

Venture at a Crossroads: Growth, Liquidity and Opportunity

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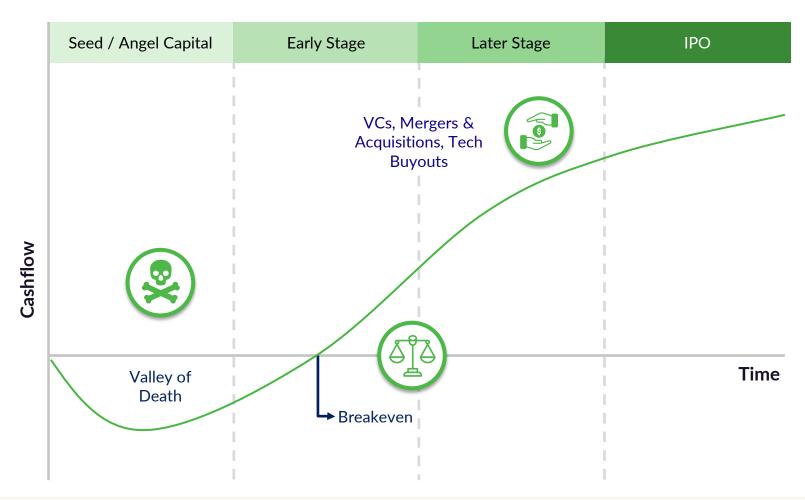
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# Background on Venture Capital



# What is Venture Capital?

# Venture capital is high-risk capital fueling high-growth innovation

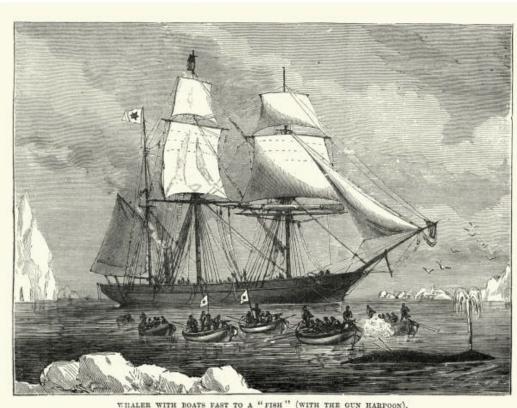




# **Origins of Venture Capital**

19th Century Whaling

# 19<sup>th</sup> century whaling expeditions pioneered the high risk, high reward investment model



- Wealthy backers would fund long whaling expeditions for shares of potential future profits (the first limited partners, or "LPs")
- Ships were high risk, high reward; many failed but a few brought home fortunes
- Diversification: Backers would fund multiple ships to spread the risk
- Investors were paid back years later, if at all

# **Origins of Venture Capital**

ARDC: America's First VC

### World War II Technologies gave rise to America's first Venture Fund

- Founded in 1946 to commercialize technologies developed during WWII
- Funded early-stage private companies; a radical idea at the time
- Backed Digital Equipment Corporation in 1957: ~500x return on investment
- Predecessor to today's VC fund model: pooled capital, portfolio strategy, high-risk bets



American Research & Development Corporation, Boston, 1946



# **Evolution of Venture Capital**

From Cottage Industry to Democratized Asset Class

	Cottage Industry	Capital Boom	Dot Com	Capital + Service	Era of Democratization	Adapting to Change
Venture Firms	NORWEST  greylock	Accel DFJ  Battery NSIGHT PARTNERS  intel capital PG International Data Group	Bust	true Ventures Y  alóz  First Round	FLOODGATE	COATUE ALTIMETER  TIGERGLOBAL  THRIVE
npanies	LPs are HNE and family offices  VCs hold the power as supply of capital is limited	Founders have more influence CVC emerges		New entrants  VCs provide tools, resources, & support	Micro VC Boom  Homogeneous term sheets  Founder friendly	Bigger fund sizes  Diversity in GPs, strategy, sector, geography, stage  Micro-hype cycles
Founders / Companies	intel P	yahoo!  Google  NETFLIX  amazon		Uber Ober Walled	stripe	SPACEX
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# Power Law Dynamic within Venture Capital

Venture returns follow a power law, a concentrated set of winners drive the majority of value

### Most Companies Return Little



### Few Drive the Portfolio



- Most investments fail or return <1x cost
- One or two outliers (e.g., Uber, Stripe) return the entire fund or more
- Fund returner mentality pushes VCs toward outsized, risk-on bets

