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## Q2 2025 Crypto M&A and Financing Report

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### State of the Crypto Industry: Strong Momentum Builds

#### **MACRO ECONOMIC SENTIMENT**

The last few quarters have been a sentiment roller coaster. Post-US election, crypto enthusiasm reined. That shifted in February with worry about US-driven tariffs and equity, bond and crypto markets declining through early April. Since then, markets have recovered, in some cases, back to previous highs.

#### **CRYPTO INDUSTRY SENTIMENT**

Bitcoin hit an all-time high (+30% for the quarter), ETH performed even better (+39%), stablecoin legislation in the US advanced, the blockbuster IPO of Circle and the emergence of "treasury strategies" have all bolstered crypto sentiment in Q2.

However, Ethereum and Solana are 48% and 45% below all time highs, respectively. Similarly, the Defi Pulse Index is 90% below its highs.

While both winners and losers appear to be emerging, overall sentiment is very good, which is reflected in the M&A, financing and public markets data for Q2 2025.

#### **Q2 2025 CRYPTO HIGHLIGHTS**

#### M&A: Exceptional Q2 2025: resoundingly the best quarter ever

M&A deal activity and consideration paid in Q2 2025 far exceeded Q1, setting new all-time records. Crypto native businesses are increasingly turning to M&A as an important growth strategy. The far bigger news is that traditional financial services players are beginning to demonstrate increasing commitment to crypto and digital assets. Architect Partners anticipates both groups will become increasingly active in the ensuing quarters.

#### **Private Financing: remains steady**

Slightly slower pace but beginning to skew toward larger and later stage. Architect Partners believe the return of the later-stage financing markets is an important indicator of crypto industry health.

#### **Public Markets: record valuations**

After a challenging Q1, the Architect Partners Crypto Index was up 48% this quarter. Looking from a longer term perspective, Coinbase, the standard bearer of our industry, is now trading 7% above its all time closing high.

Interestingly, spot trading volume, the lifeblood of many in our index, declined 31% in Q2 2025, and is 44% below the last peak levels in this cycle. We believe this indicates the diversification of revenues streams that many have pursued, a very healthy signal. Lastly but not least, Circle's IPO certainly acted as a positive catalyst as well as \$66.5 billion being invested in 82 public "crypto treasury strategy" initiatives.

#### STRATEGIC THEMES ARCHITECT PARTNERS IS TRACKING

To keep us honest let's continue our assessment of important crypto industry themes

#### **Crypto Has Delivered Exceptional Value Creation**

- Q4 Statement: Crypto has attracted \$130B of risk capital which today represents \$3.4T in value and 25x returns, much better than traditional venture investing. This far outpaces the Internet at the same point in market development.
- Q1 Progress: Our 2025 update to Family Ties was published on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Q2 2025 ended with \$2.8T in value (vs. \$3.4T in Q4) but the fundamental point remains: crypto investment returns have been exceptional.
- Q2 Progress: \$3.8 trillion as of June 30, again in record territory.

#### **Initial Public Offerings are Coming**

- Q4 Statement: Numerous companies are on that track but 2026 may be stronger than 2025.
- Q1 Progress: Circle just released their S-1 and Amber Group debuted on the NASDAQ.
- Q2 Progress: Circle's exceptional debut and the unexpected rise of the treasury strategy.

#### **Leverage Is Quickly Returning**

- Q4 Statement: Is leverage friend or foe this time?
- Q1 Progress: Friend so far, with risk management high priority. Data is difficult to compile but we see significant growth in both collateralized and uncollateralized lending.
- Q2 Progress: Q1 trend continuing.

#### **Mergers & Acquisitions - It's Time for Urgency**

- Q4 Statement: Traditional financial services companies are entering crypto, a potentially existential competitive threat to some crypto-native players. Both will be spurred into action.
- Q1 Progress: Legislation is important for action but traditional financial services players are already re-engaging in preparation.
- Q2 Progress: Record quarter with participation by both leading crypto natives and the beginning of the long-term trend of traditional financial services embracing crypto and digital assets.

#### **Moving Beyond Speculation - An Important Next Step**

- Q4 Statement: Stablecoins are proving to be a real-world use case, with businesses and consumers partaking. Other use cases with both viability and scalability remain unclear.
- Q1 Progress: The payments use case is also taking root.
- Q2 Progress: Payments, often using stablecoins, are tracking at \$100 \$300 billion annually and growing quickly. See Architect Partners: Crypto Payments & Payment Infrastructure: The Strategic Opportunity (Part I: Why Crypto Payments). Under the same theme, US stablecoin legislation continues to advance in the US Senate

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### M&A Takeaway: Hitting Stride and Records Fall

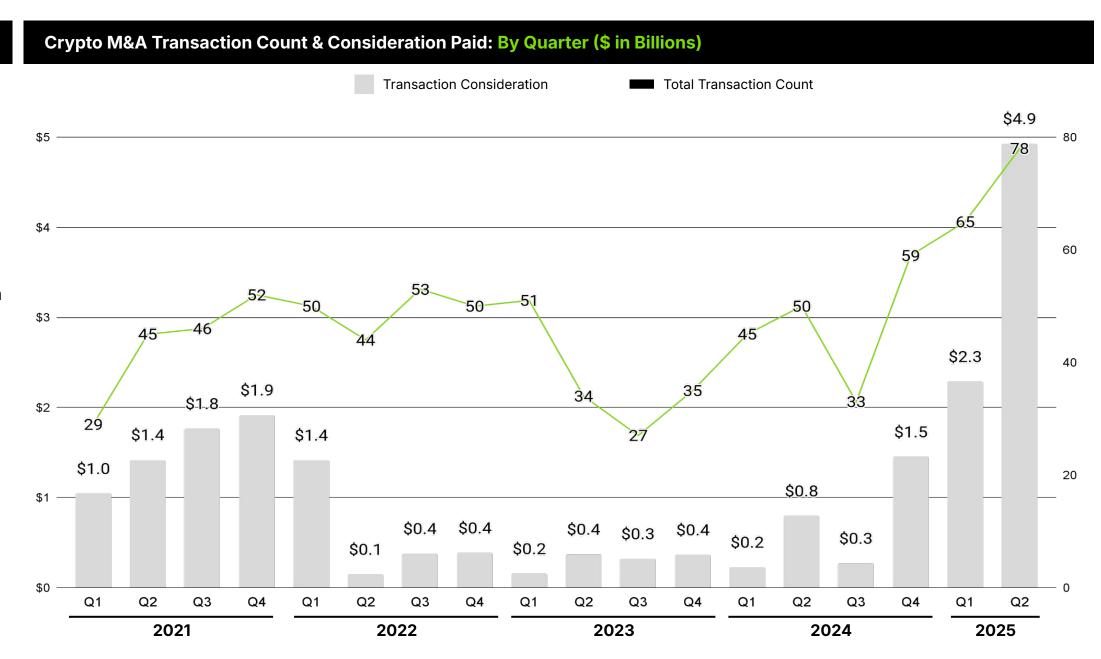
#### **Q2 2025 Takeaways**

#### Exceptional Q2 2025: Resoundingly the best quarter ever for crypto M&A

- 78 announced crypto M&A transactions
- Consideration paid doubled previous record set only three months ago
- Two non-SPAC / reverse merger billion \$ plus transactions: Coinbase | Deribit and Ripple |
   Hidden Road
- Seven non-SPAC / reverse merger transactions over \$100M

#### **Our Strategic M&A themes remain consistent**

- Bridge transactions (traditional and crypto financial services coming together)
  - Ripple acquiring Hidden Road, a prime broker offering both crypto and a long history in traditional asset trading
  - Robinhood acquiring WonderFi to augment their increasingly important crypto brokerage business
  - Stripe acquiring Privy, a crypto wallet platform, recognition that the end-user interface is the gold
- The imperative of scale
  - Coinbase acquiring Derabit to strengthen their derivatives business
  - OSL Group acquiring Banxa to extend to a global presence
  - Swiftx acquiring Caleb & Brown to enter the US market
- Regulatory compliance and licensing
  - All the transactions mentioned above incorporated appropriate regulatory licencing, a non-negotiable element today
- Security is non-negotiable
  - Consensus' acquisition of Web3Auth and Stripe's acquisition of Privy both have security as a major element of the transactions
- Payments are the next major crypto use case
  - Anchorage acquiring Mountain Protocol
  - Tether acquiring Fizen.IO
  - OSL acquiring Banxa
- The emergence of the crypto treasury strategy
  - o SPACs are back along with reverse mergers into already public companies



Left axis: total disclosed consideration in \$USD billion. Right axis: number of announced transactions. Most announced M&A transaction do not disclose consideration paid, therefore numbers are understated.

**Source:** Architect Partners Crypto M&A Tracker. **Note:** Graph excludes SPACs / Reverse Mergers.

### Private Financings Takeaway: Continued Support for Infrastructure

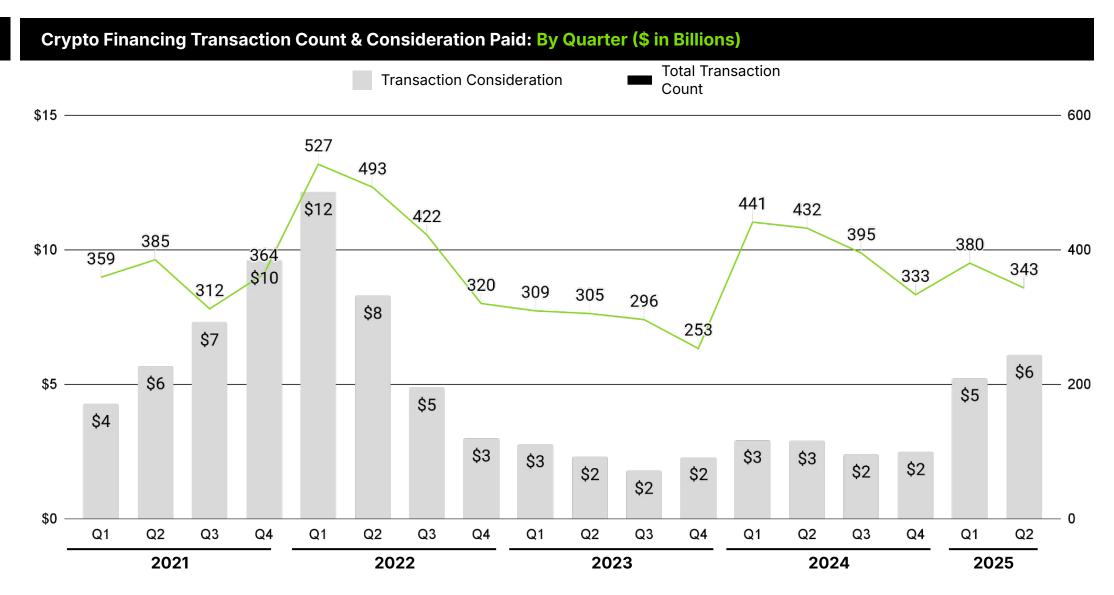
#### **Q2 2025 Takeaways**

#### Financing environment remains steady with consistent support for infrastructure

- Funding raised in the the first half of 2025, excluding treasury-related PIPE deals, is already 80% of full year 2024 totals
- Slightly slower pace of non-PIPE investment offset by shift toward larger, later-stage rounds
- Digital asset infrastructure remains strong, accounting for 1/3 of all financings
- Payments infrastructure has strongest momentum among infra categories
- Treasury-related PIPE deals now account for over \$3.5B of new investment, introducing a new form of significant capital being mobilized

#### **Critical categories of infrastructure attracting capital:**

- Privacy and Al emerging as key investor focus
  - Zama's open source privacy network received \$57M
  - Turnkey received \$30M for simplified privacy key management and scalable wallet infrastructure
  - Nous Research raised \$50M for decentralized AI on Solana
- Significant appetite for Payments Infrastructure, with 216% increase from 2024
  - Felix raised \$75M for chat-based money transfer platform to facilitate cross-border payments
  - Easebuzz secured \$28M for application layer payment interface with API's targeting business solutions
  - 1Money's dedicated layer-1 purpose built for stablecoin payments
- Mining and staking sector remains strong:
  - XY Miner's \$300 round and PBK's \$80M evince evolution of cloud mining
  - Audadine's attracts \$153M for domestically-assembled mining rigs
  - EigenLayer received \$70M for restaking and cloud based cryptographic verification services for non-crypto computation or data workflows
- Institutional capital markets gain on chain momentum:
  - Digital Asset Holdings secured \$135M to expand the Canton Network's mission to bring sophisticated capital market products onto Canton's privacy-enabled public blockchain



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Source: Architect Partners Crypto Financing Tracker.



