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## **SaaS Industry Panel**

### **How AI and ML will Power Next Generation SaaS**



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**Focused on Entrepreneur / Family controlled growth companies with \$10M+ Revenue / \$2M - \$8M EBITDA in sectors we know well**



**Senior team with strong experience in M&A and private placements and operating roles in PE and VC backed companies**



**Expertise in target sectors and connectivity with management of established and emerging market leaders and their financial sponsors**



**Roll-up our sleeves partners in the process with proven ability to maximize value and terms and close the transaction**

### Mergers & Acquisitions

- Sell-side M&A
- Buy-side M&A
- Divestitures

### Capital Raising

- Private Equity
- Senior
- Subordinated Debt
- Venture Capital

# Industry Focus and Expertise



## Consumer

- Retail/Restaurants
- Food & Beverage
- E-Commerce
- CPG



## Industrial / Bus. Services

- Manufacturing
- Packaging
- Business Services
- Marketing/Media



## SaaS / Technology

- SaaS/Software
- Cybersecurity
- IT Enabled Services
- Industrial Tech



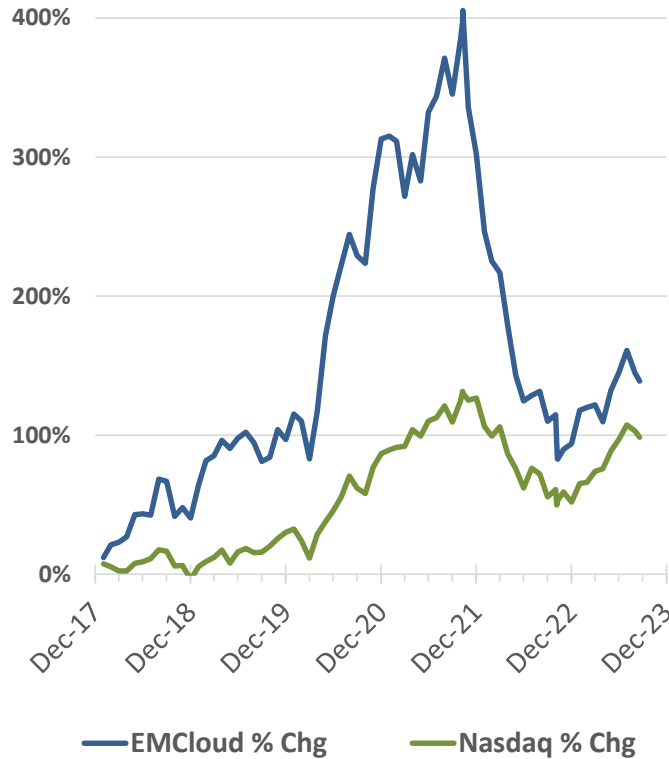
## A&D / Government

- Parts & Components
- Defense / Space Tech
- MRO & Logistics
- Govt. / IT Services



# Dawn of a New Day

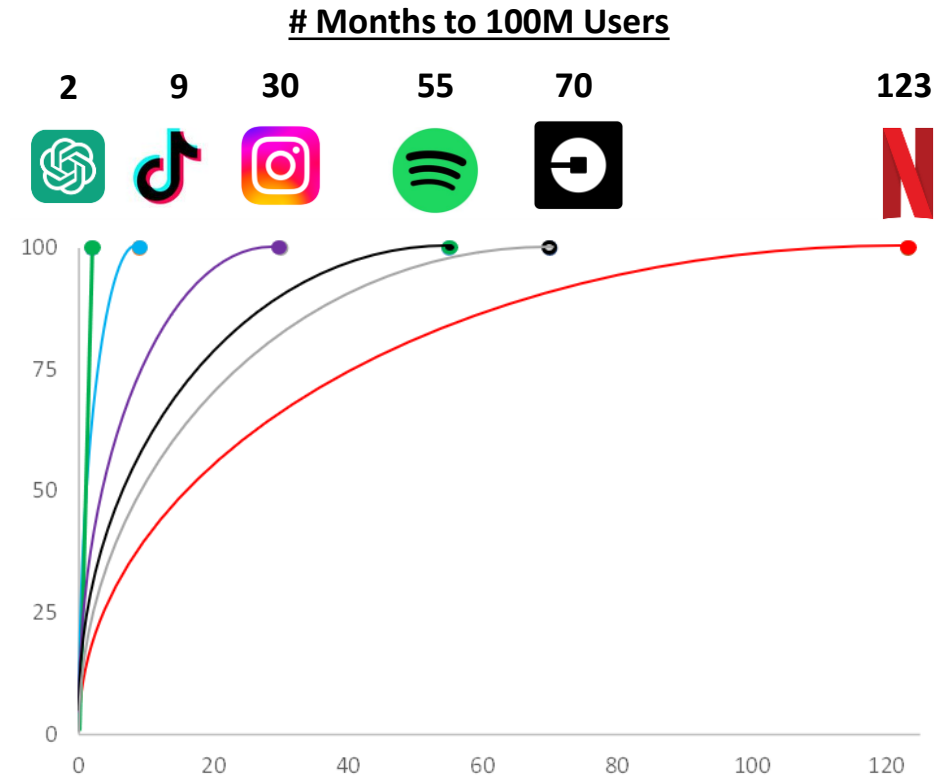
## 2022 "SaaSacre"