# Venture Capital Trends Today

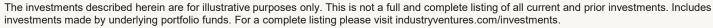


# VC Today: Key Observation #1

**Extended Hold Periods** 



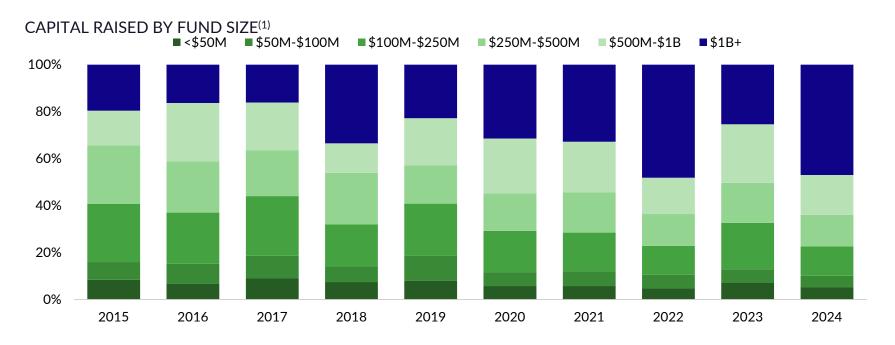
Source: Pitchbook Data as of 8/15/2025.





# VC Today: Key Observation #2

Consolidation of Capital



Share of Capital Raised by \$1B+ VC Funds Increasing Over Time<sup>(1)</sup>

20%

2015

**→ 31%** 

2020

47%

2024

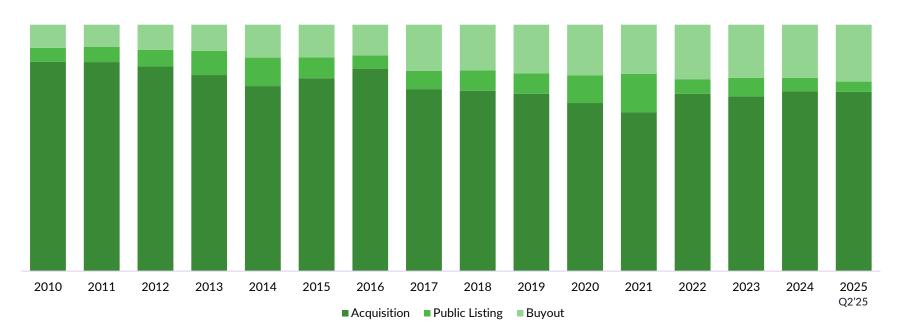
**\$1B+** funds represent only 3.7% of funds by count

<sup>1.</sup> Source: Pitchbook NVCA Monitor (Q2 2025)

# VC Today: Key Observation #3

**Buyout Exits Becoming Increasingly Common** 

VENTURE-BACKED EXIT COUNT BY TYPE(1)



# % of VC-Backed Exits to Buyout Over Time<sup>(1)</sup>

9%

21%

23%

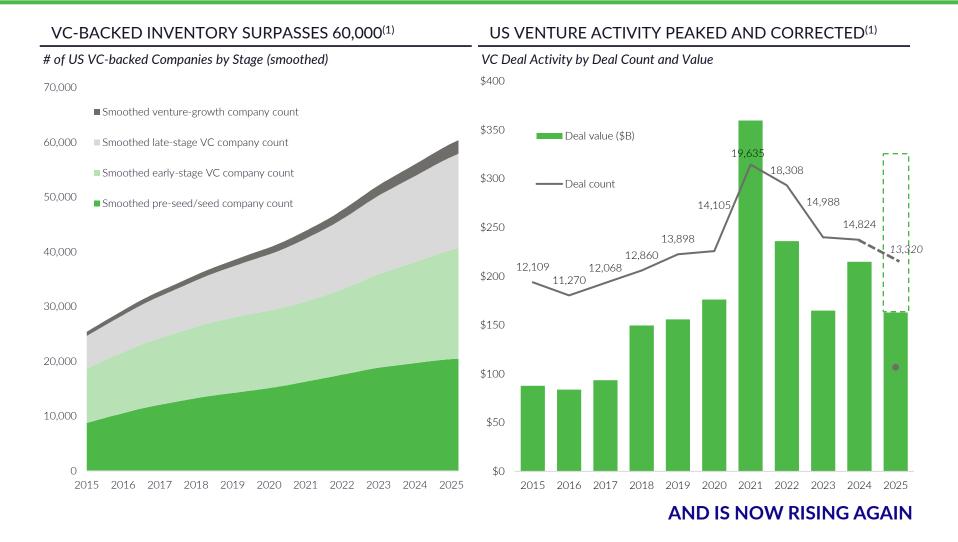
2010

2020

2025 (Q2'25)

