# M&A & Capital Markets in and of the Carwash Industry

The Car Wash Show 2025

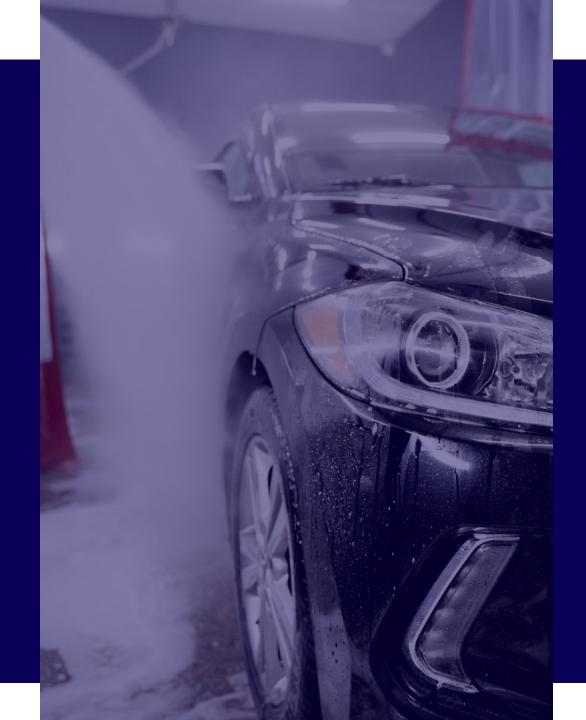


In 2019, I founded Car Wash Advisory with a belief in the people behind the washes... and the washes too.

Six years later, that belief is stronger than ever — and the opportunity? **Even greater.** 

## Today's Agenda

- 1 Brief History
- 2 State of the Industry
- (3) M&A Landscape
- 4 Valuations
- 5 Capital Markets
- 6 Looking Forward





# Brief History A Lot of Change



## **Snapshot of Recent Years**



#### 2019

- PE PLAYERS PRIVATE EQUITY'S CURRENT PRESENCE IN THE CAR WASH INDUSTRY **BIG BOYS** MIDDLE MEN SMALL GUYS TOTAL FOOTPRINT PRIVATE EQUITY'S **ONLY 1%**
- Less Large Players
- 2. Sparce PE
- 3. No Public
- 4. No National Obsession
- 5. Little Attention

#### 2022



- Growing
   Number of Evergrowing Players
- 2. Significant PE Presence
- 3. MCW Public
- 4. Nationwide Fervor
- 5. No End in Sight8

#### 2025

PE PLAYERS

Freestone

GRH

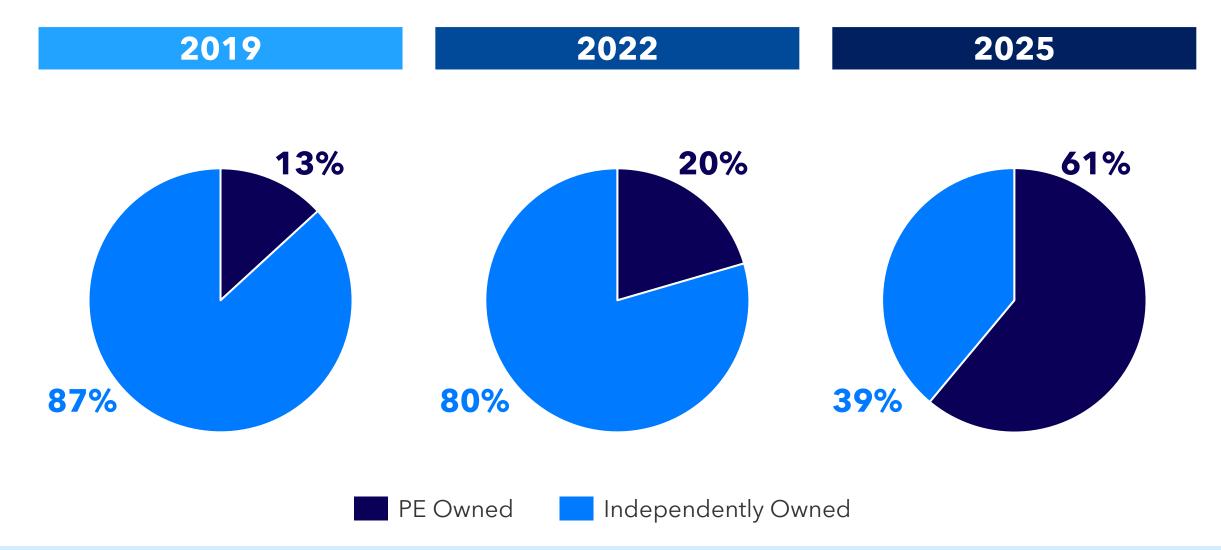
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- Movement in all directions
- 2. Majority PE-Backed
- 1. Stress in select major operators
- 2. Uncertainty and slowdown



