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Shifting Sands

Israel's Role as a Financial Capital in an Evolving Middle East

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Executive Summary

Shifting Sands

The Middle East has been evolving gradually over time and is being shaped not only by shifting alliances and improved regional collaboration but by technology as well. In this transformation, Israel stands out not only as a regional tech powerhouse leveraging its world-class startup ecosystem, cutting edge defense technologies, and growing influence in fields such as cybersecurity, but also as a capital markets fortress. In 2025, Israeli capital markets outperformed global peers as the TA-35 surged 52%, compared to the S&P 500's 16%. The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange ("TASE") equities market cap rose 46% to ~\$628B, and average daily trading volume increased 57% to over \$1B.

These factors have been apparent both prior to and throughout the recent war with Iran. This is exemplified by the M&A market, with transactions such as Wiz, CyberArk, Next Insurance, and Melio. Additionally, current engagement and investor sentiment among private sponsors – including venture capital, growth equity, and private equity – as well as public equity investors toward Israel, is more favorable now than at any time in the preceding three years. Global tech leaders continue to signal long-term commitment to Israel, highlighted by NVIDIA's investment in the country and Jensen Huang's public endorsement of its innovation ecosystem.

The overall investor outlook reflects confidence in Israel's long-term growth potential in both capital markets and high-tech. This sentiment was on full display at TechTrek 2025, Israel's premier institutional investor technology conference, which attracted 300+ global investors and ~1,200 attendees – underscoring the international attention Israel continues to command.

Macroeconomic Backdrop

Israel's country risk premium has improved significantly since October 7, 2023, nearly 3 years ago. Although the 5-year Sovereign CDS is still high relative to pre-conflict period, it has decreased by ~103 bps from its peak, currently standing at ~67 bps.

Israel's economic fundamentals remain strong, with a steady current account surplus of \$8.5B and Foreign Direct Investment of \$39B, supported by a strengthening Shekel – which reached a 30-year peak against the USD on April 17, 2026 (USD/NIS of 2.96).

The Bank of Israel expects the average interest rate in the first quarter of 2027 to be 3.50%-3.75%. The interest rate forecast assumes that the direct economic impact of the conflict will persist through the first half of 2026. Following this, GDP is expected to gradually align with its pre-conflict trend, growing by 3.8% in 2026 and 5.5% in 2027.

Capital Markets

In 2025, Israeli capital markets delivered a standout performance, led by a sharp equity rally on the TASE: the TA 35 rose by roughly 52% over the year, outperforming major global benchmarks (S&P 500 rose by 16%). Market depth and risk appetite also improved, with TASE equity market capitalization rising to ~\$628B by year-end (+46% vs. 2024) and average equities daily trading volume reached over \$1B (+57% vs. 2024).

The TASE IPO market staged an impressive resurgence in 2025, with 21 IPOs and an additional 5 companies listing their shares without raising capital, while total equity capital raised soared to \$6.5B (up 163% YoY).

Furthermore, the TASE undertook a series of initiatives to align with global markets and improve liquidity from international investors. These include transitioning to Monday–Friday trading, introducing

the first customized market-making program for TASE-listed companies, among others.

Notably, since the start of the conflict, Jefferies has led 10 global equity follow-on offerings for TASE listed companies totaling over \$3.5B, diversifying their global shareholder base and improving the liquidity in the Israeli capital markets.

Today, some of Israel's best companies are increasingly held by dedicated global SMID-cap investors, sector specialists, fundamental hedge funds, and mission-driven investors. We anticipate that global investor interest in TASE-listed securities will continue to grow in 2026 and subsequent years.

High-tech Ecosystem

Israel is the 3rd largest high-tech hub in the world by capital raised, second only to Silicon Valley and New York.

In 2025, Israel's private tech sector raised an estimated \$19.9B across ~860 funding rounds, with an average round size of \$23.1M. Compared to 2024, total capital raised increased by 62% while the number of rounds decreased by 18%, and the average round value increased by 98% from \$11.7M. This shift indicates a maturing ecosystem and is consistent with the ongoing adjustment of global and domestic investment patterns, where capital is concentrated in fewer but larger transactions.

2025 was a landmark year for M&A, with 150+ deals and a cumulative transaction value of \$82.3B announced. Four major transactions dominated the headlines: Google's \$32.0B acquisition of Wiz, Palo Alto Networks' \$25.0B acquisition of CyberArk, ServiceNow's \$7.8B acquisition of Armis, and Apple's ~\$2.0B acquisition of Q.ai which marked the tech giant's second-largest acquisition ever. These deals not only underscored the appeal of Israeli tech companies to global giants but also highlighted the country's resilience during challenging times.

Importantly, even when excluding these mega-deals, the value of M&A announcements in 2025 reached

\$17.5B, surpassing previous record years such as 2024 (\$15.5B) and 2019 (\$16.4B). This demonstrates that Israel's M&A market is not solely dependent on isolated blockbuster transactions but rather has developed sustained momentum supported by a broad bases of deal activity.

Furthermore, Israeli tech companies remain attractive to both strategics and financial sponsors. Industry leaders such as Google, ServiceNow, Palo Alto Networks, MunichRe, Lenovo, Advent International, Thoma Bravo, and FTV Capital have all announced acquisitions of Israeli companies this past year.

A key reason for this sustained interest is the global orientation of Israeli tech companies; the majority generate most of their revenues outside of Israel, which insulates them from the impacts of domestic instability and makes them appealing targets for global acquirers.

In addition to foreign acquisitions, the evolving maturity of the Israeli tech ecosystem is fostering outbound M&A activity. For example, Rapyd's \$610M purchase of PayU, NICE's \$955M acquisition of Cognigy, and Mobileye's \$900M acquisition of Mentee exemplify this trend, signaling the rise of Israeli firms as active acquirers and not just targets.

Israeli companies continued their active participation in global capital markets, with multiple IPOs on US exchanges including eToro, Navan, and Via, alongside several convertible bond issuances, further demonstrating the ecosystem's integration with international financial markets.

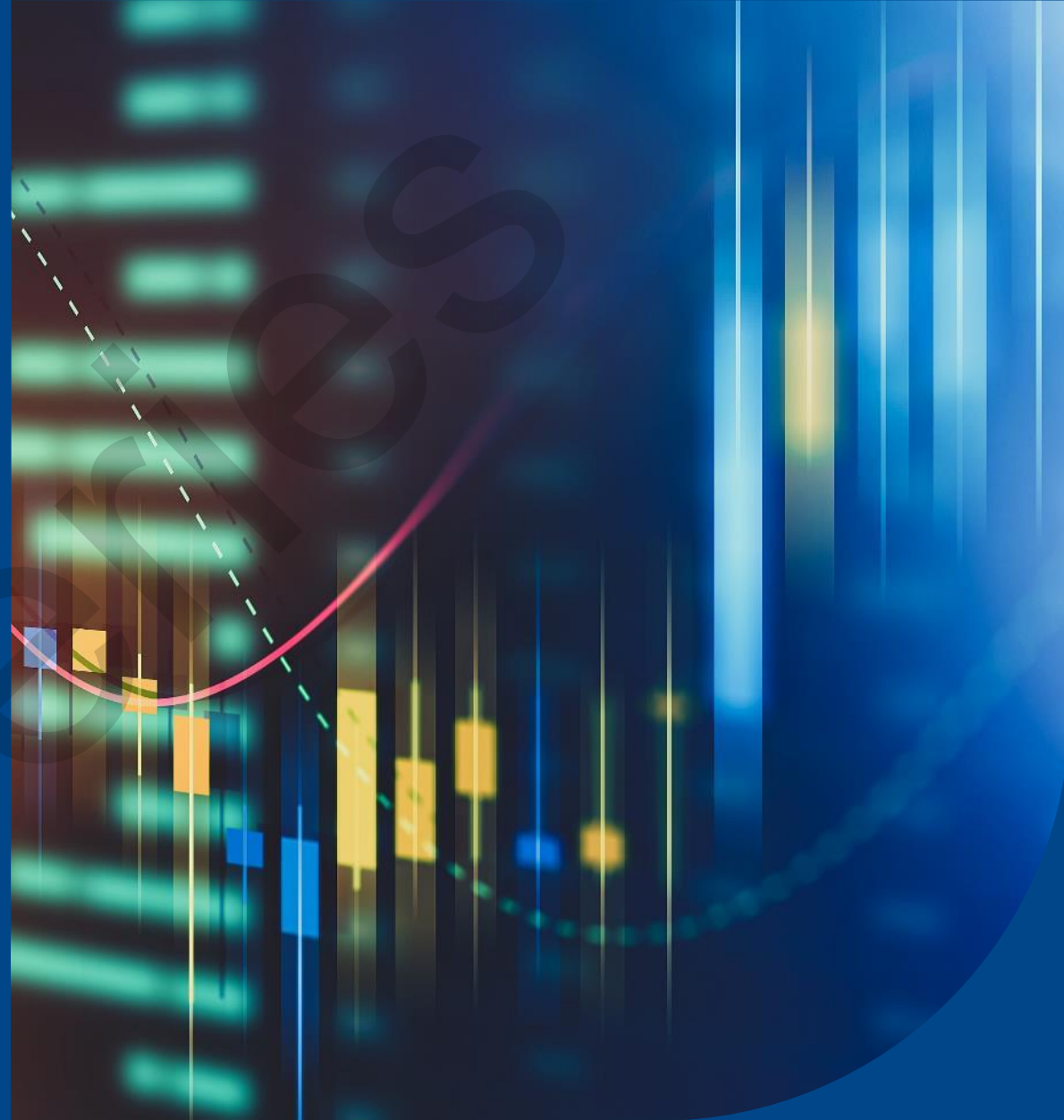
Notably, in 2025 Jefferies advised Matrix on its merger with Magic, the largest public-to-public Israeli tech merger to date, forming one of the world's largest IT services companies with a ~\$3.4B market capitalization as of its signing announcement. This shift enhances Israel's role in shaping global tech markets and encourages the development of larger, more competitive enterprises within Israel itself.

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Macroeconomic Backdrop







The Israeli Economy at a Glance

CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS⁽¹⁾

 <p>Young & Growing Population</p> <p>10.2M</p>	 <p>GDP Per Capita</p> <p>\$58.8K</p>	 <p>Private Consumption as a % of GDP</p> <p>48.6%</p>	 <p>Unemployment Rate</p> <p>3.0%</p>
 <p>Current Account Surplus</p> <p>\$8.5B</p>	 <p>Net Savings Rate</p> <p>18.3%</p>	 <p>Total Tech Investment</p> <p>\$21.9B</p>	 <p>Foreign Direct Investment</p> <p>\$39.0B</p>

KEY ECONOMIC FORECAST⁽²⁾

 <p>2026E Inflation Rate</p> <p>2.2%</p>	 <p>2026E GDP Growth</p> <p>3.8%</p>	 <p>2026E Fiscal Deficit</p> <p>5.3%</p>	 <p>2026E Public Debt to GDP</p> <p>70.5%</p>
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Key Economic Highlights

Israel is a developed economy that joined the OECD in 2010.

It has the highest mandatory pension savings rate of any country in the world at 18.5%, creating fast-growing institutional AUM which helps fuel the economy.

Israel has strong growth potential supported by positive demographics and a vibrant high-tech sector.

Israel entered the conflict with a low fiscal deficit and manageable Debt/GDP. The fiscal deficit is expected to be increased in 2026 by 0.6% of GDP.

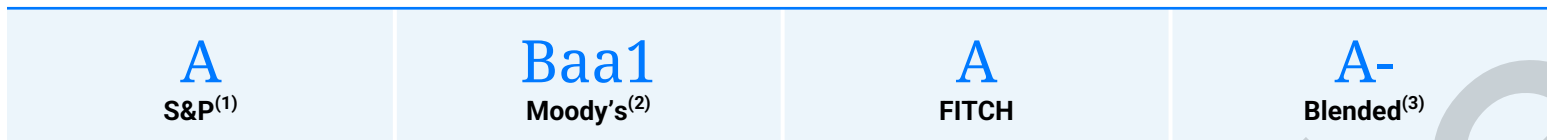
Israel's strong external position including a Current Account Surplus and Foreign Direct Investment help support a strong Shekel.

A tight fiscal policy, Shekel appreciation and a weakening of supply constraints will support lower inflation toward the end of the year.

The local population has a healthy appetite as private consumption is expected to grow by 3.0% in 2026 and 7.0% in 2027, according to the Bank of Israel.

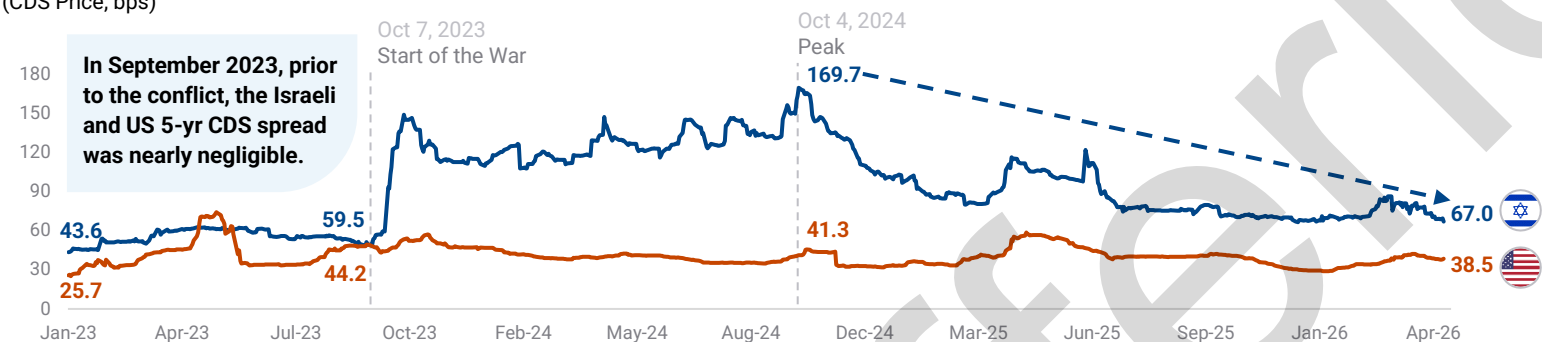
Sovereign Credit and Government Bond Yields

ISRAEL'S CREDIT RATINGS



Israel 5yr Credit Default Swaps

(CDS Price, bps)



Israel vs. US 10yr Bonds

(Yield, %)



Source: CapIQ as of April 24, 2026. (1) November 10, 2025 - S&P upgraded Israel's credit rating outlook from negative to stable, maintaining the rating at A. The revision reflects reduced geopolitical risk following the Gaza agreement, which lowers the likelihood of a major regional security event. (2) January 21, 2025 - Moody's stated: "If adhered to and further progress is made, the ceasefire agreement reduces a protracted conflict's near-term downside risks to Israel's economy and public finances." (3) Bloomberg Issuer Composite Based Ratings provides a blend of an issuer's ratings. The rating agencies are evenly weighted when calculating the composite. It is calculated by taking the average of the existing ratings, rounded down to the lower rating in case the composite is between two ratings. (4) Jonathan Katz, Weekly Israel Macroeconomic Report as of March 9, 2026.

Key Highlights

Although Israel's risk premium remains higher compared to the pre-conflict period, it has decreased significantly since the ceasefire in Gaza and general geopolitical improvements, as indicated by the 5-year Sovereign CDS which has decreased by ~103 bps from its peak.

The 10-year yield on Shekel-denominated Israeli government bonds has fallen beneath the U.S. Treasury bonds. This gap reflects expectations that the Shekel will continue to strengthen over time or, at the very least, that major bond market participants are reluctant to bet against the Shekel, despite the ongoing state of conflict.

