



MENA Private Equity Transactions Decline by 38% in H1 2025 as Investors Prioritise High-Conviction Plays & KSA Records Highest Number of Transactions

- PE transactions dropped 38% YoY to 29 deals, but capital remained focused on larger, conviction-led platforms.
- PE growth and buyout transactions reached near parity, with growth's share of total transactions falling to 52% this year.
- Saudi Arabia led the region in PE deal count with 13 transactions

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MAGNiTT, the leading data and intelligence platform tracking venture capital and private equity across Emerging Venture Markets (EVMs), has published its H1 2025 MENA Private Equity Report, providing a comprehensive analysis of regional private equity trends, sector focus, transaction sizes, and investor behavior.

In H1 2025, MENA recorded 29 private equity transactions, down 38% YoY, marking the third consecutive half-year decline. Disclosed deal value declined just 11% YoY, reaching \$2.88B. Yet this shift reflects strategic recalibration, as capital consolidated around fewer, high-value investments.

"The MENA region's PE recalibration is being led by scale-ready SMEs and high-conviction strategies, not withdrawal. The growing dominance of \$100M+ deals signals a maturing landscape ready to absorb larger pools of capital," said **Farah El Nahlawi, Research Department Manager at MAGNiTT.**

Saudi Arabia Most Active Market by Transactions

With 13 transactions, Saudi Arabia led the region in PE deal count, up 8% YoY and accounting for 45% of MENA's total, reflecting sustained local investor engagement. The UAE followed with 12 transactions, while also dominating in value.

Larger Tickets, Stronger Syndication

Despite fewer deals, H1 2025 saw a record share of mid-to-large ticket sizes. Transactions sized between \$500M–\$1B accounted for 29%, while \$1B+ deals made up 14% of activity, both five-year highs. Syndicated deals also rose, with 80% of the top five transactions involving co-investments between local and international investors.

"Despite global macro uncertainty, the GCC, particularly Saudi Arabia and the UAE, continues to demonstrate structural strength and investor confidence. Backed by sovereign support, maturing SMEs, and a favorable regulatory environment, the region is poised to anchor future PE activity," added El Nahlawi.



MAGNiTT's H1 2025 MENA Private Equity Report is now available on the MAGNiTT platform, and it provides detailed insights into transaction structures, sector allocation, geographical shifts, and investor trends across the region.

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