### **Top Transactions in 2025**

#### **Largest Transactions in 2025**

| Top 10 H1 2025 Financings (\$M) |         | Top 10 Q2 2025 Financings (\$M) |       | Top 10 H1 2025 M&A Deals (\$M)                  |            | Top 10 Q2 2025 M&A Deals (\$M)                  |            |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------|---|------------|---|------------|
| Binance                         | \$2,000 | Strive Asset Management         | \$750 | Twenty One Capital   Cantor Equity Partners     | \$3,600    | Twenty One Capital   Cantor Equity Partners     | \$3,600    |
| Strive Asset Management         | 750     | ProCap BTC                      | 515   | Derbit   Coinbase                               | 2,900      | Derbit   Coinbase                               | 2,900      |
| ProCap BTC                      | 515     | KindlyMD                        | 510   | NinjaTrader   Kraken                            | 1,500      | Columbus Circle Capital   ProCapBTC             | 1,260      |
| KindlyMD                        | 510     | Sharplink                       | 425   | Columbus Circle Capital   ProCapBTC             | 1,260      |   | 1,250      |
| SharpLink Gaming                | 425     | Classover                       | 425   | Hidden Road   Ripple                            | 1,250      | Nakamoto Holdings   KindlyMD                    | 710        |
| Sharplink                       | 425     | TwentyOne Capital               | 400   | Nakamoto Holdings   KindlyMD                    | 710        | blockchAln Digital Infrastructure   Signing Day | Sports 215 |
| Classover                       | 400     | Upexi                           | 300   | blockchAln Digital Infrastructure   Signing Day | Sports 215 | Rhodium Encore   Whinstone US                   | 185        |
| XY Miners                       | 300     | KindlyMD                        | 200   | Rhodium Encore   Whinstone US                   | 185        | WonderFi Technologies   Robinhood               | 172.5      |
| TwentyOne Capital               | 200     | DeFi Development                | 153   | Helio   MoonPay                                 | 175        | Tron DAO   SRM Entertainment                    | 100        |
| Auradine                        | 153     | Catena Labs                     | 135   | WonderFi Technologies   Robinhood               | 172.5      | Banxa   OSL Group                               | 62         |

### Public Companies Takeaway: Market Performance and Activity Return

#### Circle's successful IPO may drive the resurgence of crypto IPOs (NASDAQ: CRCL).

• Circle is by far the most successful IPO this year, jumping 675% at launch. While the stock came down modestly since launch, Circle is still up over 5x its initial IPO price. The company is trading now at 12.7x revenue, placing it largely in line with public crypto peers such as Amber, Galaxy, and Coinbase. We published our detailed Circle Financing Alert here.

#### Circle's IPO was a truly unique offering, done right

- Ability to Invest in Stablecoins: This marks the first time that public equity investors can get exposure to the stablecoin market. Unlike other cryptocurrencies that move up and down, the ability to invest in stablecoins was never possible until now.
- Top-Tier Crypto Company: Circle is the highest quality crypto company to go public since Coinbase back in 2021.
- Traditional IPO Path: Circle chose to go with the highest quality IPO path that led to the most transparent process for investors and regulators.

#### **Everyone on the sidelines will now be anxious to go public**

• Last quarter we mentioned those that have announced plans to go public (Kraken, eToro, Circle, Gemini, Blockchain.com, Bullish, BitGo, amongst others). These groups will all be looking to go public ASAP once they have the necessary readiness and PCAOB audited financials completed.

#### Public M&A is beginning

- Last quarter we wrote that it was rumored that Coinbase may acquire Deribit, and now this has happened, the largest M&A transaction in crypto.
- Additionally, we're seeing public companies leverage their public currency, exemplified by deals such as Robinhood acquiring WonderFi and OSL Group acquiring Banxa.

The Crypto Treasury Strategy is the biggest headline in Crypto Public Companies this year ... and maybe in the history of our industry. Last quarter there were 90 publicly-traded companies with BTC on their balance sheets, now there are 142.

- In H1 2025, 61 publicly companies announced their intentions to raise \$30.6B in capital to execute a crypto treasury strategy with most occurring in Q2. Our industry has not seen this level of public company capital activity ever.
- It is essential to not lose sight on the primary objective of this strategy, which is generating public equity investment alpha. The bottom line is that investment return on equity will define success for this strategy.

As with any new trend that attracts significant capital in a short amount of time, there are key questions to answer to differentiate the high quality companies from the rest:

#### What is the actual strategy that the public treasury strategy company is pursuing?

- Accumulate and hold
  - Objective is to buy the crypto asset and simply hold it long term on the balance sheet.
  - MSTR is the best example and likely the only company that can succeed with this strategy.
- Accumulate and generate yield on the treasury asset
  - Objective is to buy the crypto asset and use that asset to generate yield.
  - o Examples include SOL Strategies and SharpLink, which buy proof-of-stake assets SOL and ETH
- Accumulate and build products and services that produce the treasury asset
  - Objective is to buy the crypto asset and build a business that generates revenue in that crypto asset.
  - Bitcoin miners and Bitcoin lending are examples.
- Accept crypto as payment for goods/services and hold
  - Objective is to keep crypto received in payment and not convert it to fiat.
  - Block and Tesla are examples.
- Use public capital raised to acquire a revenue-generating company
  - This strategy has not been executed yet, though we expect it will be deployed in the near term.

#### Where is the capital used to acquire the treasury assets coming from?

• There is a fascinating and wide range of capital structures being levered to financially engineer these strategies including existing balance sheet assets, new public equity securities, public debt securities, (usually via convertible notes), SPAC or reverse mergers combined with a PIPE, etc.

#### Who are the teams implementing this strategy?

- This is likely the most important factor for the sustainable execution of this strategy as a team's crypto-specific experience and reputation will materially drive the public company's long term price performance, especially when the crypto asset price experiences a violent move lower.
- There is a big difference with team quality, which the market will understand soon.

#### What is the risk of the Treasury Strategy not succeeding?

• Is this trend the next Dot Com, ICO, NFT, Memecoin bubble? If so, there is a possibility that this strategy catalyzes our next crypto winter as public equity investors are very different than crypto investors. Public equity investors will look to exploit any market inefficiency to generate alpha.

#### Will some companies get this strategy right?

- Absolutely. And the stakes are generating investment alpha that significantly outpaces beta and likely results with a top 10 equity performance and household recognition over the next five years.
- Unfortunately, the majority of these companies will not get this strategy right ... unless the value of the crypto treasury asset accelerates versus fiat faster than the market expects.

### **Architect Crypto Public Companies Index: Strong Recovery**

|                                       |                  | Pr               | ice                          |                           | Valuation             | Multiples            | <b>Growth Rate</b>             |        | 5       | Share Price Ch | nange   |                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------|---------|----------------|---|--------------------|
| Company Name                          | Ticker<br>Symbol | Current<br>Price | % Within 52<br>Week<br>Range | Enterprise<br>Value (\$M) | EV / 2025E<br>Revenue | EV / 2025E<br>EBITDA | Revenue<br>2024 -<br>2025E (a) | 1 Week | 1 Month | Jan 1,<br>2025 | Since Coinbase<br>Direct Listing<br>(4/14/21) | Since<br>Inception |
| Company Name                          | Cymbol           | - 11100          | Runge                        | value (\$111)             | Revenue               | LUITUA               | ZOZOL (u)                      | TWEEK  | TWOTH   | 2020           | (4/14/21/                                     | песрион            |
| Traditional Indices                   |                  |                  |                              |                           |                       |                      |                                |        |         |                |   |                    |
| S&P 500                               |                  | \$6,205          |                              |                           |                       |                      |                                | 3%     | 5%      | 6%             |   |                    |
| NASDAQ                                |                  | 20,370           |                              |                           |                       |                      |                                | 4%     | 6%      | 6%             |   |                    |
| Dow Jones                             |                  | 44,095           |                              |                           |                       |                      |                                | 4%     | 4%      | 4%             |   |                    |
| Marquee Crypto Assets                 |                  |                  |                              |                           |                       |                      |                                |        |         |                |   |                    |
| Bitcoin                               | BTCUSD           | \$107,077        | 92%                          | \$2,129,062               |                       |                      |                                | 4%     | (2%)    | 14%            | 70%   | %                  |
| Ethereum                              | ETHUSD           | 2,421            | 38%                          | 292,192                   |                       |                      |                                | 0%     | (10%)   | (27%)          | (1%)  | %                  |
| DeFi Pulse Index (b)                  | DPI              | 87               | 26%                          | 48                        |                       |                      |                                | (2%)   | (8%)    | (19%)          | (82%)   | %                  |
| Crypto Investment Platforms           |                  |                  |                              |                           |                       |                      |                                |        |         |                |   |                    |
| Strategy (NAS: MSTR)                  | MSTR             | \$404.23         | 69%                          | \$120,997                 | 261.4x                | 3,184.1x             | (0%)                           | 10%    | 9%      | 35%            | 450%  | (2%)               |
| Coinbase (NAS: COIN)                  | COIN             | 350.49           | 87%                          | 83,210                    | 11.2                  | 24.5                 | 14%                            | 14%    | 42%     | 36%            | 7%  | 7%                 |
| Circle (NYSE: CRCL)                   | CRCL             | 181.29           | 50%                          | 40,674                    | 12.9                  | 58.4                 | 88%                            | (31%)  | %       | %              | %   | 68%                |
| Galaxy Digital (TSX: GLXY)            | GLXY             | 16.09            | 76%                          | 9,225                     | 18.5                  |                      | (51%)                          | 20%    | 1%      | (11%)          | (41%)   | 310%               |
| Amber Group (NAS: AMBR)               | AMBR             | 11.03            | 83%                          | 989                       | 5.3                   |                      | 465%                           | (6%)   | 20%     | 6%             | %   | 0%                 |
| Exodus Movement (NYSE American: EXOD) | EXOD             | 28.83            | 7%                           | 773                       | 5.2                   | 14.5                 | 27%                            | 0%     | 9%      | 0%             | %   | 92%                |
| Coinshares (Nasdaq Stockholm: CS.ST)  | STO:CS           | 10.47            | 88%                          | 666                       | 4.3                   | 5.6                  | (7%)                           | 5%     | 1%      | 37%            | 98%   | 197%               |
| Coincheck (NAS: CNCK)                 | CNCK             | 5.47             | 12%                          | 661                       | 7.0                   | 20.7                 | 5%                             | 7%     | 11%     | (36%)          | %   | (59%)              |
| Bitcoin Network Operators             |                  |                  |                              |                           |                       |                      |                                |        |         |                |   |                    |
| Marathon (NAS: MARA)                  | MARA             | \$15.68          | 29%                          | \$7,905                   | 8.9x                  | 54.5x                | 36%                            | 11%    | 9%      | (9%)           | (64%)   | (59%)              |
| Core Scientific (NAS: CORZ)           | CORZ             | 17.07            | 87%                          | 5,393                     | 12.5                  | 62.3                 | (16%)                          | 50%    | 56%     | 18%            | %   | 396%               |
| Riot (NAS: RIOT)                      | RIOT             | 11.30            | 53%                          | 4,313                     | 6.8                   | 28.1                 | 69%                            | 22%    | 33%     | 8%             | (77%)   | 38%                |
| IREN Digital (NAS: IREN)              | IREN             | 14.57            | 87%                          | 3,410                     | 6.9                   | 14.0                 | 164%                           | 37%    | 67%     | 39%            | %   | (40%)              |
| CleanSpark (NAS: CLSK)                | CLSK             | 11.03            | 33%                          | 2,809                     | 3.6                   | 5.5                  | 103%                           | 25%    | 28%     | 17%            | (48%)   | (63%)              |
| Bitdeer (NAS: BTDR)                   | BTDR             | 11.48            | 28%                          | 2,242                     | 4.3                   | 46.8                 | 49%                            | 5%     | (10%)   | (50%)          | %   | 63%                |
| Hut 8 (NAS: HUT)                      | HUT              | 18.60            | 43%                          | 2,065                     | 9.0                   |                      | 42%                            | 17%    | 22%     | (15%)          | (43%)   | 125%               |
| TeraWulf (NAS: WULF)                  | WULF             | 4.38             | 32%                          | 1,947                     | 9.5                   | 47.9                 | 47%                            | 23%    | 21%     | (20%)          | (55%)   | (87%)              |
| Cipher Mining (NAS: CIFR)             | CIFR             | 4.78             | 48%                          | 1,563                     | 5.7                   | 12.3                 | 82%                            | 35%    | 47%     | (1%)           | (54%)   | (54%)              |
| Hive (NAS: HIVE)                      | HIVE             | 1.80             | 13%                          | 500                       | 4.2                   | 11.8                 | 3%                             | 8%     | 2%      | (42%)          | (90%)   | (53%)              |
| Bitfufu (NAS: FUFU)                   | FUFU             | 3.23             | 9%                           | 509                       | 1.1                   |                      | 3%                             | 1%     | (8%)    | (42%)          | %   | (49%)              |
| Bitfarms (NAS: BITF)                  | BITF             | 0.84             | 7%                           | 469                       | 1.4                   | 4.1                  | 72%                            | 12%    | (9%)    | (48%)          | (81%)   | (79%)              |
| Canaan (NAS: CAN)                     | CAN              | 0.62             | 3%                           | 210                       | 0.3                   | 10.5                 | 136%                           | 2%     | 3%      | (72%)          | (95%)   | (94%)              |
| Crypto Influenced                     |                  |                  |                              |                           |                       |                      |                                |        |         |                |   |                    |
| Robinhood (NAS: HOOD)                 | HOOD             | \$93.63          | 99%                          | \$87,308                  | 23.8x                 | 47.8x                | 24%                            | 23%    | 38%     | 137%           | %   | 169%               |
| PayPal (NAS: PYPL)                    | PYPL             | 74.32            | 49%                          | 73,685                    | 2.3                   | 10.3                 | 3%                             | 3%     | 5%      | (14%)          | (72%)   | 102%               |
| Nubank (NYSE: NU)                     | NU               | 13.72            | 66%                          | 57,562                    | 4.8                   |                      | 46%                            | 11%    | 14%     | 29%            | 33%   | 33%                |
| Block (NYSE: XYZ)                     | XYZ              | 67.93            | 43%                          | 55,212                    | 2.2                   | 16.1                 | 4%                             | 7%     | 10%     | (22%)          | (59%)   | (10%)              |
| eToro (NAS: ETOR)                     | ETOR             | 66.59            | 65%                          | 4,958                     | 5.9                   | 15.5                 | 2%                             | 10%    | 9%      |                |   | 28%                |