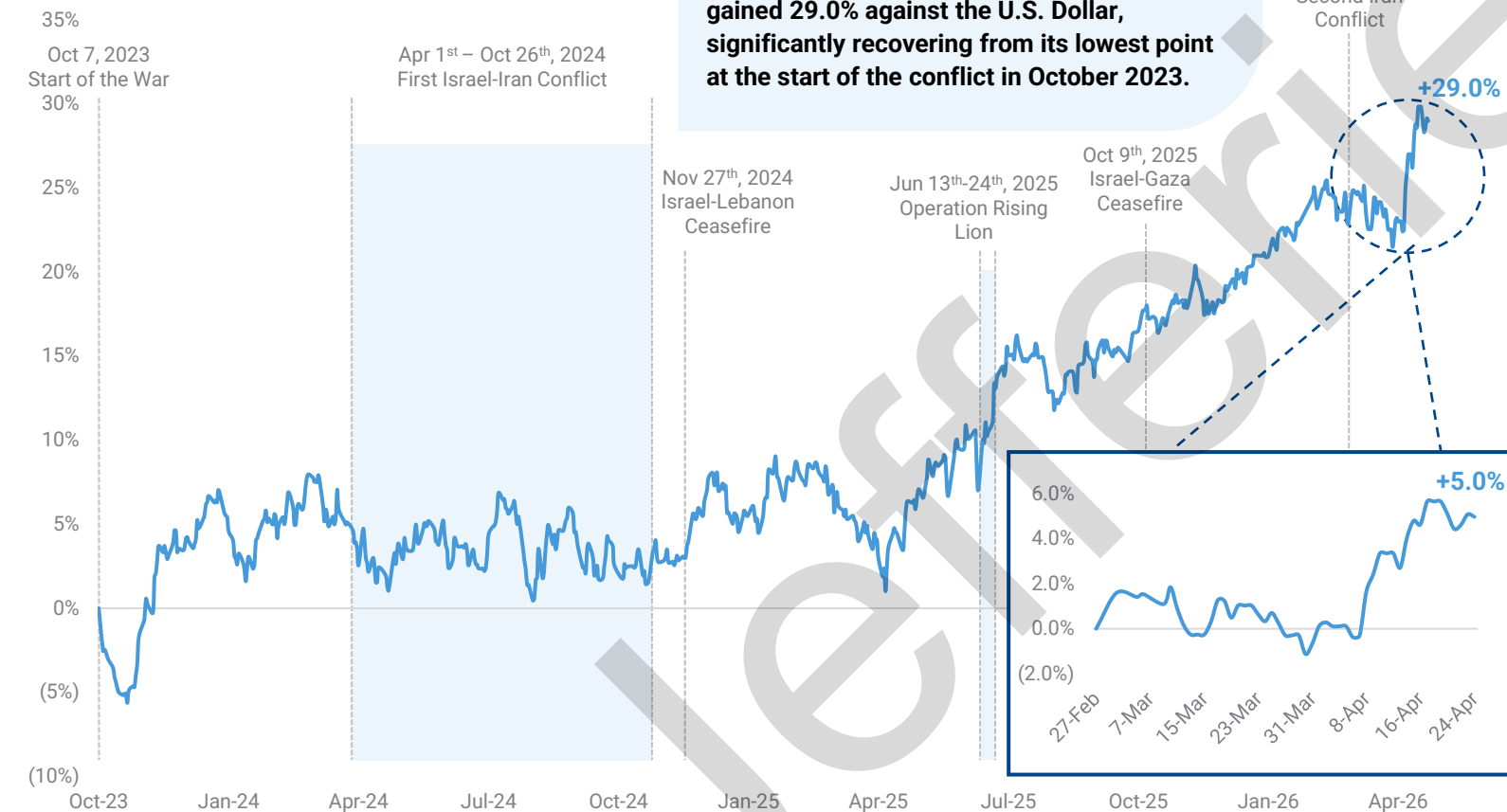
The Bank of Israel will likely wait for a cessation of hostilities and signs of moderating inflation before resuming interest rate cuts, probably not before the end of May or the beginning of July⁽⁴⁾.

Israeli government fiscal adjustments are expected at the beginning of 2027. This year, 2026, is an election year and the government is passing a budget built on a deficit of 5.3% of GDP according to the Bank of Israel.

The Shekel's Performance and the Bank of Israel's Economic Forecast

Shekel / USD Nominal Effective Rate Index

(Cumulative rate of change since October 6, 2023, %)



Bank of Israel's Forecast⁽¹⁾

With the outbreak of the war, the sharp increase in domestic defense consumption led to a marked increase in the fiscal impulse (a measure of the discretionary change in government fiscal policy – specifically tax and spending decisions – that adds to or subtracts from aggregate demand in the economy), which reflects the positive impact of fiscal policy on aggregate demand.

In 2025, the fiscal impulse declined relative to its level at the beginning of the war, mainly due to tax increases decided upon by the government, but it remained positive relative to its prewar level.

	2026E	2027E
GDP Growth	3.8%	5.5%
Private Consumption Growth	3.0%	7.0%
Total Investments Growth ⁽²⁾	6.5%	14.5%
Total Exports Growth ⁽³⁾	5.5%	8.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	3.4%
Gov. Deficit / GDP	5.3%	4.4%
Public Debt / GDP	70.5%	70.5%
Inflation Rate	2.2%	1.8%

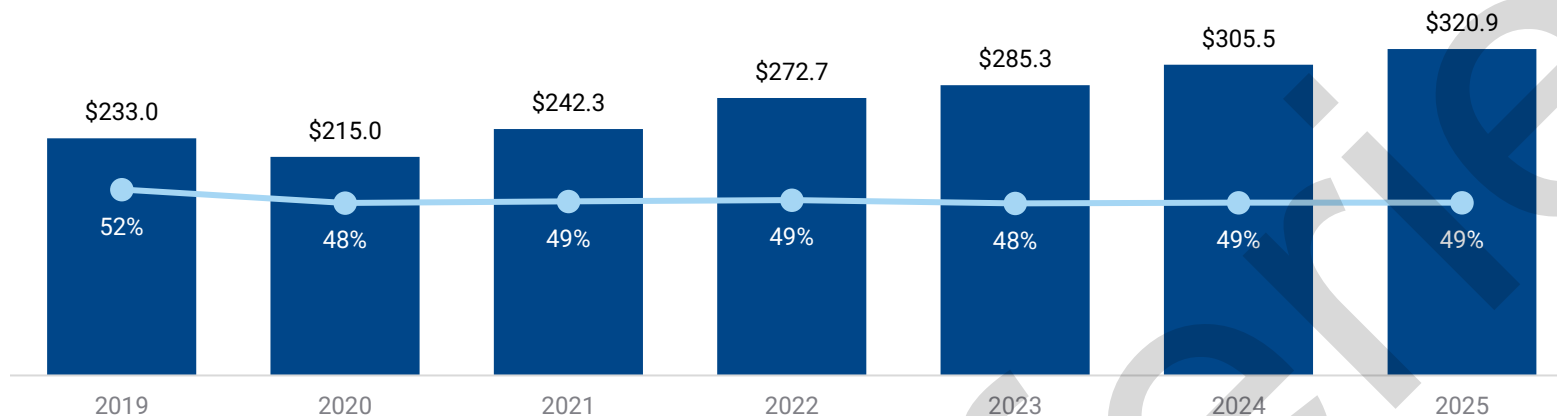
Source: CapIQ as of April 24, 2026. (1) Source: Bank of Israel's Research Department Staff Forecast Report as of March 30, 2026; Fiscal Impulse as of March 17, 2026.

(2) Fixed Capital Formation, also called "investments" indicates how much of the new value added in an economy is invested rather than consumed excluding ships and aircrafts. (3) Excluding diamonds and startups.

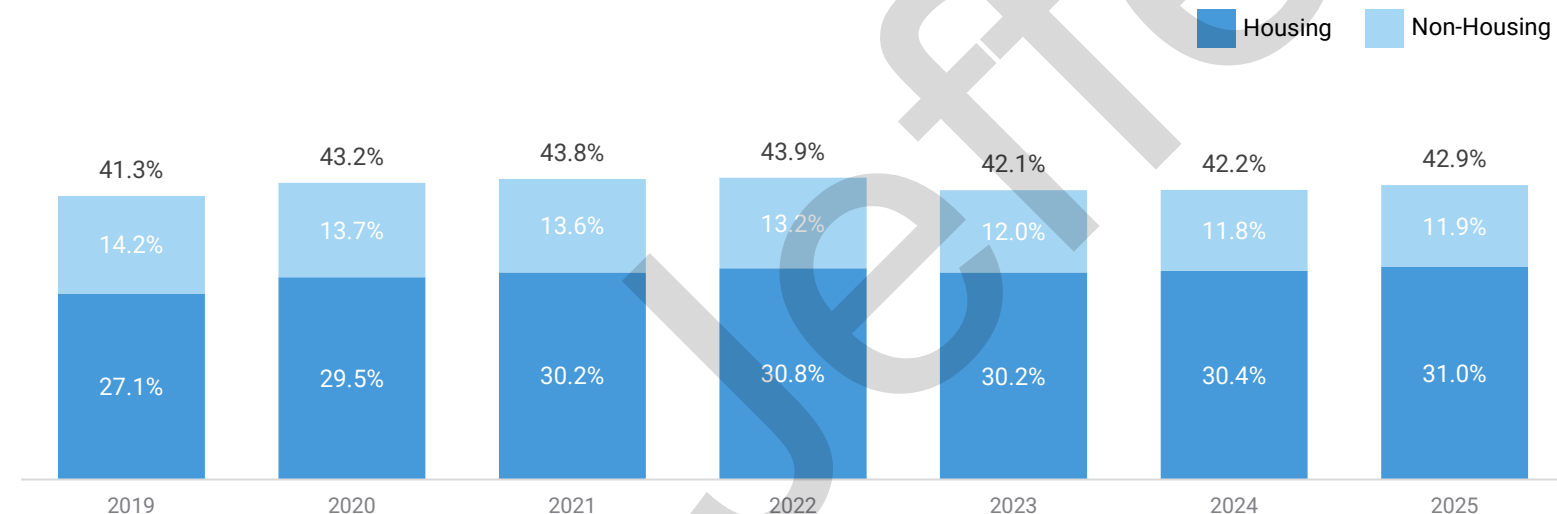
The Israeli Consumer Appetite Continues to Grow

Private Consumption Expenditure – Significant Growth Engine in the Economy⁽¹⁾

(\$, Billions and as a % of GDP)



Israeli Household Debt as a % of GDP⁽²⁾



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

The Bank of Israel expects private consumption to continue to grow by 3.0% and 7.0% in 2026 and 2027, respectively.

Inflation in 2025 was moderate as economic activity continued to expand, and the labor market remained tight in view of the supply constraint.

In the Bank of Israel's February 2026 assessment, there remained several risks for a renewed increase of inflation: geopolitical developments and their impact on economic activity, an increase in demand alongside supply constraints, and fiscal developments.

Early 2026 indicators of economic activity point to continued expansion. Credit card expenditure figures indicate a slight increase in January relative to the average of the previous quarter, and range around the trend line.

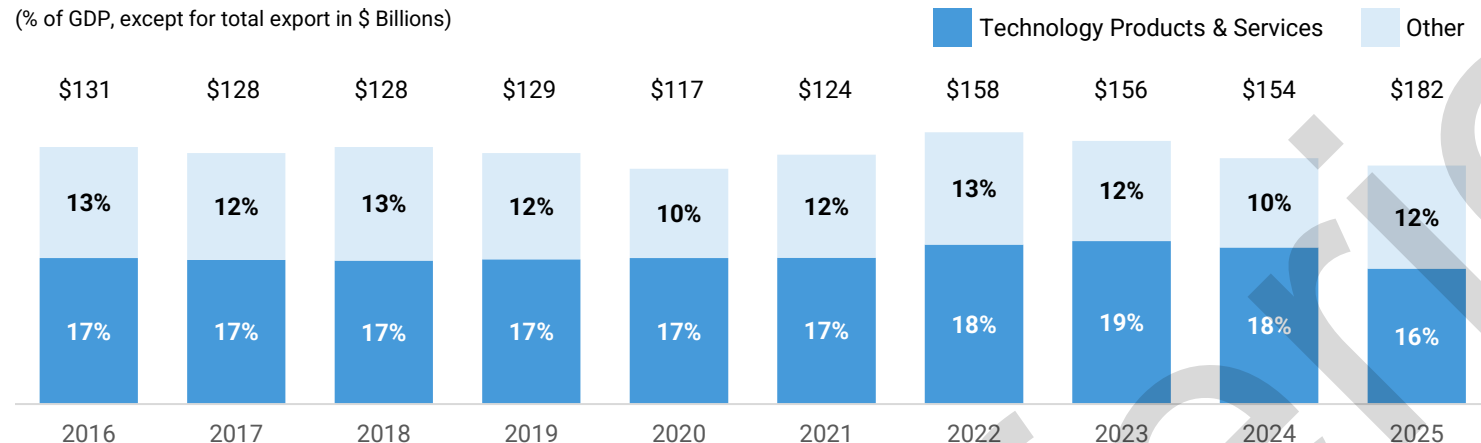
Following eight months of price declines, home prices began increasing again at the end of 2025. The annual pace of increase rose to 0.4% by the end of December 2025.

Source: Bank of Israel, Central Bureau of Statistics, Jonathan Katz's Weekly Macroeconomic Report. (1) Amounts have been converted to USD using a constant FX rate of 0.31 NIS/USD. (2) The Bank of Israel classifies housing debt as loans for home purchases, whereas non-housing debt encompasses loans for other types of purchases.

Israeli Exports and Trade Balance

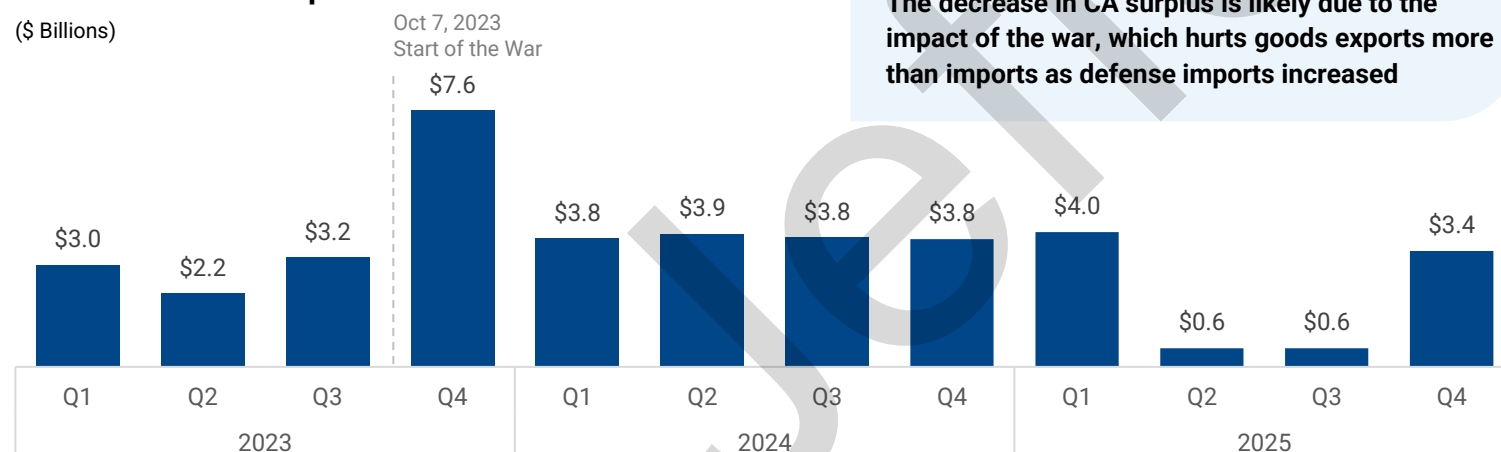
Total Exports by Category as a % of GDP

(% of GDP, except for total export in \$ Billions)



Current Account Surplus⁽¹⁾

(\$ Billions)



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

High-tech exports continue to thrive during the conflict and account for nearly one-fifth of GDP and ~57% of total exports. Notably, this growth has occurred despite the strength of the shekel, which has acted as an overhang on export competitiveness, underscoring the resilience of Israel's high-tech sector.

In 2025, total exports increased by 18%, led by high-tech products and services.

On the back of robust high-tech exports, total exports are expected to continue to expand by 5.5% and 8.0% in 2026 and 2027, respectively. This upward trend was already pronounced in 2025 and is expected to continue.

Israel enjoys a steady trade account surplus. Its Net Export Account and Foreign Direct Investment remained strong during the conflict.

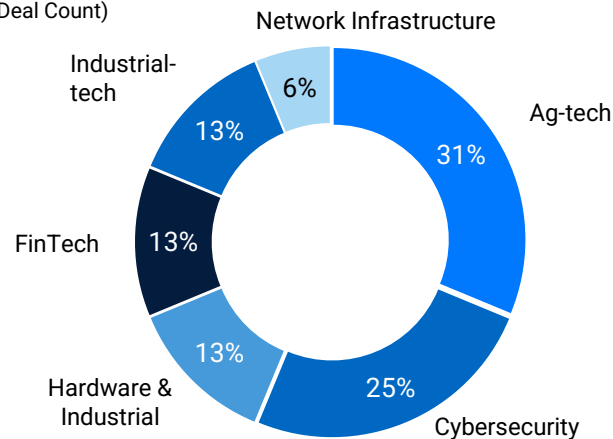
Israel recorded a current account surplus of \$8.5B in 2025, representing approximately 1.4% of GDP and reflecting the country's strong external position despite regional challenges.

The sustained annual surplus underscores Israel's competitive export base, particularly in high-tech, as well as ongoing remittance inflows and strong services trade performance. Looking ahead, maintaining this surplus will depend on the trajectory of goods exports, defense-related spending impacts on imports, and the resilience of Israel's services sector amid geopolitical uncertainty.

