

# The US IPO market gained momentum with a strong Q2 finish

EY US IPO Trends 2025 – Q2 Report



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# A late Q2 rebound reignited confidence in the US IPO market.

## In brief

- 01** The number of US IPOs in Q2 2025 rose by 16% compared to Q2 2024, but gross proceeds declined by 20%.
- 02** June alone accounted for nine of the 16 IPOs that raised over US\$50 million – including the two largest deals of the quarter.
- 03** The strong finish renewed optimism in the IPO market, though the trajectory could be impacted by trade policy, geopolitical events and recession fears.

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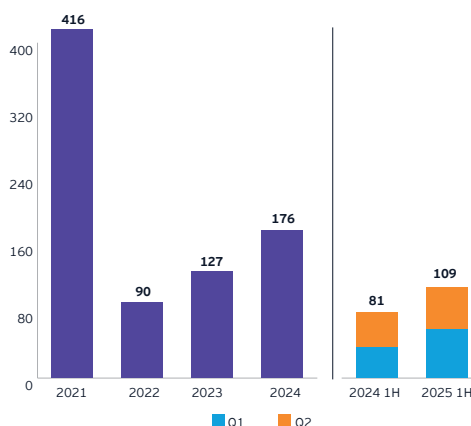
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The story of the US IPO market in Q2 2025 unfolded in distinct phases. The early weeks presented challenges from tariffs and broader market uncertainties that shuttered the IPO market. As the quarter progressed, these headwinds began to abate. The improvement in market conditions at the end of Q2 then ushered in a notable rebound in activity, underscoring the resilience of the IPO market.

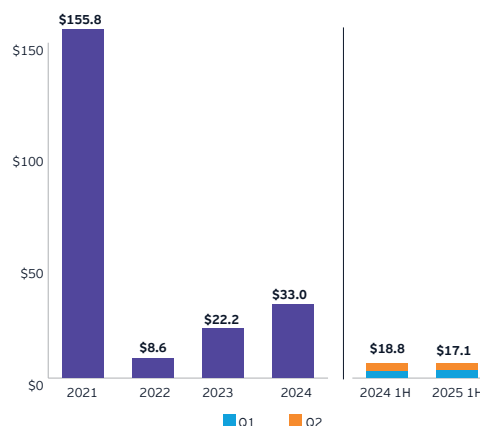
## A flat quarter, but quarter-end performance reignites optimism

Number of IPOs



Sources: EY analysis, Dealogic  
Data as of June 30, 2025

IPO proceeds (US\$b)



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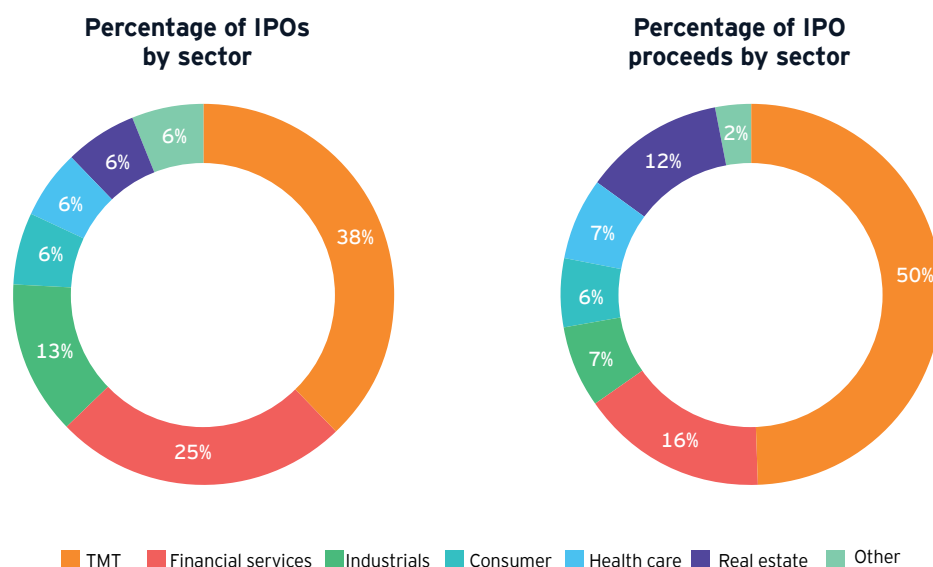
### Chart description

The number of US IPOs increased by 16% year-over-year. However, gross proceeds fell by 20% compared to Q2 2024.

