INVESTMENTS

Deal flow remained muted through Q3, with 271 deals recorded YTD, 25% below the recent historical average and marking the weakest year-to-date performance since 2020.

Figure 1: **Volume of Venture Capital Deals in Africa, by Year & Quarter**

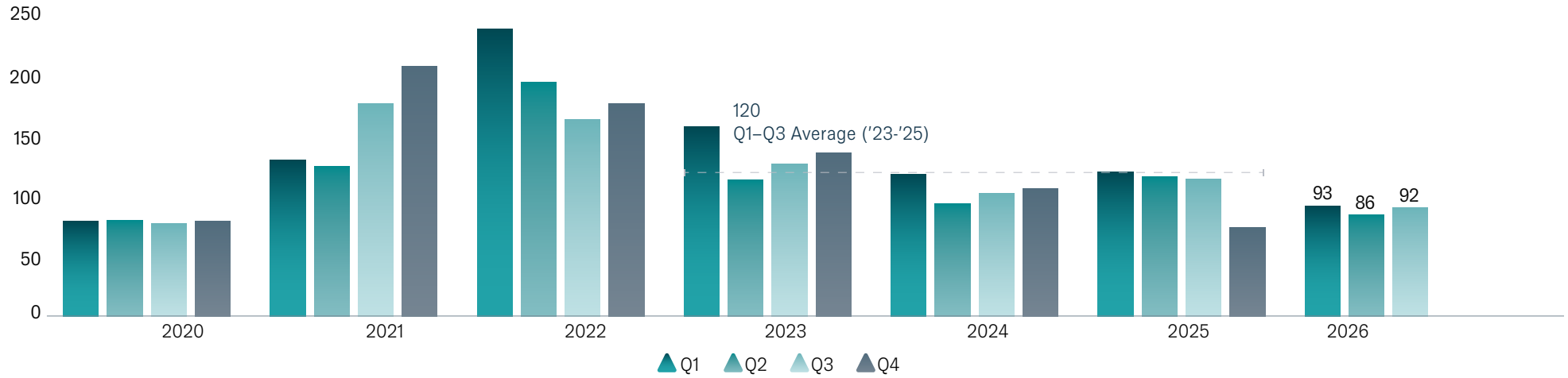
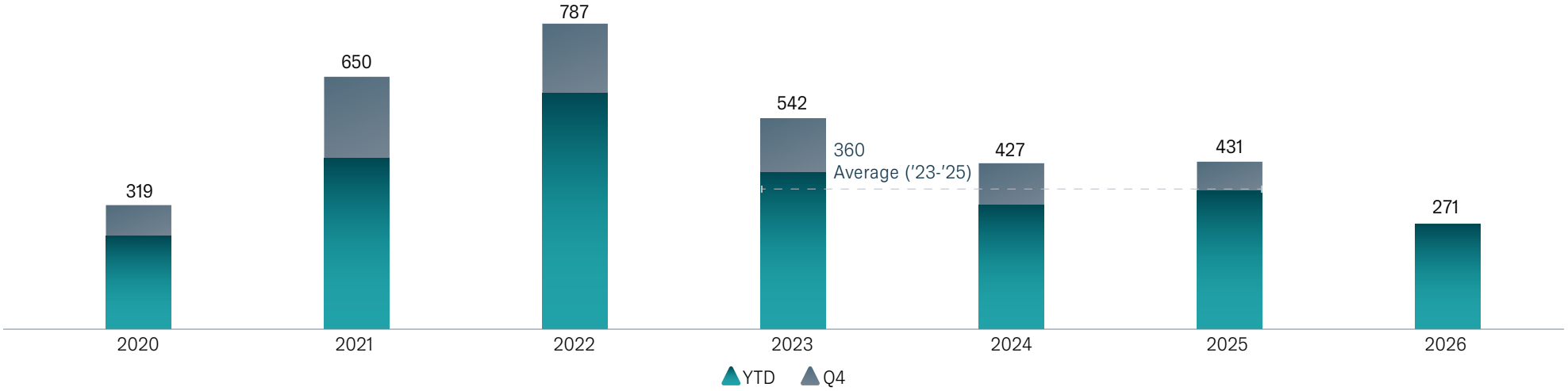


Figure 2: **Volume of Venture Capital Deals in Africa by Year, YTD vs Q4**



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Despite softer deal flow, capital deployment rose to US$2.6bn YTD: 36% above the historical average. However, 4 megadeals totalling US$1.6bn accounted for two thirds of total value, masking the concentration behind this headline strength.

Figure 3: **Value (US$bn) of Venture Capital Deals in Africa, by Year & Quarter**

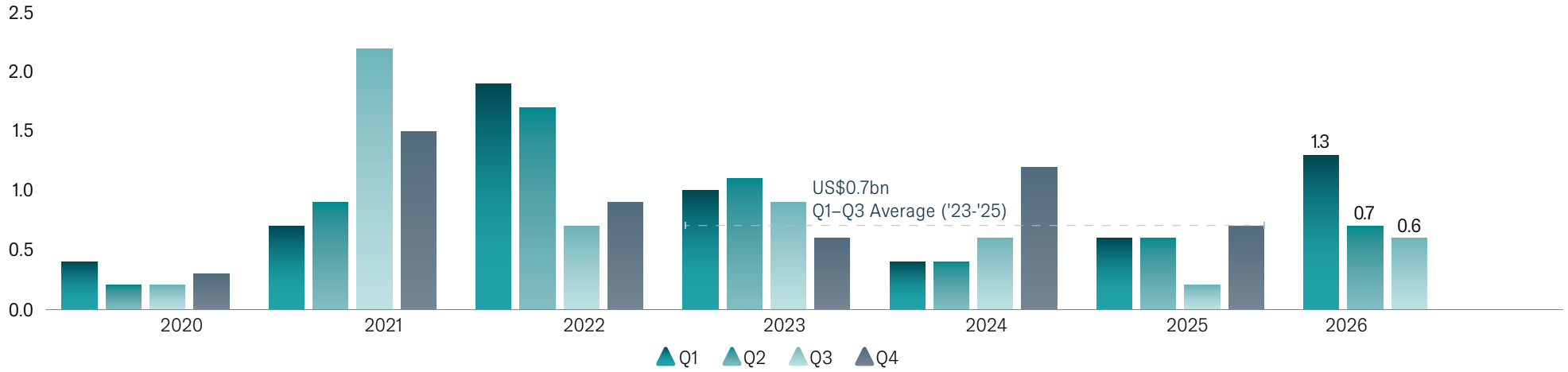
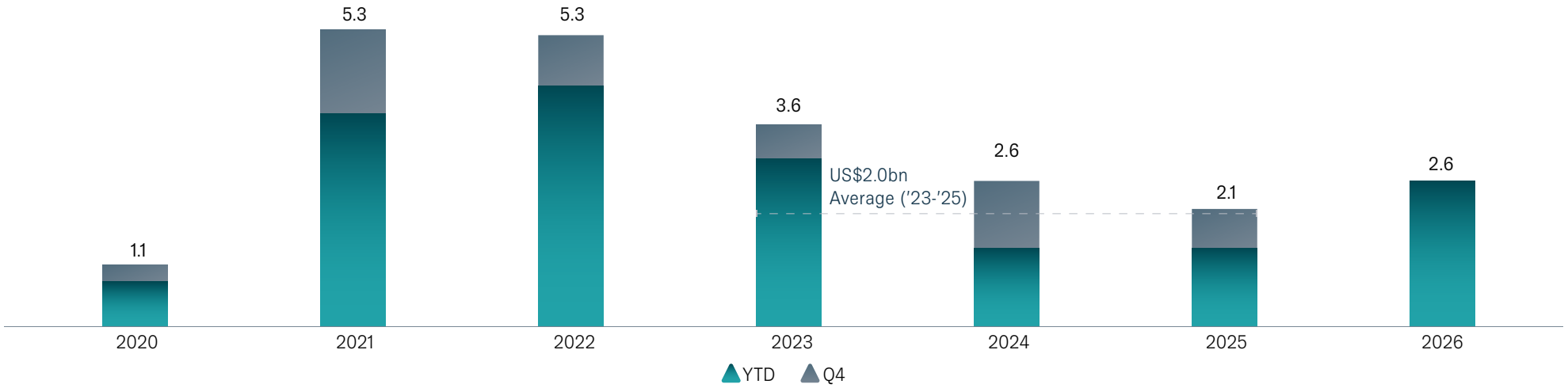