Economic Bridges in the Middle East: Tech, Trade and Transformation

MENA Investments in Israeli Tech by Sector in 2025

(%, Deal Count)



In 2025, ag-tech and cybersecurity sectors accounted for 56% of the deal activity, with hardware & industrial, FinTech, and industrial-tech each representing 13%. This concentration highlights continued investor focus on core industrial technologies and scalable software innovation within Israeli tech.

The vast majority of Israeli tech capital raising from Arab countries comes from the UAE, with expectations that additional nations may participate in the near-future.

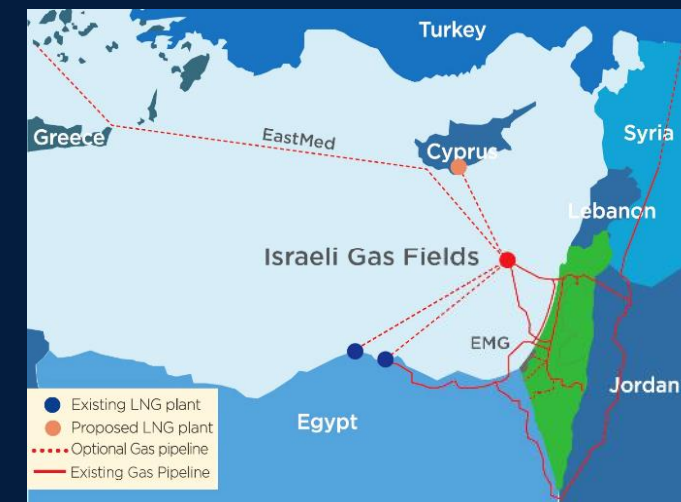
2025 Total Imports and Exports of Goods with Arab Countries

(\$, Millions)



In 2025, excluding gas and oil, Israel's largest trade partner in the Middle East is the UAE, accounting for over \$2.5B of Israel's total global imports and Israel's exports to the UAE grew by 27% year over year.

Israel Has the 2nd Largest Natural Gas Reserves in the Eastern Mediterranean



In August 2025, Israel's Leviathan entered into a \$35B natural gas supply agreement with Egypt, marking the largest such deal in Israel's history. The agreement will significantly increase the annual volume of natural gas sent from the Leviathan offshore field to Egypt by three-fold and is expected to increase the state of Israel's revenue from the royalties.

Israeli Capital Markets



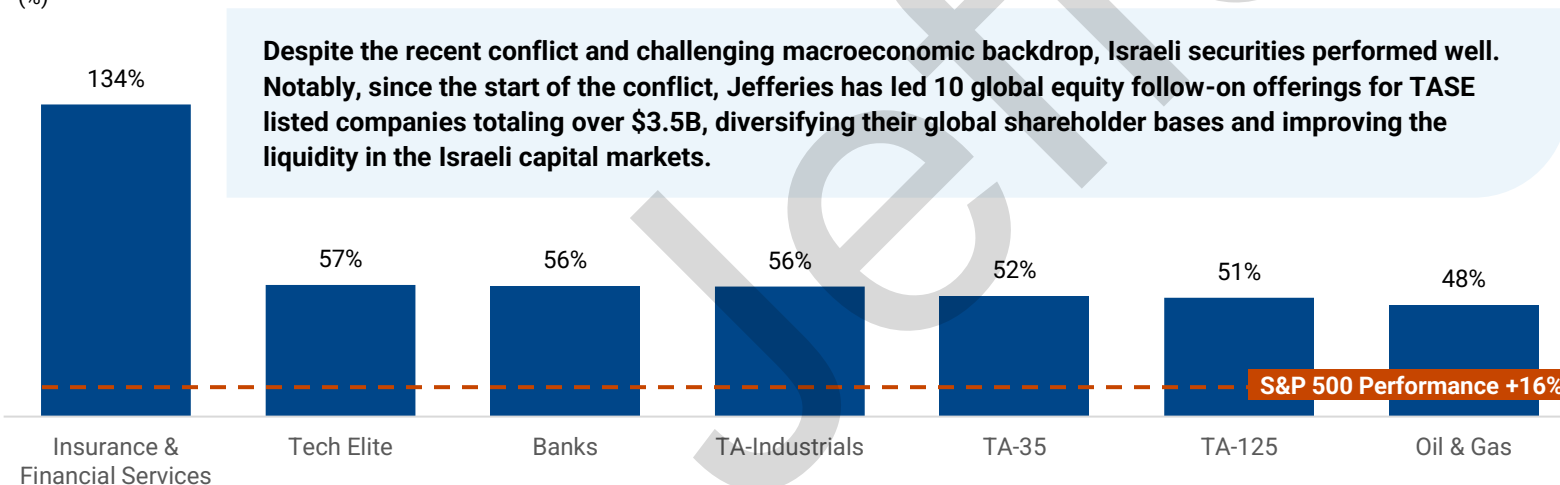
The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange Plays a Critical Role in Israel's Economy and Market Infrastructure

The only stock exchange in Israel, providing global investors access to the Israeli Economy and Innovation

1953 Established	2019 TASE IPO to Global Investors	\$116B Holdings of Foreign Investors In TASE-Listed Companies ⁽¹⁾
546 Listed Companies ⁽²⁾	98 Companies with Listed Bonds ⁽²⁾	139 Total Indices

TASE Sector & Indices Performance EoY 2025

(%)



Source: Tel Aviv Stock Exchange as of March 5, 2026. Note: NIS/USD FX of 0.31 used as of December 31, 2025.
 (1) Based on the Bank of Israel data as of February 28, 2026. (2) Excluding TASE-Up, as of December 31, 2025.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) Trading Statistics 2025

TOTAL MARKET CAP (YoY Growth)

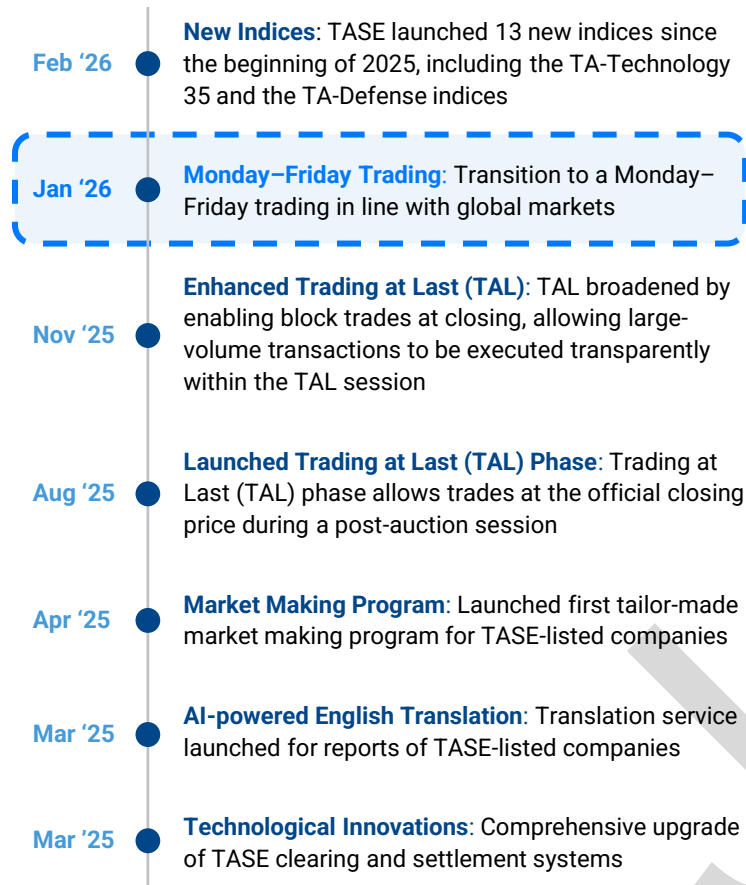
Equities \$628B (+46%)	Government Bonds \$266B (+13%)
Corporate Bonds \$205B (+22%)	Mutual Funds \$169B (+26%)

AVERAGE DAILY TURNOVER (YoY Growth)

Equities \$1,080M (+57%)	Government Bonds \$1,027M (-2%)
Corporate Bonds \$369M (+9%)	Mutual Funds \$798M (+32%)

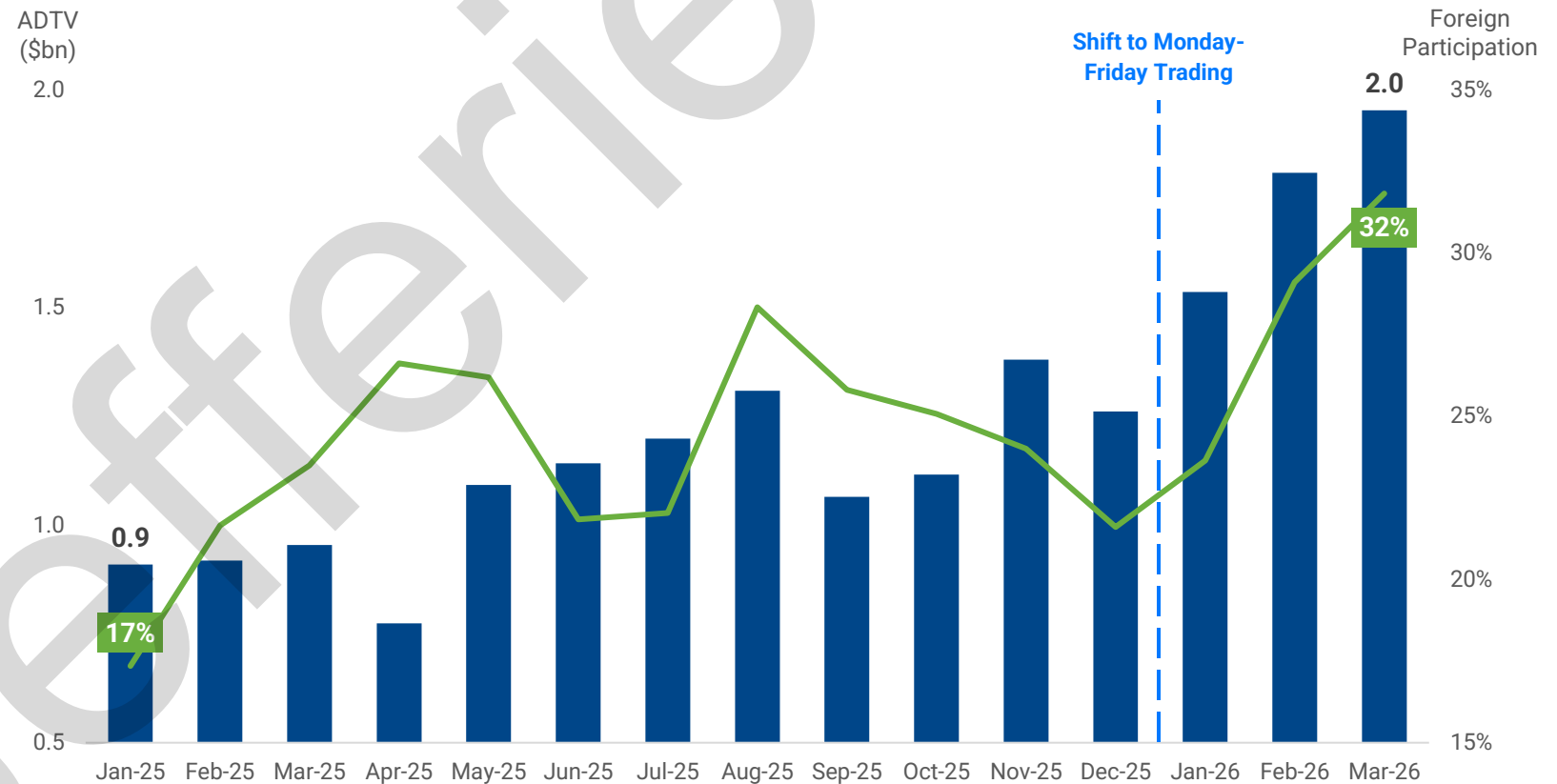
The TASE has Implemented Numerous Initiatives to Align With Global Markets, Further Improving Liquidity from Foreign Investors

TASE Market Reforms To Align With Global Standards



Early Data Indicates Tremendously Strong Friday Trading Activity

33% participation from foreign investors on Fridays in Q1'26 compared to 12% on Sundays in 2025⁽¹⁾

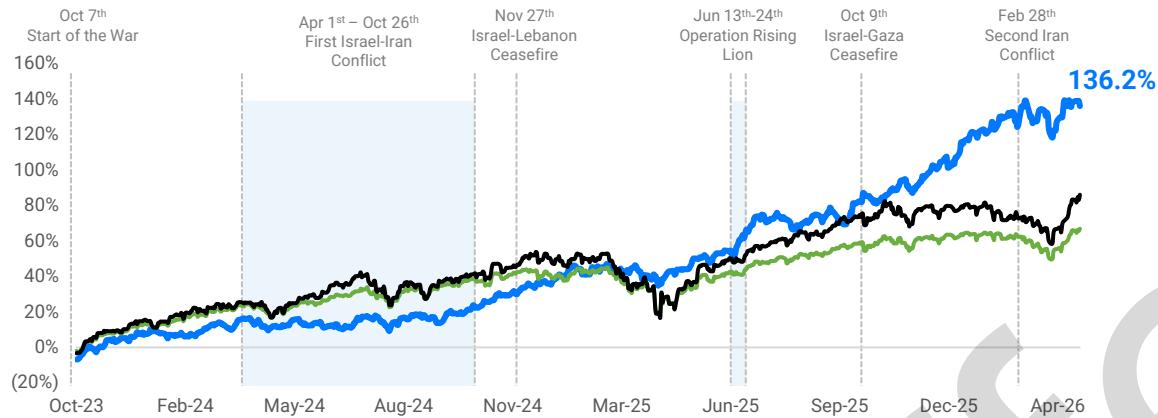


88% of the companies in the Tel Aviv-125 index have an ADTV of over \$1 million⁽²⁾

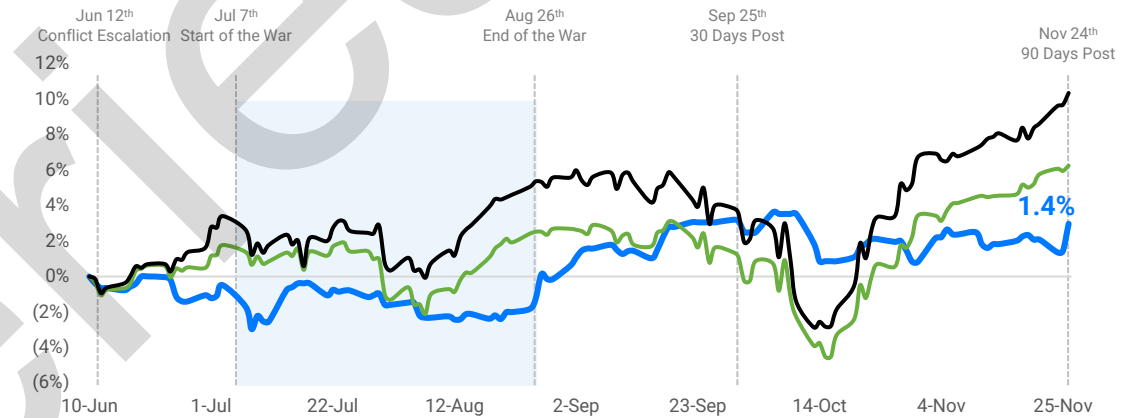
The Israeli Capital Markets Consistently Show Robustness During Military Conflicts and have Outperformed Over Time

— TA-125⁽¹⁾ — S&P500 — Nasdaq

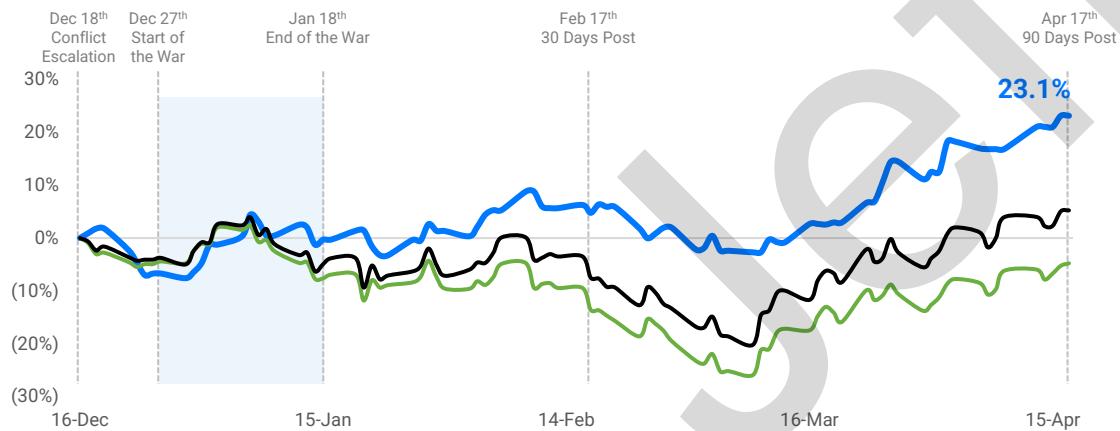
CURRENT CONFLICT (OCTOBER 7, 2023 – PRESENT)



