

Golub Capital Middle Market Report

FEATURING THE GOLUB CAPITAL ALTMAN INDEX

U.S. Middle Market Earnings and Revenue Prove Resilient in Q2 2025

Private equity-backed companies see 11th consecutive quarter of earnings growth.

The Golub Capital Altman Index can provide early insight into financial performance of public companies and GDP in advance of earnings season.

Middle market private companies in the Golub Capital Altman Index grew earnings by 5% during the first two months of the second quarter of 2025. Revenue grew 2% during the same period.

Lawrence E. Golub, CEO of Golub Capital, said, “Middle market companies continued in the second quarter to demonstrate resilience and adaptability as tariff and tax uncertainty continued. Our data shows revenue and earnings growth in April and May within our sample of U.S. businesses that sell primarily to U.S. customers, which suggests the economy remained on a healthy foundation. The July enactment of the BBB tax bill should strengthen consumer disposable income and confidence. The tariff uncertainty continues to be a drag on business capital expenditure decision making, but the U.S. economy is performing fine. When the tariff situation reaches stability, we expect growth to accelerate.”

Dr. Edward I. Altman said, “Our data offers a mostly encouraging early read on the performance of U.S. companies in the second quarter. I believe investors will find it particularly informative to observe continued strong average company-level performance as an economic indicator during this period when aggregate GDP calculations and forecasts may be distorted by abnormal and volatile import behavior in anticipation of possible tariffs. Within the Golub Capital Altman Index, the continued strong revenue and EBITDA growth of the Technology sector stands out as evidence that the value proposition of productivity-enhancing, mission-critical B2B software solutions remains compelling in today’s uncertain environment.”

The Golub Capital Altman Index (“GCAI”), which is produced by Golub Capital in collaboration with credit expert Dr. Edward I. Altman, is the first and longest-running index based on actual revenue and earnings (defined as earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, or “EBITDA”) for middle market companies. It measures the median revenue and earnings growth of approximately 110–150 private U.S. companies in the loan portfolio of Golub Capital, a leading middle market lender. Reported shortly before public company quarterly earnings season, the GCAI has served as a reliable indicator of the overall growth rates in revenue and earnings of public companies in

GOLUB CAPITAL ALTMAN INDEX HIGHLIGHTS¹

Year-Over-Year (YoY) Growth	Revenue	Earnings
Q2 2025	2.3%	5.4%
Key Sectors Q2 2025 (YoY)		
Consumer	-0.7%	0.9%
Healthcare	1.8%	7.5%
Technology	7.7%	17.3%

market indexes such as the S&P 500 and S&P SmallCap 600 (“S&P 600”), as well as quarterly Gross Domestic Product (“GDP”), according to statistical back-testing dating back to 2012, when data began to be tracked.

The size and diversity of the Golub Capital loan portfolio ensure that the confidentiality of all company-specific information used in the index is maintained in both the aggregate and industry segment data.

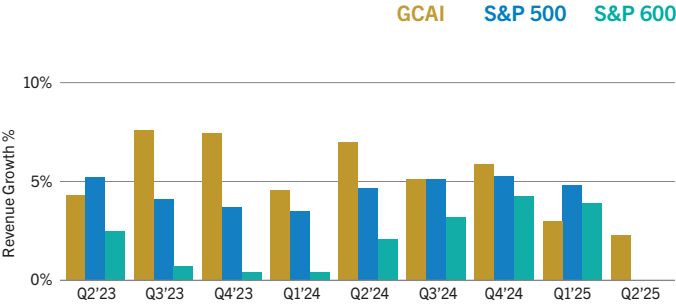
We believe the results (1) are representative of the general performance of middle market companies, which are a major contributor to U.S. private sector employment; (2) can be easily compared to the performance of the public companies that make up major stock indexes; (3) are relevant to the aggregate economic performance of the U.S. economy; and (4) provide timely information for the investment community.

The companies in the GCAI operate in a wide range of industries. Results are provided for the total universe of GCAI constituents and by industry segment. Effective Q2 2025, the Golub Capital Middle Market Report discontinued publication of the Industrials sector index due to insufficient sample size. Industrials companies are included in the median revenue and EBITDA growth calculations for the overall Golub Capital Altman Index and will remain included in the aggregate in future quarters. The Golub Capital Middle Market Report will periodically reevaluate resuming publication of the Industrials sector index based on trends in the sample size. Given the index’s limited exposure to Financials, Utilities, Energy and Materials, comparisons are made to the S&P 500 and S&P 600 as well as to “adjusted” versions of those indexes that exclude the aforementioned sectors.