## **Changing Roles of Different Parties**

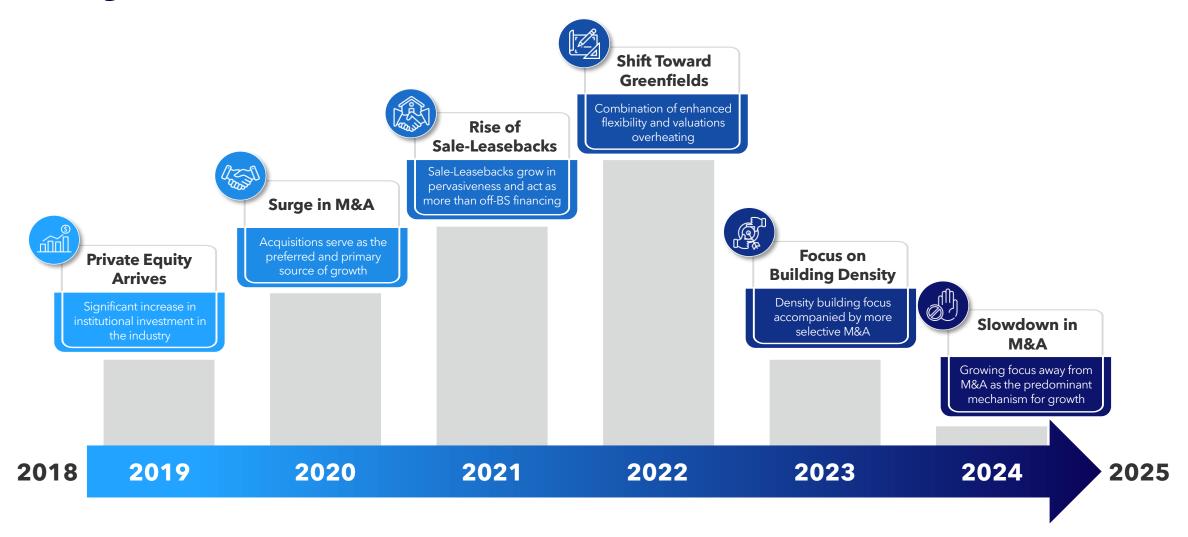




## **Major Themes**



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Denotes total carwash M&A transaction volume by year



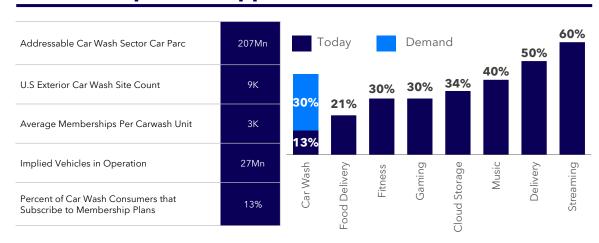
# State of Industry Where We Stand Today