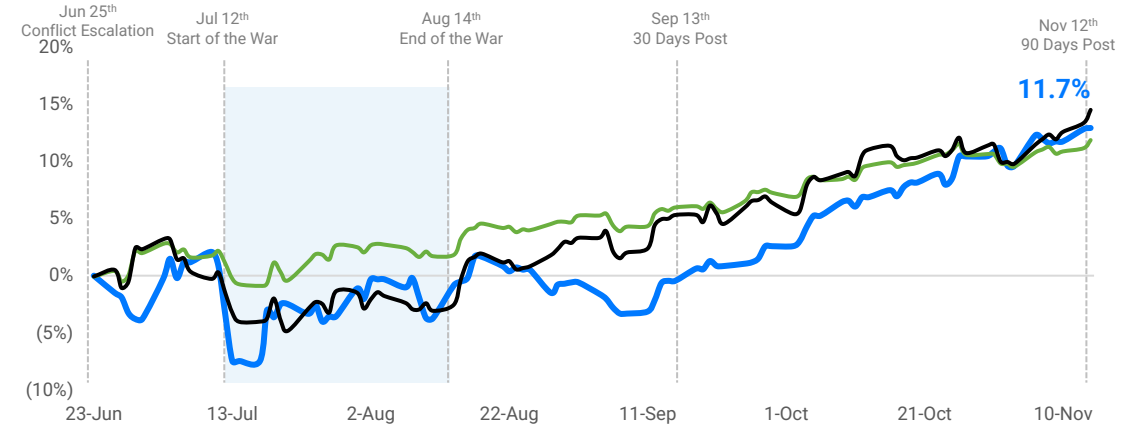
OPERATION PROTECTIVE EDGE (2014)



OPERATION CAST LEAD (2008)



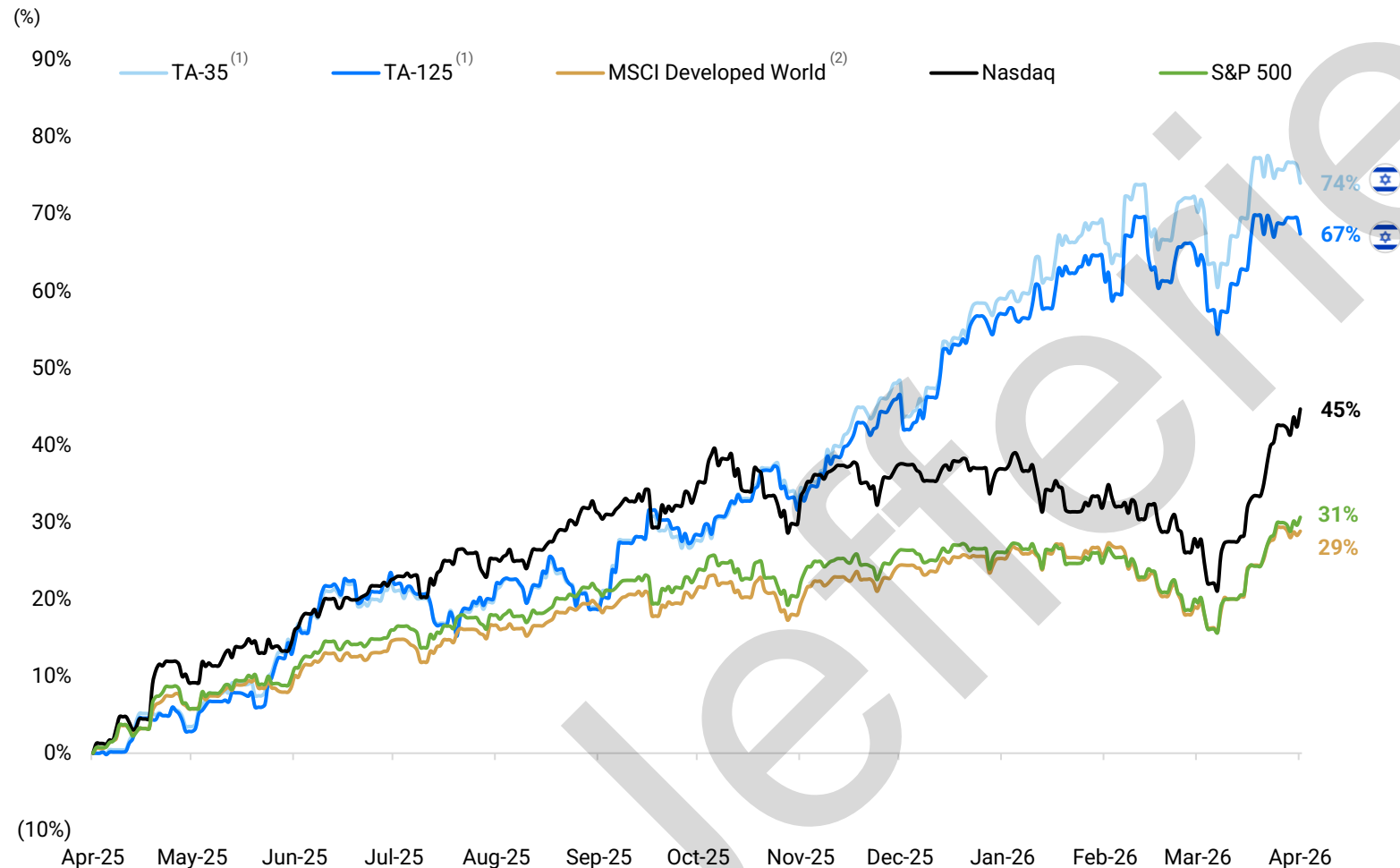
2ND LEBANON WAR (2006)



Source: CapIQ as of April 24, 2026. (1) The largest 125 companies listed on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange by market cap.

2026 LTM – Recent Capital Markets Performance

Capital Markets – Indices Performance vs Global April 2026 LTM



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Despite ongoing conflicts and a global "SaaSocalypse," the Israeli capital markets have demonstrated remarkable resilience and outperformance against global indices, supported in part by relatively lower exposure to technology stocks.

Palo Alto Networks, the world's largest Israeli cybersecurity company, dual listed on the TASE in February 2026, constituting a profound vote of confidence in the Israeli capital market and expected to encourage additional Israeli tech companies to consider dual listing, with companies such as eToro reportedly evaluating similar moves⁽³⁾.

The Israeli IPO market staged an impressive resurgence in 2025, with 21 IPOs and an additional 5 companies listing their shares without raising capital, while total equity capital raised soared to \$6.5B (up 163% YoY)⁽⁴⁾.

The domestic investor base continues to broaden, with ~200,000 new trading accounts opened during 2025 (up 25% YoY)⁽⁵⁾. During the first week of March 2026, this trend has accelerated, with the general public significantly increased exposure to the local capital market, recording net purchases totaling ~\$295M through direct trading activity alongside high volumes of mutual fund purchases⁽⁶⁾.

Source: CapIQ, Tel Aviv Stock Exchange as of April 24, 2026. (1) The largest 35 and 125 companies listed on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange by market cap. (2) Developed markets from the following 23 countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The index constituents are weighted on the basis of free float market capitalization. MSCI World Index is reviewed on a quarterly basis. (3) As reported by Calcalist. (4) Based on Tel Aviv Stock Exchange FY2025 Investor Presentation and using an NIS/USD FX rate of 0.31 as of December 31, 2025. (5) Based on Tel Aviv Stock Exchange FY2025 Annual Report. (6) Based on Tel Aviv Stock Exchange Weekly Review as of March 9, 2026.

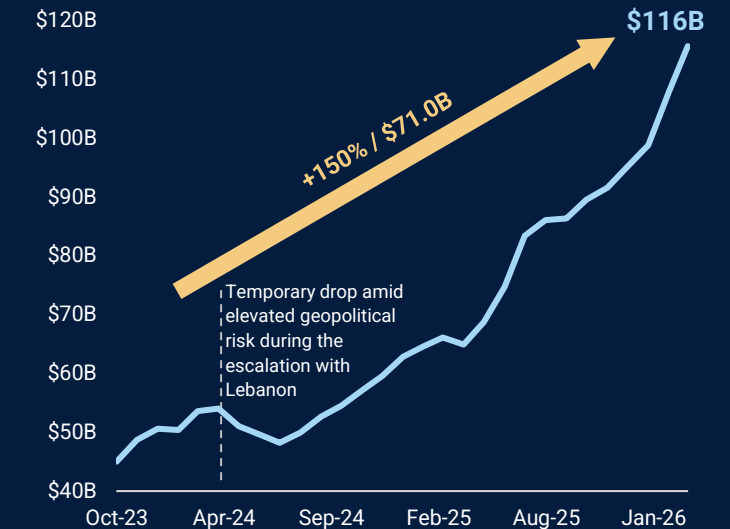
The World's Top Investors have Increased Exposure to TASE-Listed Securities

Today, some of Israel's best companies are increasingly held by dedicated global SMID-cap investors, sector specialists, fundamental hedge funds, and mission-driven investors



Foreign Capital Continues to Flow Into TASE Listed Securities

Holdings of Foreign Investors in TASE-listed Companies⁽¹⁾
(Excluding dual-listed stocks, \$ billions)



Since October 2023, foreign capital has returned to TASE-listed companies in a sustained and increasingly accelerated manner. Foreign investor holdings have more than doubled over the period – rising by approximately \$71B, or ~157% – and reached a new all-time high of \$116B by February 2026.

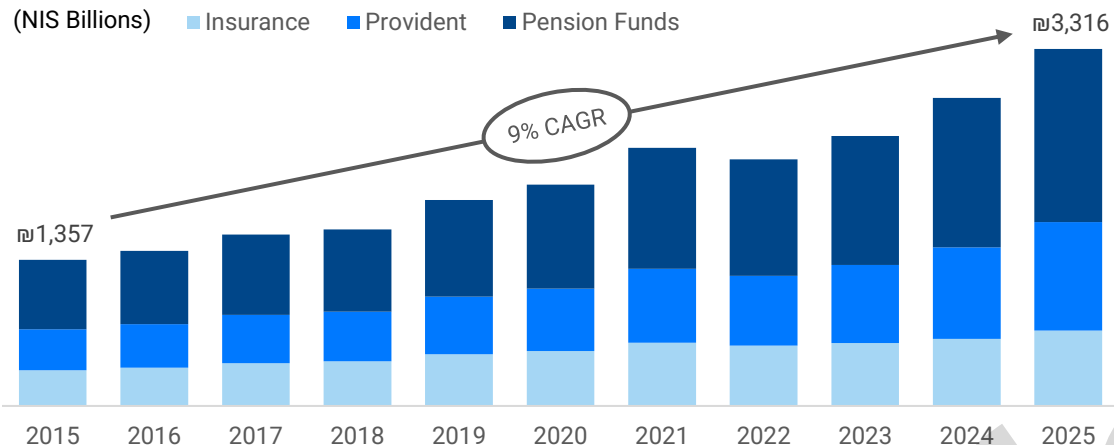
Net inflows of foreign investors to TASE-listed equities reached \$1.4B in 2025, primarily in the financial and defense sectors – a powerful sign of confidence in the Israeli economy, marking a stark reversal from net sales in the prior year⁽²⁾.

Source: Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. Note: NIS/USD FX of 0.31 used as of December 31, 2025.

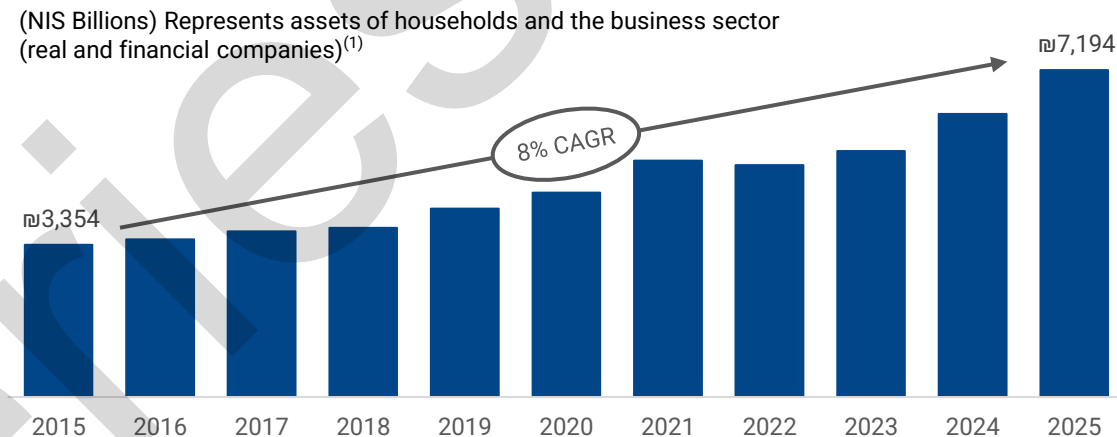
(1) Based on the Bank of Israel data as of February 28, 2026. (2) Based on Tel Aviv Stock Exchange FY2025 Earnings Release.

Israel's Institutional Investor Ecosystem Plays a Key Role in Capital Markets

ISRAEL'S INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR AUM



ISRAEL'S PUBLIC ASSET PORTFOLIO



Highest Mandatory Pension Savings Program Globally

18.5% minimum and up to 21% of gross monthly salary allocated to a required pension program, creating additional constant dry powder accumulation due to substantial supportive reforms and regulations.



Allocation and Diversity

Although the public's financial assets have increased significantly over the past decade, 34% of the total portfolio continues to be held in cash and cash equivalents. The remaining allocation comprises ~29% in government and corporate bonds, ~27% in equities, and 10% in other investments.



Institutional AUM Growth

AUM of institutional investors in Israel has grown by a staggering ~4x since 2008, signaling a positive trend for the country's financial landscape.



Institutional Stability Anchors the Market

Israeli institutional investors are liability-driven, managing long-term pension and insurance obligations, making them stable, long-duration capital providers that anchor liquidity, support issuance, and enhance market stability on the TASE.

Source: Bank of Israel, Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, Leader Capital Markets 'The Israeli LP Market 2025' Report (November 2025), Leader Capital Markets 'Private Capital Report' (March 2025), Israel's Ministry of Finance Asset Composition Report (June 2025). (1) The public (households and firms), excluding the government, the Bank of Israel, nonresidents' investments, and commercial banks (including mortgage banks). Assets in Israel do not include exchange traded funds (ETFs), CDs, and structured bonds.

The Advantages to Dual-Listing on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange are Attracting Large Israeli Companies to Come Back Home

In 2025, the trading volume of dual-listed shares on the TASE grew by 68%, while their trading volume abroad increased by only 55%

Amplified Outreach



Increased visibility and attracting a wide range of investors in Israel and globally to increase liquidity and diversify shareholder base.

Inclusion in TASE Indices



Such as: TA-35, TA-125, TA Tech, and TA-Dual Listing, providing incremental passive demand and limiting stock shorting.

Global Mandate Eligibility



Becoming an attractive target for portfolio managers with a global mandate who must invest in companies listed outside the US.

Regulatory Simplicity



SEC-recognized offshore exchange with no currency barriers, making dual listing a more natural step.

Short Risk Safeguard



Dual-listed stocks see significantly less shorting due to fear of arbitrage across extended time zones.

Debt Market Accessibility



Lower cost of capital and easy access to listed corporate debt on the TASE.

Extended Global Exposure



TASE & US markets overlap within 13-hour trading window, boosting liquidity and yielding higher trading volume.

Regulatory Incentives



Same regulatory framework as the SEC's Foreign Private Issuer, waiver on registration fee, and discounted annual fees.

