

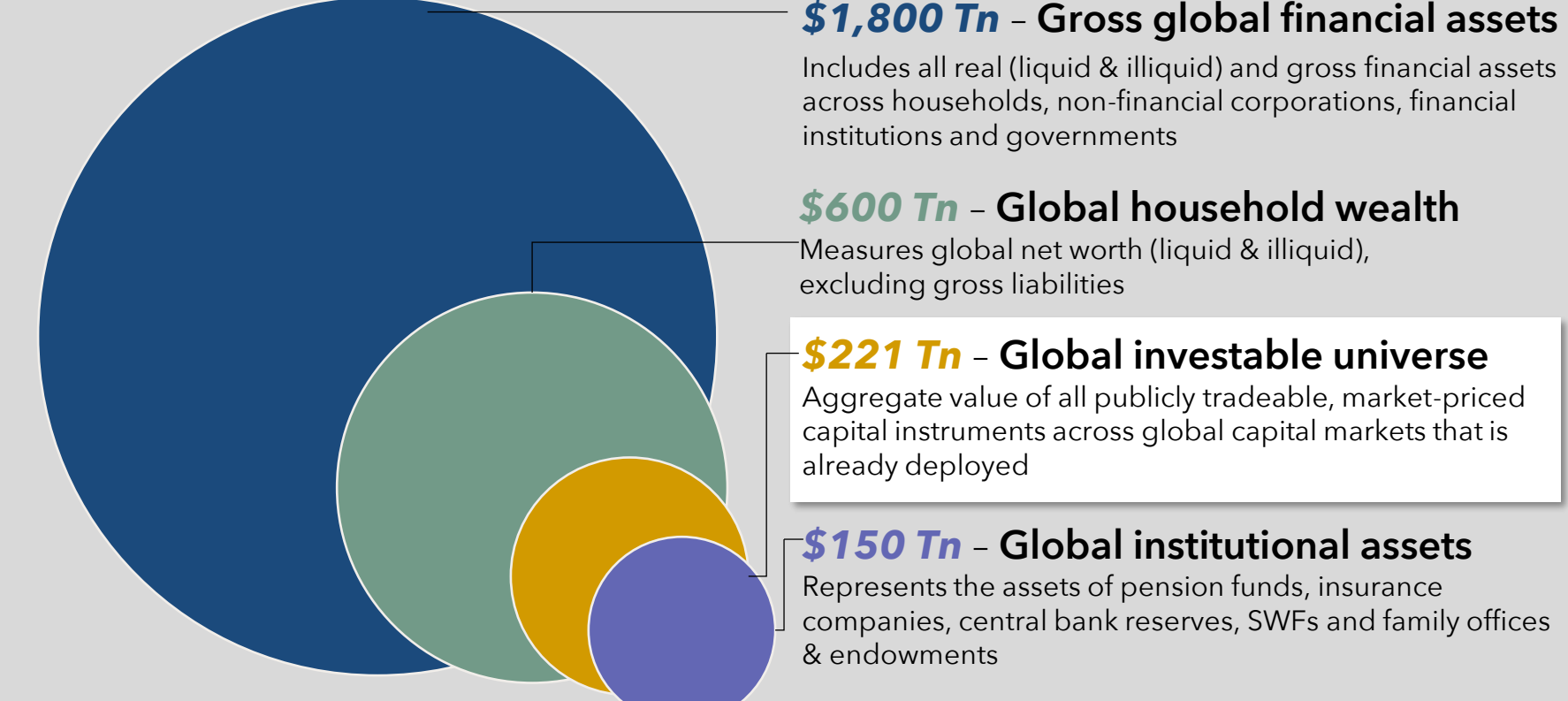
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~\$1,800 Trillion of Global Financial Assets

