer ME Izard at the Palace of Justice in Paris in 1969 © Cardenas/AP

#### The Rise of Elite Boutiques

- Non-full-service firms that focus
   on M&A Advisory or Restructuring,
  - ... rather than capital markets
- ... and advise on the same types and sizes of deals as bulge bracket banks
  - ... often with an industry or geographic specialty





#### **Bulge Brackets vs Elite Boutiques**



#### March 2023: Centerview is Having a Good Crisis

- Advising Credit Suisse on its merger with UBS
- Brought in to find a buyer for SVB
  - Also helping to line up buyers for pieces SVB parent as part of a bankruptcy process
- Tapped to help wind down the operations of one of the crypto market's top banks, Silvergate
- Advised on the biggest corporate deal so far in 2023 when its client,
   Seagen, agreed to be bought in a \$43bn sale to Pfizer
- One of the most successful independent firms since its founding in 2006

# Centerview Rides Crisis Assignments to Top of M&A League Table



Centerview Partners co-founder Blair Effron in 2017. Christopher Goodney/Bloomberg News

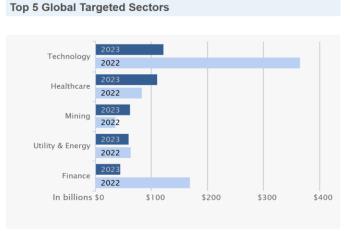
# **Global M&A League Tables**

Global M&A Advisor	Ranking				
YTD 2023			YTD 2022		
Advisor	Value \$bn	#	Rank	Value \$bn	#
JPMorgan	163.5	67	3	296.5	116
Goldman Sachs	162.3	64	1	456.8	129
BofA Securities	110.2	63	4	244.4	98
Centerview Partners	103.7	19	23	49.0	23
Morgan Stanley	74.5	54	2	324.3	106
Guggenheim Partners	62.9	12	37	17.6	24
Barclays	60.9	29	7	133.6	74
Lazard	56.4	38	15	83.2	76
BMO Capital Markets	50.7	23	50	9.4	17
Citi	46.3	32	5	203.5	64

#### Global M&A by Quarter In billions \$1,500 \$1,000 \$500 Q3 Q4 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 2020 2021 2022 2023

excludes spin-offs

Top 10 Global Deals						
Acquiror	Target	Announced	Value \$m	Value \$m (ex-debt)		
Pfizer Inc	Seagen Inc (100%)	Mar 13	45,670.8	45,670.8		
Glencore plc	Teck Resources Lt	Apr 3	29,834.3	23,795.7		
Newmont Corp	Newcrest Mining L	Feb 5	21,112.8	19,590.1		
Japan Industrial P	Toshiba Corp (100%)	Mar 23	16,156.0	15,266.3		
Extra Space Stora	Life Storage Inc (1	Apr 3	15,779.5	12,403.9		
Silver Lake Group	Qualtrics Internatio	Mar 6	11,931.1	11,931.1		
CVS Health Corp	Oak Street Health	Feb 6	10,552.1	9,752.7		
Endeavor Group H	World Wrestling E	Apr 3	9,350.0	9,162.5		
Emerson Electric Co	National Instrumen	Jan 17	7,365.1	6,920.1		
Xylem Inc	Evoqua Water Tec	Jan 23	7,527.6	6,702.1		

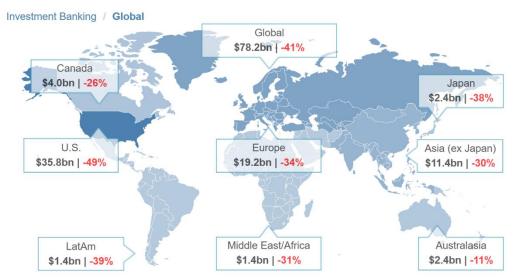


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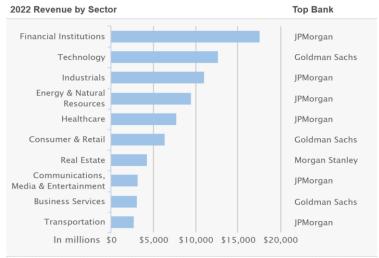


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### **2022 - Global Investment Banking Fees**