Exchange Partners



Palo Alto Networks will Dual List on the TASE – February 11, 2026

“ Building on CyberArk's heritage and Israel's position as a global cybersecurity powerhouse, Palo Alto Networks announces its intent to pursue a secondary listing on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

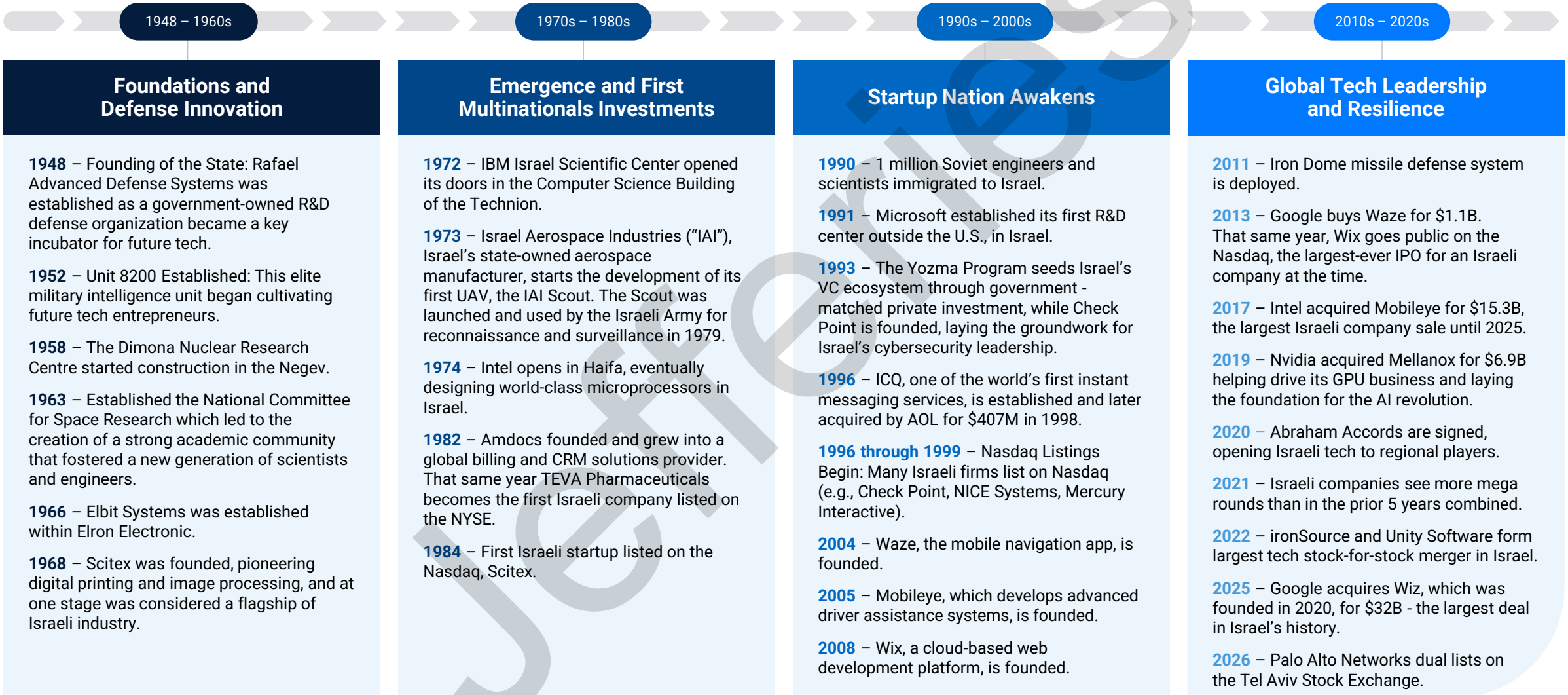
– Nimesh Arora, Chairman and CEO of Palo Alto Networks

High-tech: Israel's Economic Engine



Israel's Secret Sauce: Human Capital and Innovation Timeline

"In Israel, a land lacking in natural resources, we learned to appreciate our greatest national advantage: our minds" – Shimon Peres (former Prime Minister & President of Israel)



Today: Strength of the Israeli Technology Sector



12% of Israel's workforce is employed in the high-tech sector.



Israeli high-tech services and products account for **57% of Israel's exports**.



Israel has the **highest R&D investment** as a % of GDP worldwide.



High-tech companies make up **30% of the market cap on the TASE**.



Israeli companies account for **10% of global unicorns**.



Israel has the **greatest density of startups** per capita in the world.



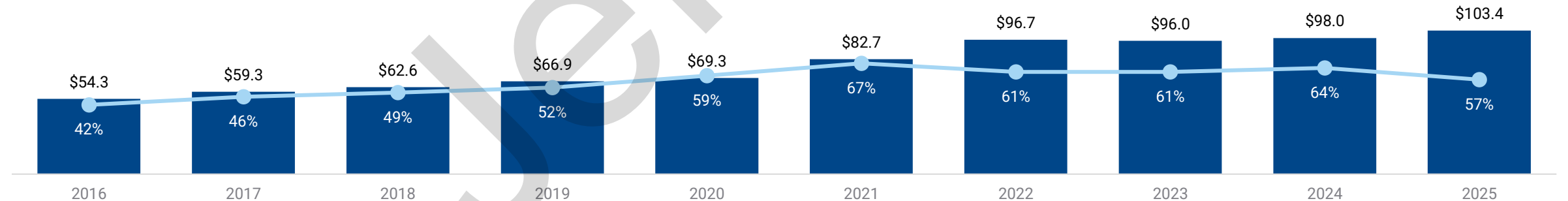
25% of income taxes paid in Israel come from high-tech employees.



Israeli high-tech companies make up **over 16% of total GDP**.

Israeli Technology Products / Services and its Share of Total Israeli Exports

(\$ Billions and as a % of total Israeli exports)

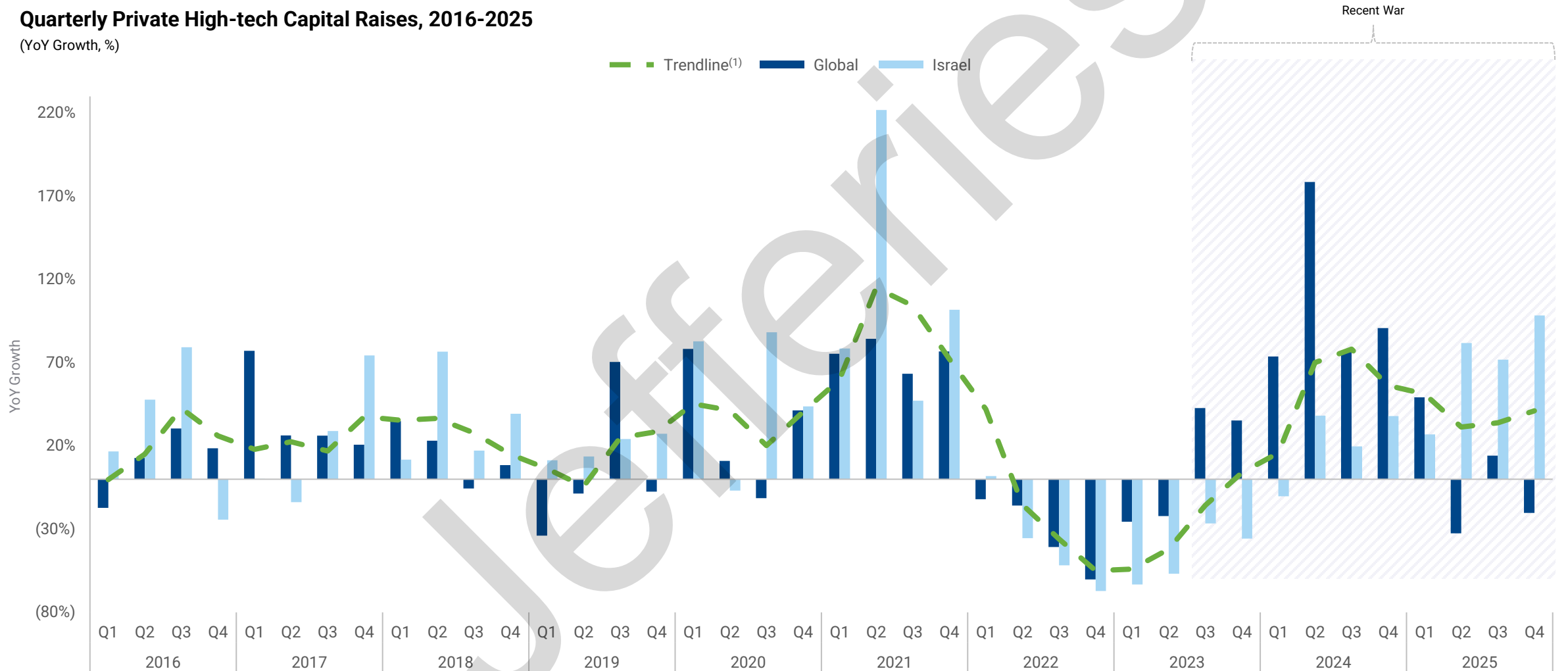


Israeli and Global High-tech Fundraising Move in Near Lockstep

Israeli's high-tech capital formation is driven by global macro cycles, not local geopolitics. Since October 7, 2023, Israel has tracked – and recovered with – global peers, underscoring deep integration with international capital markets

Quarterly Private High-tech Capital Raises, 2016-2025

(YoY Growth, %)



Source: Pitchbook and IVC Data as of January 14, 2026.

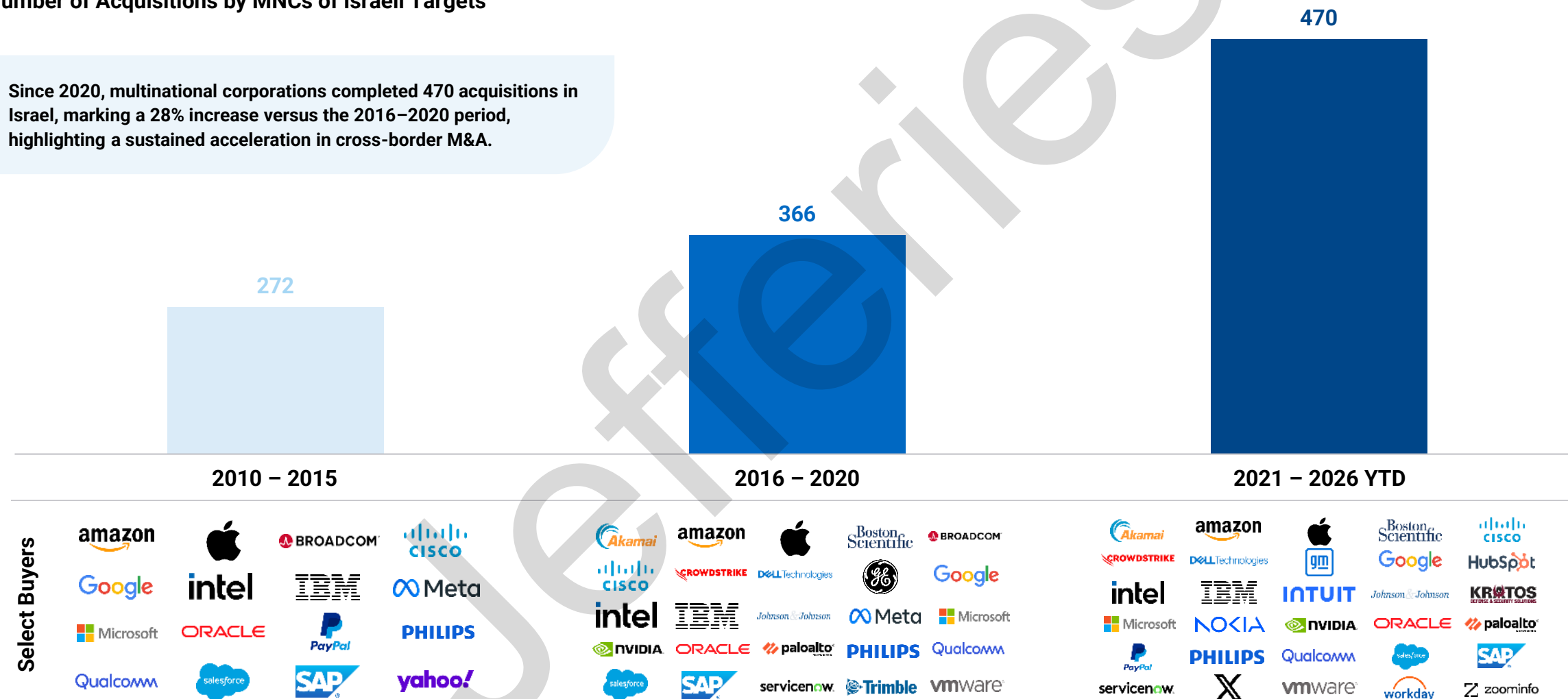
(1) 6-month moving average.

Multinational Corporations Acquisitions in Israel

Rising multinational corporations' acquisitions highlight Israel's technology leadership and its position as a strategic acquisition hub for global corporates

Number of Acquisitions by MNCs of Israeli Targets

Since 2020, multinational corporations completed 470 acquisitions in Israel, marking a 28% increase versus the 2016–2020 period, highlighting a sustained acceleration in cross-border M&A.

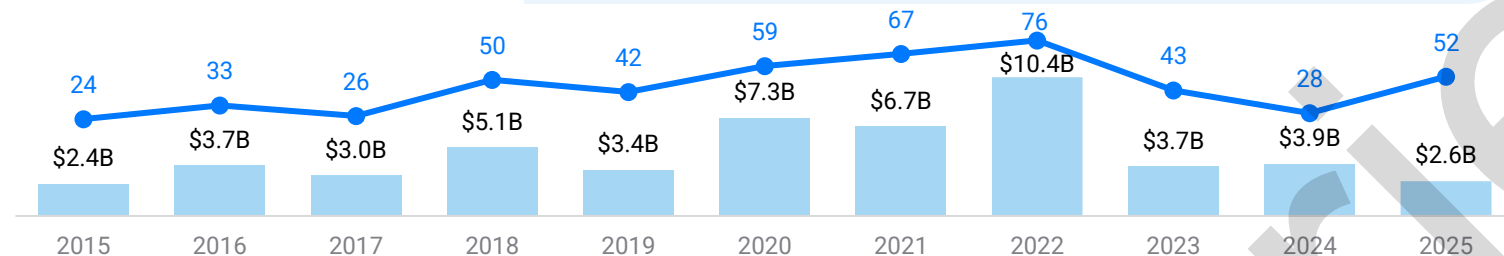


VC Fundraising and Investment Participation

Israeli VC Fundraising Activity

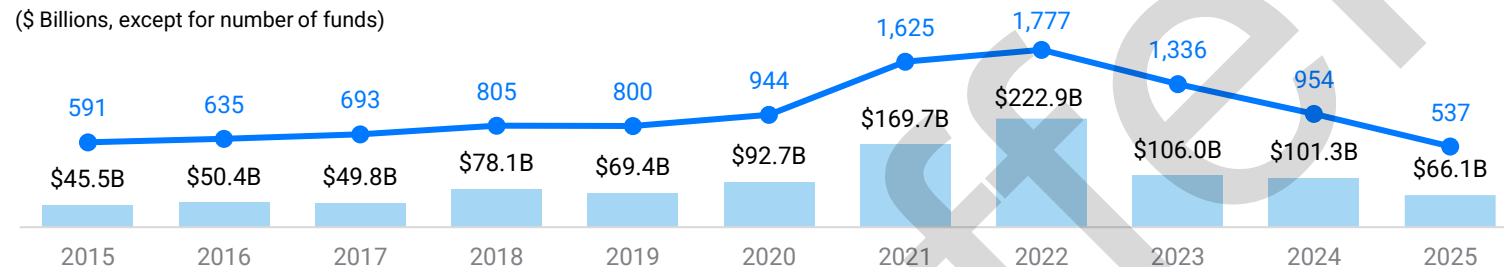
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Although Israeli VC fundraising has decreased in recent years, this trend is consistent with the global decline in VC fundraising activities.



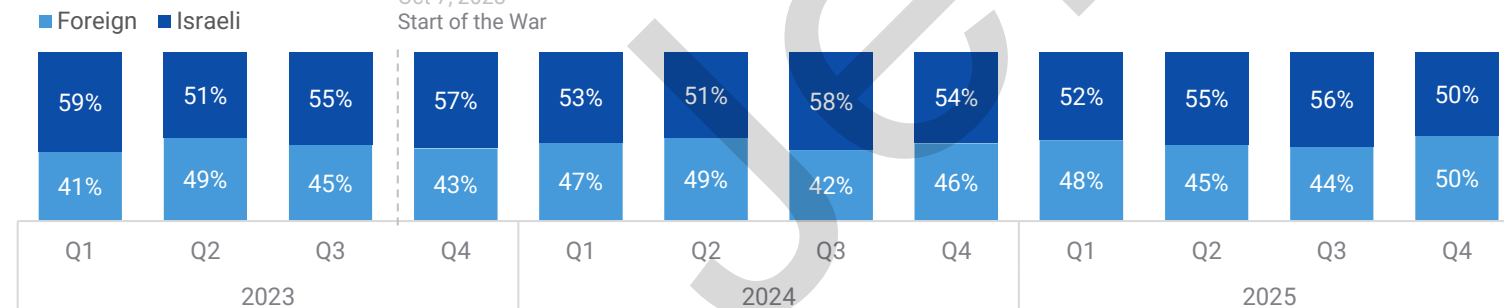
United States VC Fund Raising Activity

(\$ Billions, except for number of funds)



Foreign⁽¹⁾ vs Israeli Investors

(Deal Count, %)



2025 – VC Activity

In 2025, 52 Israeli funds raised a total of around \$2.6B. While the total number of funds raised has increased by over 85% the total amount raised has decreased by 33% YoY.

In 2025, VC fundraising in the U.S. declined to ~\$66.1B raised across 537 funds. With limited exits and liquidity, LPs are hesitant to allocate more capital to venture. Fundraising will likely be similar in 2026 until LPs receive their returns.

Follow-on investments accounted for nearly half of all investments in 2025.