**EMCloud  
Peak to  
Trough  
-64%**

**Recovery:  
EMCloud  
≈ 31%  
Nasdaq  
≈ 32%**

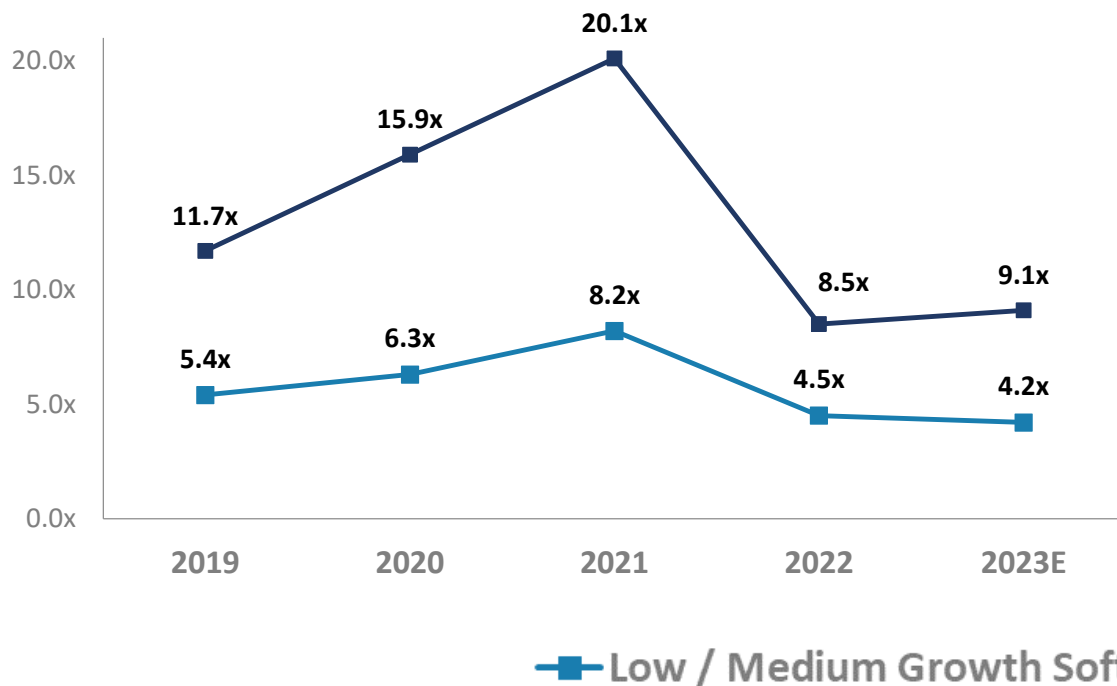
## 2023 Fastest Ever App to 100M Users



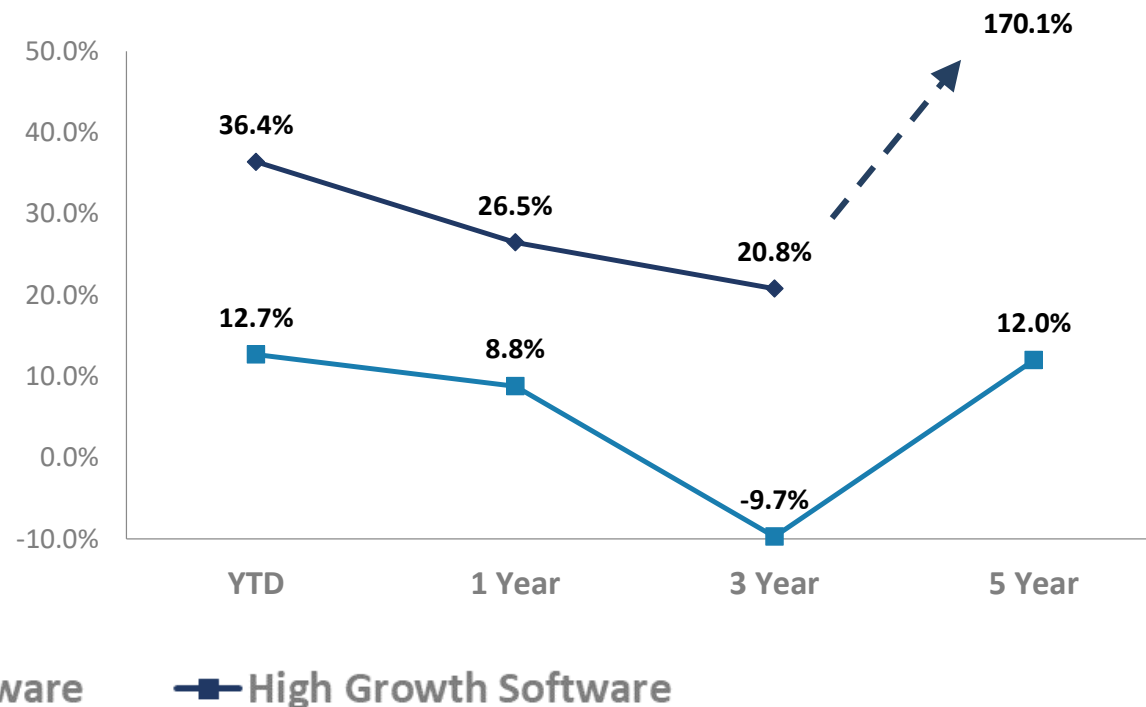
# Public Software Co. Valuations – Efficient Growth Drives Value

- 2021 an anomaly | 2022 multiples corrected | 2023 rewards growth and profitability