FY 2022			FY 2021		
Bank	Revenue \$m	% share	Rank	Revenue \$m	% share
JPMorgan	6,174.0	7.9	1	12,218.4	9.2
Goldman Sachs	6,016.1	7.7	2	11,471.0	8.7
BofA Securities	4,549.1	5.8	4	8,246.5	6.2
Morgan Stanley	4,170.9	5.3	3	8,538.8	6.4
Citi	3,146.6	4.0	5	6,279.2	4.7
Barclays	2,443.0	3.1	6	4,764.5	3.6
Credit Suisse	1,897.7	2.4	7	4,491.9	3.4
Jefferies LLC	1,706.0	2.2	8	3,516.9	2.7
Deutsche Bank	1,472.0	1.9	9	3,203.5	2.4
RBC Capital Ma	1,462.9	1.9	11	2,413.0	1.8
Subtotal	33,038.3	42.2		65,143.9	49.2
Total	78,244.1	100.0		132,507.9	100.0



## **2022 - Global Investment Banking Fees**

Top Earners by Product							
Product	Revenue \$m	% cge	Y-o-Y	Top Bank	% share		
Equity Capital Markets	12,117.7	66	<b>~</b>	Goldman Sachs	4.5		
IPO	6,082.9	71	<b>~</b>	Goldman Sachs	2.5		
Follow-On	5,135.7	59	<b>~</b>	Goldman Sachs	5.8		
Mergers & Acquisitions	36,610.6	19	<b>~</b>	Goldman Sachs	11.5		
Debt Capital Markets	18,124.4	42	<b>~</b>	JPMorgan	6.9		
Corporate Bond-High	1,800.4	79	<b>~</b>	JPMorgan	12.5		
Corporate Bond-Inve	11,156.8	24	<b>~</b>	JPMorgan	5.9		
Syndicated Lending	11,391.5	43	<b>~</b>	JPMorgan	11.1		
Investment Grade	2,055.9	8	<b>~</b>	JPMorgan	8.3		
Leveraged	9,335.6	47	<b>~</b>	JPMorgan	11.7		

Dealogic Revenue analytics are employed where fees are not disclosed



Debt Capital Markets (DCM), M&A (Mergers & Acquisitions), Loans (Syndicated Loans), ECM (Equity Capital Markets)



#### Staffing Levels - ... Nobody Knows What Eventually May Make Sense ...

- Investment banks now must decide about staffing levels
  - Projects in advisory and capital markets businesses are labourintensive ...
  - ... and can't be easily automated
  - Banks need both "show horses and work horses" — ie senior clientfacing bankers to pitch the business,
  - ... and junior and mid-level bankers to prepare materials and execute the deals
  - Moreover, it takes time to recruit (and train) both senior and junior personnel

- Investment banks are taking different approaches
  - Broad-based redundancies to reduce costs in expectation of a prolonged slump ...
  - ... vis-à-vis avoidance of mass job cuts, opting for natural attrition to gradually bring down employee numbers
  - Some banks target expensive senior talent and protect junior employees
  - Others reduce analyst and associate headcount, because many had been hired and performance reviews to weed out weaker juniors were de facto suspended during the Covid period for compassionate reasons ...

#### **Compensation and Bonus Levels**

- In 2022, Wall Street bonuses fell by most since the financial crisis ...
  - Dropping 26% to an average of \$176,000 amid higher rates and a decline in deal making
  - However, in Europe, salaries have increased substantially post-financial crisis, and the practice of paying "role-based allowances" to sidestep the EU bonus cap has ratcheted up fixed costs even more ...
  - So cutting variable compensation will save less now than in 2001-2003 ...
- ... with overall pay salary plus bonuses — has gone down by at least 35% y-o-y

# The challenge of lower compensation

- Demoralises strong performers and dulls incentives
- It takes a strong culture of organisational trust to convince bankers to accept pay restraint now
- ... in exchange for keeping the franchise intact
- The danger is a kind of adverse selection where the biggest contributors leave the bank and the hangers-on . . . hang on ...