### **Market Saturated?**

#### **Membership-Based Approach**



#### **Population-Based Approach**

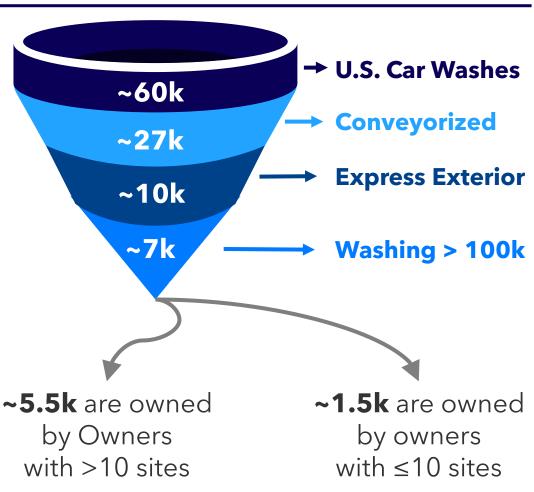




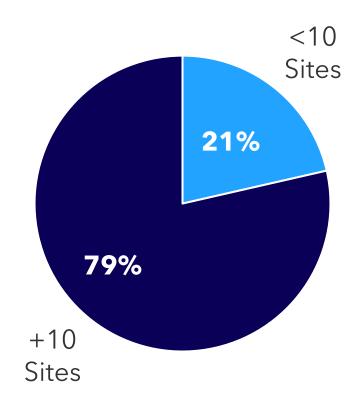


## **Still Fragmented?**

#### **True Market Size**



#### **Ownership by Site Count**





### **Still Attractive?**

Unmatched Margins

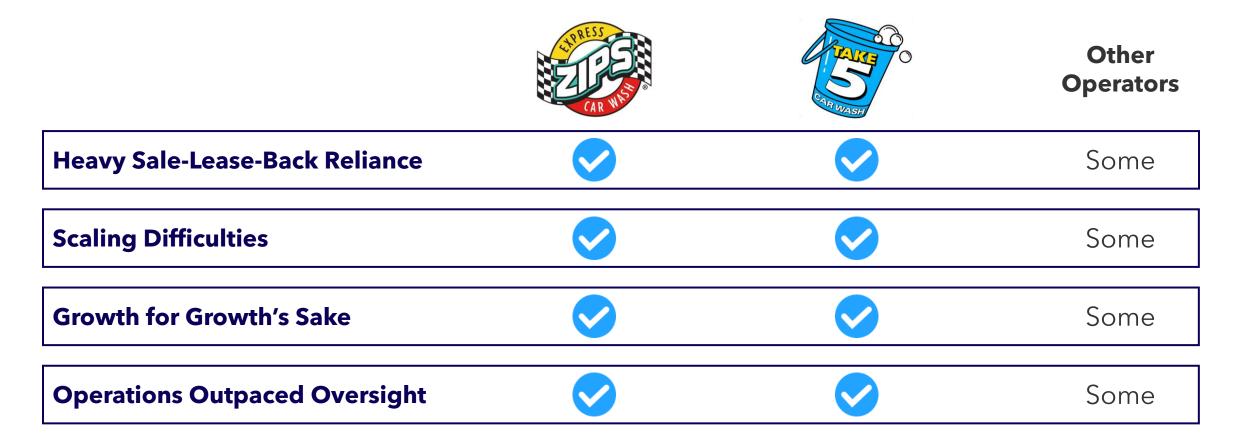
Membership and Predictability

No Notable Seismic Threats

Human Capital is Catching Up



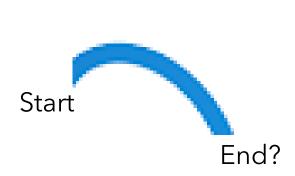
## Is It All Falling Apart?

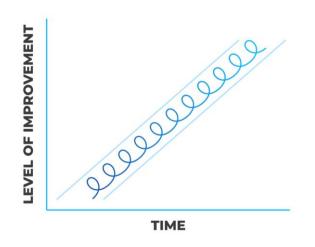


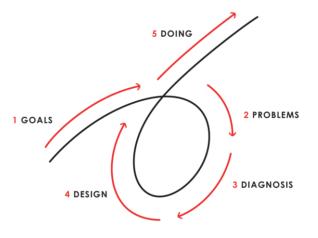
Grew faster than market conditions afforded them forgiveness



## Negative Headlines... Progress









# **Recap: State of the Industry Today**

- Whitespace Yes
  - No matter how you measure it
- Fragmented **Yes** 
  - Still is today
- Attractive Yes
  - In Most Ways
- Falling Apart No
  - Don't be fooled