### Median EV / Revenue by Growth

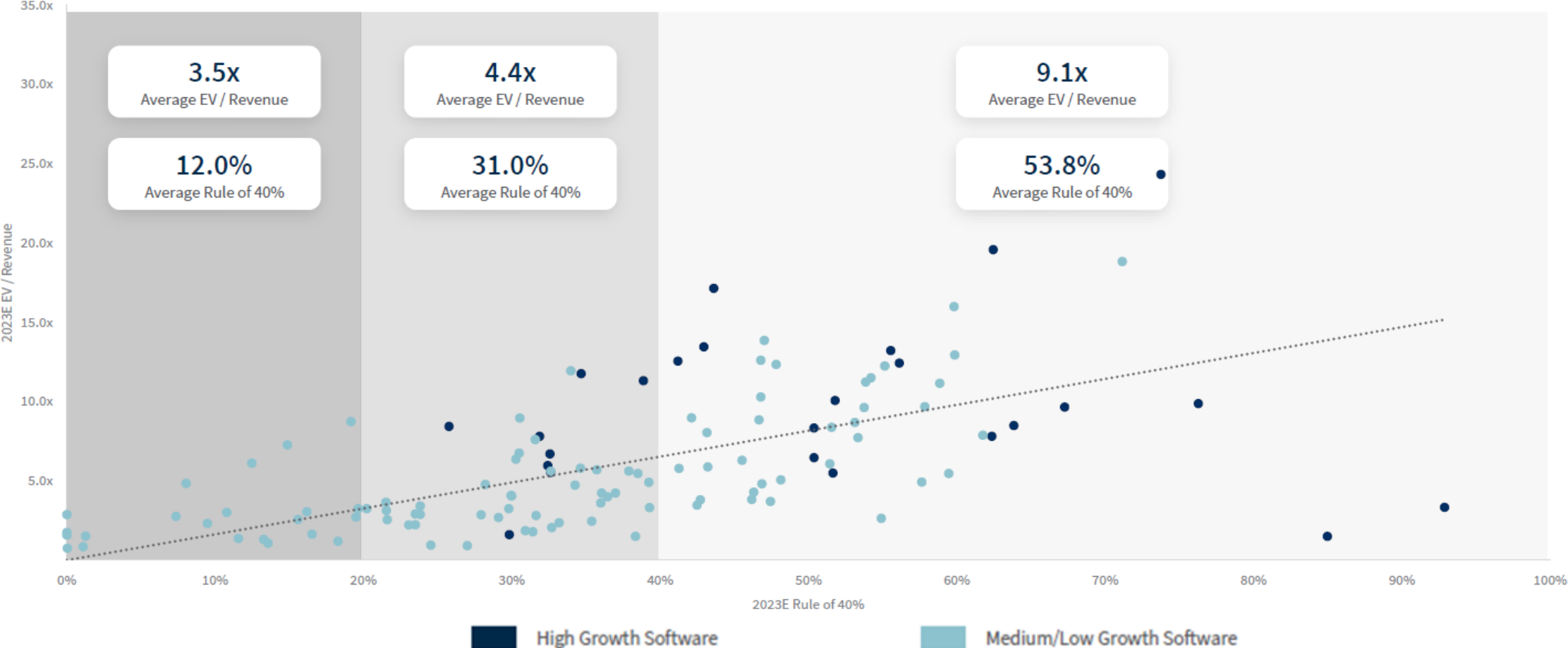


### Relative Stock Performance



# Growth AND Profitability Drives Higher (> Double) Valuation

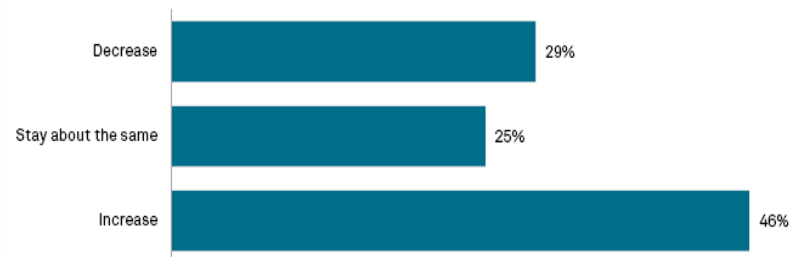
## Valuation Framework: The Rule of 40%



# Software M&A Outlook Continues to be Positive

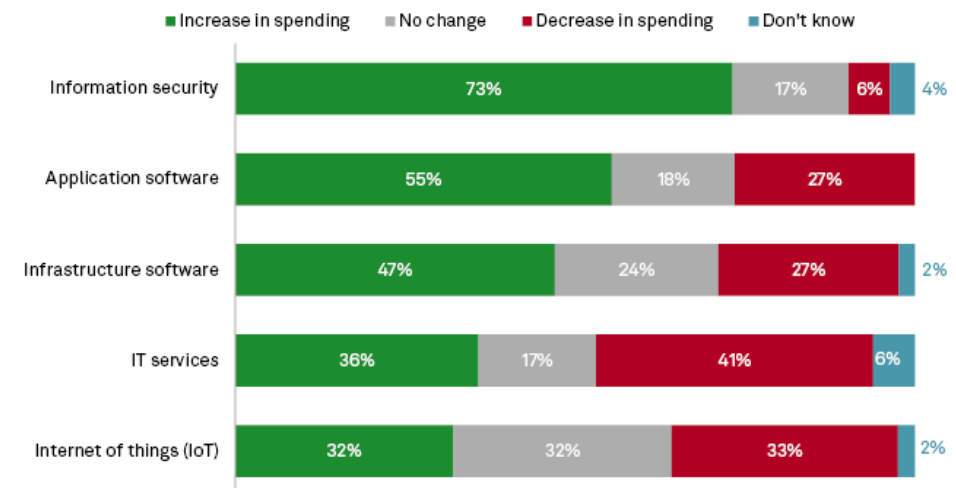
- While Tech M&A dropped sharply in late 2022, dealmakers believed business would pick back up in 2023, according to 451 Research's annual M&A Outlook Survey
- Software and Security expected to receive largest increase in M&A spending in 2023

Forecast change for tech M&A, 2023 vs. 2022



Data compiled Jan. 13, 2023.  
 Q. How do you expect tech M&A activity in 2023 to change compared to 2022?  
 Source: 451 Research's Tech M&A Outlook Survey, December 2022.