Figure 4: **Value (US$bn) of Venture Capital Deals in Africa by Year, YTD vs. Q4**



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Seed activity contracted in 2026 YTD, with deal volume down 20% YoY and value halving to US$0.1bn. Early Stage held steady at US$0.6bn despite a 33% drop in deal count, lifting the median to US$13mn. Late Stage surged to US$1.4bn across 7 deals, already exceeding full-year totals from 2023 to 2025.

Figure 5: **Volume of Venture Capital Deals in Africa, by Stage, 2020 – 2026 YTD**

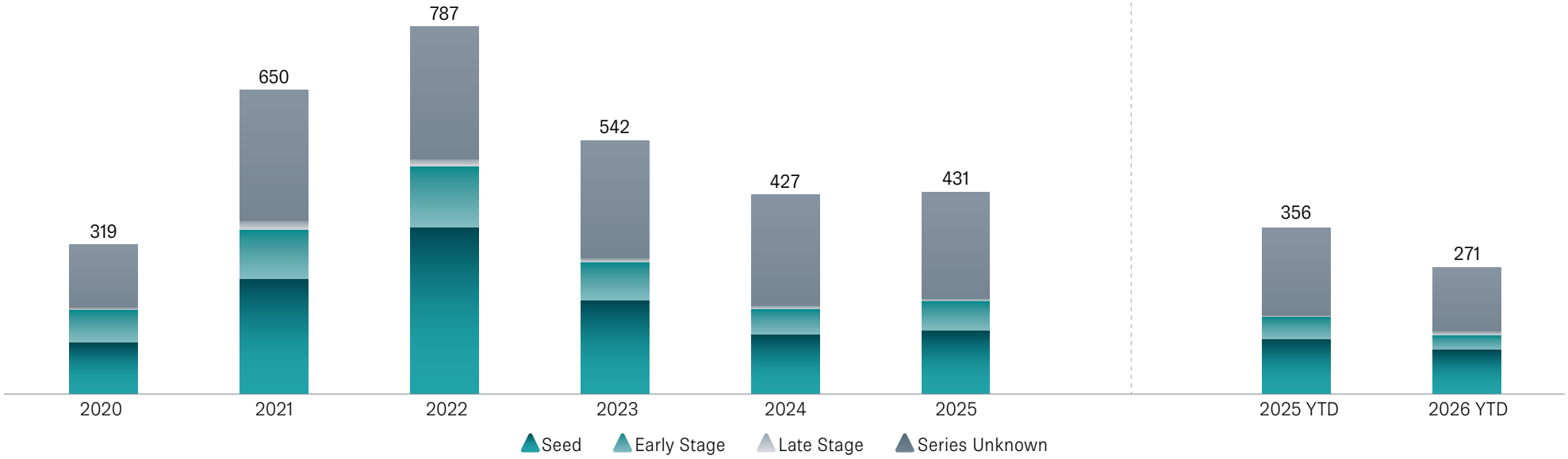
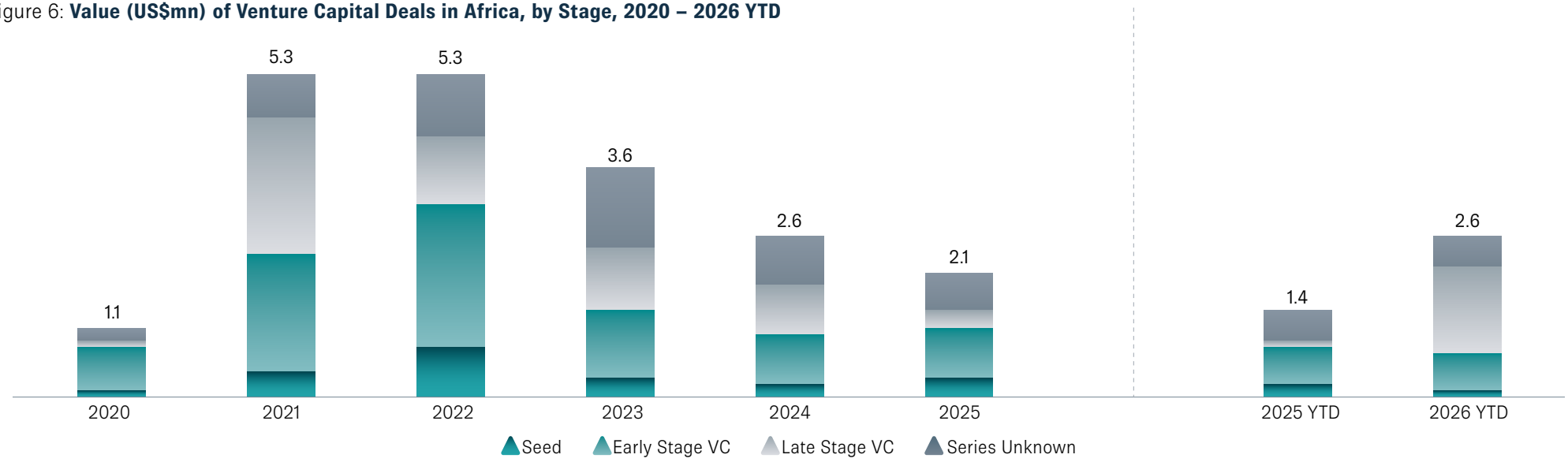


Figure 6: **Value (US$mn) of Venture Capital Deals in Africa, by Stage, 2020 – 2026 YTD**



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Capital deployment became increasingly concentrated among pan-African businesses in 2026, with Multi-Region companies capturing 70% of investment value, supported by high-profile raises such as *Moove's* US$250mn Series C. Deal activity, however, remained broadly distributed across the continent, led by West Africa.

