

Fund Finance Friday

Sponsor-Backed Exits Add to Gains

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Exit activity continues to gain momentum, based on data from S&P Capital IQ. The number of transactions in which the seller is a PE or VC sponsor reached 148 in January, the highest monthly total in the data series going back to 2023. Aggregate transaction value of \$51.6 billion for the month exceeded the trailing 12-month average by 26%. Higher velocity in exits point to an improvement distributions and should support fundraising.