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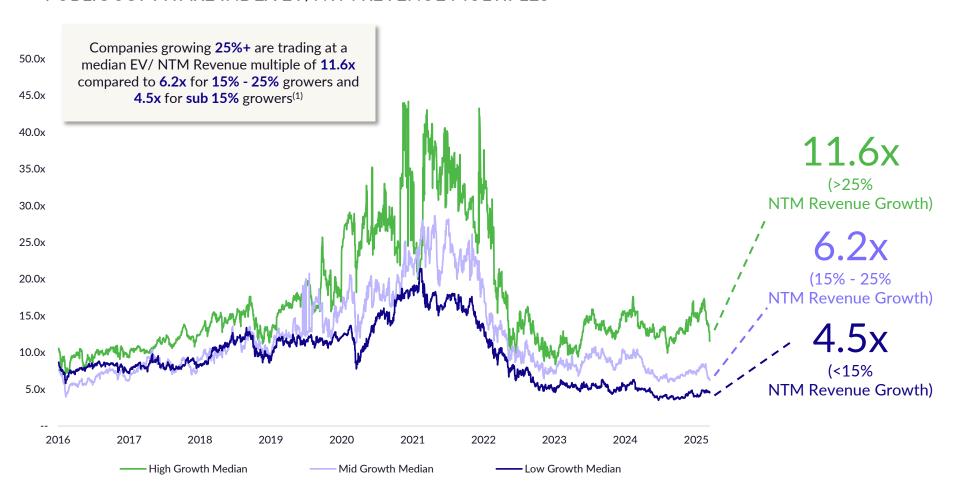
# Venture Activity in the Last Decade





# Bifurcation of Valuations in Public Markets Reflected in VC

### PUBLIC SOFTWARE INDEX EV/NTM REVENUE MULTIPLES (1,2)



<sup>1.</sup> Source: Pitchbook as of 03/11/2025 (Annual Median EV/Revenue data is derived from the set of SaaS companies comprising the Clouded Judgement Index).

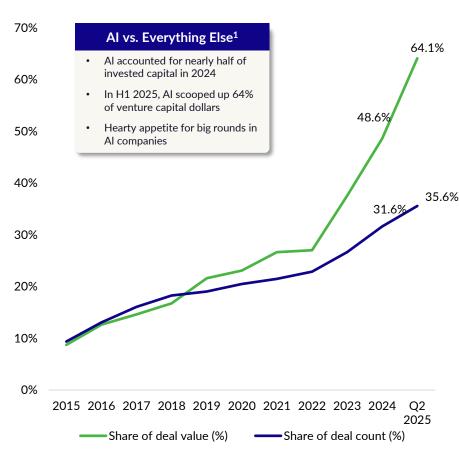


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# Which is Magnified by Al Hype

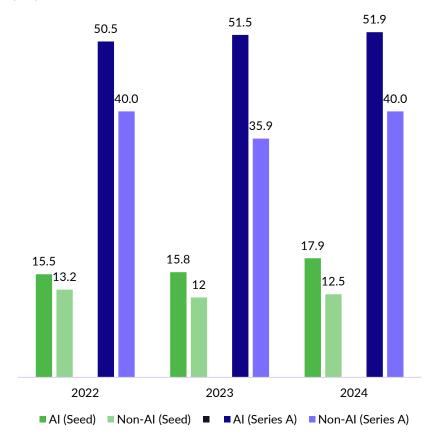
### AI CAPTURES OVER 60% OF DEAL VALUE (1)

Share of venture deal value in AI vs other categories



### VALUATIONS FAVOR AI COMPANIES (2)

Median Seed and Series A round pre-money valuations split by Al and non-Al (\$M)





<sup>1.</sup> Source: Pitchbook: NVCA Venture Monitor (Q2 2025)