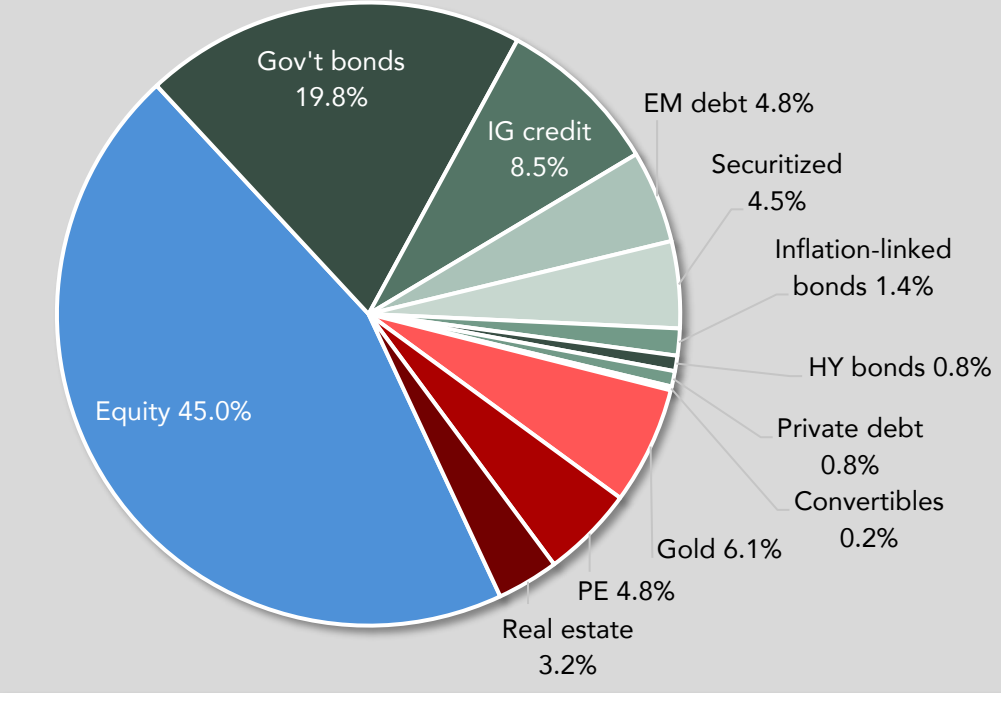


Source: McKinsey, "The Global Balance Sheet 2026: Imbalance & Divergence" (July 2026). State Street Global Advisors, "The Changing Makeup of the Global Market Portfolio" (July 2026). Financial Stability Board, "Global Monitoring Report on Nonbank Financial Intermediation 2025" Global SWF. ICI, "Worldwide Regulated Open-End Fund Assets and Flows, First Quarter 2026". Thinking Ahead Institute and WTW, The World's Largest Asset Managers 2025.

The \$221 Trillion Global Investable Universe

Breakdown of global investable universe

Q1 2026: \$221 tn



- Institutional and retail
- **Includes:** all liquid public equities, IG and HY corporate bonds, sovereign gov't debt, securitized debt and investable real estate
- **Excludes:** non-investable or highly illiquid assets that make up the rest of household wealth

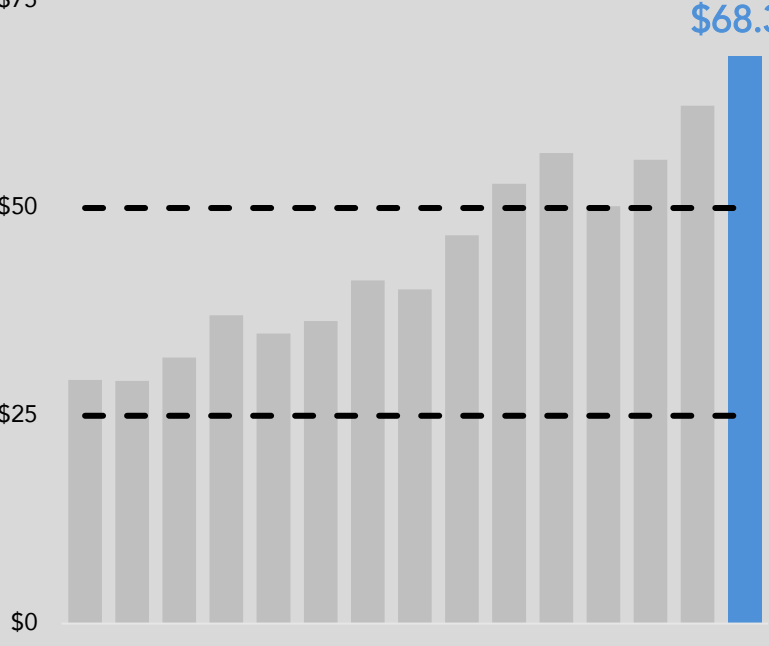
The mix has moved, not just the total. Alternatives have more than doubled to 15% in 2026 from 6% in 2000. Equity weight sat near 60% at the dot-com peak, fell to 50% by 2007 and has oscillated between 35% and 45% since. Bonds, at 40%, sit close to the low end of their range.

Source: State Street Investment Management, "The Changing Makeup of the Global Market Portfolio" (July 2026). Thomson Reuters, Bloomberg, Preqin, World Gold Council, JPM, MSCI, State Street Investment Management.