	Citigroup	Goldman Sachs	JP Morgan	Morgan Stanley
Managing	800K - 1M	600K - 1.5M	600K - 2M	500K - 1.5M
Director				
Executive	450K - 650K	400K - 600K	350K - 600K	450K - 600K
Director				
Vice President	400K – 500K	300K - 450K	400K – 450K	400K – 450K
Associate	200K - 350K	200K - 300K	200K - 300K	250K - 350K

# Excursion: Global M&A League Table – 2022

Global M&A Advisor Ranking						
FY 2022			FY 2021			
Advisor	Value \$bn	#	Rank	Value \$bn	#	
Goldman Sachs	1,234.4	391	1	1,772.4	610	
JPMorgan	920.6	360	2	1,496.1	644	
Morgan Stanley	842.2	283	3	1,268.0	460	
BofA Securities	703.9	288	4	975.1	384	
Citi	671.4	207	5	905.6	360	
Barclays	458.6	210	6	730.1	288	
Credit Suisse	310.3	137	7	531.2	290	
Evercore Inc	247.1	190	9	418.4	213	
BNP Paribas	238.2	145	13	282.3	152	
Rothschild & Co	230.7	412	12	338.7	519	

#### In billions \$1,500 \$1,000 \$500 Q2 Q2 Q3 Q1 2020 2021 2022

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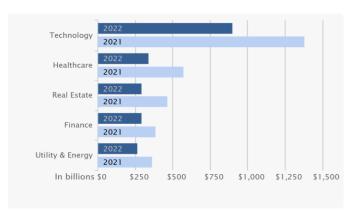
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Acquiror	Target	Announced	Value \$m	Value \$m (ex-debt)
Microsoft Corp	Activision Blizzard	Jan 18	75,069.0	75,069.0
Broadcom Inc	VMware Inc (100%)	May 26	71,605.2	61,447.2
HDFC Bank Ltd	Housing Developm	Apr 4	60,811.7	60,811.7
Private Investor (EI	Twitter Inc (91.24%)	Apr 14	41,268.7	41,268.7
Amgen Inc	Horizon Therapeuti	Dec 12	28,338.6	27,786.4
Blackstone Inc	Mileway BV (100%)	Feb 15	23,813.6	23,813.6
Kroger Co	Albertsons Compa	Oct 14	24,770.0	20,070.0
Adobe Inc	Figma Inc (100%)	Sep 15	20,000.0	20,000.0
Johnson & Johnson	ABIOMED Inc (10	Nov 1	19,253.9	19,253.9
ProLogis Inc	Duke Realty Corp	May 10	22,801.8	19,079.4

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#### **Top 5 Global Sectors**

Global M&A by Quarter



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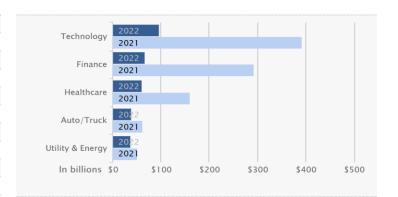


#### Excursion: Global ECM League Table – 2022

Global ECM Bookrunner Ranking						
FY 2022			FY 2021			
Bookrunner	Value \$bn	#	Rank	Value \$bn	#	
CITIC Securities	33.35	170	6	45.26	200	
Goldman Sachs	32.96	208	1	140.23	719	
JPMorgan	25.97	222	3	102.17	684	
Morgan Stanley	23.26	190	2	117.39	652	
CICC	23.19	126	11	35.42	145	
BofA Securities	22.88	175	4	94.86	609	
Citi	22.40	158	5	92.08	552	
China Securities Co Ltd	20.23	95	13	22.22	101	
Huatai Securities Co Ltd	14.56	91	12	24.15	101	
UBS	12.80	106	9	40.42	305	
Subtotal	231.59	1,016		714.20	2,344	
Total	524.92	5,070		1,499.94	7,965	



#### Global Top 10 Deals FY 2022 Priced Type Issuer Value \$m Exchange Jan 14 **IPO** LG Energy Solution Ltd 10,725.7 Korea Exchange-KO... Sep 28 **IPO** Dr Ing hcF Porsche AG 8,735.7 Frankfurt Stock Exch... Jun 10 FO Centrais Eletricas Brasil... 6,815.5 BM&FBOVESPA-No... FO Jun 23 Contemporary Amperex ... 6,712.9 Shenzhen Stock Exc... **IPO DEWA** 6,076.7 **Dubai Financial Market** Apr 6 Apr 11 FO CNOOC Ltd 5,070.0 Shanghai Stock Exc... FO **CITIC Securities** 3,542.4 Shanghai Stock Exc... Jan 26 Apr 5 FO Electricite de France SA-... 3,463.7 Paris FO Sea Ltd 3,014.5 New York Stock Exc... Jan 4 May 12 **IPO** Life Insurance Corp of In... 2,717.8 Bombay Stock Exch...