<sup>2.</sup> Source: Carta: VC Startups in 2025

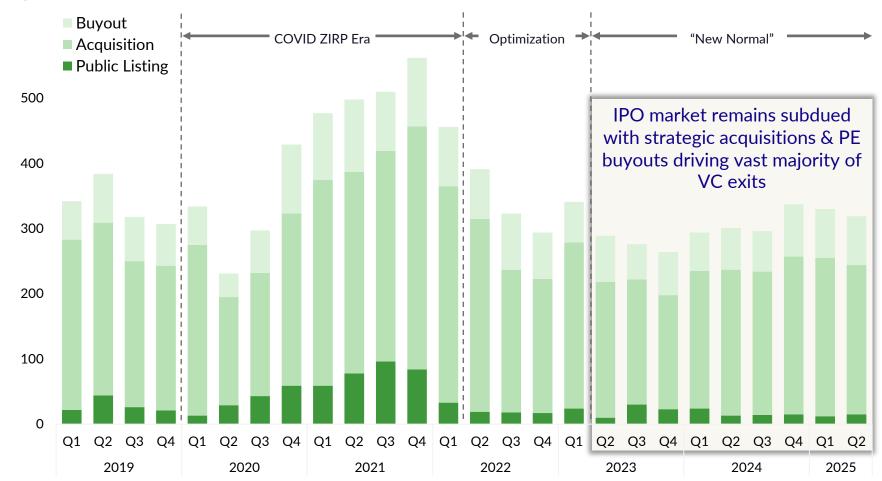
# Liquidity Challenges Driving New Exit Pathways



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# Traditional VC Exit Pathways

### QUARTERLY US VC EXIT COUNT BY TYPE





# The Liquidity Problem



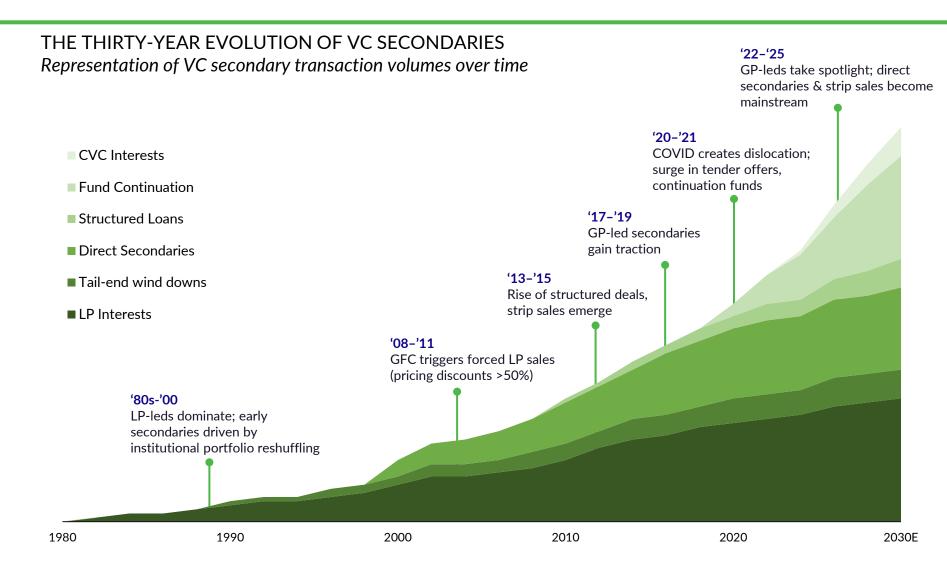
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2. Bloomberg | Private Equity Payouts at Major Firms Plummet 49% in Two Years | February 2024. Chart source: Pitchbook: NVCA Venture Monitor (Q2 2025). As of 12/31/2024. Note that this is the latest quarterly data provided by Pitchbook. 🌣 INDUSTRY VENTURES

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<sup>1.</sup> WSJ | More Than 9-% of 2021 Venture Funds Have Has Zero Distributions Thus Far, Report Shows | April 2024.