Figure 7: **Share of Venture Capital Deal Volume in Africa by Region, 2020–2024 vs 2025 vs 2026 YTD**

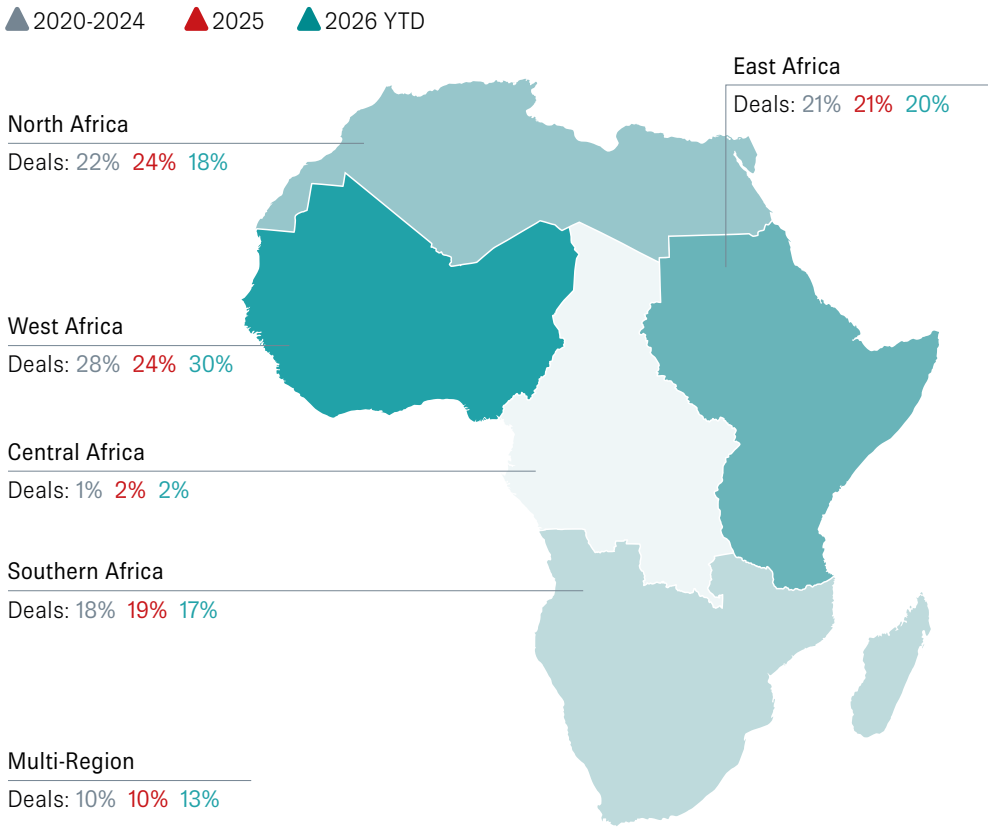
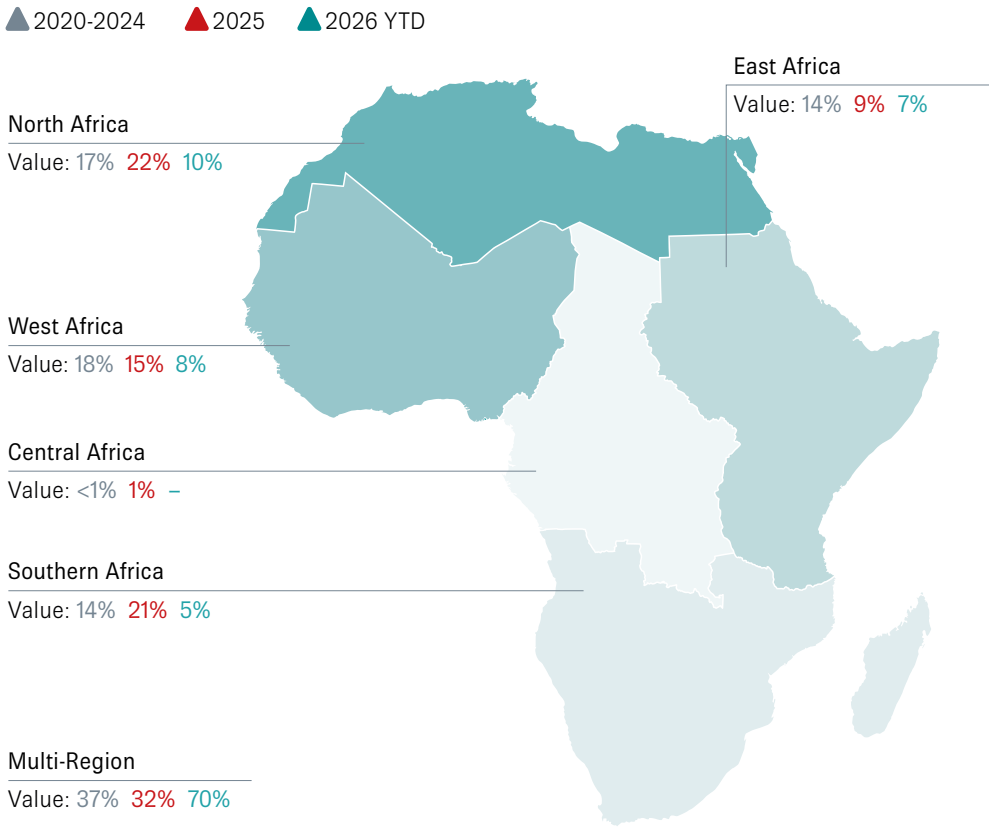


Figure 8: **Share of Venture Capital Deal Value in Africa by Region, 2020–2024 vs 2025 vs 2026 YTD**



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Financial Services and Consumer Goods jointly led deal flow in 2026 YTD, even as Financials' historical dominance continued to ease. By value, Business Products & Services surged to 32% from 4% in 2025, while Technology lost considerable ground across both volume and value.