#### **Key Highlights**

- Overall, crypto company share prices have recovered
- Crypto Investment Platforms are up an average of 36%
- Bitcoin Network Operators are up an average of 66%
- Crypto Influenced category is down an average of 38%
- Revenue multiples are robust
- Crypto Investment Platforms are averaging 14.2x
   EV / LTM revenue (excluding Strategy)
- Bitcoin Network Operators are averaging 9.2x EV
   / LTM revenue
- Crypto Influenced are averaging 8.5x EV / LTM revenue
- On average, these multiples are up significantly from the last quarter. We are now seeing premium values across the board

### **Subsector Review**

#### **Brokers & Exchanges**

#### **Quarterly variations**

Slower quarter overall down from a blistering Q1.

Bridge transactions (where traditional financial services acquire digital asset native firms) are key markers of health in M&A, and Robinhood continues its aggressive approach by acquiring WonderFi to gain a strong Canadian presence. Paired with previously announced Bitstamp acquisition, Robinhood is clearly separating itself from its US peers, as Schwab and E\*TRADE do not even offer crypto trading. We continue to expect more M&A deals in the upcoming quarters, as we know of several assets both in the market as buyers and sellers.

Financings remain muted, trickling lower over the past year. Capital is flowing a bit, but continues to be selective until we see more exits to pump the "money" cycle. We know of numerous firms seeking or about to seek capital.

#### Financings

Only 13 deals announced in Q2, down over 30% from previous quarter. Financings continue to be tougher particularly at the later stage/higher valuation financings. Only one of note in Alpaca Markets raising \$50MM, although Alpaca is more like Robinhood in that it's an equity broker that also trades crypto. The remaining deals were all on the earlier stage.

#### M&A

Several big ones with the above mentioned Robinhood/WonderFi, and Coinbase's acquisition of Deribit. This is a headline deal for Coinbase at over \$2.9B and puts Coinbase further ahead in the lucrative derivatives market. It makes sense for several reasons although the price seems a bit on the high end. But the long term strategic value propelled this deal. Also some solid consolidation as Caleb & Brown (and our client) was acquired by Swyftx, resulting in the largest high net worth focused deal in crypto.

#### **Payments Infrastructure**

#### Momentum continues to build

The headline of Q2 was clearly Circle's exceptionally well-received Initial public offering. Institutional demand was strong, it priced 24% above the initial filing range and the shares sold were upsized by 42%. Post IPO trading demonstrated a 675% gain over the ensuing 16 days, albeit it has settled to 79% off the high as of this writing. Valuation-wise, Circle is now trading at 12.9x enterprise value / 2025 estimated revenue, relatively consistent with Coinbase.

As highlighted last quarter, In our view it's essential that new crypto use cases emerge and crypto payments are exactly that. Over the past several weeks, Architect Partners has published a three-part deep dive into the payments strategic opportunity (Part I: Why Crypto Payments, Part II: The Momentum is Building, Part III: The Market Map), with more commentary coming soon.

#### **Financings**

While both Circle's success and the demonstrated real-world momentum of crypto payments are becoming apparent, private venture financings dipped in Q2, both in number and value.

#### M&A

As in Q1, transaction activity seemed lackluster, however two notable transaction were strategically important. The first was Ripple's acquisition of prime broker Hidden Road for \$1.25B. While we classified Hidden Road formerly as a broker and exchange, the underlying strategic rationale supporting this acquisition was proliferation of Ripple's newly introduced stablecoin, RLUSD. Ripple will be integrating RLUSD into institutional trading flows as a way to begin to penetrate the Tether | Circle duopoly. Second was the acquisition of Architect Partners client, Banxa, by Hong Kong-based OSL. Again, a critical element of OSL's strategic rationale was to enable global crypto payments.

#### **Investing & Trading Infrastructure**

#### Two stories in one sector

We have coded crypto treasury strategy deals within this sector, and so many have been launched/announced that they have taken over the top 10. The cliche "dance while the music is playing" is very true here and people are starting to wonder when the music will stop. Setting aside the above mentioned firms, activity remained relatively the same as last quarter with a slightly lower count. Both M&A and Financings tended to the smaller size.

This subsector is usually a bellwether for activity since it touches many aspects of the digital asset space.

Last quarter's report predicted a pickup, which did not happen. We remain convinced that an uptick in activity is coming, although Q3 will see the summer slow down. We know of more aggressive parties on both sides (buyer/sellers and capital seekers/investors) so this latent intent should result in increased activity.

#### **Financings**

41 deals, down from 47 last quarter. Disclosed deals remain on the smaller size. We see the same dynamics as in Brokers & Exchanges - the lack of exits means the capital cycle is slowed. Until we see enough M&A activity to pump more money into the investing side we'll see a slower rate of financings.

#### M&A

Excluding the treasury strategy activity, most deals centered around acquisitions to expand existing product/reach. Zodia Custody buying Tungsten, for example, gives Zodia Custody access to Abu Dhabi and Dubai. This approach to M&A is fundamental and we seeing it continuing

### **Subsector Review**

#### **Blockchains & Protocols**

Focused on improving scaling, cost, security, and distribution In Q2 the Blockchain & Protocols Subsector was again fairly quiet on the investment side and almost mute re M&A.

#### **Financings**

Deal count was basically flat from Q1 to Q2, but dollars raised dropped by 40 percent. LayerZero, an interoperability protocol that aims to be a foundational layer connecting all blockchains (L0, get it?) raised \$55M in a round led by a16z. Symbiotic, a universal staking framework that supports a wider range of ERC-20 tokens than Eigenlayer, raised \$29M. Camp Network, a Layer-1 blockchain enabling users to register IP on-chain, train Al agents and monetize model contributions, raised \$25M.

#### M&A

Of two M&A transactions announced in Q2, one was pretty interesting. A firm linked to Justin Sun's TRON DAO announced it is merging with NASDAQ-listed SRM Entertainment, the developer of Peppa Pig toys and other characters, in effect going public in the U.S. via reverse merger. (The TRON blockchain has over 300M total user accounts and hosts the largest circulating supply of USDT stablecoin at over \$73B.) The new company, renamed TRON Inc., plans to buy and hold the Tron token TRX. SRM announced that a private investor (reportedly Justin Sun's father) invested \$100M to initiate the TRX treasury strategy. Market reaction was positive, with SRM stock up 7x.

Crypto again crosses with U.S. politics - the SEC recently paused its fraud investigation into Justin Sun, Sun invested \$75M into Trump's World Liberty Financial, the deal is backed by a Trump-linked investment bank, and some sources report that Eric Trump is taking a role in the company.

#### **Developer Tools & Infrastructure**

#### Still slow going

Crypto/blockchain developers need three things to build and deploy DApps: a compute platform to write to (blockchain), software tools to develop smart contracts, and infrastructure (testnets, nodes, wallets, storage, data APIs, etc.). We do see a fair amount of activity in areas such as identity, security and account/chain abstraction - we will be writing more about this later.

#### **Financings**

Total announced deal count was down slightly from Q1, itself the most active quarter since we began tracking this subsector. But dollar volume of deals was up again, paced by a \$135M raise by Digital Asset, the builder of privacy-focused blockchain Canton Network, led by DRW and Tradeweb with other tradfi and crypto investors including BNP Paribas, Paxos and Citadel. Canton features configurable privacy, and companies like Goldman Sachs and BNY Mellon are testing real word assets (RWAs) on the public, permissionless L-1 platform. In another example of AI crossing with blockchain, Nous Research raised a \$50M Series A at a \$1B token valuation led by Paradigm. Nous builds decentralized, open-source, community-driven AI models, using Solana to coordinate contributions and incentivize compute donors.

#### M&A

This segment saw eight announced M&A transactions in Q2 2025, twice the number seen in all of 2024. Ethereum leader ConsenSys acquired the assets of Torus Labs, Singapore-based developer of WebAuth wallet infrastructure for Web3, for \$15M. WebAuth will likely be used to strengthen the capabilities of MetaMask, ConsenSys' market-leading crypto wallet.

#### **Enterprise Solutions**

#### Activity is accelerating along with Al influence

So far in 2025, blockchain technology has solidified its role as a cornerstone for enterprise innovation with widespread adoption across industries. The global blockchain market, projected to reach \$163 billion by 2027, saw significant growth so far, driven by Fortune 500 companies like Walmart, Microsoft, and Goldman Sachs. Some challenges still exist which hinder broader user engagement. Despite these hurdles, current adoption underscores blockchain's transformative potential.

The synergies between AI and blockchain has advanced significantly, transforming enterprise and consumer applications with enhanced security, efficiency, and automation. AI-driven analytics are increasingly integrated with blockchain platforms to optimize supply chain transparency, fraud detection, and smart contract execution.

#### **Financings**

Total announced financings declined 26% from Q1, but total capital raised increased 26%, as investment capital migrated to later stage. Al-related financings represented 28% of Enterprise financings and 29% of all committed capital.

#### M&A

There was some activity in this segment, with 6 total transactions, but all of the acquired companies had minimal outside invested capital. The only announced transaction was for just \$2.3M. We expect greater activity in this segment as current companies mature.



### **Subsector Review**

#### **DApp: Consumer, Media**

#### **Few clear themes**

The consumer / media subsector contains a variety of content-oriented business models, from streaming music to entertainment studios to social networks to prediction markets. In other words, no single model predominates. What makes these Web3 also varies - from decentralization to token compensation to metaverse elements to a Web3 reputation system (Shardz) to the world's first 'agentic' crypto browser (Donut Labs).