# **Emergence of Alternative Liquidity Solutions**



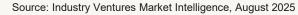
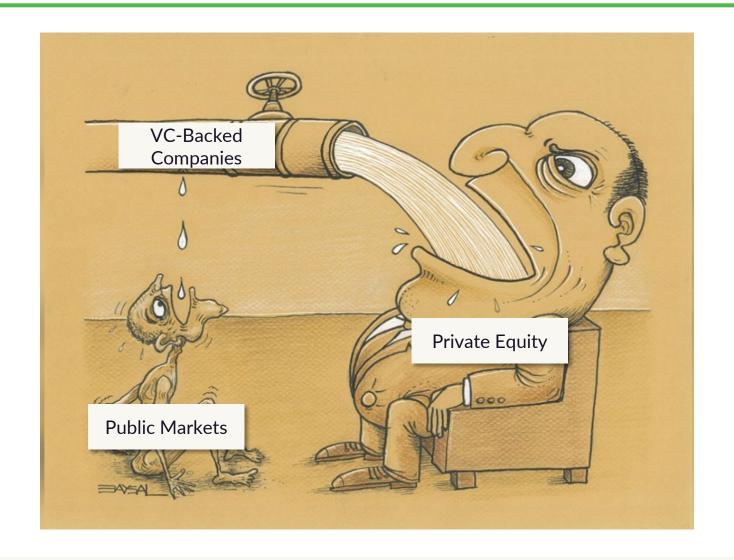


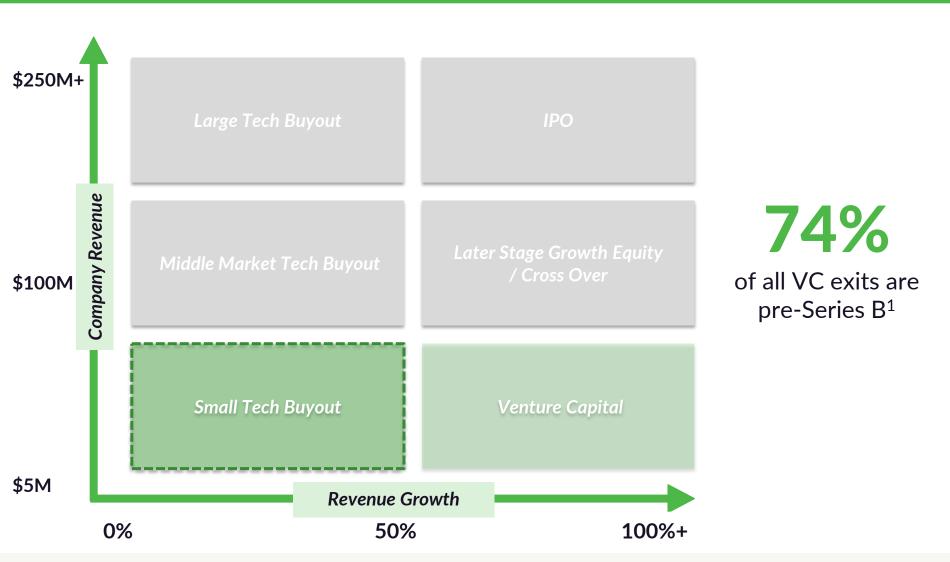
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Starved Public Markets, Stuffed Private Equity





# Where We Focus

Access to compelling lower middle-market software and tech-enabled services



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# Why PE Likes Venture Buyouts

### PLAYBOOK TO SCALE SMALL COMPANIES

### **Operational Improvements**



- Create repeatable go-to-market to reaccelerate growth
- Upscale executive team
- Improve back-office infrastructure and institutionalize KPIs

### **Buy-and-Build Approaches**



- Expand products or enter new markets (TAM expansion)
- Pursue add-ons at accretive multiples

### Multiple Expansion



- Scaled and growing companies attract strategic buyers and larger buyout funds
- Exit through competitive sell-side processes

# BUY LOW, SELL HIGH

### SMALL CAP CAPTURING MULTIPLE ARBITRAGE

(Median EV/Revenue Entry Multiples in Software & IT Services<sup>1</sup>)



### CREATING GREATER RETURNS

ORGANIC GROWTH + ADD ONS + MULTIPLE ARBITRAGE (Gross MOIC in Software & IT Services1)