Figure 9: **Share of Venture Capital Deal Volume by Sector, 2020–2024 vs 2025 vs 2026 YTD**

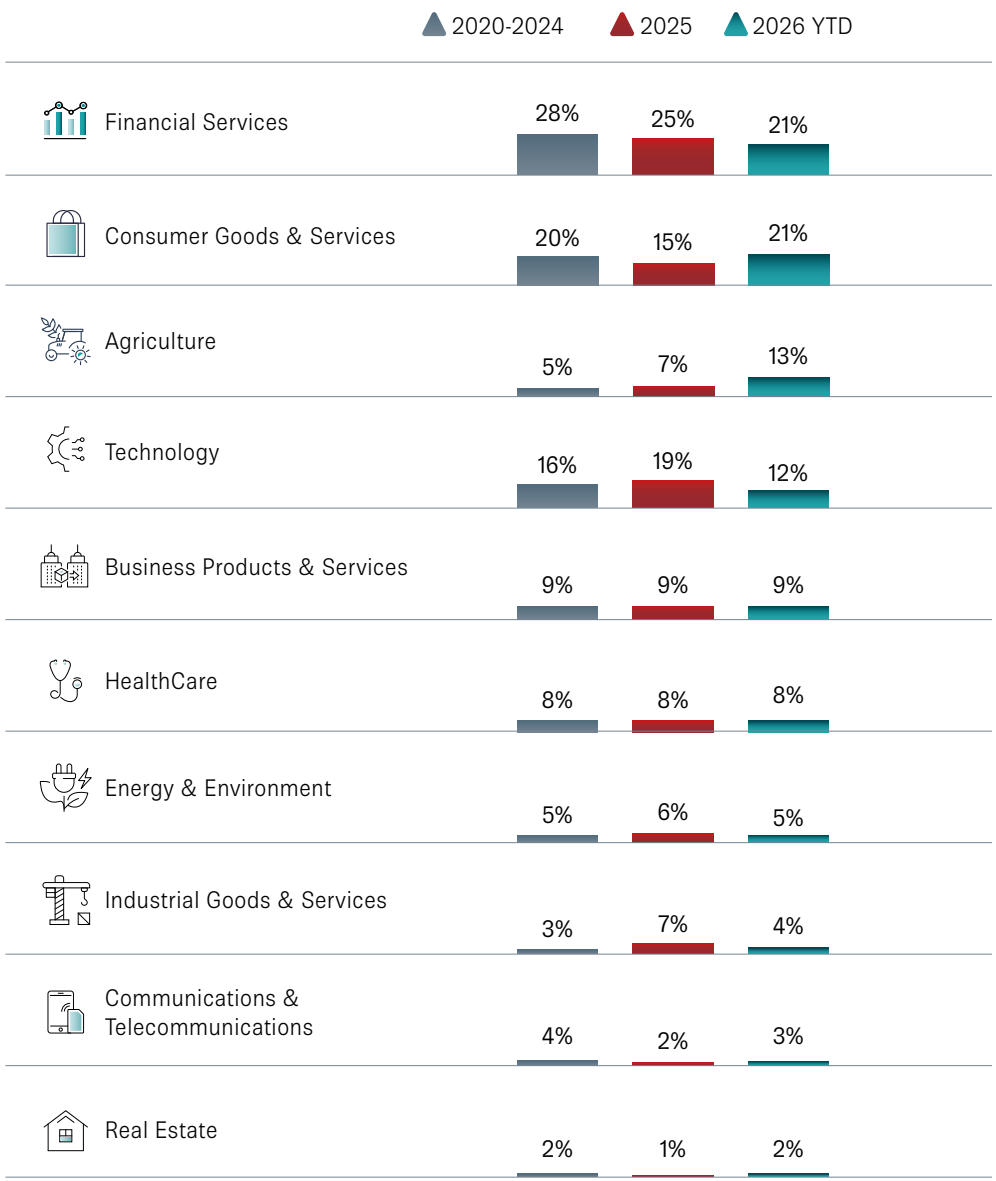
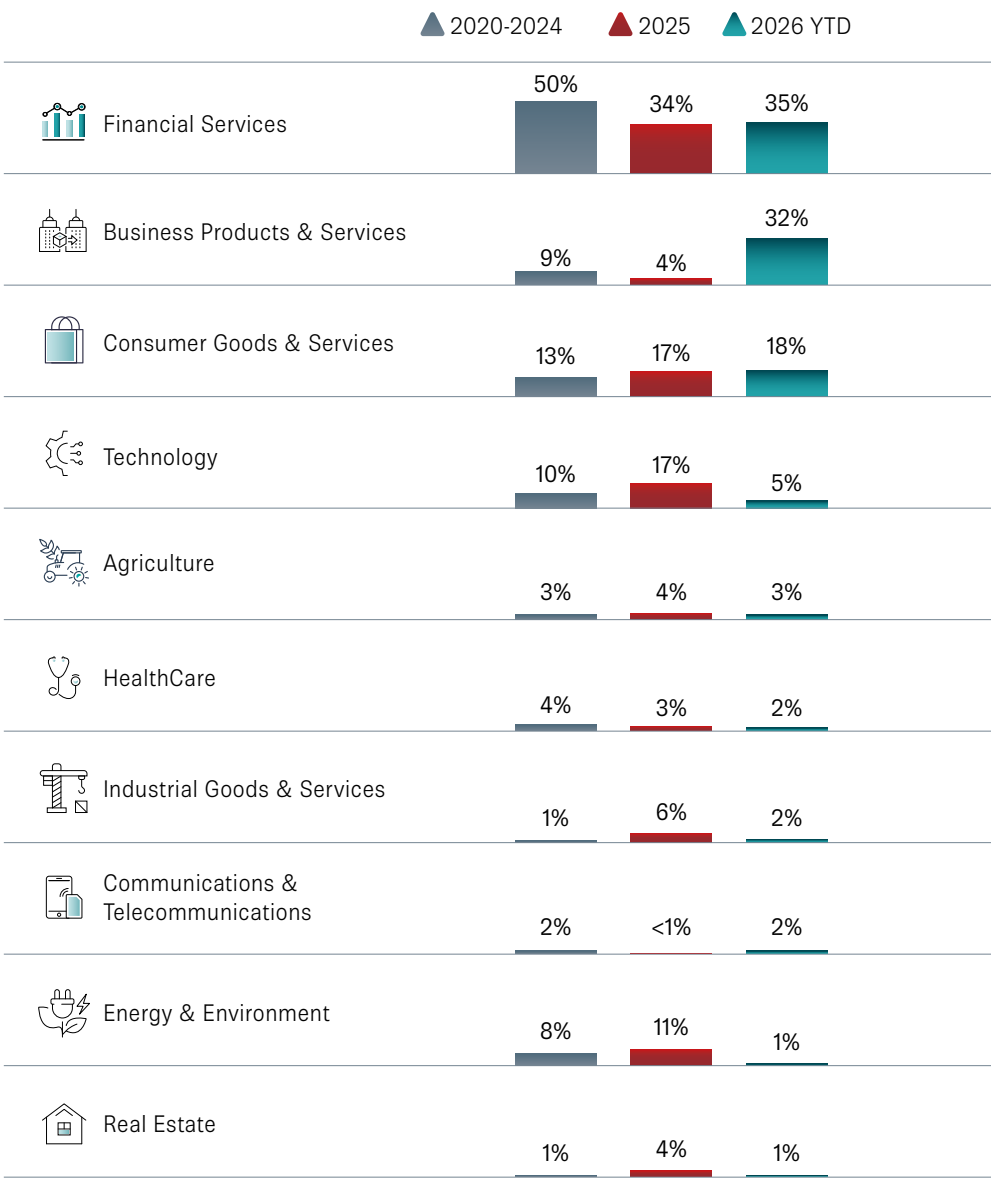