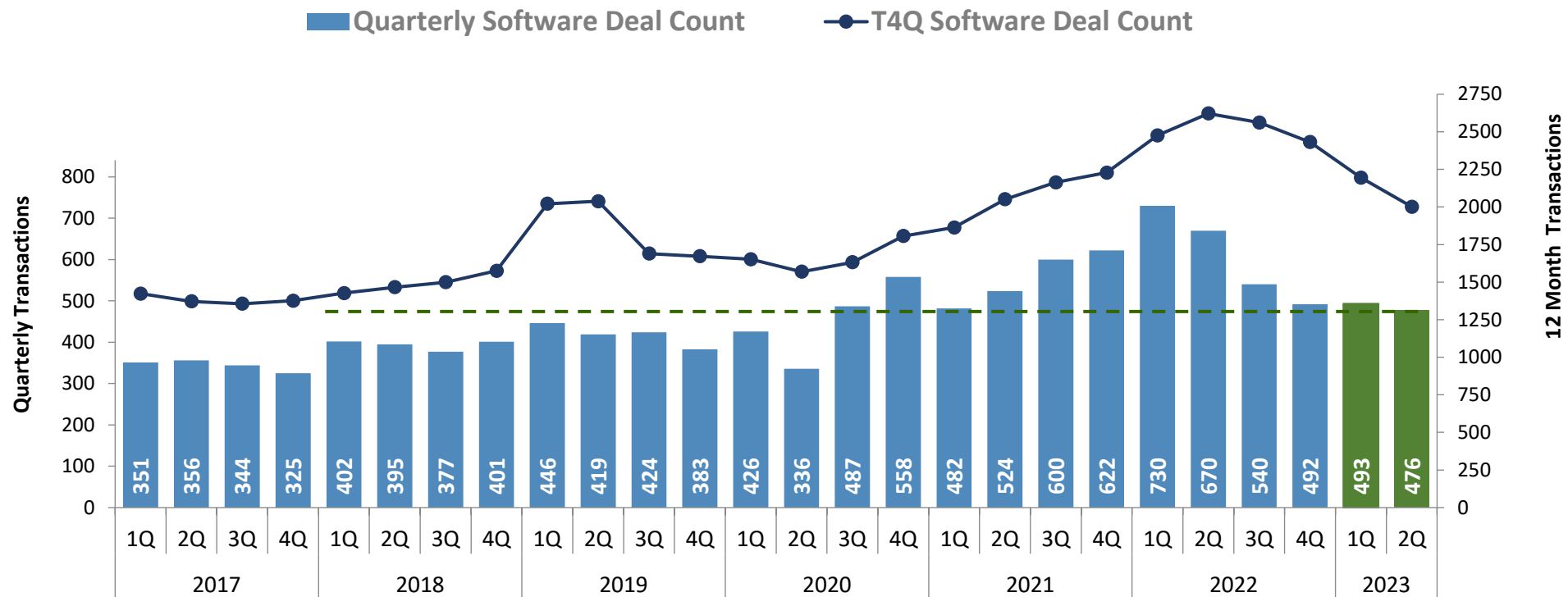
Forecast change in M&A spending in 2023, by sector



Q. What change - if any - do you expect in tech M&A spending for each of the following technologies in 2023 compared with 2022?  
 Base: All respondents (n=83).  
 Source: 451 Research's Tech M&A Outlook Survey, December 2022.

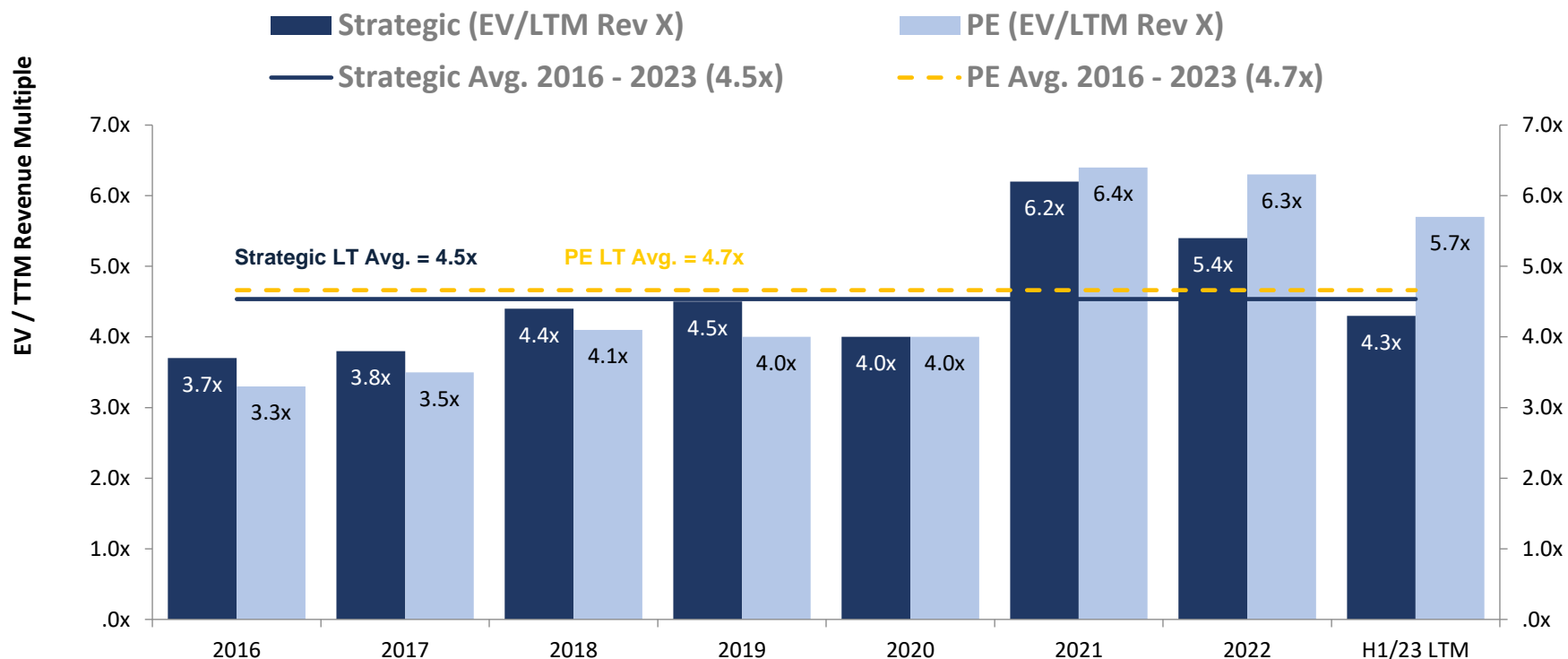
# Global Software M&A – Q Deal Count “Normalizing”

- Q2 2023 deal count was 29% lower than Q2 2022 however, just 2% below 2018-Q2 2023 Avg. (486) and 5% below LTM Avg. (500)