# M&A Landscape

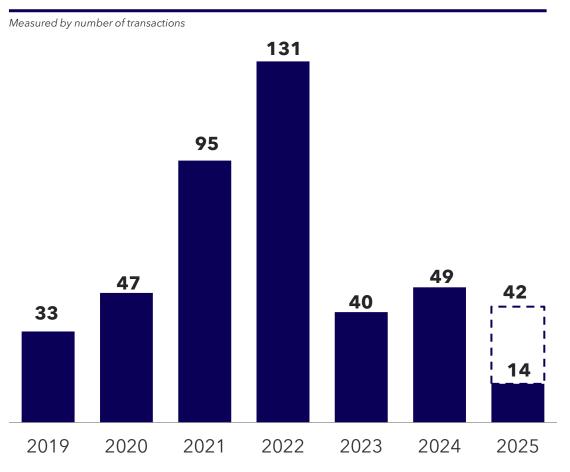
Behind the Headlines





## **Deal Volume**

#### # of M&A Deals



#### **What Happened?**

#### **The Meteoric Rise**

- 1. Money Came In
- 2. New Builds Rising

... but ... everything has it's limits

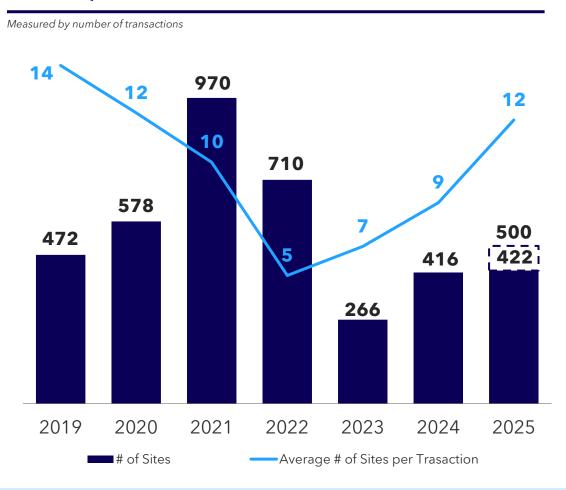
#### **The Great Correction**

- 1. Interest Rates Rise
- 2. Fewer Targets
- 3. Ever-rising Valuation Expectations
- 4. Hints of Distress & Non-Performance



## **Deal Size**

#### Sites / Deal



#### **What Happened?**

#### The Meteoric Rise

- Bought till no more to buy, starting w/ largest
- Target base depleted
- Capital constraints tightened

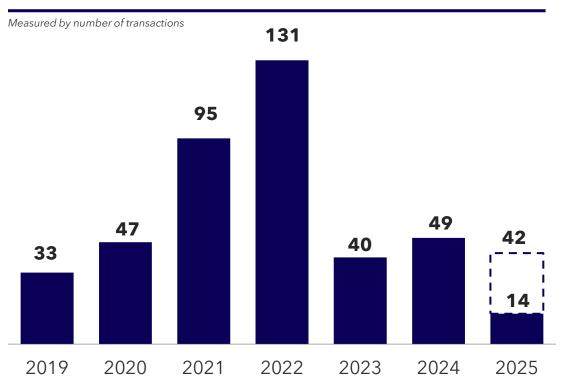
#### **The Great Correction**

- No longer buying everything
- Some transactions still made sense
- Average age of operations being acquired shrinking
- Early stage flips need out

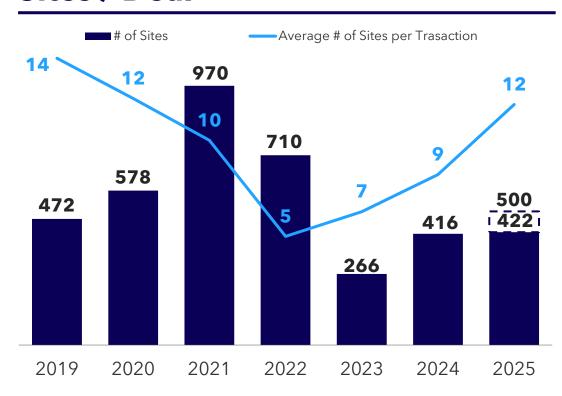


## **Putting It All Together**

#### # of M&A Deals



#### Sites / Deal



A full cycle... Almost...



