

### Christopher Atkinson Quoted On Extended PE Holding Periods Amid Rate Environment and Valuation Reset

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Christopher Atkinson, partner and global co-chair of the firm's Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity practice, was featured in an *S&P Global Market Intelligence* analysis discussing why private equity sponsors are holding assets longer and how evolving market dynamics are shaping exit timing.

Christopher observed that there remains a clear "valuation mismatch between buyers and sellers."

"People were buying in 2019 to 2021 when interest rates were very different than where they are today," Christopher shared. "What we're seeing are firms that are continuing to hold these assets and waiting for market improvement."

["Private equity buyouts record longer holding periods in 2025," S&P Global Market Intelligence,](#)  
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