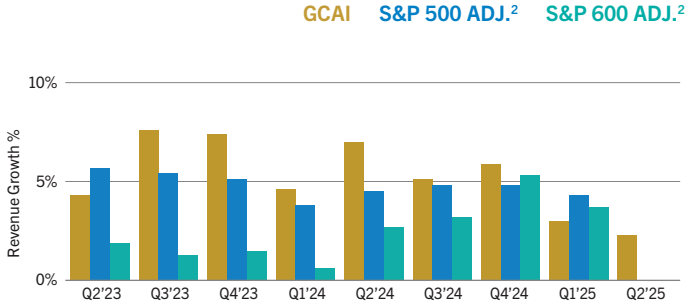
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GCAI Revenue and Earnings Growth¹

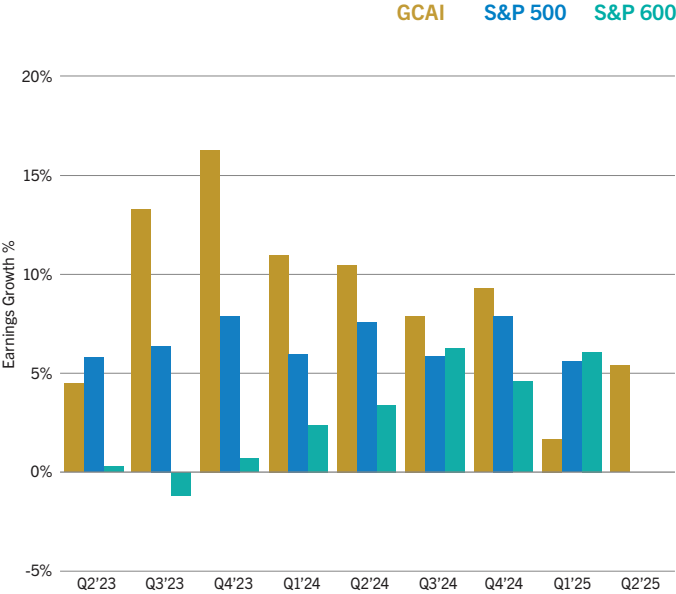
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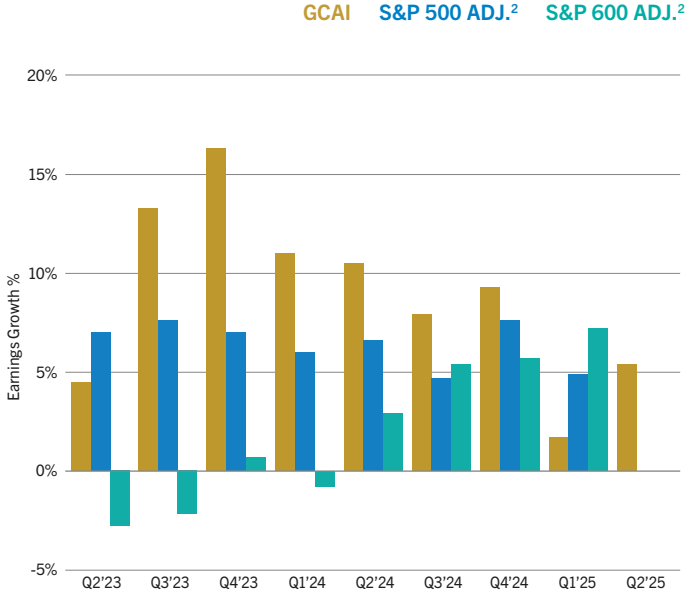
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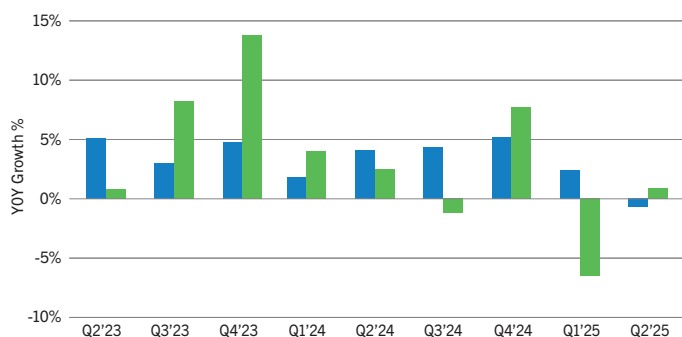