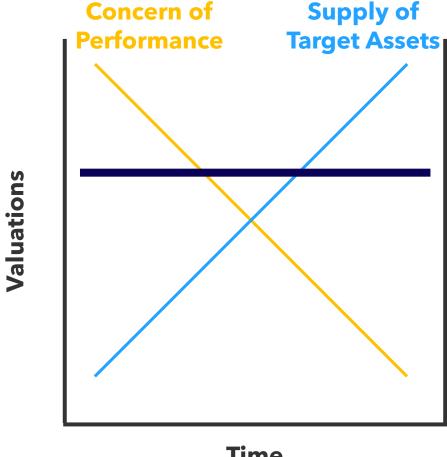
# Valuations

Clarity Through the Noise



## **Valuation Dynamics**



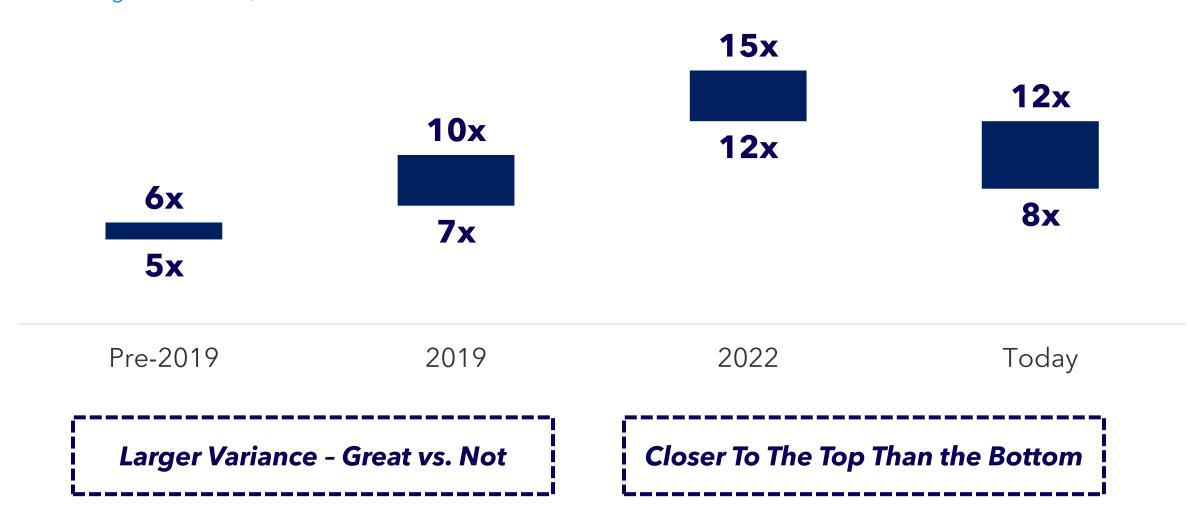


- Liquidity and volume is what has shrunken
- Valuations more stable | Fallen less than believed to

## **Historical Valuations**



Restricting to RE owned, 5 - 20 sites





# Capital Markets Availability & Cost of Capital



## **Capital Markets Over Past Five Years**



#### **Pre-2019**

#### **Smaller Scale**

- Low, if at all
- General reversion from

#### **Larger Scale**

• Bespoke and infrequent

#### All

 Heavily borrower and individual credit based

#### 2022

#### **Smaller Scale**

Actively seeking

#### **Larger Scale**

- Actively seeking
- Introduction of REITs

#### All

 Indiscriminate, not specific borrower/credit based

#### 2025

#### **Smaller Scale**

Beginning to pull back

#### **Larger Scale**

 Presentation and more dependent

#### All

 More indiscriminate, not specific borrower/credit based

## **Drivers of Capital Markets**



	Absolute	Relative
<b>Macro</b> Economy's Impact on Industry	<ul><li>↓↑ Consumer spending</li><li>↓↑ Interest rates</li></ul>	Carwash Better Than Average
Industry Specific  Carwash Industry  Conditions	Core model threats  Competition / saturation	Carwash Better Than Average



# Looking Forward 2025+



### Themes for the Years to Come



1. Pruning of Portfolios

2. Consolidation of Consolidators

3. Slowed New Builds

4. Continued Small Operator Viability

# 1. Pruning of Portfolios



#### First Degree Effects

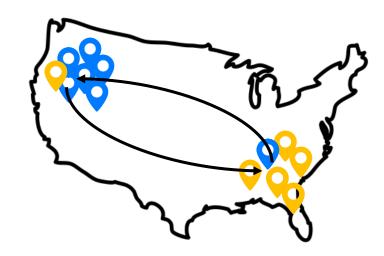
- Shared costs
- Multi-site membership utilization

#### Second Degree Effects

- Fixed talent pool
- Company culture

#### Results

- Increase in transaction volume
- Strong get stronger



# Heavy emphasis on market leadership and dominance

Believe late 2025 will be start to, but will heavily continue through at least 2027

## 2. Consolidation of Consolidators



#### What We Know

- Seeing first of it today
- More to come
- Weak target makes easier

#### <u>Currently Unanswered</u>

Staying power yet to be seen

#### Result

Result is an increase in transaction volume







## 3. New Builds - Continue Slow



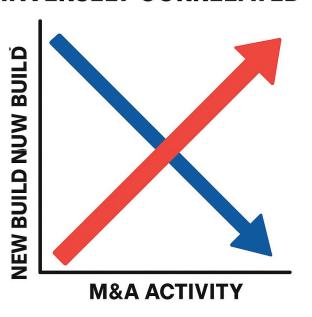
#### What We Know

- Some mutual exclusivity New Builds vs. M&A
- Tariff effect
- Saturation fears
- Valuation expectation reduction?