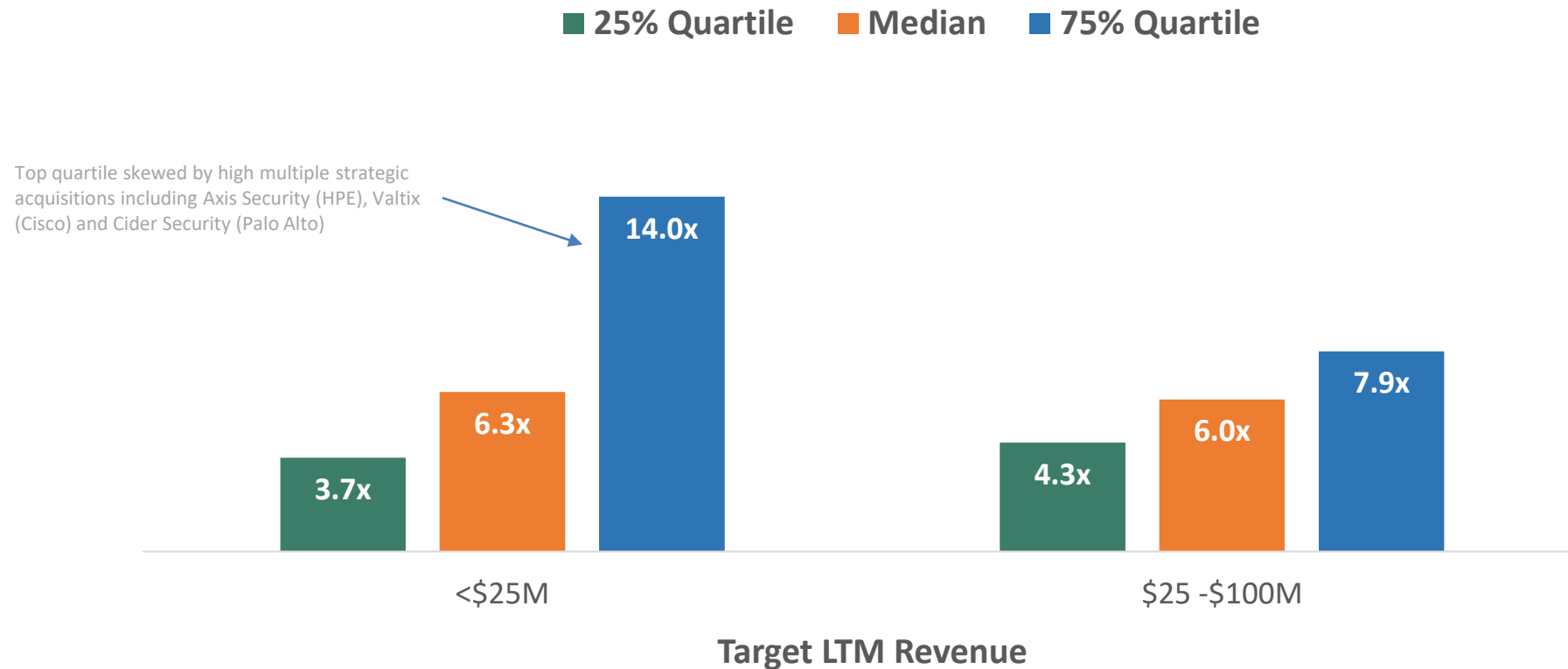
# Global Software M&A Multiples

- PE platform buyers and increase in take-private drive PE deal X to exceed public strategics
- Strategics typically more selective on higher deal X assets – back to long-term averages



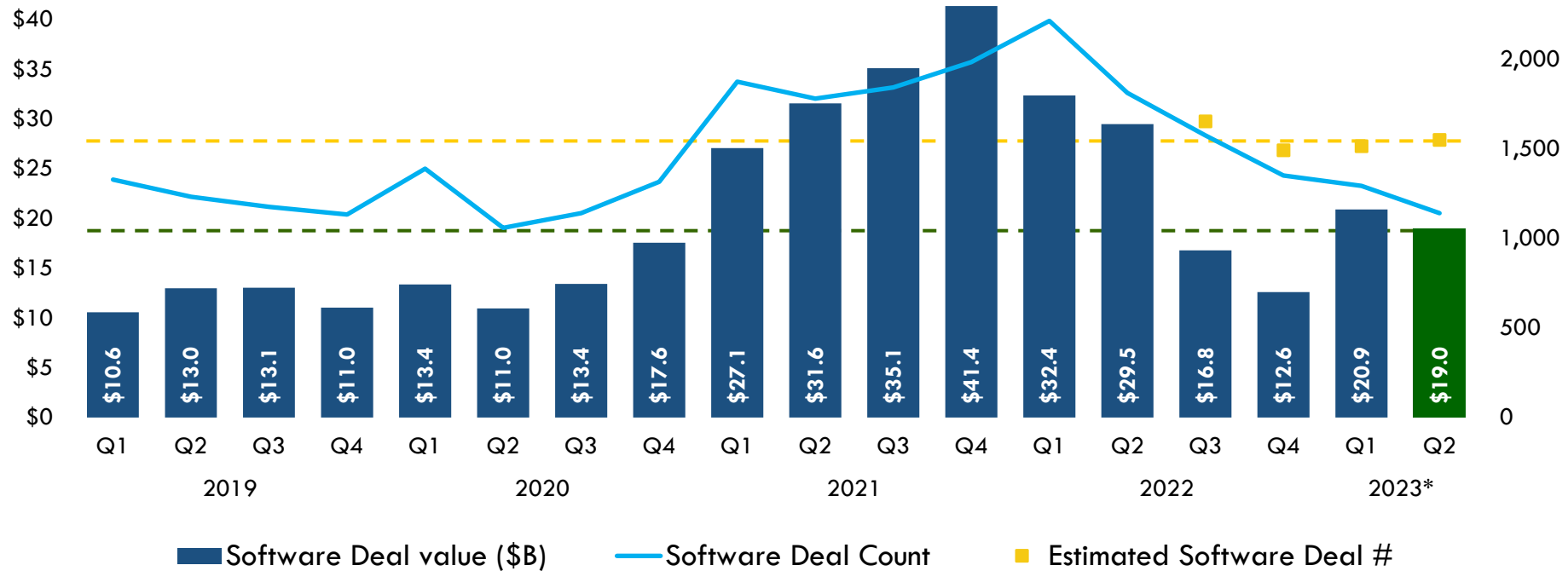
# SaaS M&A Multiples Show High Std. Dev.