Figure 10: **Share of Venture Capital Deal Value by Sector, 2020–2024 vs 2025 vs 2026 YTD**



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Tech-enabled startups remained central to African VC in 2026 YTD, accounting for 78% of deals despite easing from 85% in 2025. FinTech's lead narrowed as AI rose to 25%, while AgTech and Mobility entered the top five.

Figure 11: **Top Verticals Amongst Tech-Enabled Companies, 2020 – 2024**

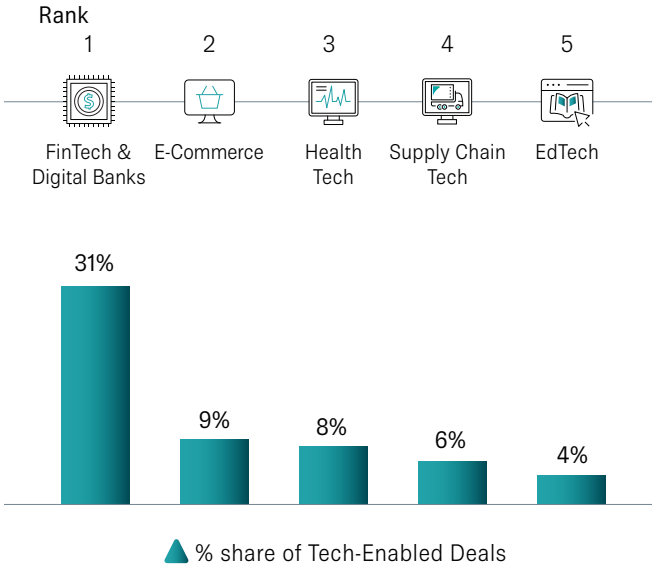


Figure 12: **Top Verticals Amongst Tech-Enabled Companies, 2025**

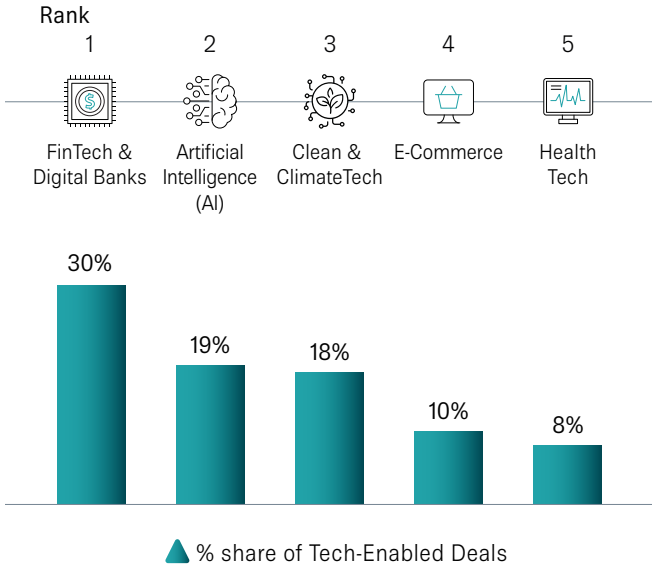
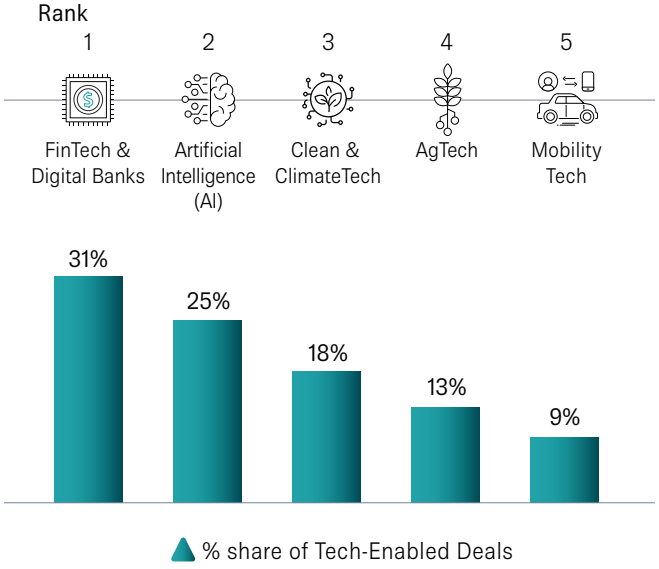


Figure 13: **Top Verticals Amongst Tech-Enabled Companies, 2026 YTD**



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Venture debt reached a record high in 2026 YTD, with deal count rising 18% YoY to 65 transactions. However, activity broadened beyond megadeals, leading aggregate value and median deal sizes to decline as smaller facilities became more prevalent, with *M-KOPA's* US$30mn facility emerging as the year's largest debt raise.