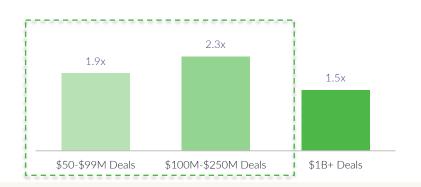
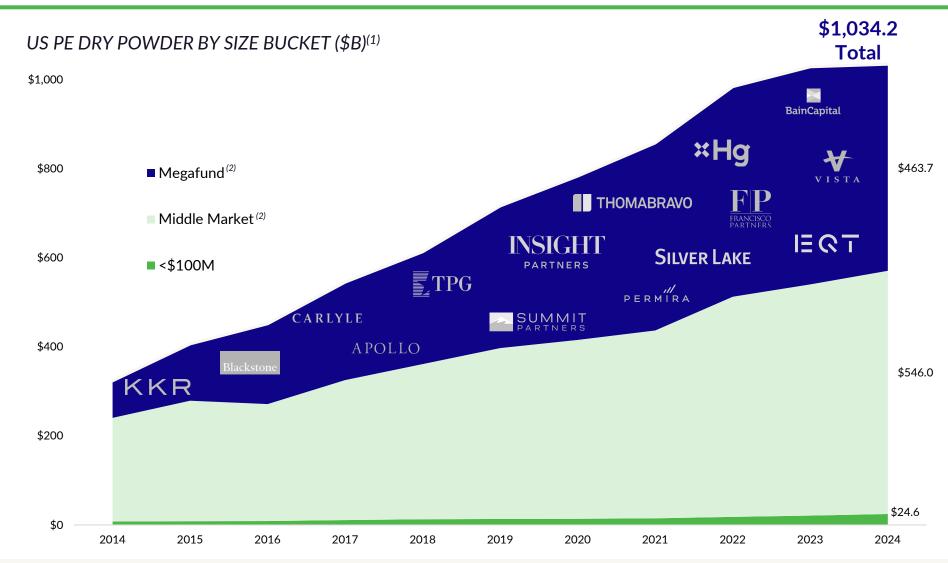


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# Capital Overhang in Large Cap PE



<sup>1.</sup> Q1 2025 Pitchbook US PE Breakdown Summary



<sup>2. &</sup>quot;Middle Market" defined as funds that raised between \$100M and \$5B and "Megafund" defined as funds that have raised greater than \$5B. Note: The logos described here are for illustrative purposes only.

# Industry Ventures at the Cross Section



# **Leading Private Technology Platform**

**Synergistic platform** with intel on **25,000+ companies** that drives proprietary deal flow, information access, and enhanced due diligence capabilities

**EARLY-STAGE VC** 



Support emerging VC managers investing in seed/early-stage companies and invest directly alongside GPs in top high-growth companies.

PARTNERSHIP HOLDINGS FUNDS

**DIRECT FUNDS** 

LATE-STAGE VC



Acquire late-stage venture capital assets by providing liquidity for company shareholders and fund investors.

**SECONDARY FUNDS** 

**POST VENTURE** 



Concentrated exposure to small profitable tech buyout software and services companies, complemented with secondaries and strategic primaries.

**TECH BUYOUT FUNDS** 



# Exposure to Innovation Across the Venture Lifecycle

Largest 25 Company Investments in Latest Fund Vintages by Current NAV\*







manies are listed in a

# Sourcing Potential Hidden Gems Across The VC Ecosystem

Our unique positioning helps us identify overlooked VC-backed companies

10,500+

**VC-Backed Companies across** our platform<sup>1</sup>

760+

LP Stakes in **Venture Funds** across our platform

### **SECTORS**

✓ Mission critical B2B vertical software and services

### SIZE

✓ \$10-50M revenue

### **PROFITABILITY**

✓ Profitable or near profitable

### **GROWTH**

- ✓ 10-40% revenue growth
- ✓ Opportunity for add-ons and AI-enablement

### **CHARACTERISTICS**

- ✓ Strong gross & net retention
- √ Capital efficient
- ✓ Attractive deal dynamics









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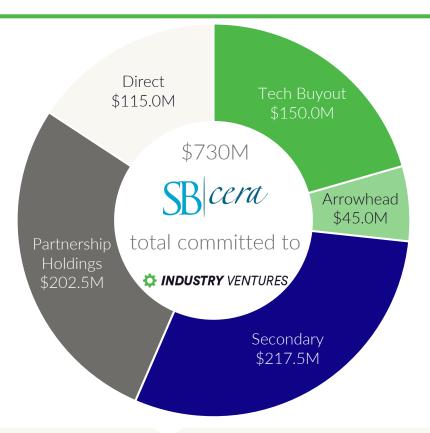


# Industry Ventures Tech Buyout Collaboration with SBCERA



**Exhibit A: Page 29** 

# **Collaborating Across Strategies**



Returns to SBCFRA:

1.7x / 16.8% / 61.7%

Total Net MOIC / Net IRR / Net DPI 1\*

SBCERA Capital Activity:

\$730M / \$475M / \$282M

Total Committed / Contributed / Distributed\*

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Retirement Association client cash flows and may vary from fund level results.