Top 5 Global ECM Sectors Year-on-Year

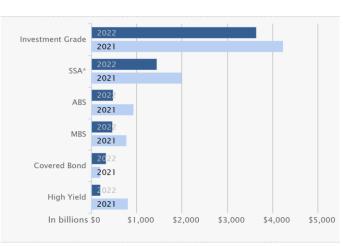
Initial public offering (IPO), follow-on (FO) and equity-linked (CONV) deals



### **Excursion: Global DCM League Table – 2022**

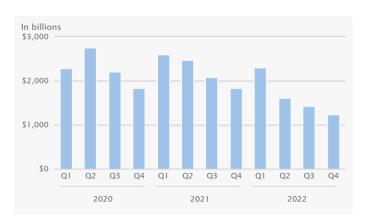
Global DCM Bookre	unner Rank	ing			
FY 2022			FY 2021		
Bookrunner	Value \$bn	#	Rank	Value \$bn	#
JPMorgan	412.02	1,705	1	674.00	2,749
BofA Securities	358.70	1,379	2	533.64	2,109
Citi	345.16	1,624	3	519.18	2,147
Goldman Sachs	256.74	1,011	5	404.93	1,400
Morgan Stanley	255.25	1,479	4	405.03	1,904
Barclays	242.58	1,088	6	347.46	1,514
Deutsche Bank	195.38	863	7	305.85	1,331
BNP Paribas	182.40	803	8	280.82	1,235
HSBC	174.47	784	11	248.92	1,286
Wells Fargo Securities	171.98	1,146	9	256.25	1,545
Subtotal	2,594.7	6,938		3,976.1	9,115
Total	6,575.0	20,513		8,955.2	23,355

#### Global DCM Deals by Type

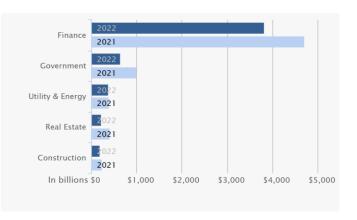


\*Sovereign, Supranational, Agency

#### Global DCM Volume by Quarter



#### Top 5 Global DCM Sectors Year-on-Year



# **The Big Questions Ahead**

#### Will Investors Get Serious about Due Diligence?

#### You don't find out who's been swimming naked until the tide goes out ...

Warren Buffett, investor

- Reckoning over the extent to which reality and due diligence fell by the wayside during the pandemic bull market
- Funds holding billions in shares in public and private tech companies at peak valuations
  - Tiger Global Management (hedge fund)
  - SoftBank (Masayoshi Son's owes the company about \$5bn ...)
  - Tiger, SoftBank and Sequoia Capital, invested in Sam Bankman-Fried's crypto exchange
     FTX ...
  - FTX's collapsed, after raising money in January 2022 at a \$32bn valuation
  - Elon Musk's rollercoaster acquisition of Twitter for \$44bn in April 2022 ...
    - ... with banks including Morgan Stanley, Bank of America and Barclays having written multibillion-dollar cheques to fund the deal, now struggling to offload the debt
    - By the way, Tesla shares fell by more than 65% in 2022

#### Can the Fed Get a Handle on the Market?

- The Fed's push to tame inflation and restore price stability sent shockwaves through financial markets ...
  - Credit markets slammed shut ...
  - ... and initial public offerings were postponed ...
  - ... as more than a decade of easy money came to a close
- Most major banks remain unwilling to provide the kind of leverage that private equity funds need to make most large-scale buyouts work
  - Instead dealmakers are requiring more equity from buyout shops before underwriting debt
  - At the same time, there have been a rush of minority-stake transactions so private equity buyers avoid having to tap debt markets
  - Questions also remain over the capacity of the big private lenders that have taken the place of banks

#### Is Private Equity in the Danger Zone?

- The past decade has been kind to the private equity industry ...
  - ... but the free-money era is over, and cracks are starting to show
- Blackstone had to limit withdrawals from its \$69bn real estate investment fund
  - ... after a surge in redemption requests from its wealthy clients
- Raising funds from institutions is getting harder too
  - Carlyle said it expects to miss the deadline to raise a \$22bn flagship fund by March
- Companies that were bought with hefty leverage at eye-watering valuations in the past few years look particularly vulnerable
  - Still, many private equity firms have not yet marked down the value of their portfolio companies anywhere near tumbling valuations on public markets

### How Bad are Lay-Offs going to be on Wall Street?

I'm dreading the conversations I'm going to have with my team ...

Seasoned Goldman banker



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