## The US IPO market: Q2 2025 in review

In Q2 2025, the number of IPOs in the US rose by 16% compared to Q2 2024, with a total of 50 IPOs raising US\$8.1 billion. Despite this uptick in activity, gross proceeds declined by 20%. The most noteworthy development in Q2 was the rebound in June, which saw nine of the 16 IPOs that raised over US\$50 million and included the two largest deals of the quarter. Strong aftermarket performance provided another encouraging sign of momentum going into Q3. US IPOs jumped in first-day trading by over 20% (median), and the class of 2025 IPOs that raised more than US\$50 million delivered returns exceeding 40% through the end of the quarter.

## Tech led, but broader sector participation rounded out the activity



**Sources:** EY analysis, Dealogic  
 Data as of June 30, 2025  
 Includes IPOs with proceeds of US\$50m+

### Chart description

The technology, media and telecommunications (TMT) sector accounted for 38% of deals raising more than US\$500 million and 50% of the proceeds.

The technology, media and telecommunications (TMT) sector led the way in Q2 2025, accounting for a quarter of deals and nearly half of total proceeds. TMT also represented 38% of the deals raising over US\$500 million. While the consumer, financials, industrials and real estate sectors contributed to deal flow, health and life sciences faced ongoing challenges. Cross-border IPOs on US exchanges comprised two-thirds of the total offerings for the quarter. Overall, Q2 2025 was marked by optimism across sectors, with strong investor interest in AI and cryptocurrency.



We are entering the second half of the year with a renewed sense of optimism in the IPO market on the back of a number of high-profile deals that priced well and traded extremely well in the aftermarket. If broader market volatility remains in check, we could see larger deals continue to come to market and the multi-year IPO market recovery continue to unfold.

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### **Q3 2025 outlook**

Steady progress in the IPO market is anticipated, though the timing and duration of deal execution remain uncertain. Geopolitical events such as tensions in the Middle East and global trade policies, will influence market reactions and could lead to truncated market windows. Additionally, recession fears may challenge IPO execution momentum, while companies exposed to tariffs and those reliant on consumer health could face hurdles. If sustained volatility remains in check, the market should see a continuation of larger IPOs, as well as an increase in sponsor-backed deals driving activity.

### **The path forward**

Companies considering an IPO should begin their readiness efforts now to position themselves for favorable market windows. Flexibility also remains important, as dual-track processes have become increasingly common among IPO aspirants. The first half of 2025 saw robust special purpose acquisition company (SPAC) formation, providing a refueling of viable merger partners for private companies seeking a listing.



Half of the top 10 IPOs in Q2 took place in June, highlighting a strong finish to the quarter. This suggests that IPO aspirants are proactively preparing and becoming increasingly agile, seizing market opportunities as they arise. With this renewed momentum, we remain optimistic about the remainder of 2025, assuming broader economic indicators remain stable.

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## Top five things IPO aspirants should do now

- 01 Do what you do best: focus on near-term, actionable growth drivers.
- 02 Take the time to get your business and financial models right. They will be the foundations for success as a public company.
- 03 Approach funding decisions as if an IPO isn't in the cards. IPO markets can be fickle, and IPO windows can be fleeting.
- 04 Get to know your longer-term shareholder targets. Going public today is more about relationships than ever.
- 05 Be proactive about public company preparation. IPO readiness can open the door to a successful listing, while not being ready can have far-reaching consequences.

## Global IPO market

Global IPO proceeds rose in the first half of 2025, with the US, India and China representing 60% of all IPOs. Half of the capital raised came from the US and China. Despite a significant increase in larger listings, the overall market continues to favor smaller, more conservative offerings.

“The realignment of the IPO market across regions and sectors reflects a deeper shift in global capital flows and investor sentiment,” says EY Global IPO Leader George Chan. “As markets recalibrate in real time, robust IPO readiness will be essential for companies to navigate volatility spikes while aligning their IPO strategies with long-term macro trends.”

For an in-depth look at global trends, [read the full report](#).

## Summary

In Q2 2025, the US IPO market experienced a notable recovery after initial headwinds from tariffs and market uncertainties. With 50 IPOs raising \$8.1 billion – an increase of 16% from Q2 2024 – investor optimism surged late in the quarter, particularly in the technology, media and telecommunications sector, which accounted for 24% of deals. Aftermarket performance was strong, with IPOs rising over 20% (median) in first-day trading. Looking ahead, the IPO market is poised for further growth assuming geopolitics, tariffs and recession fears don't derail issuers' plans.

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