# Collaborating Across Deal Types - Directs

# Directs

### Direct investment in **Smartlin**X

- Workforce management ("WFM") and human capital management ("HCM") software to post-acute healthcare facilities
- IV had extensive visibility into Smartlinx through direct and indirect exposure to several healthcare-focused and horizontal WFM / HCM vendors, as well as healthcare staffing marketplaces
- Invested in Q3 2023
- Completed 2 add-ons:





			ITS

- Accretive add-ons
- Upgraded management team
- Rebuilt sales leadership and processes
- Product & tech enhancements

INVESTMENT SUMMARY <sup>(1)</sup>					
Fund	IV Arrowhead				
Deal Type	Direct				
Date of Investment	September 2023				
Committed Capital	\$10.3M				
Invested Capital	\$10.3M				
Proceeds	-				
Unrealized Value	\$10.0M				

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# Collaborating Across Deal Types - Secondaries



# Secondary Investment in Banneker

- Vertical enterprise software companies, with a focus on control-oriented investments in sub-scale platforms
- IV has a long-standing relationship with Banneker, invested in Banneker Fund I and Fund II and co-invested with Banneker in Versaterm **©CORE**, and **©Ever.Aq**
- Increased exposure through secondary transaction in Q1 2022 at a discount to NAV
- Completed 27 add-ons

### **CURRENT PORTFOLIO COMPANIES**





(Dec 2020) (Partial Recap Jul 2024)





**INVESTMENT SUMMARY**<sup>(1)</sup>

IV Arrowhead

Secondary

July 2022

\$5.0M \$5.8M

\$2.0M

\$4.9M

Fund

Deal Type

Date of Investment

**Committed Capital** 

**Invested Capital** 

**Unrealized Value** 

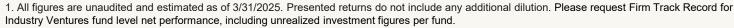
Proceeds





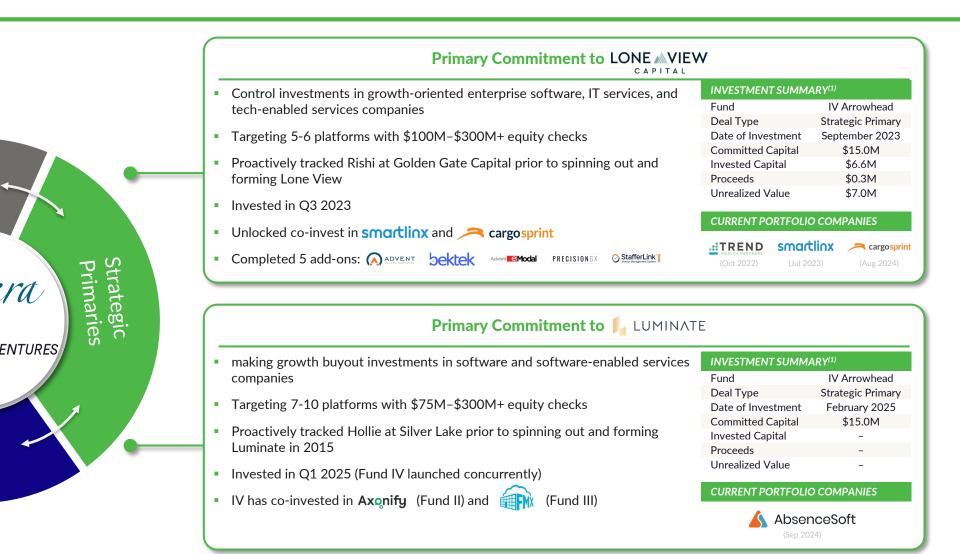








# Collaborating Across Deal Types - Strategic Primaries



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# **Performance End Notes**

### **SLIDE 29: Collaborating Across Strategies**

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