GCAI Results by Sector¹

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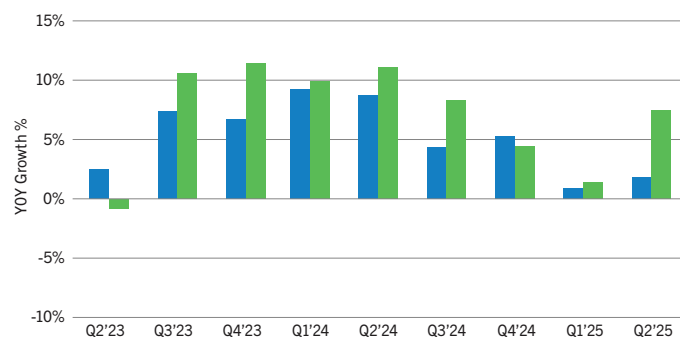
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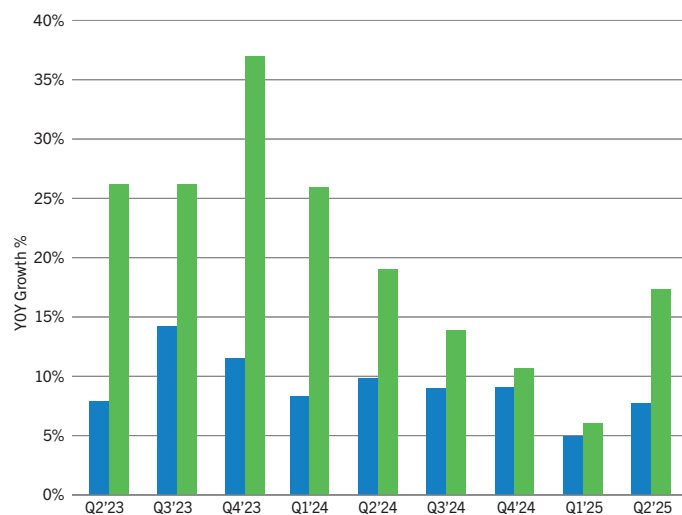
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TECHNOLOGY

REVENUE EARNINGS



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2. Indexes are adjusted to exclude the Energy, Financials, Materials, Real Estate, Telecommunications Services and Utilities industries.

Source: Golub Capital Internal Data and S&P Capital IQ.

About the Golub Capital Middle Market Report

The Golub Capital Middle Market Report analyzes the results of the Golub Capital Altman Index (“GCAI”), which measures the median revenue and earnings growth of approximately 110–150 privately owned companies in the Golub Capital loan portfolio for the first two months of each calendar quarter. It compares these results to the financial performance of well-known market indexes, including the S&P 500 and S&P SmallCap 600. The GCAI is produced by Golub Capital in collaboration with credit expert Dr. Edward I. Altman. The data referenced herein may not reflect all companies in the loan portfolio of Golub Capital during the time periods indicated.

About Golub Capital

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As of April 1, 2025, Golub Capital had over 1,000 employees and over \$75 billion of capital under management, a gross measure of invested capital including leverage. The firm has offices in North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. For more information, please visit golubcapital.com.

About Dr. Edward I. Altman

A leading expert on credit markets, Dr. Edward I. Altman is the Max L. Heine Professor of Finance, Emeritus at the NYU Stern School of Business, and Director of Research in Credit and Debt Markets at the NYU Salomon Center for the Study of Financial Institutions. He is currently an advisor to several foreign central banks. Professor Altman has published or edited two-dozen books and over 150 articles in scholarly finance, accounting and economic journals. He has been inducted into the Fixed Income Analysts Society Hall of Fame, served as President of the Financial Management Association, was an FMA Fellow, and was amongst the inaugural inductees into the Turnaround Management Association Hall of Fame. He received his MBA and Ph.D. in Finance from the University of California, Los Angeles.

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