In 2025, 53% of all investment rounds by deal count were Seed rounds, reflecting a decrease from 55% in 2024.

More than 1,860 investors – spanning both foreign and local funds – participated in Israeli deals during 2025.

Global funds remained relatively constant compared to 2024 and contributed to over 50% of total deal count in 2025.

Corporate VCs made up less than 5% of total first-time investments in 2025.

High-tech Company Capital Raising

Total Capital Raised and Number of Deals⁽¹⁾

(\$ Billions, except for number of deals)

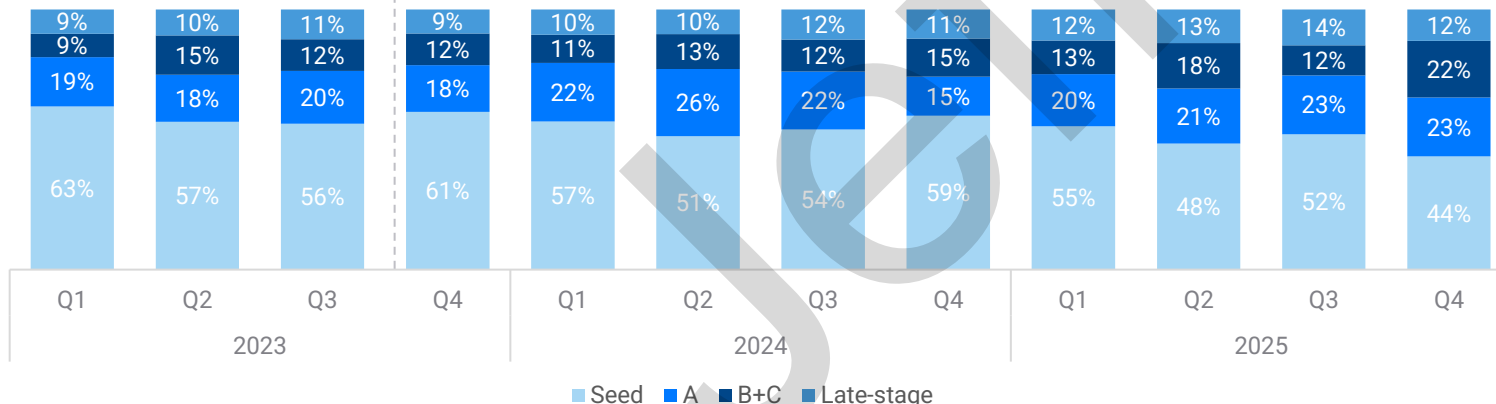
The total dollar amount of capital raised during the recent conflict is greater than before it...



Deals by Round Type

(Number of deals, %)

...with late-stage deals continuing to increase as a portion of the overall deal count.



Key Highlights

In 2025, Israel's private tech sector raised an estimated \$19.9B across ~860 funding rounds, with an average round size of \$23.1M⁽³⁾. Compared to 2024, total capital raised increased by 62% while the number of rounds decreased by 18%, and the average round value increased by 98% from \$11.7M. This shift indicates a maturing ecosystem and is consistent with the ongoing adjustment of global and domestic investment patterns, where capital is concentrated in fewer but larger transactions.

Capital Raising by Key Sectors in 2025

33%	Cybersecurity	32%	Business Software
10%	Health Tech	10%	FinTech / Insurtech
9%	Industrial Technologies	3%	Aerospace & Defense
1%	Agri-Food Technologies	1%	Automotive & Mobility

Source: IVC Data, Startup Nation Central as of February 18, 2026. (1) Includes both private and public Israeli tech companies. (2) Denotes a \$2B capital raise by Safe Superintelligence (SSI). The company has offices both in Tel Aviv and Palo Alto. (3) Excluding a \$2B capital raise by Safe Superintelligence (SSI).

Select Notable Capital Raises Since January 2024

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

In 2025, Israel's private tech sector raised an estimated \$19.9B across ~860 funding rounds, with an average round size of \$23.1M⁽¹⁾. Cybersecurity remained the dominant theme, with quantum and AI drawing larger-than-typical early-stage rounds. Notably, companies previously expected to pursue IPOs, including Deel and Claroty, raised private capital, reflecting a market-wide focus on execution over near-term liquidity.

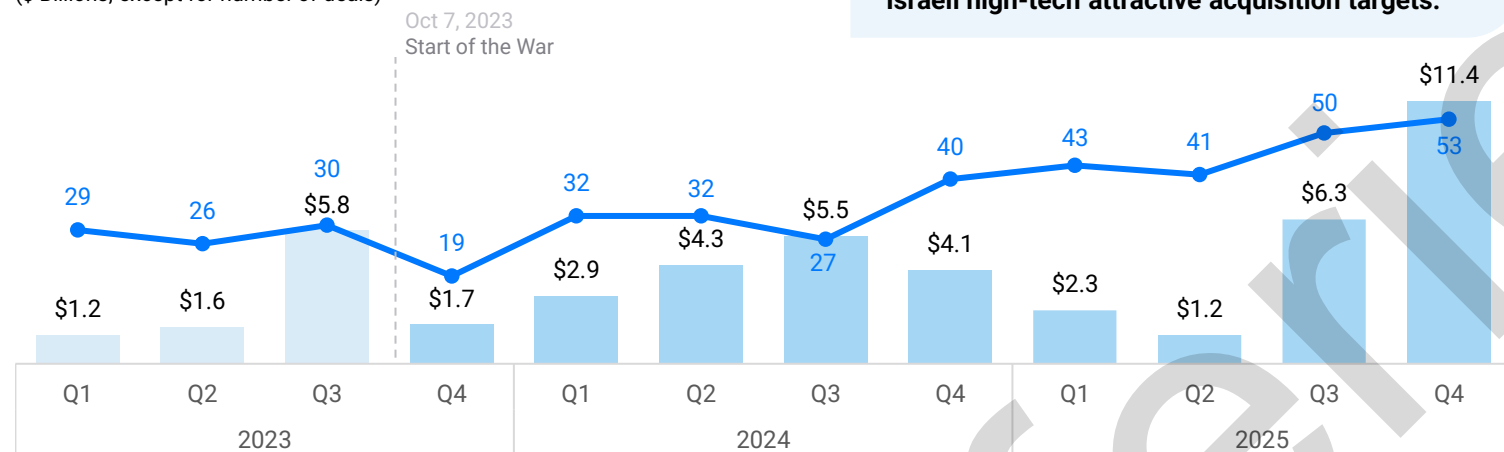
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High-tech Company Exits

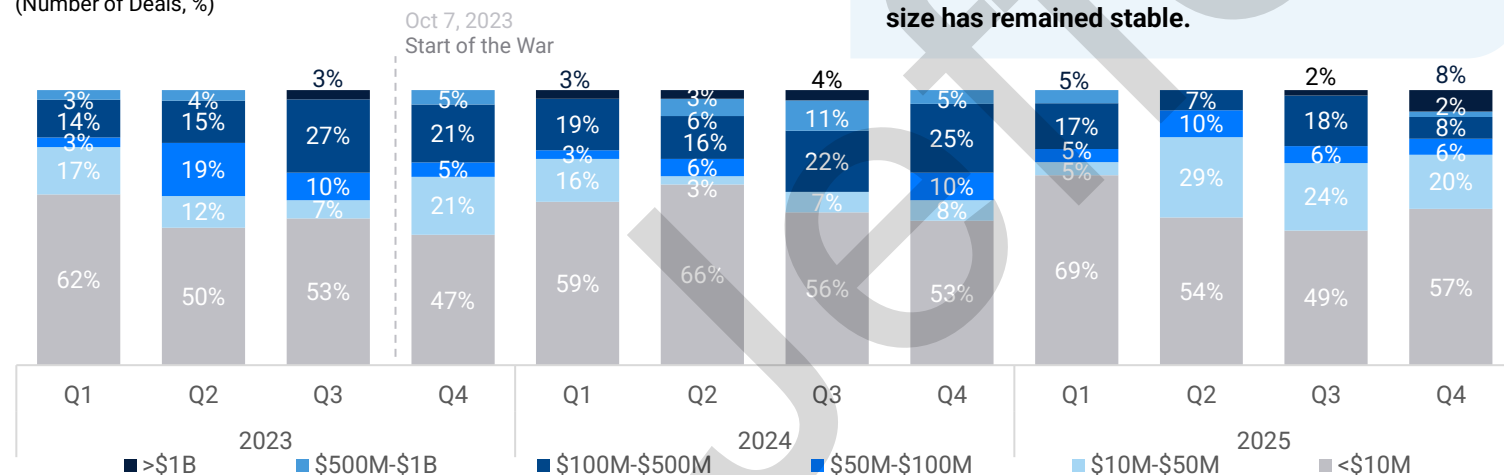
Exit Transactions that have Closed⁽¹⁾

(\$ Billions, except for number of deals)



Deal Breakdown by Size

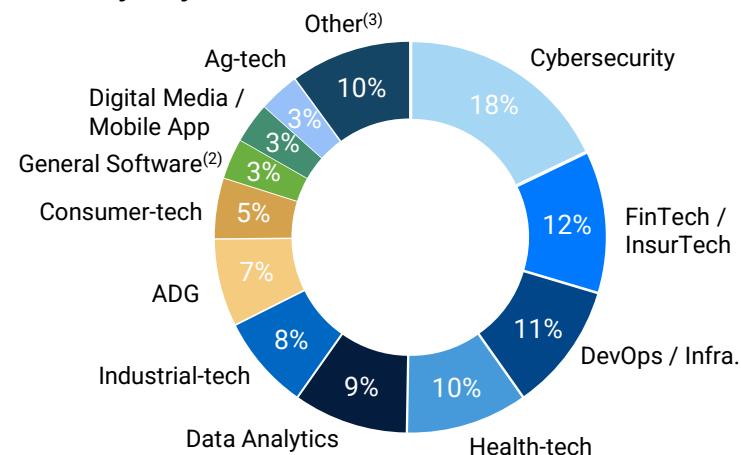
(Number of Deals, %)



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to foreign acquisitions, the evolving maturity of the Israeli tech ecosystem is fostering outbound M&A activity. For example, Rapyd's \$610M purchase of PayU and NICE's \$955M acquisition of Cognigy exemplify this trend, signaling the rise of Israeli firms as active acquirers and not just targets. Notably, this year Jefferies advised Matrix on its merger with Magic, the largest public-to-public Israeli tech merger to date, forming one of the world's largest IT services companies with a ~\$3.4B market cap as of its signing announcement. This shift enhances Israel's role in shaping global tech markets and encourages the development of larger, more competitive enterprises within Israel itself.

Exits by Key Sectors in 2025



Source: IVC Data as of February 18, 2026. (1) Transactions across M&A and IPO that have closed. (2) Software companies that help businesses manage their daily operations across various sectors and products. (3) Includes: Semiconductors, HR-tech, Ad-tech, IT Services, Ed-tech, Automotive Software, Sports-tech.

Select Notable Acquisition Announcements Since January 2024

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

While the last few years have been challenging geopolitically for Israel, 2025 was a landmark year for M&A announcements, with 150+ deals and a cumulative transaction value of \$82.3B. Financial sponsors increased participation through take-privates, including Thoma Bravo's \$2.0B acquisition of Verint and Advent's \$2.5B acquisition of Sapiens, as well as domestic asset acquisitions such as Apax's \$950M acquisition of Yad2. On the strategic side, Apple's ~\$2.0B acquisition of Q.ai marked the tech giant's second-largest acquisition ever, underscoring continued strategic appetite for Israeli innovation.

Importantly, even when excluding the mega-deals seen in 2025, the value of M&A announcements reached \$17.5B, surpassing previous record years such as 2024 (\$15.5B) and 2019 (\$16.4B). This demonstrates that Israel's M&A market is not solely dependent on isolated blockbuster transactions but rather has developed sustained momentum supported by a broad base of deal activity.



Source: Company filings, Pitchbook, IVC Data, Calcalist, and Globes as of April 24, 2026. Note: Not all acquisitions have closed as of this report date.
 (1) Valuation according to news outlets. Companies did not disclose transaction value.

High-tech Outlook: Select Sectors in 2026



SELECT SECTOR SPOTLIGHT

2026 Investor Focus

ADG (Aerospace, Defense & Government)

The number of Israeli defense-related startups has significantly increased, doubling in the past year. Funding has also risen in 2025 to a total of \$440 million, with more foreign and private investment in early-stage technologies.

Israeli defense technology is internationally recognized as IDF veterans are known for establishing world-class defense-tech startups, combining battle-tested military proficiency with wide-ranging applicability. As governments globally encounter increasing defense challenges, Israel's technology offers scalable and high-performance solutions to address contemporary threats.

Cybersecurity

As in previous years, cybersecurity continued to dominate the capital raising landscape, attracting over \$8B. This trend shows no signs of slowing down, given that global cybersecurity threats are continually increasing.

Most Israeli cybersecurity startup founders are alumni of military cyber defense programs such as 8200, top academic institutions, and mature cybersecurity firms. This network, developed over 30+ years, has created a talent flywheel effect in establishing new cybersecurity startups.

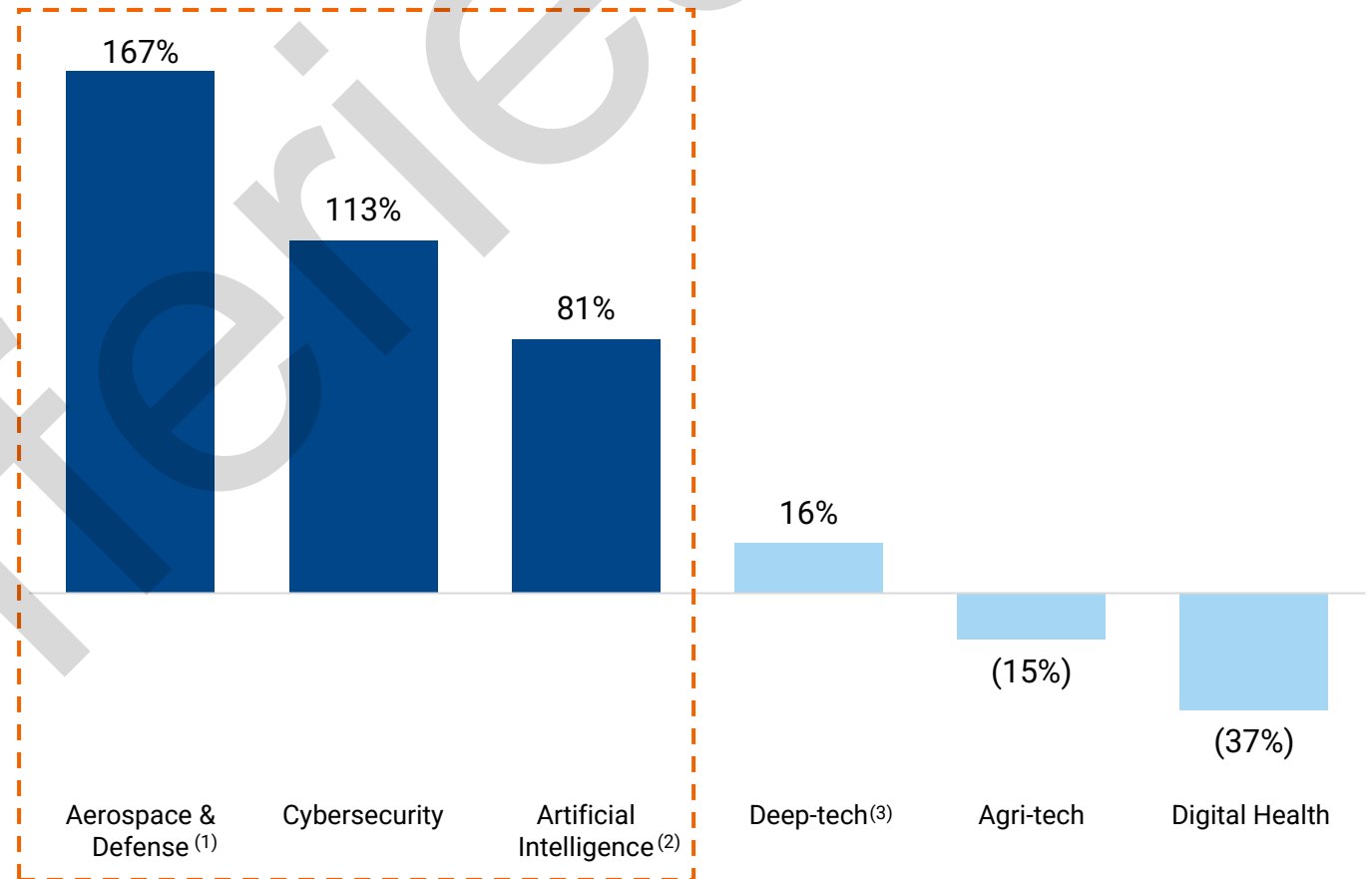
AI

AI startups surged in total capital raised driven by companies developing AI tools for businesses across multiple industries with vast applications totaling \$15B.