Figure 14: **Volume of Venture Debt Deals in Africa, by Year & Quarter**

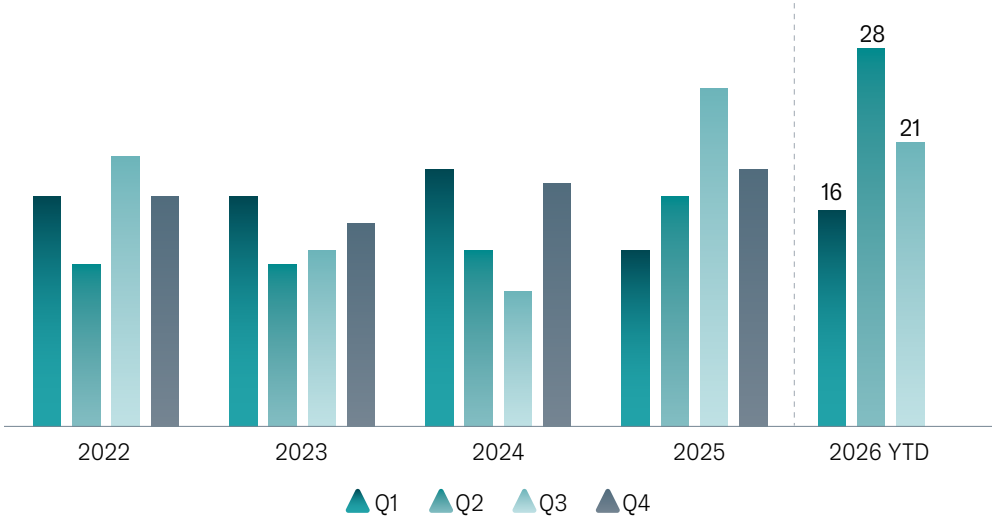


Figure 15: **Value (US$mn) of Venture Debt Deals in Africa, by Year & Quarter**

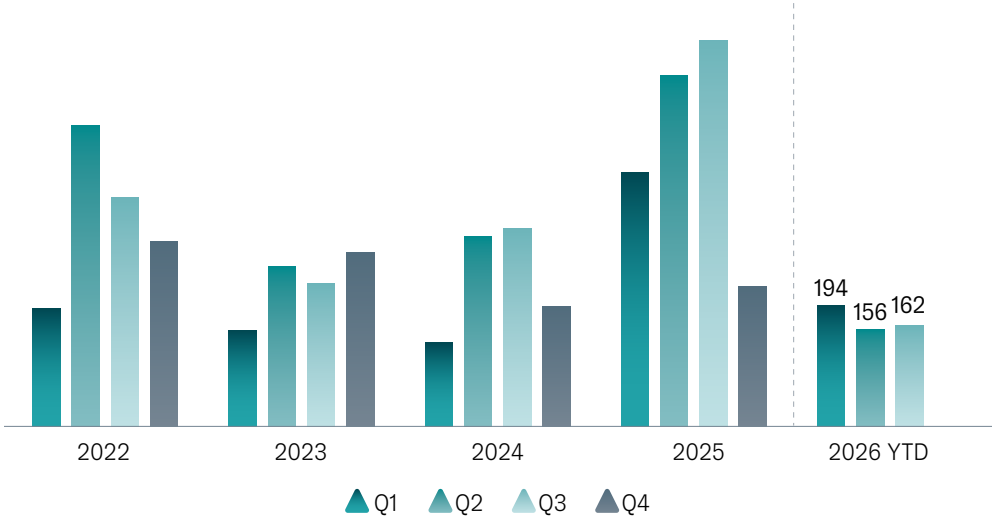
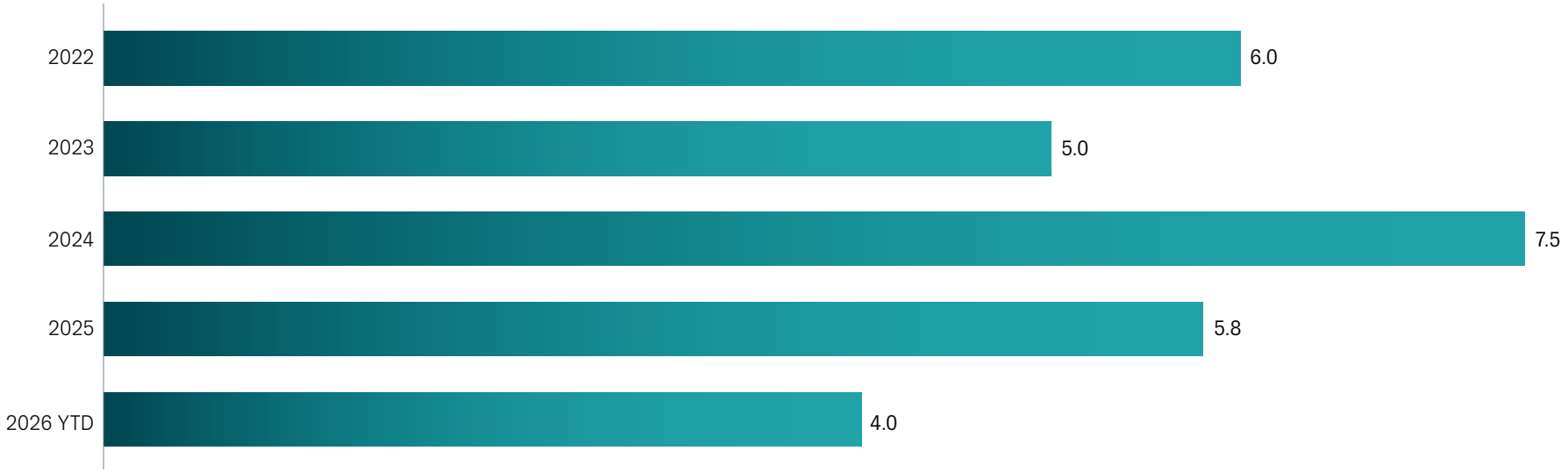


Figure 16: **Evolution of Median Venture Debt Deal Value (US$mn), 2022 – 2026 YTD**



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EXITS

Exit activity cooled in 2026 YTD, falling below the recent three-year average but remaining above pre-2021 levels. While Q2 was particularly subdued, Q3 brought activity back in line with Q1, highlighting the relative resilience of exits compared with venture dealmaking.