#### Result

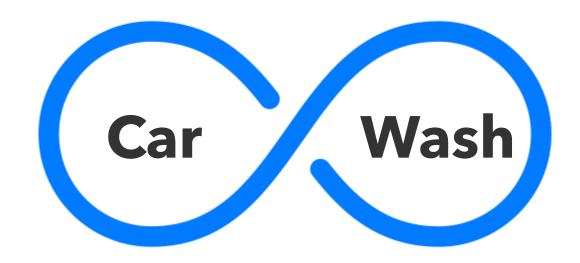
Result is more transactions

#### **INVERSELY CORRELATED**



## 4. Continued New Player Viability

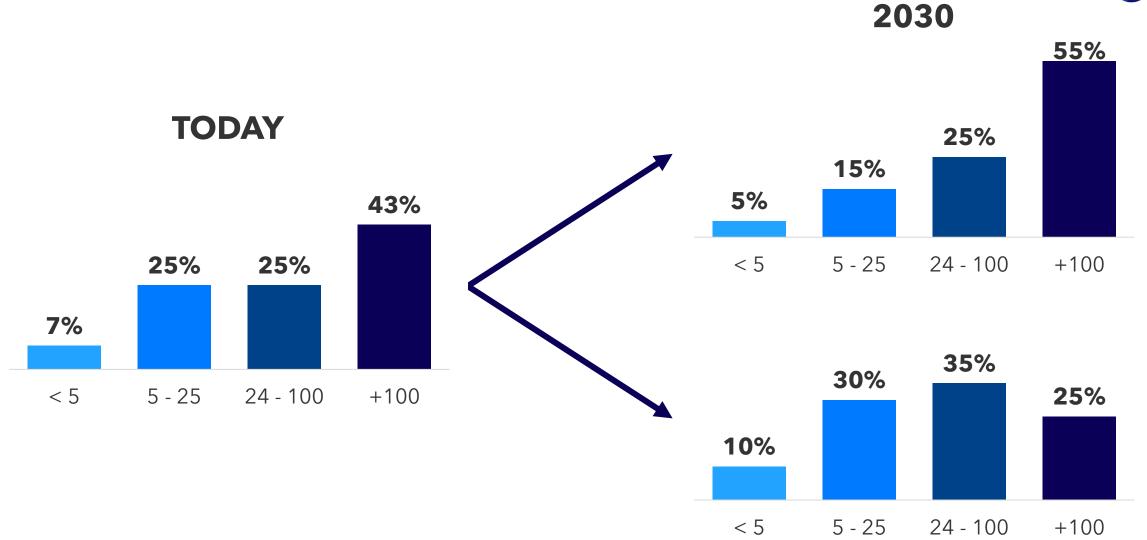




Not all things last forever... but do some things?

## Where We'll Be in 2030?





## **Car Wash Advisory**



The Leading Car Wash Investment Bank

#### **Our History**



**18** Yrs carwash industry experience



**12** Yrs investment banking & capital markets



2019 Year Founded



**+\$1B** Carwash transaction value advised



+\$250M Carwash capital raised



**3k+** Strategic and financial relationships

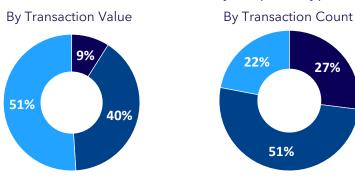


**1k+** Carwash valuation engagements

#### **Our Focus**

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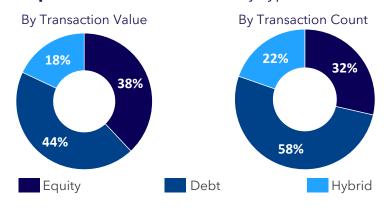
#### **Sell-Side M&A** Transactions by Acquiror Type



Strategic

Financial Sponsor

#### **Capital Markets** Transactions by Type



#### **Select Transaction Experience**

























### Let's Talk

#### **Our Services**

- Sell-side M&A Advisory
- Capital Raises & Restructuring

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