#### **Financings**

Only one company raised at least \$50M this past quarter, although both deal count and total capital raised up slightly over Q1. In the largest financing, Japan-based Gaudiy raised 10B yen (\$69M) led by Sony and Bandai Namco. In the company's own words, "we make full use of advanced technology like the blockchain in our quest to create Fan Nations where anyone can make content and contribute to their favorite content" - their website at https://gaudiy.com/en/ is worth a look.

#### M&A

Nine M&A transactions were announced in the subsector in Q2 2025, up a massive 900% from Q1. A large collection of CryptoPunks NFTs created by Larva Labs was acquired from Yuga Labs by The Infinite Node Foundation, a non-profit digital art museum, for \$20M. You will doubtlessly recall Yuga as the creator of the Bored Ape Yacht Club series of PFP NFTs. NFT Now said "CryptoPunks are a status symbol, an unspeakably valuable asset, a community, and possibly the most important NFT project ever" upon the launch of the 10,000 item set of 24×24 pixel art images in 2017. Image #5822, above, sold for \$23M in 2022.

#### **DApp: Consumer, Gaming**

#### Is 2025 the year of Web3 gaming?

Still not yet. The hundreds of A/AAA Web3 games supposedly in development have not yet emerged. Web3 gaming is still looking for product/market fit. Not to say that there aren't some very strong games out today, nor that the second half of the year doesn't have some highly-anticipated launches, but many developers seem to have forgotten about the game in their quest (sorry not sorry) to incorporate blockchain elements.

#### **Financings**

Q4 2024 was the slowest quarter for the Consumer / Gaming DApps subsector in over three years, and Q2 2025 was only slightly better. At this point, 2025 is tracking at about 10% of the financing level of peak year 2022 for Web3 gaming. No projects raised over \$20M.

#### M&A

Four transactions were announced in Q2, but no values were given, a sign that these were likely small or very small. We follow gaming payments powerhouse Xsolla, and their acquisition of Ludo seemed to make strong strategic sense - Xsolla plans to integrate Ludo's questing tool into their web shop and rewards solutions to boost player engagement and hence engagement for Xsolla's game developer customers.

#### **Data & Data Analytics**

#### Security/identity/compliance activity continues, as does Al

Last quarter we talked about one area which is screaming for solutions: security and fraud prevention. The recent \$1.5B ByBit exploit is a prime example. Chainalysis' 2024 Crypto Crime Report indicates that \$24.2B was received by illicit wallets last year, and AI security and fraud prevention vendor Cyvers points out that fraud (human-based scams with approved payments) thefts significantly exceeded security (code vulnerability-based) losses last year.

#### **Financings**

The largest financing in this subsector in Q2 was Hypernative's \$40M raise to continue to build out real-time threat prevention. Hypernative uses AI to respond to threats in real time and prevent transfers, and counts wallets, exchanges, and payment providers as customers. Also in the security/identity/compliance space we note Octane's \$6.8M raise to support their AI-powered smart contract security solution and Rekord AG's \$5.5M raise for their blockchain-based data verification and integrity offering.

#### M&A

We are not yet seeing the Web2 cybersecurity platform behemoths moving into the Web3 space. But we are seeing continued activity with another handful of security/identity/compliance acquisitions in Q2: blockchain forensics company Crystal Intelligence is planning to acquire the Web3 fraud alert platform Scam Alerts, payment fraud prevention company Eftsure announced the acquisition of French fintech Sis ID, and Gatenox's Al-powered Web3 KYC solution was acquired by Zebec.

### **Subsector Review**

#### **Mining & Staking**

#### Scale and consolidation and crypto treasuries, oh my....

Last year we saw a massive \$5B in 2H capital raises by the leading public miners and noted that access to capital was creating a clear delineation between those that can scale and those that can not. This year, crypto treasury strategies are the rage, with Bitcoin miners Marathon, Riot, CleanSpark, Hut 8, Cipher, and Core Scientific all growing their treasuries with self-mined coins they are increasingly choosing not to sell, plus public equity raises (Marathon and Riot are in the top 5 BTC holders globally, after #1 Strategy). Our other key trend here is mining companies crossing over into HPC/AI infrastructure.

#### **Private Financings**

Deal count was basically flat from Q1, but dollar volume was way up, driven by several big deals. The largest was a \$300M raise by XY Miners, a UK-headquartered blockchain and high-performance computing company led by Sequoia Capital. Bitcoin mining chip designer Auradine raised a \$153M Series C to expand into next-gen mining chips and Al infrastructure. And just this week, public mining company BitMine announced a \$250M PIPE and their pivot into an ETH treasury strategy company.

#### M&A

Q2 saw the number of M&A transactions slip to seven, but deal value doubled. Signing Day Sports agreed to acquire One Blockchain, a crypto mining/AI company with plans to develop 200MW of power capacity across facilities in South Carolina and Texas, for \$215M. And Whinstone (RIOT) acquired 125MW of power capacity from Rhodium for \$185M, settling a suit from Rhodium alleging \$300M in damages.

# Appendix: Subsector Q2 2025 Data



### **Architect Insights**

Q2 2025
Crypto
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#### **Architect Insights Data Classification Glossary**

#### **Subsectors**

Blockchains & Protocols

Enterprise Solutions

Brokers & Exchanges

Consulting & Services

DApp: Consumer, Gaming

DApp: Consumer, Media

DApp: Investing & Trading

Data & Data Analytics

Developer Tools & Infrastructure

Investing & Trading Infrastructure

Mining & Staking

Payments Infrastructure

#### **Financing Stages**

Seed

Early Stage

Later Stage

#### **Definitions**

Layer1s, layer2s, bridges, rollups, etc.

Applications and services supporting business use cases

Brokers or exchanges with a crypto or digital asset focus

Provider of development or professional services

Games and virtual worlds with a crypto or digital asset component

DApps used by consumers for media, social and entertainment

Consumer wallet connected investing & trading DApps

Aggregating & analyzing data for a wide variety of use cases

Software or services used to create, test, or deploy DApps

Trade execution, settlement, custody, lending, derivatives, tokenization, stablecoins

Network operators who receive rewards for enabling blockchains & protocols

Payments, onramps/offramps, stablecoins as medium of exchange

#### **Definitions**

Pre-Series A

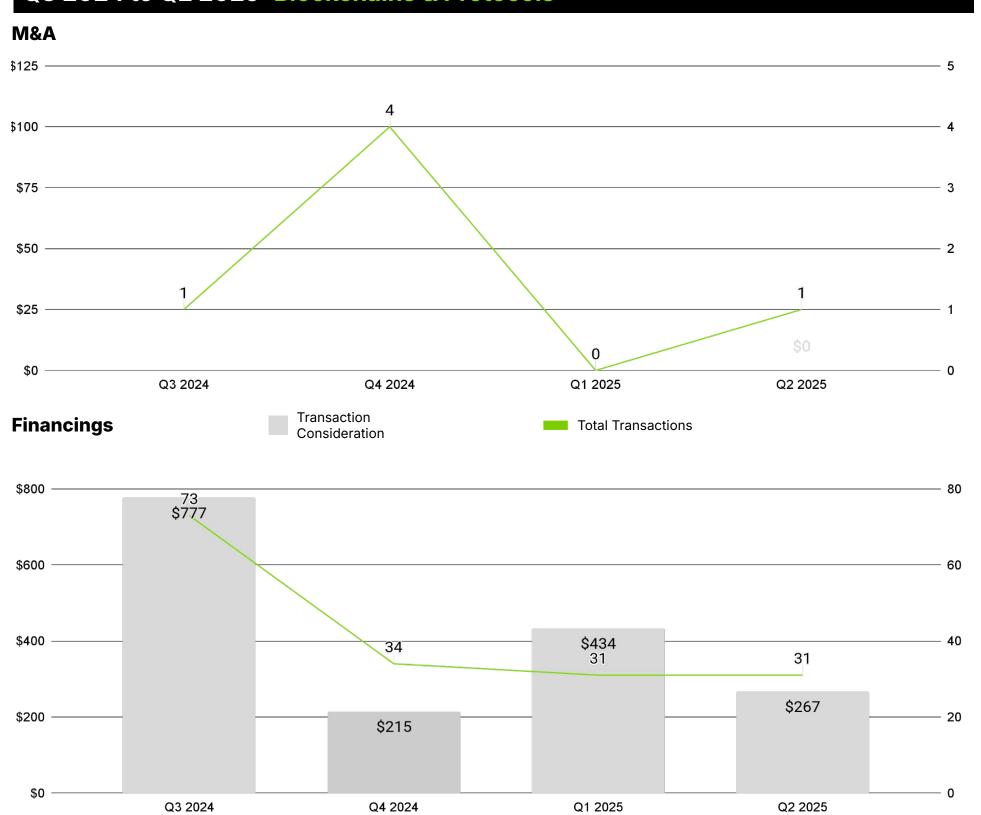
Post-Revenue, Series A & B capital raises

Post-Series B & Growth capital raises



### **Blockchains & Protocols Quarterly Review**

#### **Crypto Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Financings Transaction Count** Q3 2024 to Q2 2025: Blockchains & Protocols



Source: Architect Partners Crypto Private Financing Tracker, Architect Partners Crypto M&A Tracker. Note: Graphs exclude SPACS / Reverse Mergers.

Q2 2025 M&A TRANSACTION LIST (sorted by announced date) (\$ in millions)

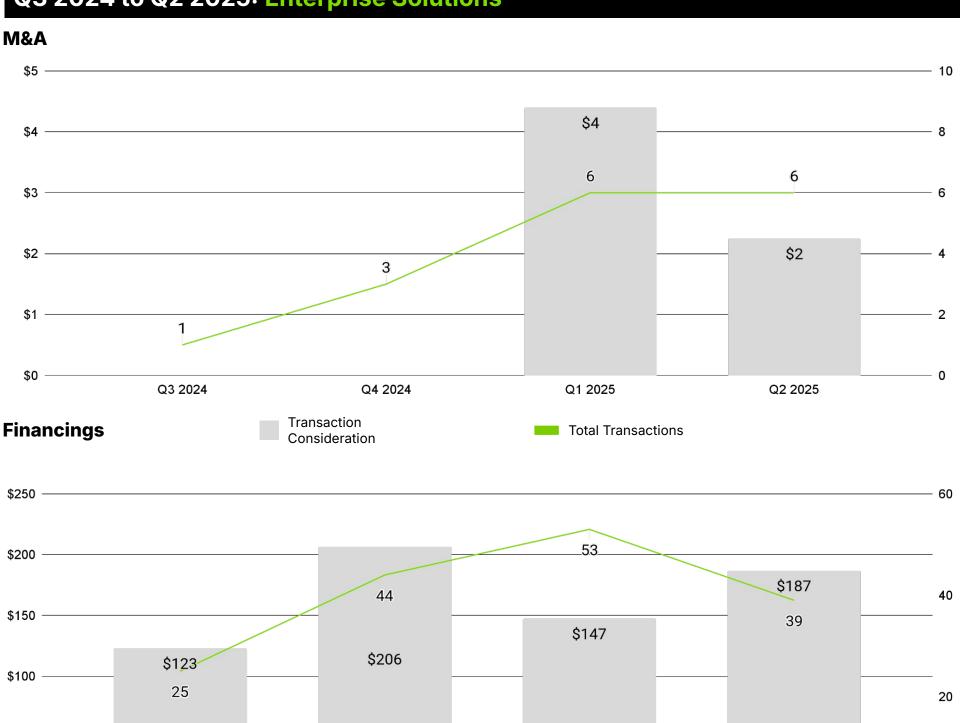
| TARGET        | ACQUIRER          | ANNOUNCED DATE | TRANSACTION SIZE |
|---------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Tron DAO      | SRM Entertainment | 6/16/2025      | \$100.0          |
| Kroma Network | zK Candy          | 5/12/2025      | Undisclosed      |

| COMPANY           | DATE      | RAISE  | POST VAL.   | LEAD                                    |
|-------------------|-----------|--------|-------------|---|
| LayerZero         | 4/17/2025 | \$55.0 | Undisclosed | Andreessen Horowitz                     |
| Symbiotic         | 4/23/2025 | \$29.0 | Undisclosed | Coinbase Ventures,<br>Pantera Capital   |
| Camp Network      | 4/29/2025 | 25.0   | \$400.0     | 1kx, Blockchain Capital                 |
| IOST              | 6/6/2025  | 21.0   | Undisclosed | DWF Labs, Presto,<br>Rollman Management |
| Analog            | 4/22/2025 | 20.0   | 315.0       | Undisclosed                             |
| Unto Labs         | 4/29/2025 | 14.4   | 140.0       | Electric Capital,<br>Framework Ventures |
| Openverse Network | 5/12/2025 | 11.0   | Undisclosed | Undisclosed                             |
| Optimum           | 4/15/2025 | 11.0   | Undisclosed | 1kx                                     |
| Units.Network     | 6/19/2025 | 10.0   | Undisclosed | Undisclosed                             |
| Sonic Labs        | 5/13/2025 | 10.0   | Undisclosed | Galaxy Digital                          |