- 75% quartile revenue X's are approx. double or more 25% quartile X's



# Q2 Software Financing – Historically Very Solid

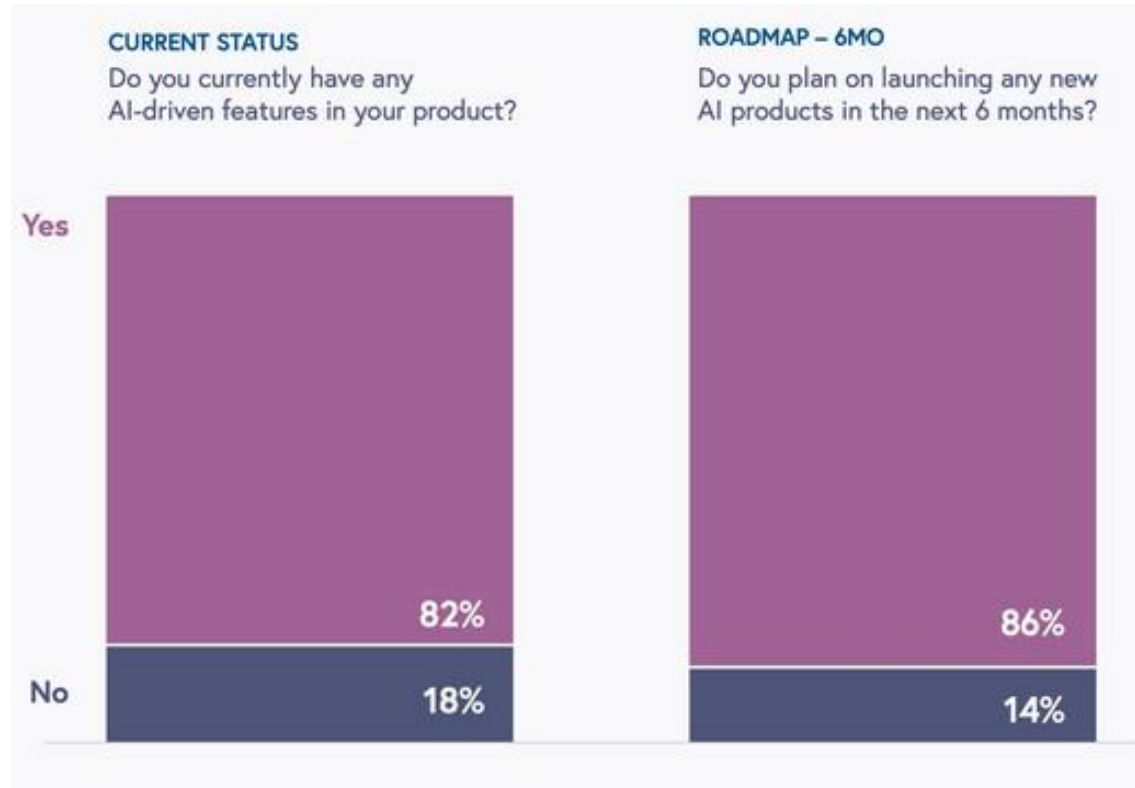
- Q2 investment of \$19B and 1,550 est. deals only exceeded by 2021 and H1 2022



# AI is Already Reshaping the Majority of SaaS Products

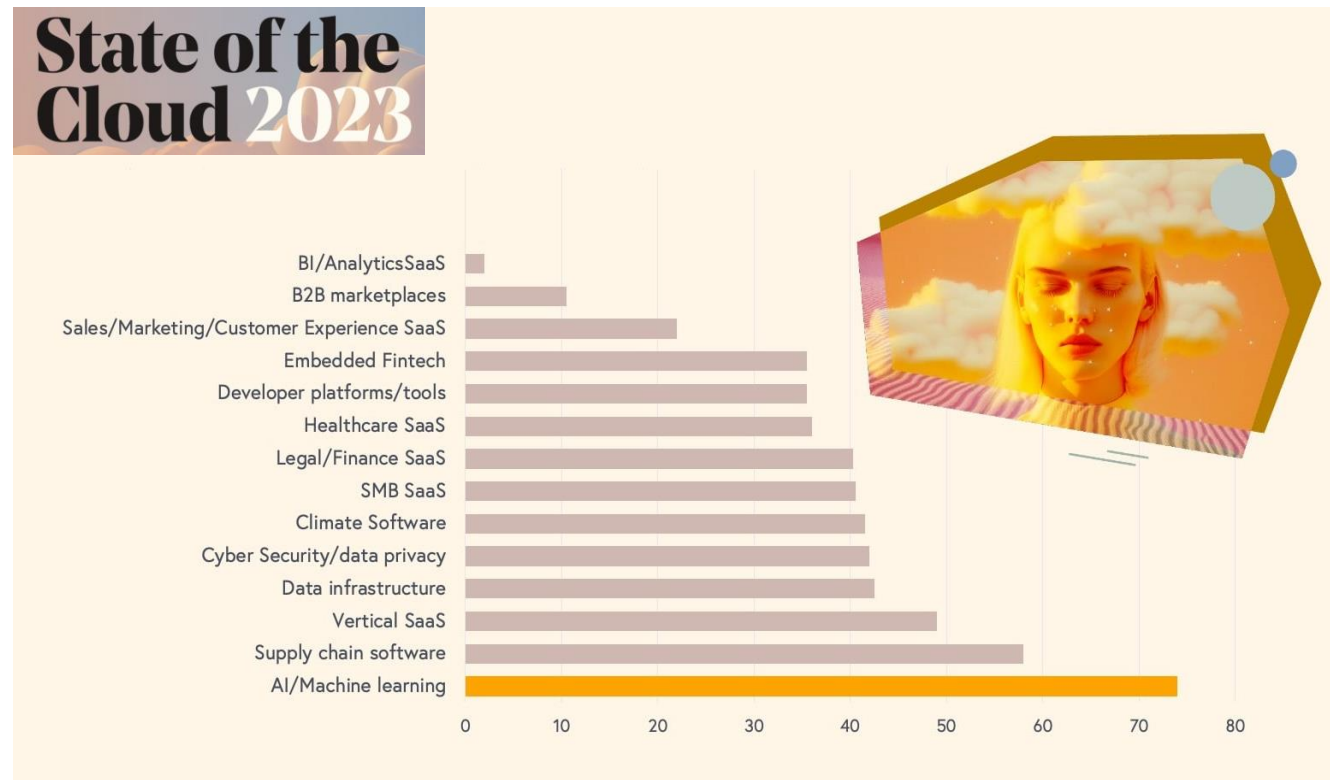
Q. AI Features by the End of 2023?