There is a Global Technology Arms Race, Creating a Generational Opportunity to Invest in Israeli Breakthrough Technologies

2025 Year Over Year Growth in Israeli High-tech Capital Raise by Select Verticals

(%, Growth in Amount of Capital by USD)



Source: Startup Nation Central and IVC Data as of February 18, 2026. (1) Defined by Startup Nation Central which includes space-tech and HLS. (2) Defined by IVC as companies which create systems that mimic human intelligence using techniques like machine learning, NLP, computer vision, and robotics. (3) Defined by IVC as companies focused on innovations rooted in advanced scientific research, including quantum computing and biotechnology.

Defense-tech: Global Trends

The **ADG sector** is currently undergoing significant changes, driven by the understanding that future warfare will be influenced more by advanced technology than by the quantity of traditional military equipment.

The **geopolitical environment** is evolving, military budgets are increasing, and innovation in modern warfare has become increasingly important.

NATO and European allies' defense spending is being spearheaded by a necessary rearmament.

AI & MACHINE LEARNING

37%+ CAGR

Global AI / ML Market Expected to Grow to \$1+ Trillion by FY '30

AI-enabled, real-time intel for warfighters is a major priority of the JADC2 framework.

DoW remains focused on integrating machine learning into existing analysis methodologies, including warfighting decision-making, down to backend office functions.

C4ISR

4%+ CAGR

C4ISR Spending is Expected to Reach \$145+ Billion by FY '27

Surveillance and reconnaissance and tactical communications are expected to remain the largest segments.

Processing power is moving to the "edge" as a strategic enabler.

CYBERSECURITY & CLOUD

13%+ CAGR

Global Cyber & Cloud Market Expected to Grow to \$78+ Billion by FY '26

Effective cybersecurity requires agile, proactive and reactive defenses that involve a combination of software, hardware and systems.

Fundamental levels of security are expected to be incorporated into every technology deployment.

SPACE SUPERIORITY AND HYPERSONICS

14%+ CAGR

Directed Energy Weapons and Hypersonics Market Expected to Grow to \$20+ Billion by FY '27

US DoW is prioritizing increasingly sophisticated space programs to counter symmetric threats from foes.

The US SDA and MDA are creating both offensive and defensive responses to emerging threats, with hypersonics and direct energy being two priority focus areas.

TRUSTED MICROELECTRONICS

6%+ CAGR

Global Defense Electronics Market Expected to Grow to \$250+ Billion by FY '28

The DoW has a stated priority to ensure the US defense supply chain is free of tampering from outside near-peer threats (China, Russia).

Most recent defense budget has dedicated an investment of \$375M towards state-of-the-art microelectronics production and testing.

UNMANNED AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS

15%+ CAGR

Autonomy / Unmanned Systems Market Expected to Grow to \$15+ Billion by FY '30

Recent conflicts have led to a systemic shift in warfare and need for attritable aircraft.

Primary funding has been allocated towards air, but marine and ground have begun receiving significant traction.

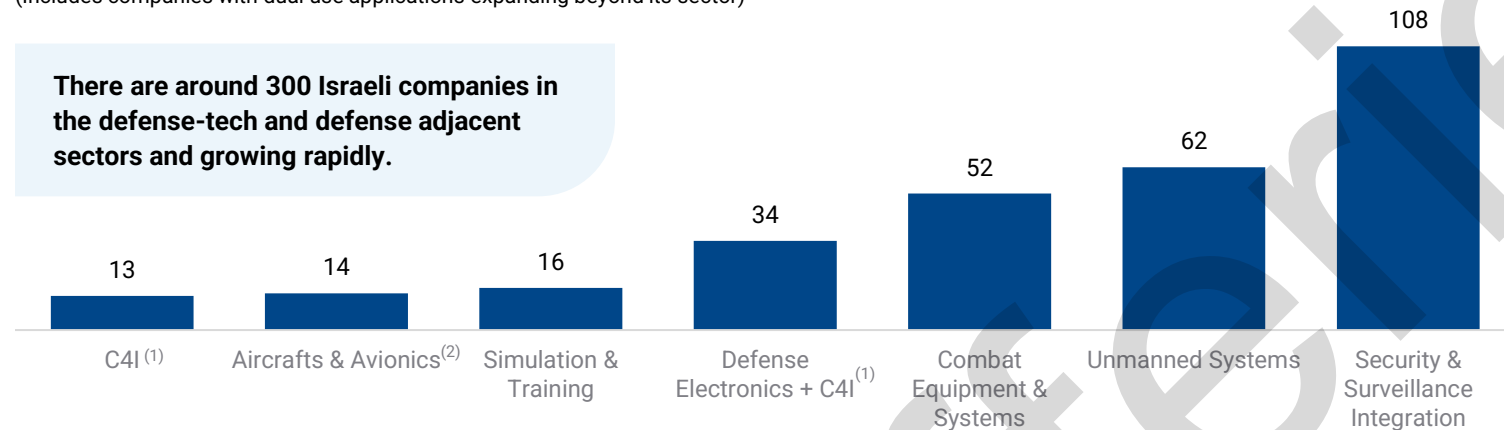
GPS-denied operations remains a key investment focus.

Defense-tech: Israel

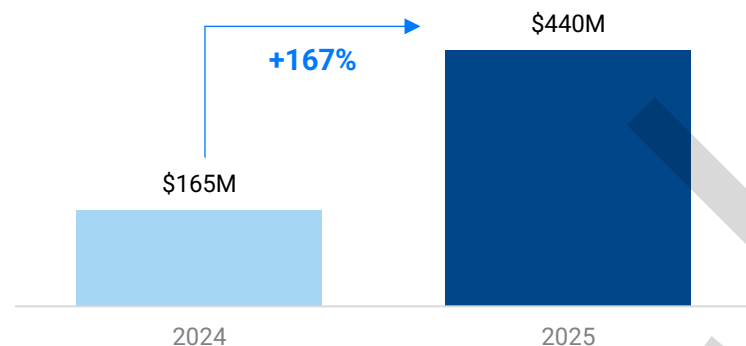
Driven by necessity and supported by a strong military background, Israel's defense-tech sector is evolving into a robust ecosystem

Total Number of Companies by Sector

(Includes companies with dual use applications expanding beyond its sector)



Total Private Capital Raised⁽³⁾



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Israel's Defense Industry Booms on Foreign Demand and War at Home – January 9, 2025

Israel will still need to recruit at least 6,000 more employees in the defense industry to meet the future demands.

— Dr. Ron Tomer, President of the Manufacturers Association of Israel

Recent Israeli Defense-tech Events

February 2026 – Israel signed an \$8.6B arms deal with India, expanding military cooperation through precision munitions, long-range missiles, and autonomous attack systems, cementing India as the leading customer of Israel's defense industry.

August 2025 – Elbit Systems awarded \$1.6 Billion contract to deliver a range of defense solutions to a European country. The contract, along with many others, signifies the strength and reputation of Israeli Defense-tech globally.

Jan 2025 – Slovakia's Ministry of Defense signed a \$580M contract, to acquire Israel Aerospace Industries' Barak MX Integrated Air Defense System. The ministry said it "is very important that the selling country is experienced in using the capability they offer us, There is no doubt about Israel's rich experience in the field of air defense."

April 2024 – Iran conducts retaliatory strikes against Israel. This event highlights the use of advanced missile and drone technologies in modern conflicts.

October 2023 – Israel intercepts a ballistic missile launched by the Houthi rebels. This event represents the first recorded instance of space combat.

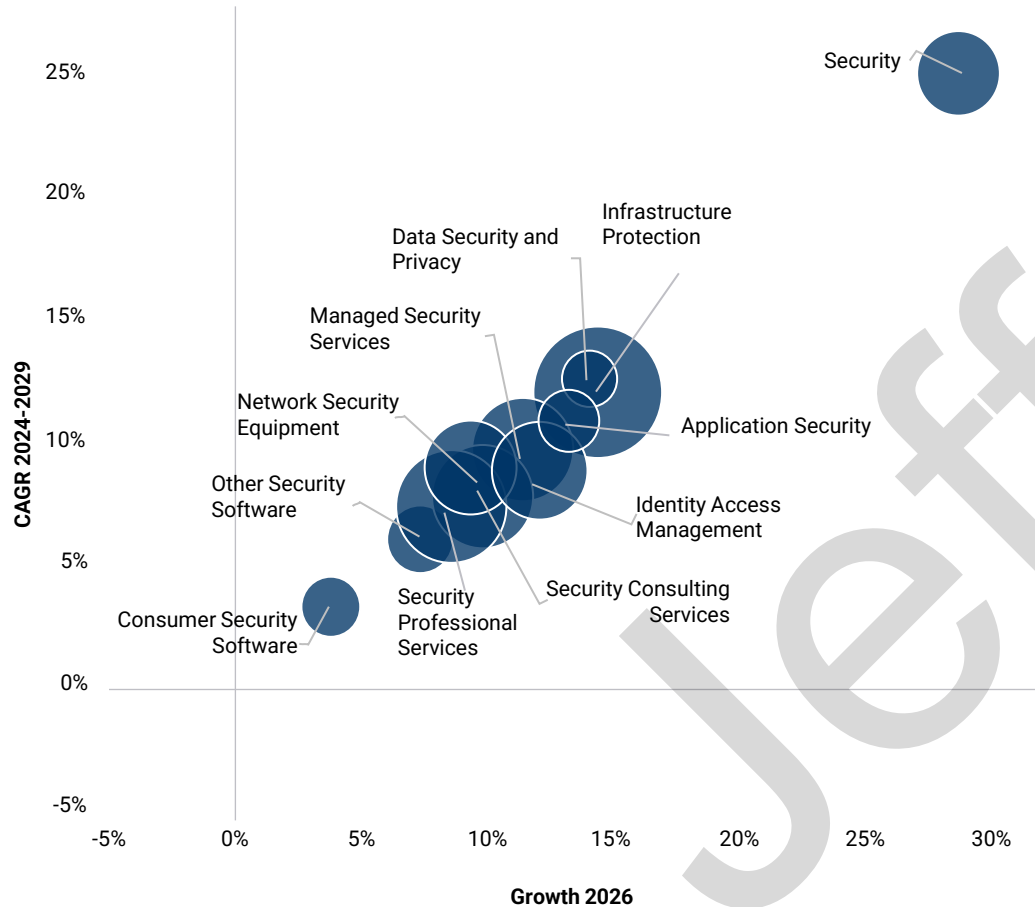
October 2023 – The attacks brought attention to the use of advanced military technologies, including precision-guided munitions, drone warfare, and cybersecurity operations. The conflict underscores the need for continuous innovation in defense technologies to maintain superiority and effectiveness in modern warfare.

Source: Startup Nation Central, Pitchbook, The Wall Street Journal, Breakingdefensetech.com. (1) Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence. (2) Electronic systems that control and operate aircraft. The term is a combination of the two words "aviation" and "electronics". (3) According to Startup Nation Central's definition excluding Space-tech.

Cybersecurity: Global Trends

Spending on information security is expected to grow to \$244B in 2026, with a constant currency growth of 11.6%. Organizations will boost security spending to address threats and enhance resilience. Cybersecurity products should deliver AI-driven benefits and secure AI usage

SECURITY END-USER SPENDING GROWTH BY SEGMENT, GLOBALLY



SECURITY END-USER SPENDING FORECAST BY SEGMENT, GLOBALLY (USD)

	2024	2029E	2024-2029E CAGR
Cloud Security	\$10.3B	\$32.4B	25.7%
Data Security and Privacy	\$5.8B	\$10.9B	13.4%
Infrastructure Protection	\$32.1B	\$58.5B	12.7%
Application Security	\$7.7B	\$13.2B	11.5%
Managed Security Services	\$25.5B	\$42.2B	10.5%
Network Security Equipment	\$21.3B	\$33.3B	9.3%
Identity Access Management	\$18.7B	\$29.0B	9.2%
Security Consulting Services	\$24.2B	\$36.6B	8.6%
Security Professional Services	\$27.3B	\$40.8B	8.3%
Other Security Software	\$12.1B	\$16.7B	6.7%
Consumer Security Software	\$8.3B	\$10.1B	4.0%

Source: Gartner report – Forecast Analysis: Information Security, Worldwide as of February 5, 2026.

Cybersecurity: Israel

With global cybersecurity threats not slowing down, Israel will continue to be a major player in cybersecurity in 2026 and beyond

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

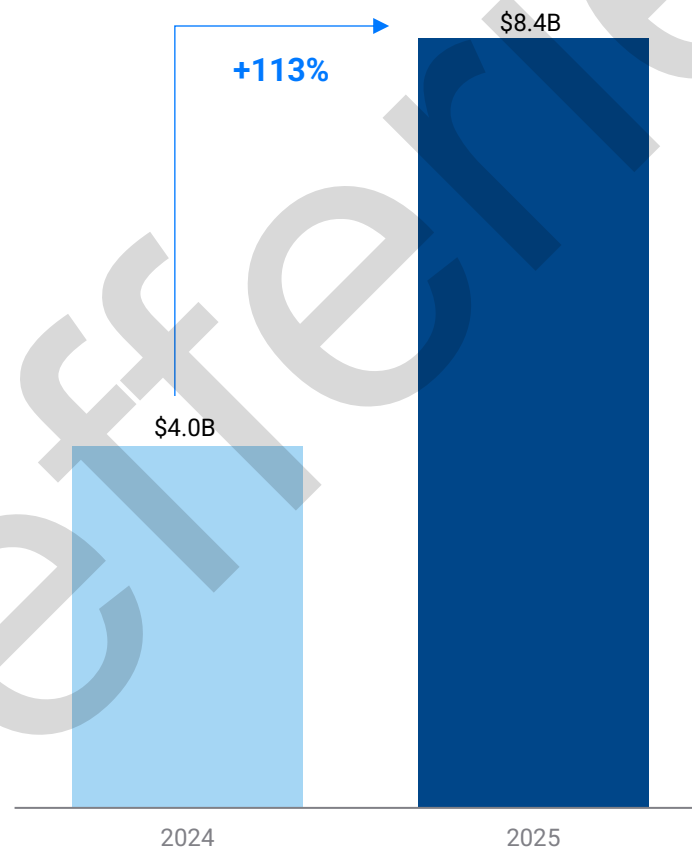
Cybersecurity has become one of the most strategically vital sectors in the global technology landscape, driven by escalating digital threats, and the need to safeguard critical infrastructure. Amid these global shifts, Israel has emerged as a world leader in cybersecurity innovation, investment, and impact.

The Israeli cybersecurity sector, which accounts for 7% of the overall tech ecosystem, currently boasts over 500 active companies. This sector has demonstrated remarkable growth over the past decade, surging by 65% from 319 companies in 2015 to a peak of 526 in 2025. With many of the companies being led by repeat founders who've built and exited successful cybersecurity companies.

Additionally, cybersecurity's importance to investors is evident by its share of tech investments, which has been around 25% over the past seven years and even higher, at 33%, in the most recent two years.

In 2025, cybersecurity remains extremely attractive with no sign of slowing down as evident in Google's \$32 billion announced acquisition of Wiz, and Palo Alto Networks' \$25.0B acquisition announcement of CyberArk.