### **Enterprise Solutions Quarterly Review**





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#### Q2 2025 M&A TRANSACTION LIST (sorted by announced date) (\$ in millions)

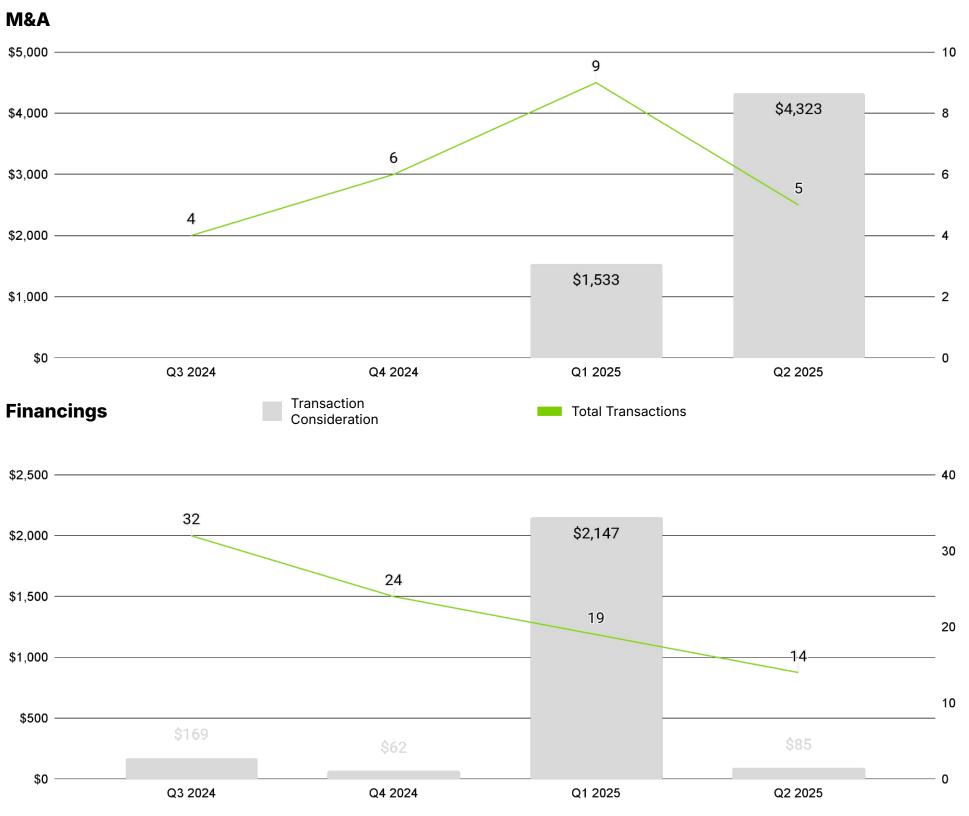
| TARGET     | ACQUIRER                  | ANNOUNCED DATE | TRANSACTION SIZE |
|------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Tractiv    | Inveniam Capital Partners | 5/7/2025       | \$2.3            |
| SkyGrid    | Wisk Aero                 | 6/10/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| Dimension  | Afliant                   | 5/27/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| Kaspa      | Dynamite Blockchain       | 5/14/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| BuilderFax | Lumber                    | 5/1/2025       | Undisclosed      |
| Tixologi   | Punchup                   | 4/2/2025       | Undisclosed      |

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|---------------------|-----------|--------|-------------|---|
| COMPANY             | DATE      | RAISE  | POST VAL.   | LEAD                                      |
| Blackbird Labs      | 4/8/2025  | \$50.0 | \$262.0     | Spark Capital                             |
| Doppel              | 5/2/2025  | 35.0   | 205.0       | Bessemer Venture<br>Partners              |
| Labrys              | 6/3/2025  | 20.0   | Undisclosed | Plural Platform                           |
| TransCrypts         | 5/16/2025 | 18.9   | Undisclosed | Undisclosed                               |
| PrismaX             | 6/17/2025 | 11.0   | Undisclosed | Andreessen Horowitz                       |
| ShelterZoom         | 5/8/2025  | 10.3   | Undisclosed | Undisclosed                               |
| Here Not There Labs | 4/11/2025 | 10.0   | Undisclosed | Andreessen Horowitz,<br>Coinbase Ventures |
| SOLshare            | 6/17/2025 | 7.5    | Undisclosed | Impact Investment<br>Exchange             |
| Soft Freak          | 5/21/2025 | 5.0    | Undisclosed | Undisclosed                               |
| Naoris Protocol     | 5/29/2025 | 3.0    | Undisclosed | Mason Labs                                |
|                     |           |        |             |   |



### **Brokers & Exchanges Quarterly Review**





**Source:** Architect Partners Crypto Private Financing Tracker, Architect Partners Crypto M&A Tracker. **Note:** Graphs exclude SPACS / Reverse Mergers.

| TARGET                  | ACQUIRER                   | ANNOUNCED DATE | TRANSACTION SIZE |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Derbit                  | Coinbase                   | 5/8/2025       | \$2,900.0        |
| Hidden Road             | Ripple                     | 4/8/2025       | 1,250.0          |
| WonderFi Technologies   | Robinhood                  | 5/12/2025      | 172.5            |
| Sengold                 | Busan Digital Asset Exchar | nge 6/17/2025  | Undisclosed      |
| A.N. Allnew Investments | Crypto.com                 | 5/21/2025      | Undisclosed      |

| TOP 10 Q2 2025 PRIVATE FINANCINGS TRANSACTION LIST | (sorted by amount raised)(\$ in |
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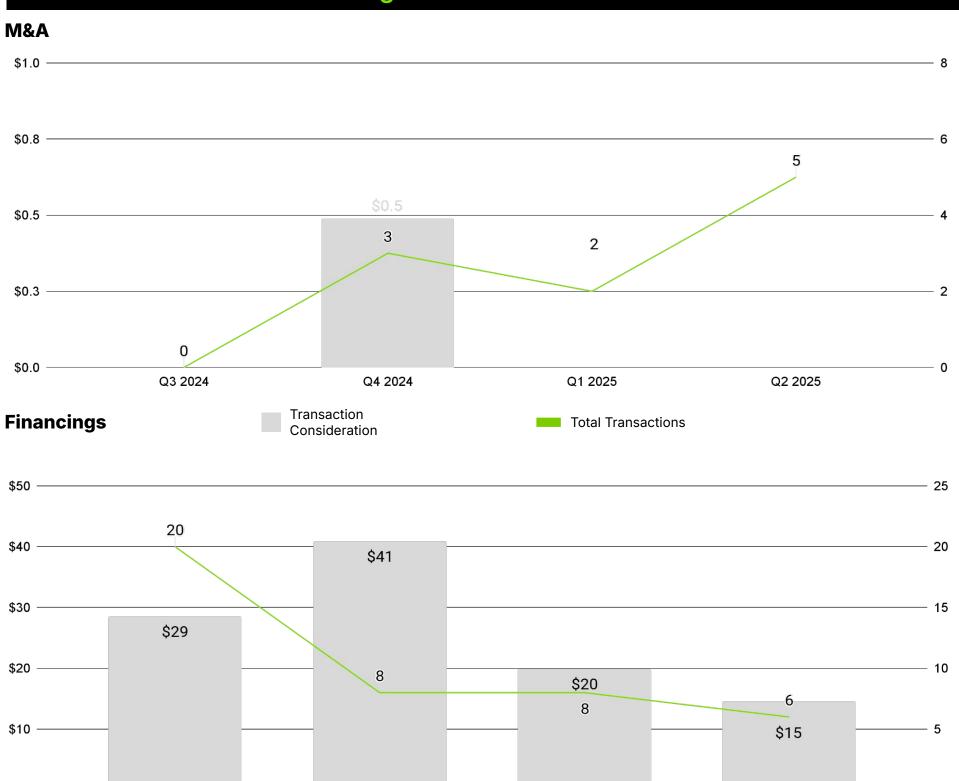
Q2 2025 M&A TRANSACTION LIST (sorted by announced date) (\$ in millions)

| COMPANY        | DATE      | RAISE       | POST VAL.   | LEAD                               |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| Alpaca Markets | 4/23/2025 | \$50.0      | \$575.0     | Undisclosed                        |
| Roxom          | 5/23/2025 | \$17.9      | Undisclosed | Undisclosed                        |
| True Markets   | 5/20/2025 | \$11.0      | Undisclosed | Accomplice VC, RRE<br>Ventures     |
| Collecto       | 3/31/2025 | \$3.0       | Undisclosed | Undisclosed                        |
| BitSwapix      | 4/3/2025  | \$2.4       | Undisclosed | Undisclosed                        |
| Sphinx         | 6/23/2025 | \$2.0       | Undisclosed | Eckhardt Capital                   |
| Fermi Labs     | 5/21/2025 | \$1.2       | Undisclosed | Big Brain Holdings,<br>Equilibrium |
| Tx24           | 4/13/2025 | \$0.5       | Undisclosed | Undisclosed                        |
| 1Konto         | 5/13/2025 | \$0.1       | Undisclosed | Undisclosed                        |
| OrionX         | 6/3/2025  | Undisclosed | Undisclosed | Tether                             |



### **Consulting & Services Quarterly Review**





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#### Q2 2025 M&A TRANSACTION LIST (sorted by announced date) (\$ in millions)

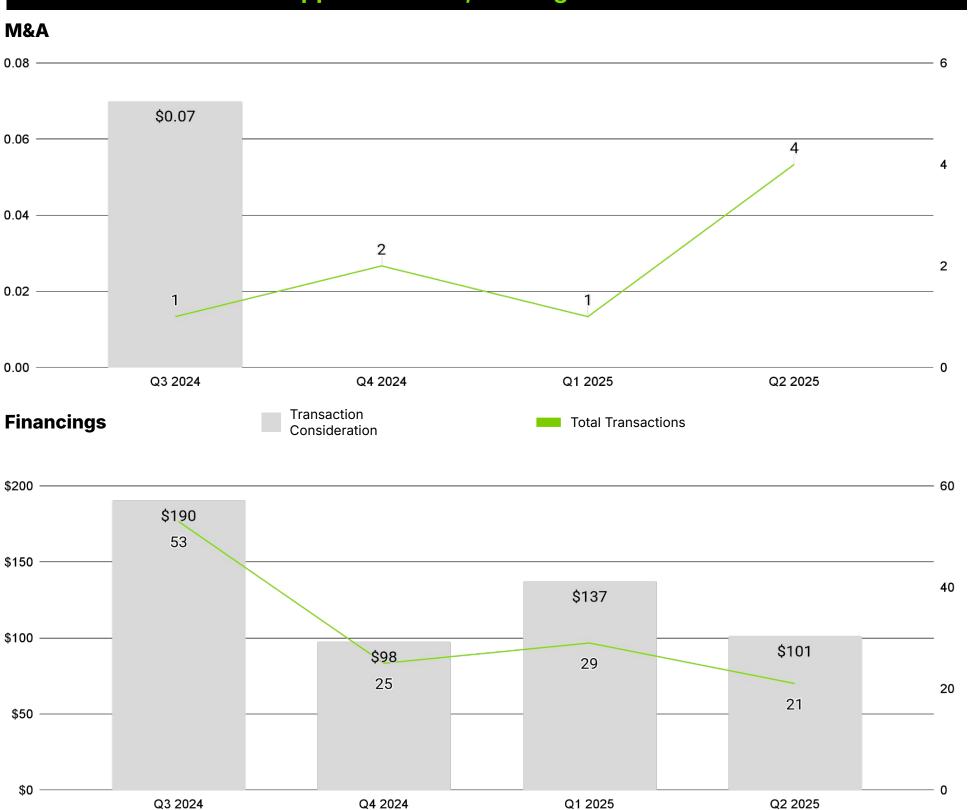
| TARGET                              | ACQUIRER              | ANNOUNCED DATE | TRANSACTION SIZE |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Cryptolier                          | JMA Systems           | 6/27/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| Ai Digital Technologies<br>Holdings | Fideum                | 6/16/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| Web3 Career                         | Bondex                | 5/1/2025       | Undisclosed      |
| Faculty Group                       | Ghaf Capital Partners | 4/28/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| Bull Street Media                   | Fintech.TV            | 4/22/2025      | Undisclosed      |

| COMPANY         | DATE      | RAISE       | POST VAL.   | LEAD                               |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| Project 11      | 6/18/2025 | \$6.0       | Undisclosed | Quantonation, Variant              |
| XSY             | 5/15/2025 | 5.0         | Undisclosed | Borderless Capital,<br>Protagonist |
| CloudTech Group | 6/13/2025 | 1.9         | Undisclosed | Undisclosed                        |
| idea-L          | 6/26/2025 | 1.0         | Undisclosed | Undisclosed                        |
| Impl            | 5/12/2025 | 0.7         | Undisclosed | Undisclosed                        |
| Krypto Kite     | 4/1/2025  | Undisclosed | Undisclosed | Undisclosed                        |