- A1 - Leading Private SaaS Co. = 86%
- A2 - Leading Private Enterprise SaaS Co. = 100%



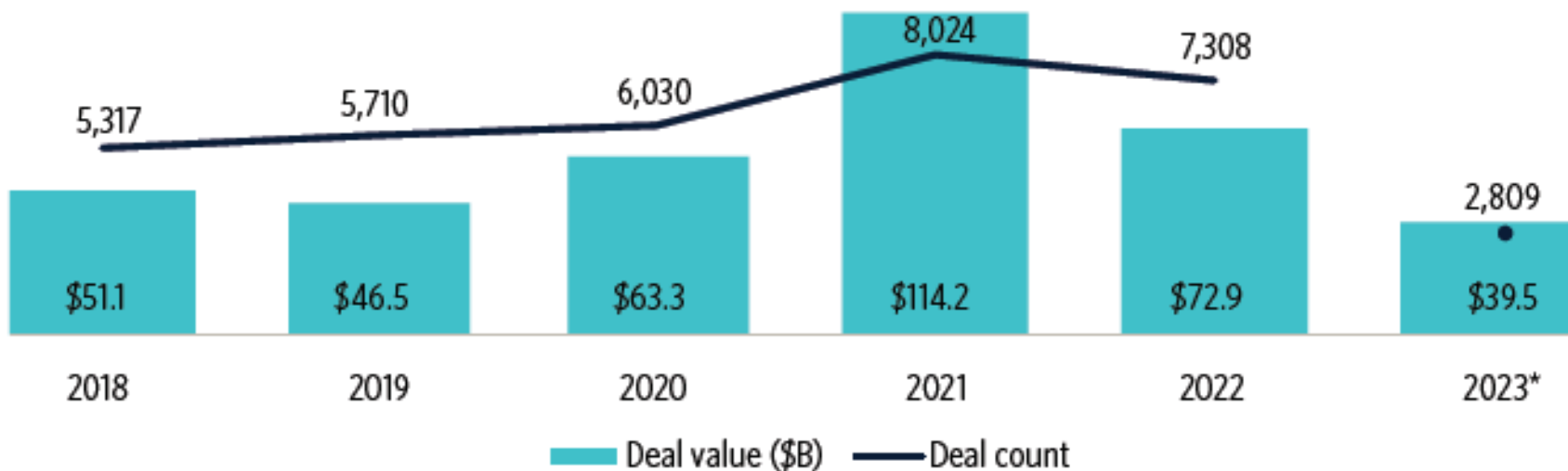
# Cloud Economy and SaaS Investor Trends

SaaS Investor Sentiment: Most enthusiastic about AI/ML for both AI native businesses and SaaS Applications



# AI & ML Global VC Deal Activity

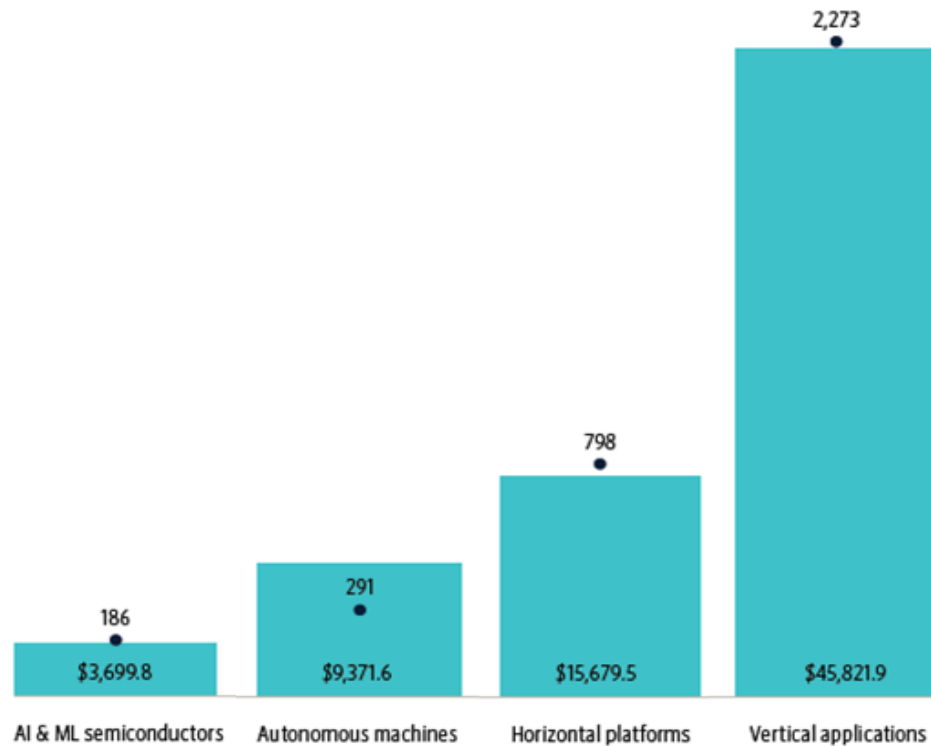
- Deal value rebounded in Q2 with \$19.4B after Q1 low (excluding OpenAI's \$10B)
- Deal count down 5% in Q2 with 1,365 transactions
- Median pre-money valuations in H1 2023 were up (8% - 30%) over 2022