Figure 17: **Volume of Venture Capital Exits in Africa, by Year & Quarter**

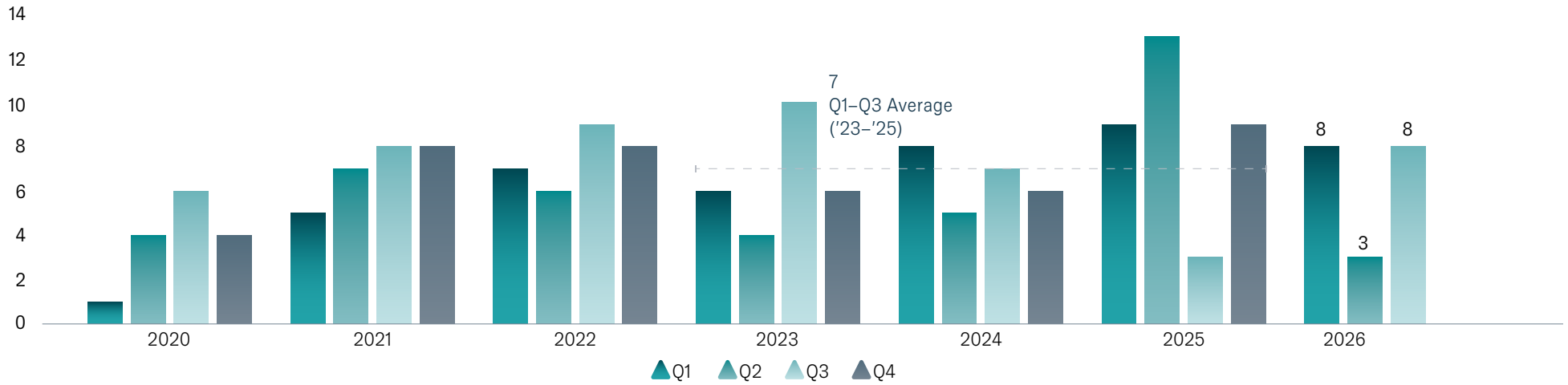
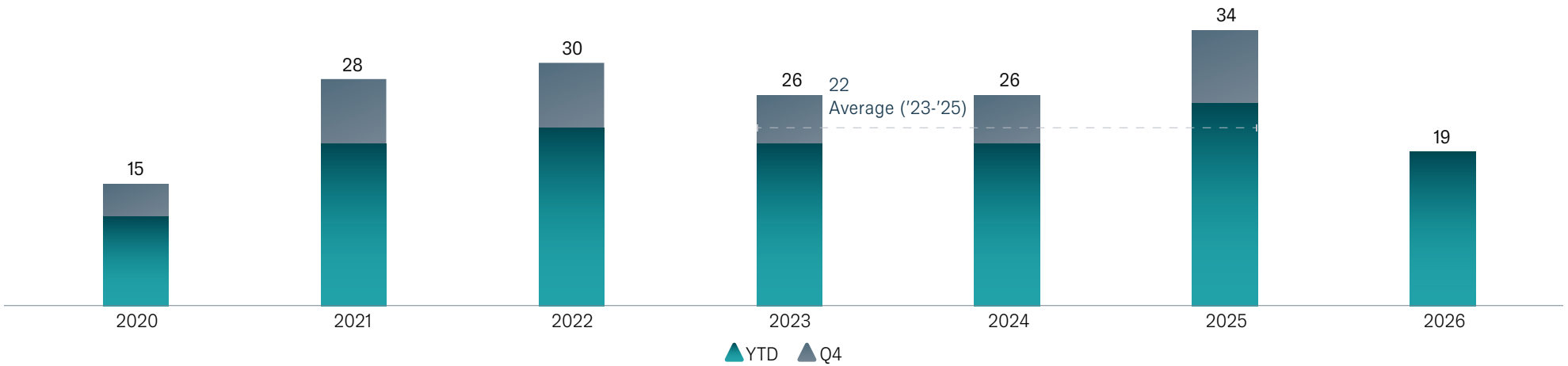


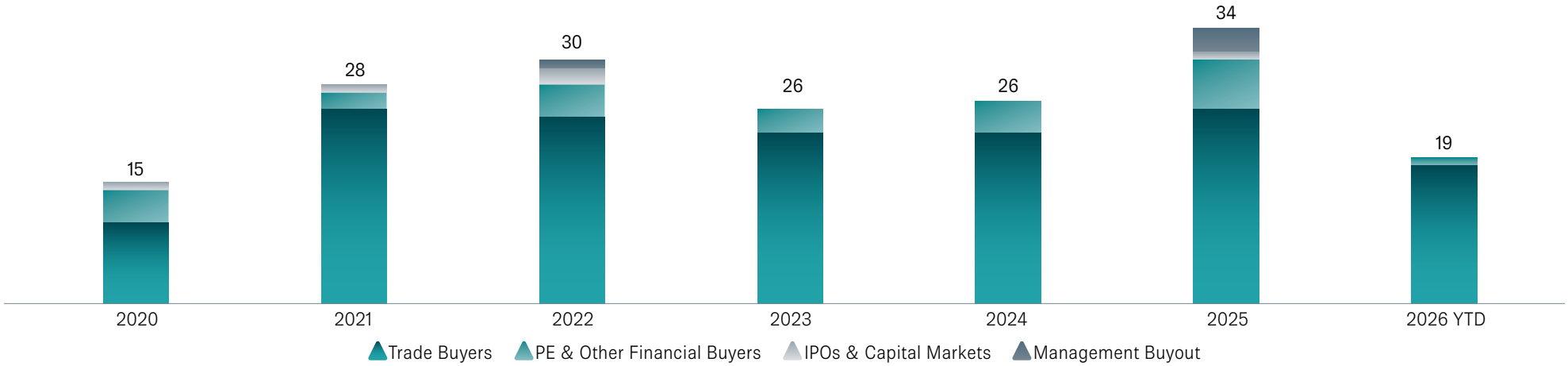
Figure 18: **Volume of Venture Capital Exits in Africa by Year, YTD vs Q4**



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Trade buyers accounted for nearly 90% of all exits in 2026 YTD, reinforcing strategic acquisitions as the dominant liquidity pathway for venture-backed companies in Africa.

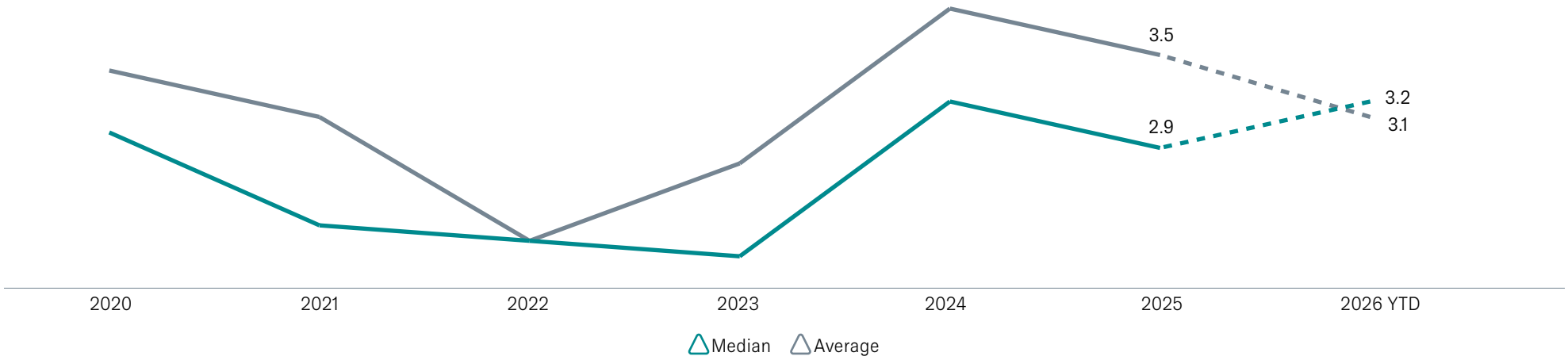
Figure 19: **Volume of Venture Capital Exits in Africa, by Year & Exit Route**



* Five exits between 2021 and 2026 involved undisclosed buyers. As a result, the proportions shown in this chart exclude these transactions and reflect only the exit deals where the buyer type could be clearly categorised.