### **DApp: Consumer, Gaming Quarterly Review**

### **Crypto Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Financings Transaction Count Q3 2024 to Q2 2025: DApp: Consumer, Gaming**



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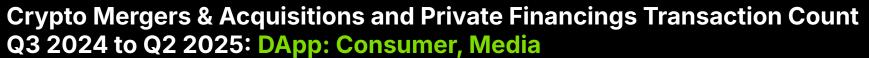
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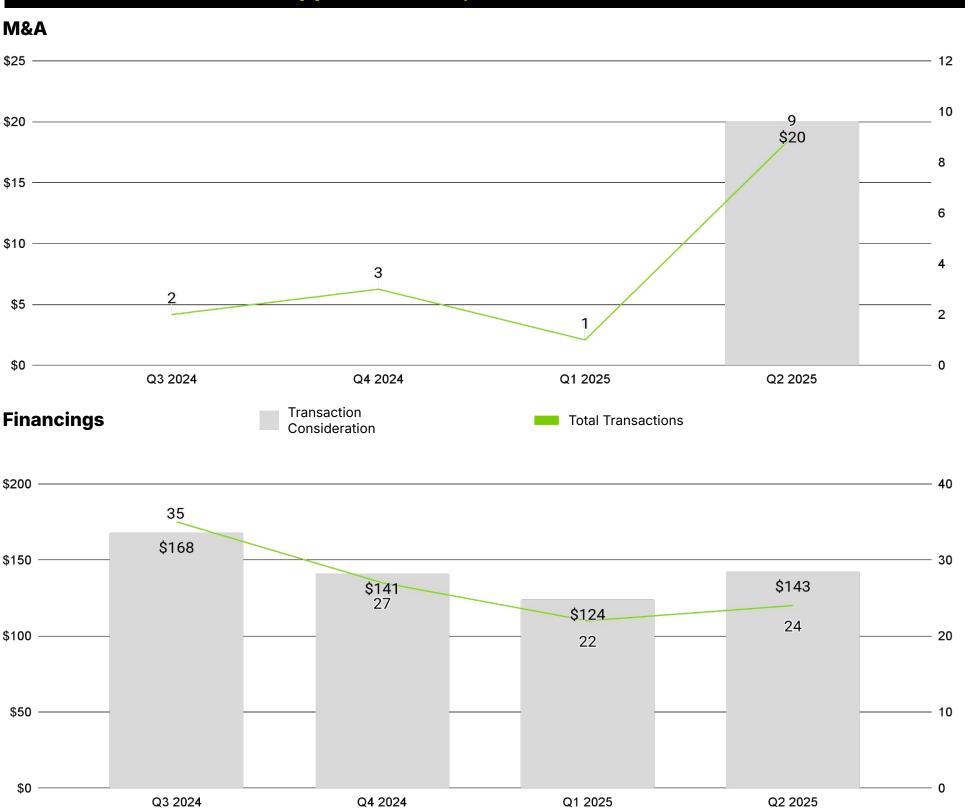
| TARGET      | ACQUIRER        | ANNOUNCED DATE | TRANSACTION SIZE |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Mixie       | Zelgor Games    | 6/9/2025       | Undisclosed      |
| QStar Labs  | Cloud3 Ventures | 5/27/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| Chibi Clash | Scrpyted        | 5/15/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| Ludo        | Xsolla          | 5/8/2025       | Undisclosed      |

| COMPANY                              | DATE      | RAISE  | POST VAL.   | LEAD                                  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| Digital Entertainment<br>Asset       | 6/25/2025 | \$15.2 | Undisclosed | Japan Investment<br>Advisor Company   |
| Dynasty Studios                      | 6/6/2025  | 14.0   | Undisclosed | Cloud3 Ventures                       |
| Ultra                                | 4/3/2025  | 12.0   | Undisclosed | NOIA Capital                          |
| Try Your Best                        | 6/11/2025 | 11.0   | Undisclosed | Offline Ventures, Strobe<br>Ventures  |
| Jackson.io                           | 5/26/2025 | 10.0   | Undisclosed | SSSSSSSS CAPITAL                      |
| Thousands / The<br>Wildcard Alliance | 6/18/2025 | 9.0    | Undisclosed | Arbitrum Gaming<br>Ventures, Paradigm |
| Spekter                              | 6/26/2025 | 5.0    | Undisclosed | London Venture<br>Partners            |
| VOYA Games                           | 5/21/2025 | 5.0    | Undisclosed | 1kx, Makers Fund                      |
| Utopia Gaming                        | 6/20/2025 | 4.0    | Undisclosed | Pantera Capital                       |
| Oncade                               | 5/28/2025 | 4.0    | Undisclosed | Andreessen Horowitz                   |



### **DApp: Consumer, Media Quarterly Review**





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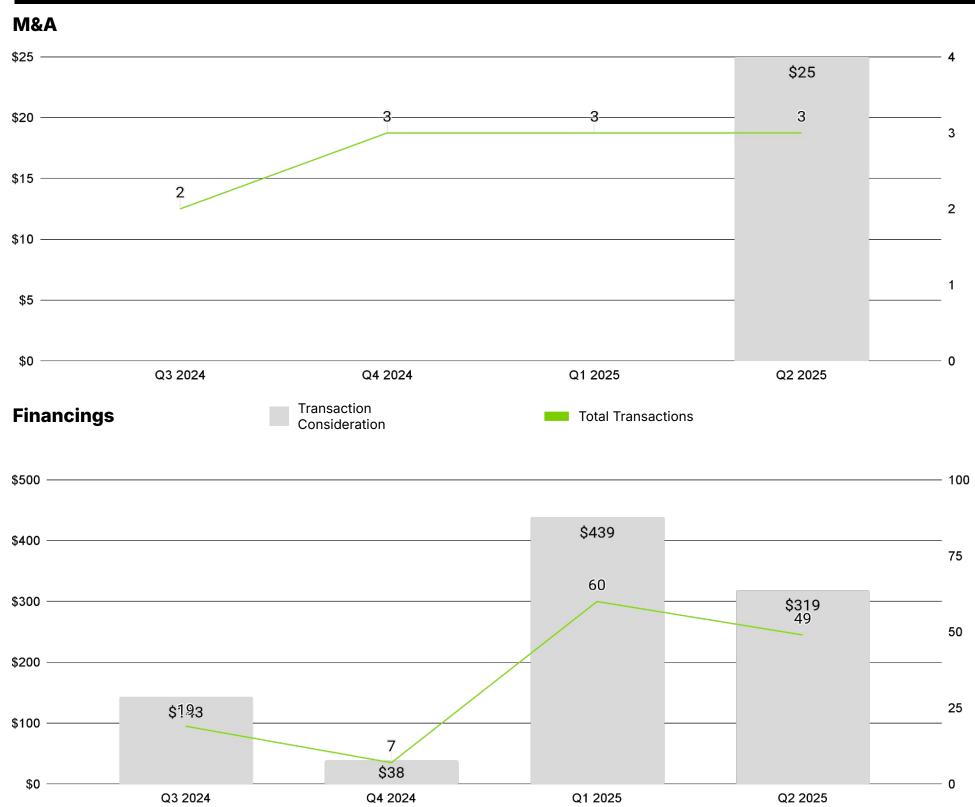
Q2 2025 M&A TRANSACTION LIST (sorted by announced date) (\$ in millions)

| TARGET           | ACQUIRER                     | ANNOUNCED DATE | TRANSACTION SIZE |
|------------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| CryptoPunks      | The Infinite Node Foundation | 5/13/2025      | \$20.0           |
| Everdome         | Hoko                         | 6/11/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| Moongate.id      | Humanity Protocol            | 6/10/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| LOOP Space       | NOIZ Group                   | 4/29/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| BeeMee.Buzz      | Flashy Finance               | 4/22/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| Candy Digital    | Futureverse                  | 4/16/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| Funny Till U Die | Flashy Finance               | 4/15/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| Drip Labs        | Jupiter                      | 4/2/2025       | Undisclosed      |
| NiftyKit         | Kaikai Kiki New York         | 4/2/2025       | Undisclosed      |

| millions)         |           |        |             |  |
|-------------------|-----------|--------|-------------|--|
| COMPANY           | DATE      | RAISE  | POST VAL.   | LEAD   |
| Gaudiy            | 5/8/2025  | \$69.4 | Undisclosed | Undisclosed  |
| lkonz             | 4/11/2025 | 22.5   | Undisclosed | Undisclosed  |
| T-Rex             | 5/9/2025  | 17.0   | Undisclosed | Undisclosed  |
| KYD Labs          | 5/15/2025 | 7.1    | Undisclosed | Andreessen Horowitz                                      |
| Donut Labs        | 5/29/2025 | 7.0    | Undisclosed | BITKRAFT Ventures,<br>Hack VC, Hongshan<br>Capital Group |
| Captain Labs (XP) | 5/15/2025 | 6.2    | Undisclosed | Blockchange Ventures                                     |
| Guhada            | 4/28/2025 | 5.5    | Undisclosed | Undisclosed  |
| Shards Protocol   | 6/4/2025  | 2.0    | Undisclosed | Animoca Brands, Kyber<br>Ventures                        |
| SING              | 6/18/2025 | 1.5    | Undisclosed | Undisclosed  |
| Libraro           | 4/7/2025  | 1.3    | Undisclosed | Ayre Ventures  |

### **DApp: Investing & Trading Quarterly Review**





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#### Q2 2025 M&A TRANSACTION LIST (sorted by announced date) (\$ in millions)