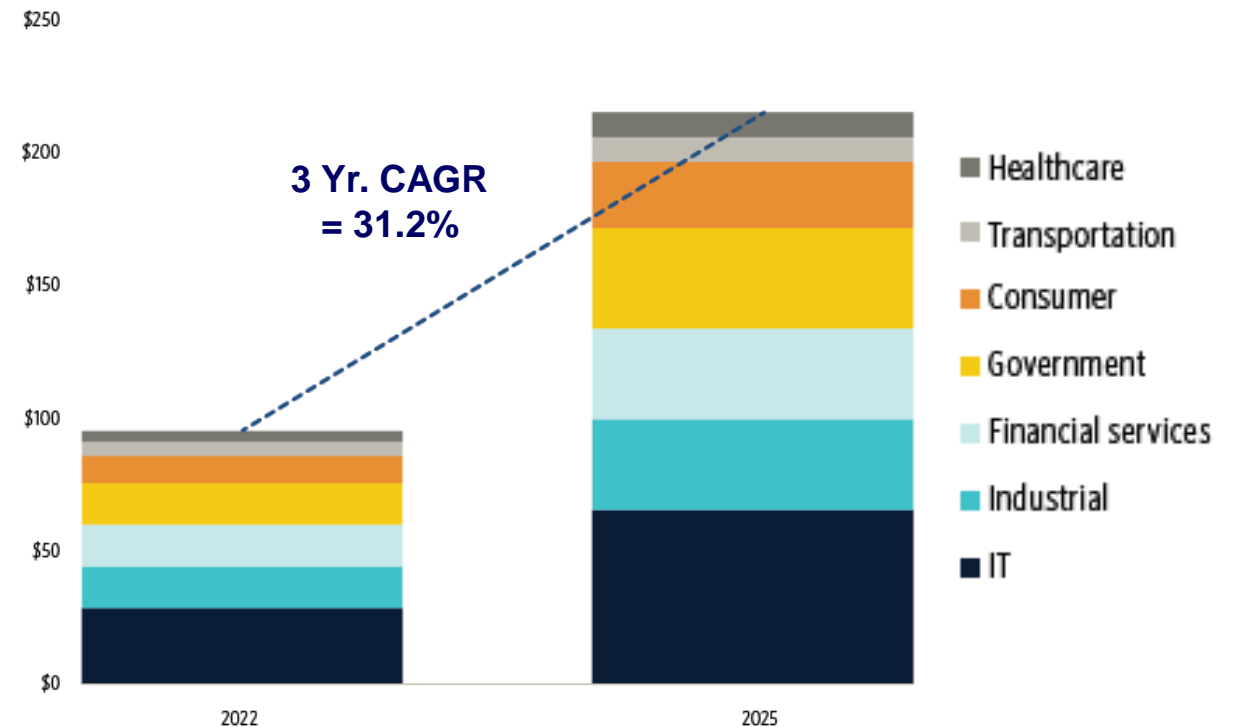
# Vertical Applications in AI / ML = \$212B Mkt Opportunity

- AI/ML VC in 2022 - 31% of deal count and 63% of deal value (\$45.8B) pursuing Vertical Applications

AI / ML VC Deal Activity by Segment



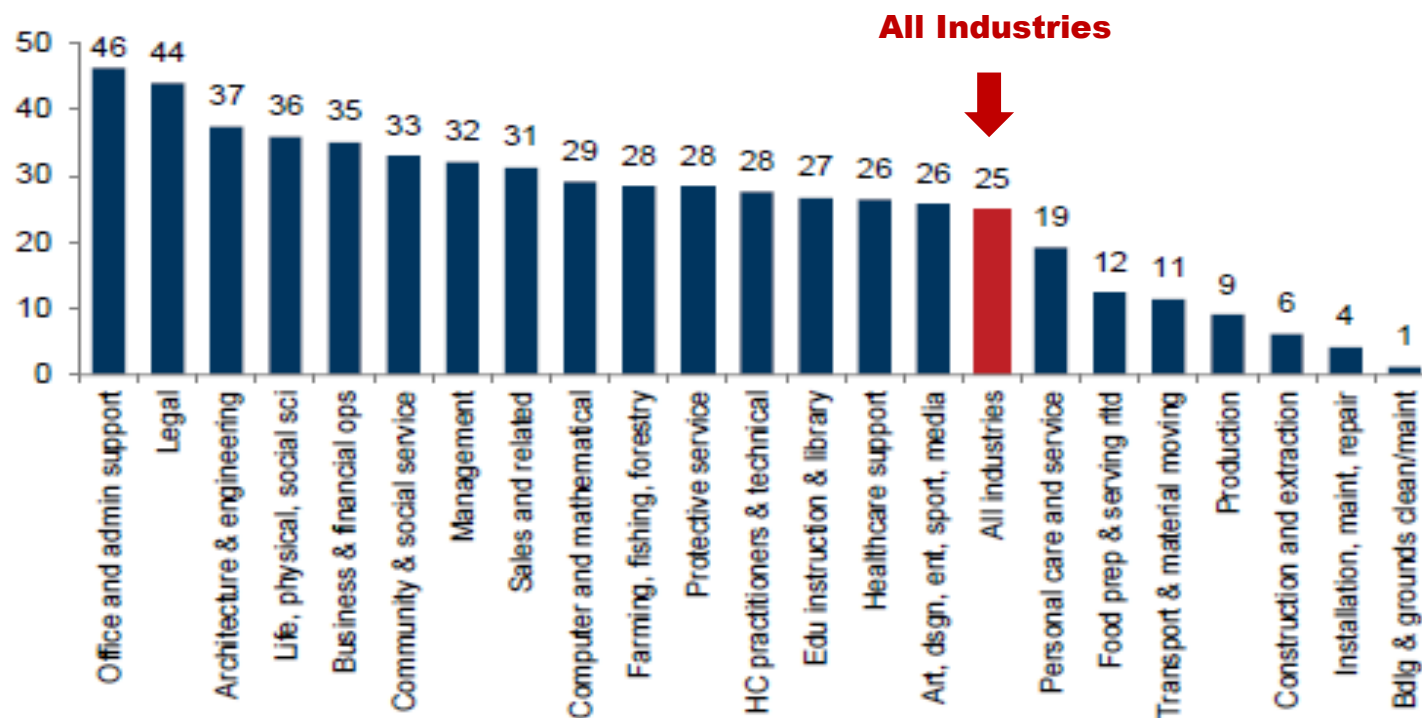
Vertical Applications Market Size Est. (\$B)



# AI's potentially Large Economic Impact

- 25% of all Work Tasks in the US could be automated by AI (Office 46% / Legal 44% / Financial 35%)

Share of Industry Employment Exposed to Automation by AI in the US (%)



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