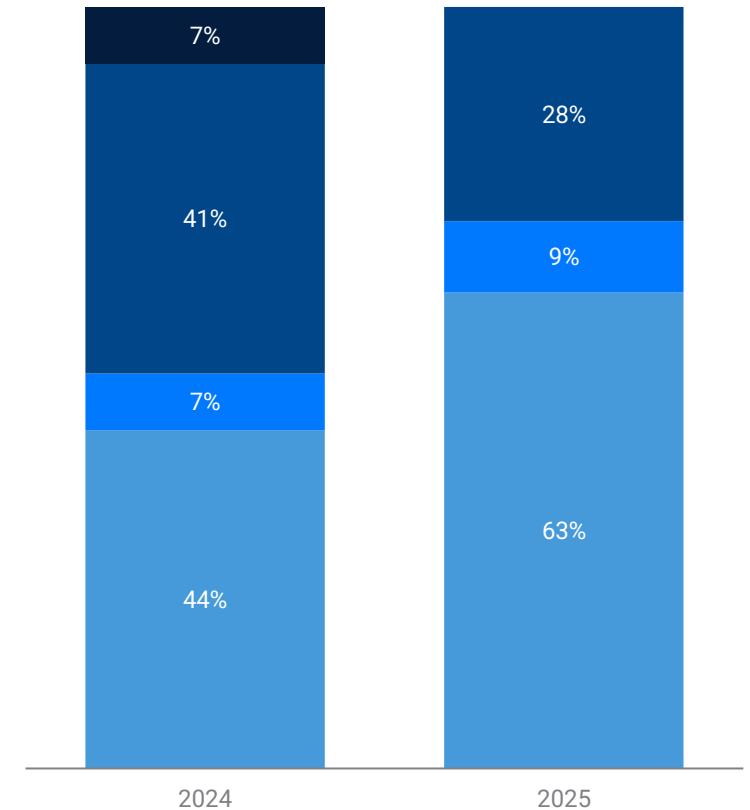
Cybersecurity Capital Raisings



Cybersecurity Exits by Size

(Number of Deals, %)

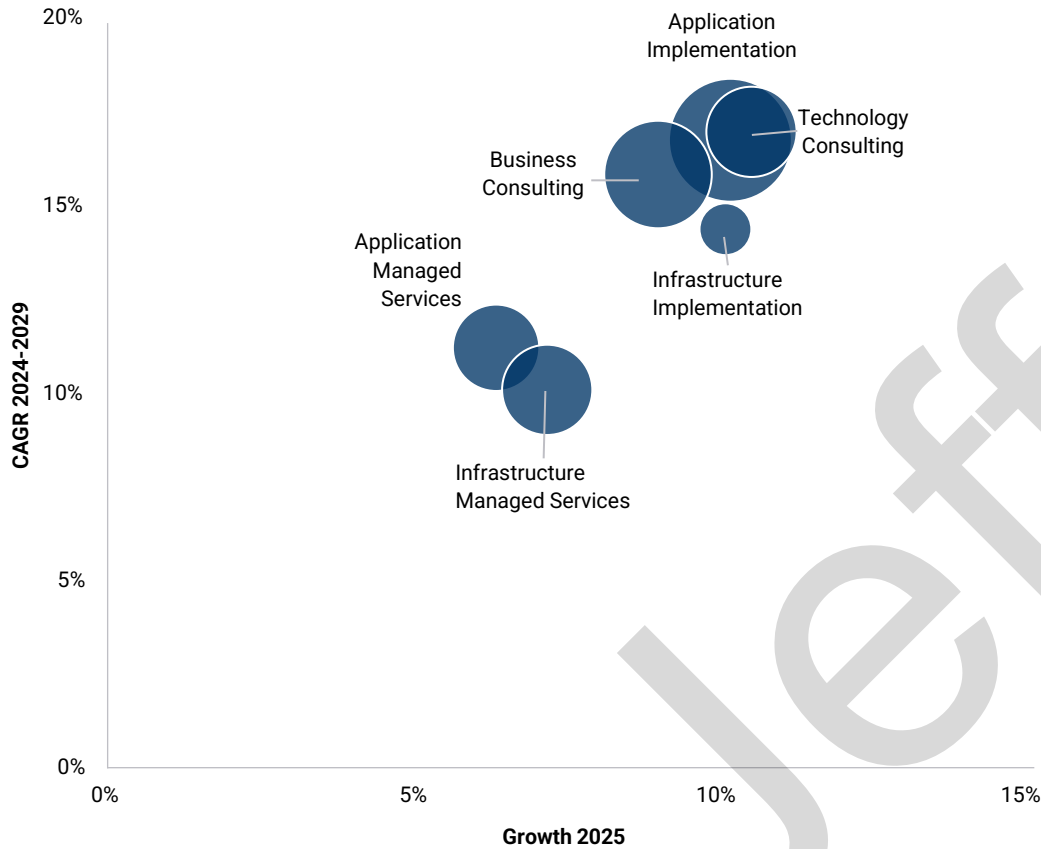
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AI: Global Trends

By 2029, annual AI services spending will reach \$516 billion, with composite AI accounting for 66%. Near-term demand will focus on productivity augmentation. As the market matures, organizations will invest in services to implement agentic AI, workflow redesign and enterprise-wide AI integration

AI SERVICES SPENDING GROWTH BY SEGMENT, GLOBALLY



AI SERVICES SPENDING FORECAST BY SEGMENT, GLOBALLY (USD)

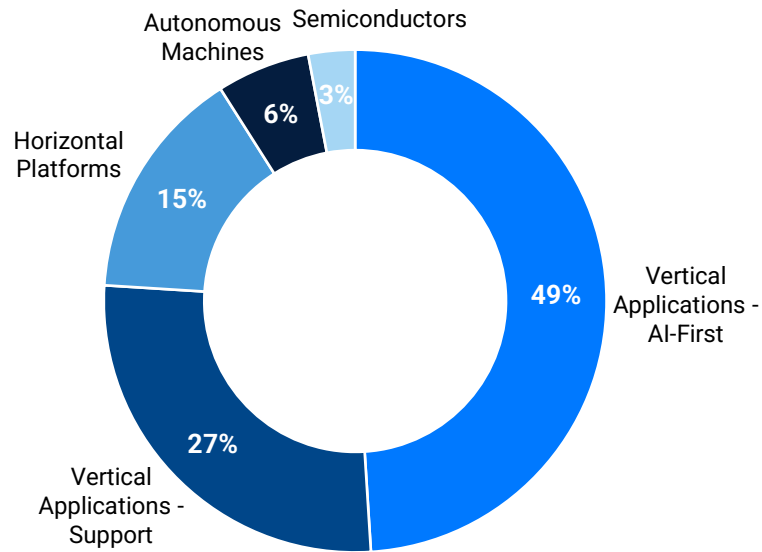
	2024	2029E	2024-2029E CAGR
Technology Consulting	\$37.3B	\$81.6B	17.0%
Application Implementation	\$72.9B	\$158.1B	16.7%
Business Consulting	\$57.7B	\$120.5B	15.9%
Infrastructure Implementation	\$14.6B	\$28.4B	14.2%
Application Managed Services	\$34.8B	\$59.2B	11.2%
Infrastructure Managed Services	\$42.2B	\$68.2B	10.1%

AI: Israel

Israel ranks third globally for Generative AI development and is continuing to invest to grow its position in the industry

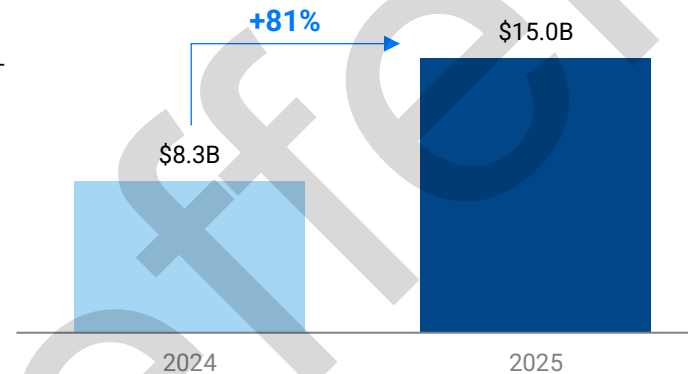
AI Companies Across Key Segments

As a % of the number of companies



AI – Total Private Capital Raised

Israel's AI ecosystem excels in Applied AI with expertise across industries. Supported by government initiatives, multinational R&D centers, local VCs, and strong incubator programs, Israel's AI startups are poised for continued growth in 2026.



Israeli AI Ecosystem

Most AI companies in Israel are vertically focused, accounting for 76% of the ecosystem. Nearly half are classified as Vertical Applications, AI-First. While this group represents a similar share of funding events, it captures only 27% of total funding value, reflecting smaller average rounds. The same pattern appears in exits: these companies account for 36% of AI M&A events but only 9% of total M&A value, pointing to earlier-stage and lower-value acquisitions.

Horizontal Platforms represent only 15% of AI companies yet capture 56% of funding value and 52% of M&A value due to much higher amounts per event.

Israel's AI funding reflects global trends, with Horizontal Platforms capturing a dominant share of capital, consistent with the majority of AI investment worldwide and reinforced by Apple's ~\$2B acquisition of Q.ai.

While in Israel AI Semiconductor companies did not generate significant M&A volume, globally they are dominant in the M&A scale.

CONTEXTUAL DEFINITIONS

- **Vertical Applications, AI-First:** AI is the core engine of an industry-specific product and the primary source of differentiation.
- **Vertical Applications, Support:** AI augments existing industry workflows, improving performance inside established processes.
- **Horizontal Platforms:** Cross-industry infrastructure and tooling that enable others to build, deploy, and operate AI.
- **Autonomous Machines:** AI applied directly to physical systems such as robotics and autonomous technologies.
- **Semiconductors:** Compute and hardware foundations that support AI training and inference.

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Leading the market in deal count

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TASE Listings (Equity / Debt)	Jefferies Israel Group	Equity Research on Israeli Listed Security
Advise Companies on Growth Strategies	Private Placements	Events, Conferences, Non-Deal Roadshows

(1) Ranking based on deal count by calendar year according to Dealogic Data for Israel-based Fee Payer.

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Israel Economic Overview and Outlook

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Strong Fundamentals Help Weather the Storm

— Jonathan Katz, Israel Macroeconomist

The Main Points

Geopolitics: Israel has been embroiled in prolonged warfare on multiple fronts since the October 7th 2023 tragedy. There are optimistic signs that hostilities are winding down and Israel's geopolitical reality has greatly improved. A ceasefire with Hezbollah is being maintained, Syria's collapse has weakened Iranian influence in the region, and cessation of hostilities in Gaza appear imminent with the recent ceasefire agreement

Strong economic fundamentals will support recovery

- Israel is a developed economy with a GDP/capita of \$53.7k.
- Israel has a strong growth potential supported by positive demographics and a vibrant high-tech sector.
- Israel entered the war with a low fiscal deficit and manageable Debt/GDP.
- The fiscal deficit will be reduced in 2025 by fiscal adjustments of nearly 2% of GDP.
- Growth in 2025 will be fueled by investment spending and exports.
- Israel's strong external position including a Current Account Surplus and Foreign Direct Investment helps support a strong shekel.
- A tight fiscal policy, shekel appreciation and a weakening of supply constraints will support lower inflation towards mid-year.
- We expect three rate cuts this year from the Bank of Israel.
- Looking ahead, the major risks revolve around internal politics and division.
- On the upside, we could see an opening up of relations with Saudia Arabia.

POLICY RATES

Current	4.50%
Q225	4.25%
Q425	3.75%

INFLATION

12 y-o-y	3.2%
Jan-Mar	1.0%
NTM	2.5%
2026	2.3%

FX

	USD	EURO
ILS	3.602	3.7074
Last week	-1.7%	-1.8%
YTD	-1.2%	-2.3%
NTM	3.57	3.67
2025	3.57	3.67

GOV. BONDS

	JAN 25
Redemptions	1.3
Issuance (tradable)	15.0
Net redemption	-13.7

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GLOBES (April 28, 2026)

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2	Goldman Sachs	Citi	Goldman Sachs	JPMorgan
3	Barclays	Jefferies	JPMorgan	Citi
4	BofA	Morgan Stanley	Morgan Stanley	Goldman Sachs
5	JPMorgan	BofA	Deutsche Bank	BofA
6	Stifel	UBS	Stifel	Leader Underwriters
7	Morgan Stanley	JPMorgan	Citi	Morgan Stanley
8	B Riley	Barclays	BofA	Stifel
9	Deutsche Bank	Cantor Fitzgerald	Evercore	Mizuho
10	Cantor Fitzgerald	Wells Fargo	Qatalyst Partners	Barclays
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<p>April 2026</p> <p>\$403,000,000</p> <p>Common Stock Offering Sole Global Coordinator</p>	<p>February 2026</p> <p>~\$3,400,000,000</p> <p>Merger with Magic Software Financial Advisor</p>	<p>February 2026</p> <p>Undisclosed</p> <p>Sale to Astera Labs Sole Financial Advisor</p>	<p>January 2026</p> <p>\$700,000,000 5yr Senior Notes Offering Joint Bookrunner</p> <p>\$750,000,000 Tier II Notes Offering Joint Global Coordinator / Joint Bookrunner</p>	<p>January 2026</p> <p>\$2,000,000,000</p> <p>Senior Notes Offering Joint Active Bookrunner</p>	<p>January – December 2025</p> <p>\$5,455,000,000</p> <p>Capital Raised Across Senior Unsecured Notes and ABS Left / Joint Bookrunner</p>	<p>December 2025</p> <p>\$160,000,000</p> <p>Common Stock Offering Sole Global Coordinator</p>	<p>November 2025</p> <p>\$2,000,000,000</p> <p>Sale to Thoma Bravo and combination with portfolio company Calabrio Sole Financial Advisor</p>
<p>November 2025 March 2025</p> <p>\$834,000,000 Common Stock Offering Joint Bookrunner</p> <p>\$251,000,000 Common Stock Offering Sole Global Coordinator</p>	<p>October 2025</p> <p>\$923,000,000</p> <p>Initial Public Offering Joint Bookrunner</p>	<p>September 2025</p> <p>\$414,000,000</p> <p>Common Stock Offering Sole Global Coordinator</p>	<p>September 2025</p> <p>\$500,000,000</p> <p>Convertible Notes Offering Joint Bookrunner</p>	<p>September 2025</p> <p>\$750,000,000</p> <p>Convertible Notes Offering Joint Bookrunner</p>	<p>September 2025</p> <p>\$955,000,000</p> <p>Acquisition of Cognigy Sole Financial Advisor</p>	<p>May 2025</p> <p>\$590,000,000</p> <p>Common Stock Offering Joint Bookrunner</p>	<p>May 2025</p> <p>\$713,000,000</p> <p>Initial Public Offering Lead Bookrunner</p>
<p>April 2025</p> <p>€2,300,000,000</p> <p>Sale of Snaitech S.p.A. to Flutter Entertainment Joint Financial Advisor</p>	<p>February 2025</p> <p>\$900,000,000 Acquisition of Teads Joint Financial Advisor</p> <p>\$638,000,000 Financing for Acquisition Joint Bookrunner</p>	<p>February – December 2024</p> <p>\$4,015,000,000</p> <p>Capital Raised Across Convertible Notes, Equity Follow On, Senior Secured Credit Facility and ABS Left / Sole Bookrunner</p>	<p>November 2024</p> <p>Undisclosed</p> <p>Sale to Eteris Fine Chemicals Sole Financial Advisor</p>	<p>July – November 2024</p> <p>\$850,000,000</p> <p>Placing of shares on behalf of: Centerbridge & Gallatin Point Common Stock Offering Sole Global Coordinator</p>	<p>November 2024</p> <p>\$150,000,000</p> <p>Minority Sale Sole Financial Advisor</p>	<p>April 2024</p> <p>£754,000,000</p> <p>A subsidiary of Delek Group Business Combination with Eni S.p.A Sole Financial Advisor</p>	<p>January 2024</p> <p>\$94,200,000</p> <p>Common Stock Offering Sole Global Coordinator</p>

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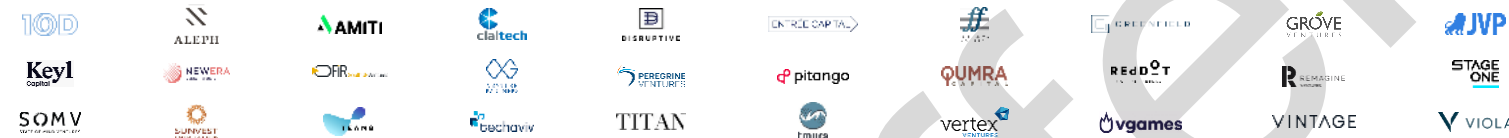
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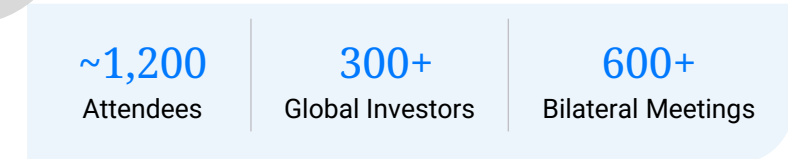
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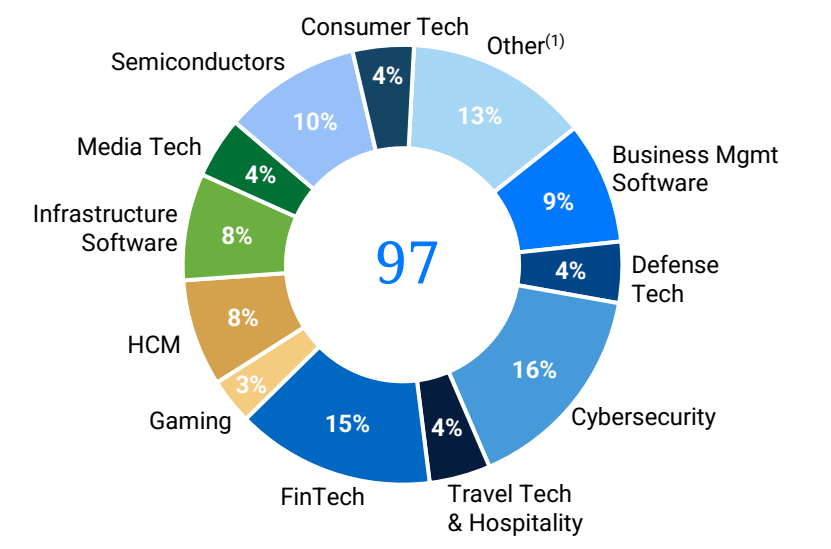
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