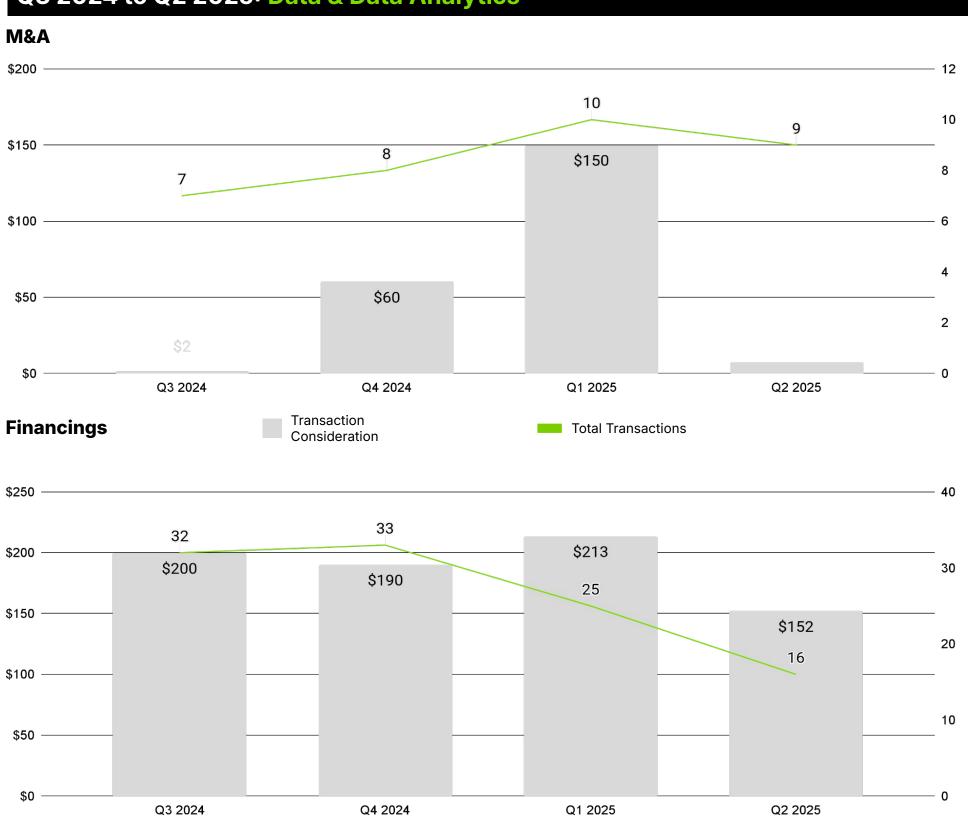
| TARGET                              | ACQUIRER                      | ANNOUNCED DATE | TRANSACTION SIZE |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 0x                                  | Flood                         | 5/15/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| intotheblock and Trident<br>Digital | Sentora (new combined entity) | 5/6/2025       | \$25.0           |
| Slingshot Finance                   | Magic Eden                    | 4/9/2025       | Undisclosed      |

| COMPANY       | DATE      | RAISE  | POST VAL.   | LEAD   |
|---------------|-----------|--------|-------------|--|
| Meanwhile     | 4/10/2025 | \$44.0 | \$190.0     | Framework Ventures,<br>Fulgur Ventures   |
| Sentora       | 5/6/2025  | 25.0   | Undisclosed | New Form Capital   |
| Dinari        | 5/1/2025  | 22.7   | Undisclosed | Blockchange Ventures,<br>Hack VC   |
| Theo          | 4/24/2025 | 20.0   | Undisclosed | Manifold Trading, Hack<br>VC, Anthos Capital                                   |
| Veda          | 6/23/2025 | 18.0   | 90.0        | CoinFund   |
| BitradeX      | 4/23/2025 | 15.6   | Undisclosed | Bain Capital   |
| GTE           | 6/23/2025 | 15.0   | Undisclosed | Paradigm   |
| Glide Finance | 5/8/2025  | 15.0   | Undisclosed | Acrew Capital  |
| Cryptade      | 5/8/2025  | 12.0   | Undisclosed | Archon Capital<br>Management,<br>Blueocean Capital,<br>Taishan Foundation      |
| Сар           | 4/8/2025  | 11.0   | Undisclosed | Franklin Templeton ,<br>Susquehanna<br>International Group,<br>Triton Partners |



### **Data & Data Analytics Quarterly Review**





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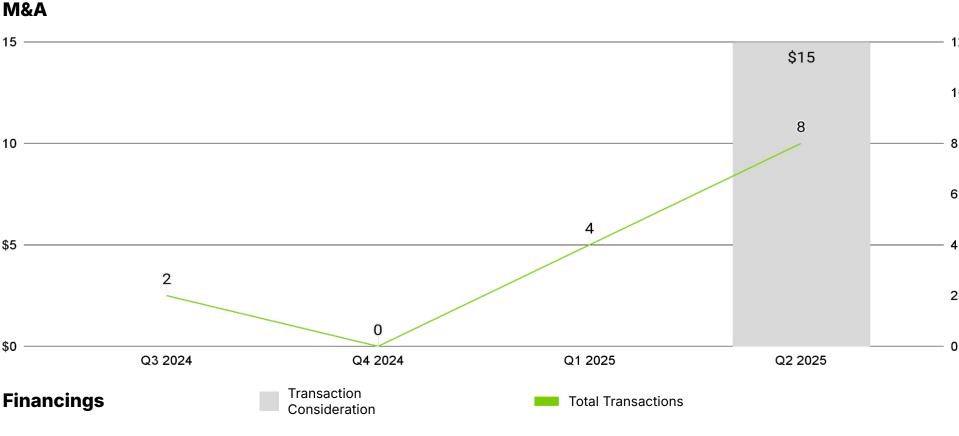
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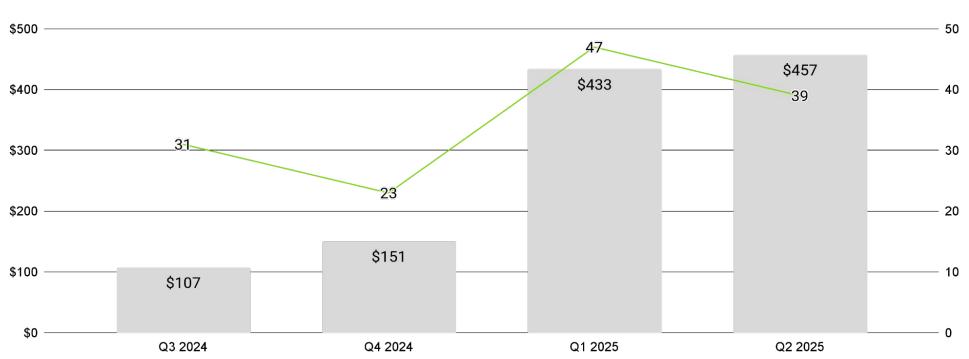
| TARGET            | ACQUIRER                                  | ANNOUNCED DATE | TRANSACTION SIZE |
|-------------------|---|----------------|------------------|
| Geometric Galaxy  | Universal Digital                         | 6/3/2025       | \$7.3            |
| Nash              | Chainalysis                               | 6/23/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| Sis ID            | Aligned Capital, EFTsure,<br>Level Equity | 6/25/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| BlockMesh Network | Perceptron Network                        | 6/20/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| Gatenox           | Zebec Network                             | 6/5/2025       | Undisclosed      |
| Tooploox          | Solvd                                     | 6/4/2025       | Undisclosed      |
| Milo Media        | Eat & Beyond Global                       | 5/7/2025       | Undisclosed      |
| Scam Alert        | Crystal Intelligence                      | 5/1/2025       | Undisclosed      |
| SandStorm         | Kissmetrics                               | 4/1/2025       | Undisclosed      |

| COMPANY          | DATE      | RAISE  | POST VAL.   | LEAD   |
|------------------|-----------|--------|-------------|--|
| Hypernative      | 6/10/2025 | \$40.0 | \$193.0     | Ballistic Ventures, Ten<br>Eleven Ventures (Mark |
|                  |           | Ψ40.0  |             | Hatfield)  |
| Yupp             | 6/13/2025 | 33.0   | Undisclosed | Andreessen Horowitz                              |
| Miden Blockchain | 4/29/2025 | 25.0   | Undisclosed | 1kx, Andreessen                                  |
|                  |           |        |             | Horowitz, Hack VC                                |
| PublicAl         | 6/17/2025 | 8.0    | Undisclosed | Saudi Telecom                                    |
|                  |           |        |             | Company  |
|                  |           |        |             | CMCC Global,                                     |
| Terminal 3       | 4/30/2025 | 8.0    | Undisclosed | Illuminate Financial                             |
|                  |           |        |             | Management                                       |
| Octane           | 4/8/2025  | 6.8    | Undisclosed | Archetype, Winklevoss                            |
| Octane           | 4/0/2023  | 0.0    | Ondisclosed | Capital  |
| Oro Al           | 4/16/2025 | 6.0    | Undisclosed | a16zcrypto, Delphi                               |
| OIU AI           | 4/10/2023 | 0.0    | Ondisclosed | Ventures   |
|                  |           |        |             | Futury Capital, SixThirty                        |
| Particula        | 4/29/2025 | 5.5    | Undisclosed | Ventures, Vanagon                                |
|                  |           |        |             | Ventures Management                              |
| Rekord AG        | 4/14/2025 | 5.5    | Undisclosed | Undisclosed                                      |
| Plastic Labs     | 4/10/2025 | 5.4    | Lindicaland | Variant, White Star                              |
| riasiic Laus     | 4/10/2023 | 5.4    | Undisclosed | Capital, Betaworks                               |

### **Developer Tools & Infrastructure Quarterly Review**







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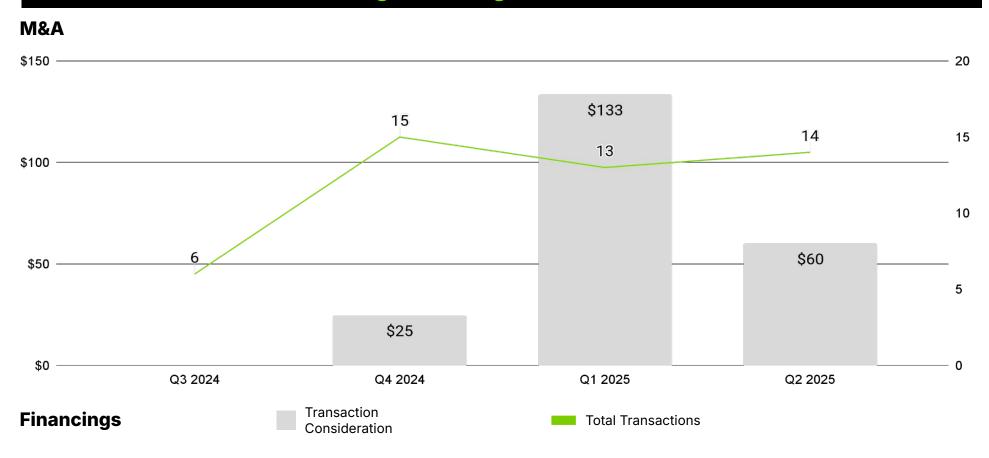
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|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Torus Labs (Web3Auth) | ConsenSys         | 6/2/2025       | \$15.0           |
| Bitmap Holdings       | Skrybit           | 6/12/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| Privy                 | Stripe            | 6/11/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| Sort                  | Plane             | 5/27/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| Martian Wallet        | Pontem Network    | 5/21/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| Claimlink             | Origyn Foundation | 5/19/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| VNGRS                 | BtcTurk           | 4/14/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| Light                 | Sequence          | 4/8/2025       | Undisclosed      |

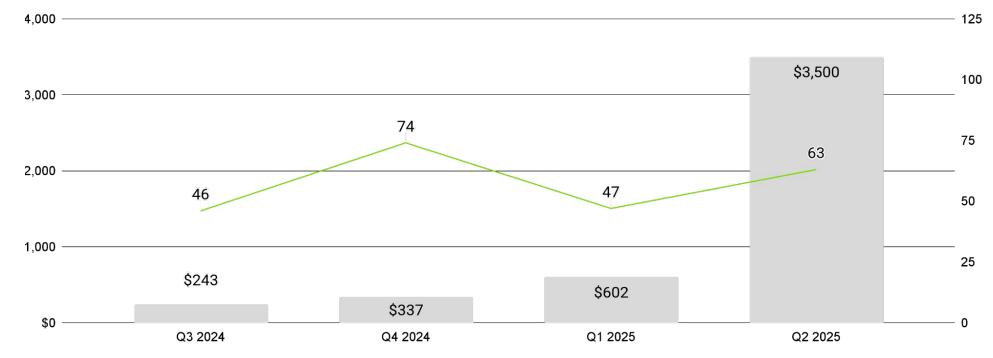
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|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------|--|
| Digital Asset | 6/24/2025 | \$135.0 | Undisclosed | DRW Venture Capital,<br>Tradeweb Markets |
| Zama          | 6/25/2025 | 57.0    | \$1,000.0   | Blockchange Ventures,<br>Pantera Capital |
| Nous Research | 4/25/2025 | 50.0    | 1,000.0     | Paradigm                                 |
| Turnkey       | 6/9/2025  | 30.0    | Undisclosed | Bain Capital                             |
| Freysa        | 5/28/2025 | 30.0    | Undisclosed | Undisclosed                              |
| OneBalance    | 6/11/2025 | 20.0    | Undisclosed | Blockchain Capital,<br>Cyber.Fund        |
| Arch Network  | 4/22/2025 | 13.0    | 200.0       | Pantera Capital                          |
| Fuze          | 5/1/2025  | 12.2    | Undisclosed | e& capital, Galaxy<br>Digital Holdings   |
| SparkChain Al | 6/17/2025 | 10.8    | Undisclosed | Oakstone Venture<br>Partners             |
| RabitiAl      | 6/8/2025  | 10.0    | Undisclosed | D5wav, Nortiyus                          |