Exit holding periods remained broadly stable in 2026 YTD, with median durations around three years, indicating that exit timelines have remained relatively consistent despite softer market activity.

Figure 20: **Evolution of Average and Median Holding Period in Africa, by Year of Exit**



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FUNDRAISING

Fundraising rebounded strongly in 2026 YTD, with total capital raised nearly tripling year-on-year as both final and interim closes accelerated, signalling continued LP confidence in the medium-term opportunity.

Figure 21: **Value (US$mn) of Venture Capital Fundraising in Africa, by Type of Closing & Year**

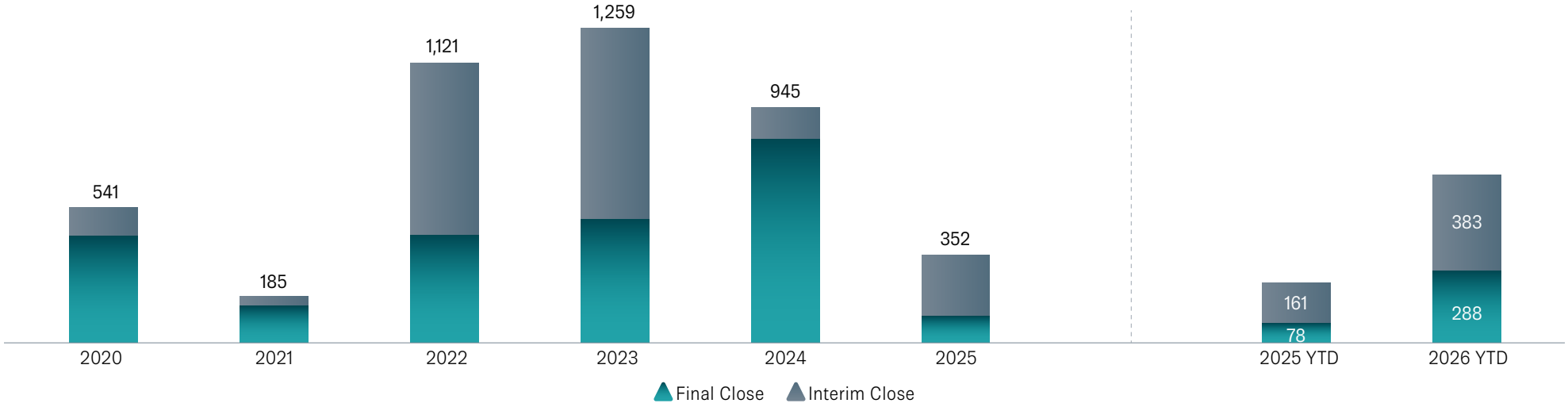
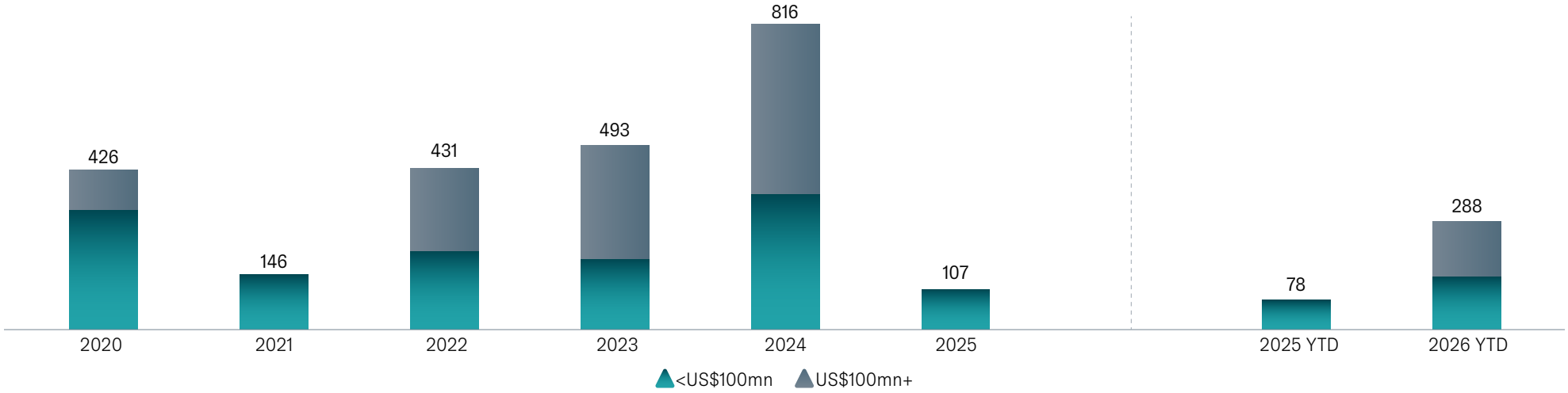


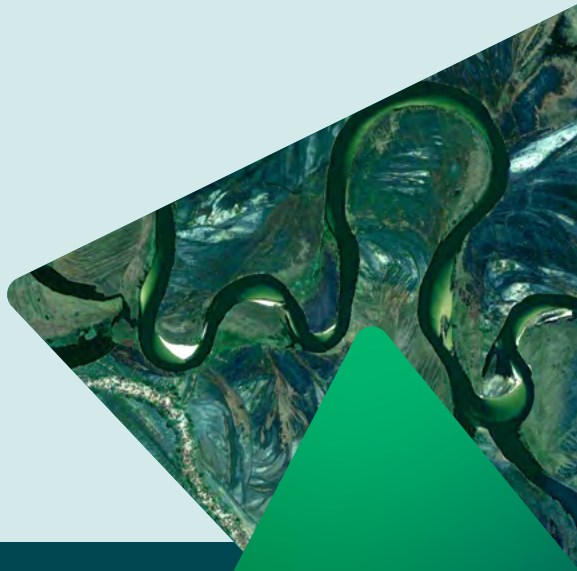
Figure 22: **Value (US$mn) of Venture Capital Fundraising in Africa, by Fund Size & Year of Final Close**



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