### **Investing & Trading Infrastructure Quarterly Review**







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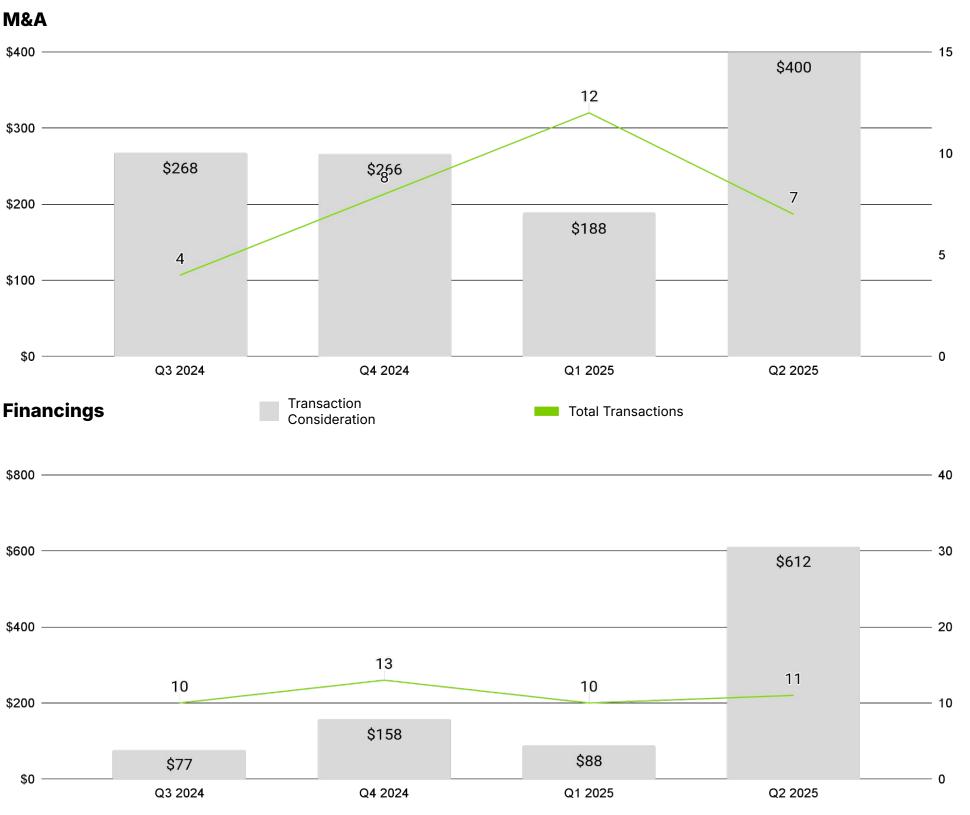
| TARGET                  | ACQUIRER                  | <b>ANNOUNCED DATE</b> | TRANSACTION SIZE |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Twenty One Capital      | Cantor Equity Partners    | 4/23/2025             | \$3,600.0        |
| Columbus Circle Capital | ProCap BTC                | 6/23/2025             | 1,260.0          |
| Nakamoto Holdings       | Kindly MD                 | 5/14/2025             | 710.0            |
| The INX Digital Company | Republic                  | 4/3/2025              | 60.0             |
| Diamond Lake Minerals   | TransparentBusiness       | 6/24/2025             | Undisclosed      |
| Bitcoin Treasury        | 2680083 Alberta           | 6/23/2025             | Undisclosed      |
| Armada ETF Advisors     | Inveniam Capital Partners | 6/10/2025             | Undisclosed      |
| Monarq Asset Mgmt.      | FalconX                   | 6/2/2025              | Undisclosed      |
| HK Asia Holdings        | Top Win International     | 5/28/2025             | Undisclosed      |
| Streamex                | BioSig Technologies       | 5/27/2025             | Undisclosed      |
| Tokeny                  | Apex Group                | 5/20/2025             | Undisclosed      |
| StrikeX                 | CMC Markets UK            | 5/7/2025              | Undisclosed      |
| BioSig Technologies     | streamex                  | 5/5/2025              | Undisclosed      |
| Tungsten                | Zodia Custody             | 4/29/2025             | Undisclosed      |
| Wind.App                | River                     | 4/21/2025             | Undisclosed      |
| Hedgehog (London)       | Inveniam                  | 4/14/2025             | Undisclosed      |
| Tetra Trust             | Urbana (TSE: URB.A)       | 4/10/2025             | Undisclosed      |
| Globacap                | Archax                    | 4/1/2025              | Undisclosed      |

| COMPANY              | DATE          | RAISE   | POST VAL.   | LEAD                   |
|----------------------|---------------|---------|-------------|------------------------|
| Strive Asset Managem | ent 5/27/2025 | \$750.0 | Undisclosed | Undisclosed            |
| ProCap BTC           | 6/23/2025     | 515.0   | Undisclosed | Undisclosed            |
| KindlyMD             | 5/12/2025     | 510.0   | Undisclosed | Undisclosed            |
| Sharplink            | 5/28/2025     | 425.0   | Undisclosed | Consensys Software     |
| Classover            | 5/1/2025      | 400.0   | Undisclosed | Solana Strategies      |
| BitMine              | 6/30/2025     | 250.0   | Undisclosed | Mozayyx Management     |
| TwentyOne Capital    | 5/29/2025     | 200.0   | Undisclosed | Undisclosed            |
| VivoPower            | 6/2/2025      | 121.0   | Undisclosed | Saudi Prince Abdulaziz |
| Upexi                | 4/21/2025     | 100.0   | Undisclosed | GSR                    |
| KindlyMD             | 6/20/2025     | 51.5    | Undisclosed | Undisclosed            |



### Mining & Staking Quarterly Review

#### **Crypto Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Financings Transaction Count** Q3 2024 to Q2 2025: Mining & Staking



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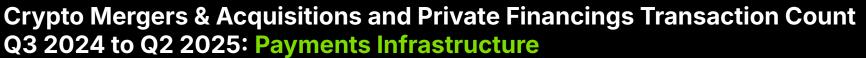
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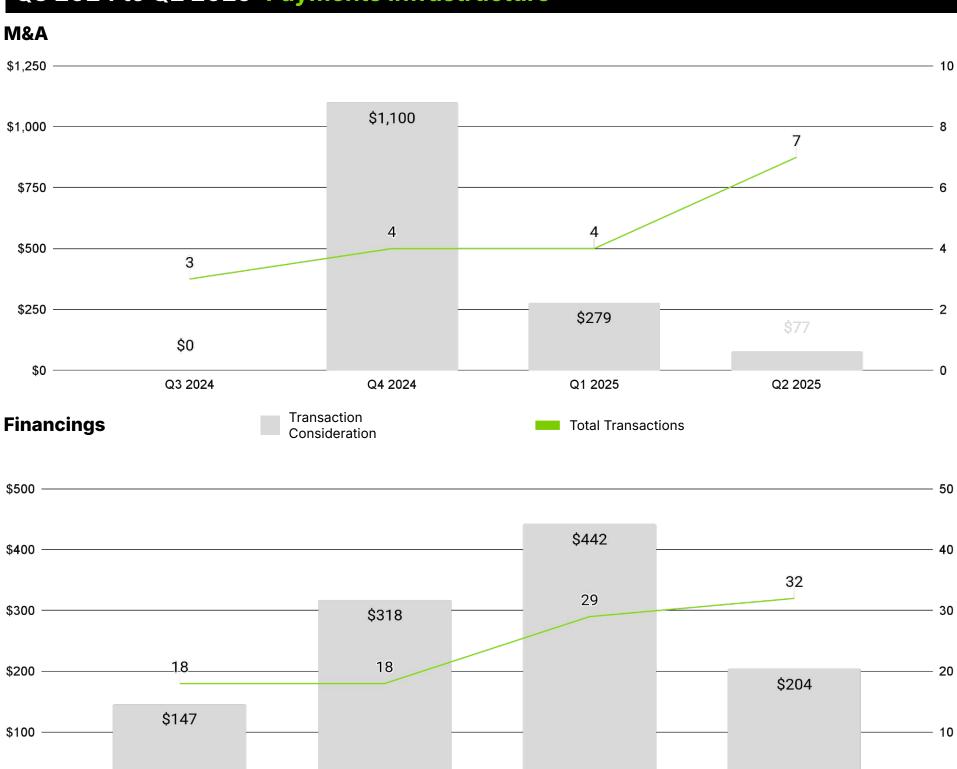
#### Q2 2025 M&A TRANSACTION LIST (sorted by announced date) (\$ in millions)

| TARGET                                      | ACQUIRER                  | ANNOUNCED DATE | TRANSACTION SIZE |
|---|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| blockchAln Digital<br>Infrastructure        | Signing Day Sports        | 4/14/2025      | \$215.0          |
| Rhodium Encore                              | Whinstone US (RIOT)       | 4/28/2025      | 185.0            |
| 7.2 Megawatt Data Center in Toronto, Canada | HIVE Digital Technologies | 6/23/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| Pow.re                                      | Block Green               | 5/14/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| American Bitcoin                            | Gryphon Digital Mining    | 5/12/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| Z Squared                                   | COEPTIS (NAS: COEP)       | 4/25/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| TxBoost                                     | BTCS                      | 4/7/2025       | Undisclosed      |

| COMPANY          | DATE      | RAISE       | POST VAL.   | LEAD                   |
|------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|
| XY Miners        | 4/11/2025 | \$300.0     | Undisclosed | Sequoia Capital        |
| Auradine         | 4/16/2025 | 153.0       | Undisclosed | StepStone Group        |
| PBK Miner        | 5/12/2025 | 80.0        | Undisclosed | Undisclosed            |
| EigenLayer       | 6/17/2025 | 70          | Undisclosed | Andreessen Horowitz    |
| Rune Energy      | 4/7/2025  | 4.8         | \$46.0      | Undisclosed            |
| HashPower        | 6/4/2025  | 4.0         | Undisclosed | Undisclosed            |
| Cypher Metaverse | 6/3/2025  | 0.2         | Undisclosed | Undisclosed            |
| Kiln             | 6/6/2025  | Undisclosed | Undisclosed | Undisclosed            |
| Fortitude Mining | 5/1/2025  | Undisclosed | Undisclosed | Digital Currency Group |
| Arkon Energy     | 4/30/2025 | Undisclosed | Undisclosed | Foundation Capital     |

### **Payments Infrastructure Quarterly Review**





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| TARGET                 | ACQUIRER                 | ANNOUNCED DATE | TRANSACTION SIZE |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Banxa                  | OSL Group                | 6/27/2025      | \$62.0           |
| Headquarters           | Gnosis                   | 6/11/2025      | 15.0             |
| Pelicoin               | Bitcoin Depot (NAS: BTM) | 5/14/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| Mountain Protocol      | Anchorage Digital        | 5/12/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| Allied Payment Network | Autobooks                | 5/6/2025       | Undisclosed      |
| Fizen.io               | Tether                   | 4/15/2025      | Undisclosed      |
| Lugh                   | Next Generation          | 4/2/2025       | Undisclosed      |

| COMPANY  | DATE      | RAISE  | POST VAL.   | LEAD   |
|----------|-----------|--------|-------------|--|
| Félix    | 4/3/2025  | \$75.0 | Undisclosed | QED Investors  |
| Easebuzz | 4/7/2025  | 27.8   | Undisclosed | Bessemer Venture<br>Partners                         |
| NOAH     | 6/10/2025 | 22.0   | Undisclosed | Phoenix Court  |
| Codex    | 4/4/2025  | 15.8   | Undisclosed | Dragonfly Capital                                    |
| Ubyx     | 6/17/2025 | 10.0   | \$61.0      | Galaxy Ventures                                      |
| Velocity | 5/28/2025 | 10.0   | Undisclosed | Activant Capital                                     |
| XFX      | 6/17/2025 | 9.1    | Undisclosed | Haun Ventures  |
| Beam     | 5/27/2025 | 7.0    | 44.2        | Castle Island Ventures                               |
| ZAR      | 4/30/2025 | 7.0    | Undisclosed | Andreessen Horowitz,<br>Dragonfly Capital,<br>VanEck |
| SaturnX  | 6/17/2025 | 3.0    | Undisclosed | White Star Capital                                   |



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