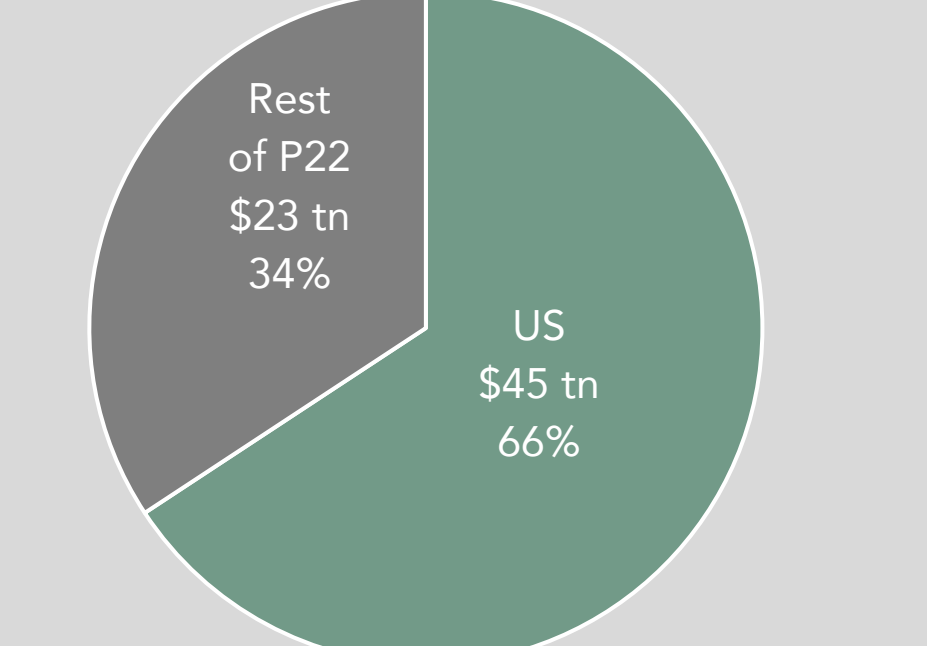
Nearly \$70 Trillion of Pension Funds

Global pension fund assets of nearly \$70 trillion now represent **the single largest block of long-term institutional capital** in global financial markets. Their fiduciary mandate is driven by **capital preservation and liability matching** to fund long-term retirement obligations. High grade, AI tech bond issuance are well aligned with pension funds seeking high quality, long duration assets. More specifically, 20-30 year IG hyperscaler bonds offer incremental yield returns versus Treasuries with only incremental credit risk.

Global pension fund AUM, USD tn



Global pension funds, by region

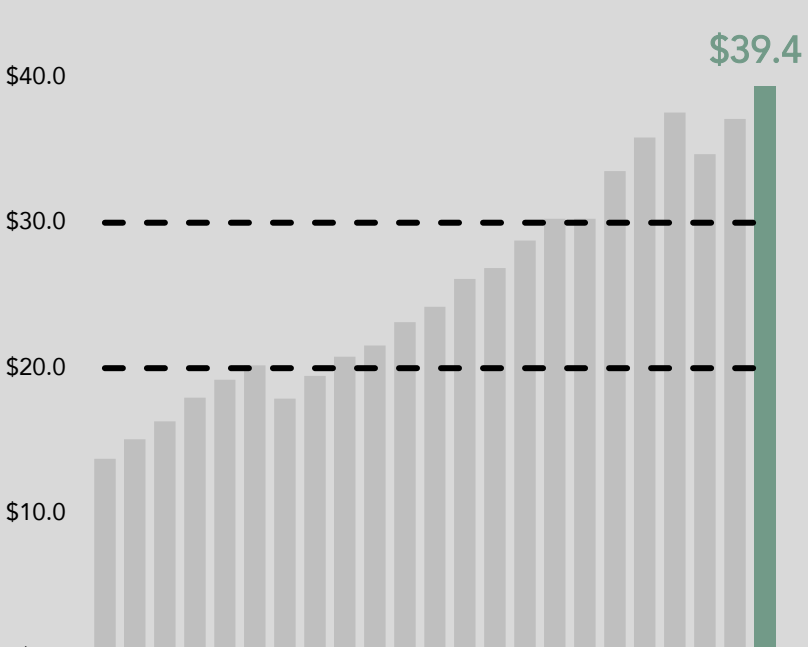


Source: (1-2) OECD, "Pension Markets in Focus 2025". Thinking Ahead Institute, "Global Pension Assets Study – 2026". P22 includes US, Canada, Mexico, UK, Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany, Finland, Italy, France, Ireland, Spain, Japan, Australia, South Korea, China, Malaysia, India, Brazil, Chile, and South Africa. China includes Hong Kong.

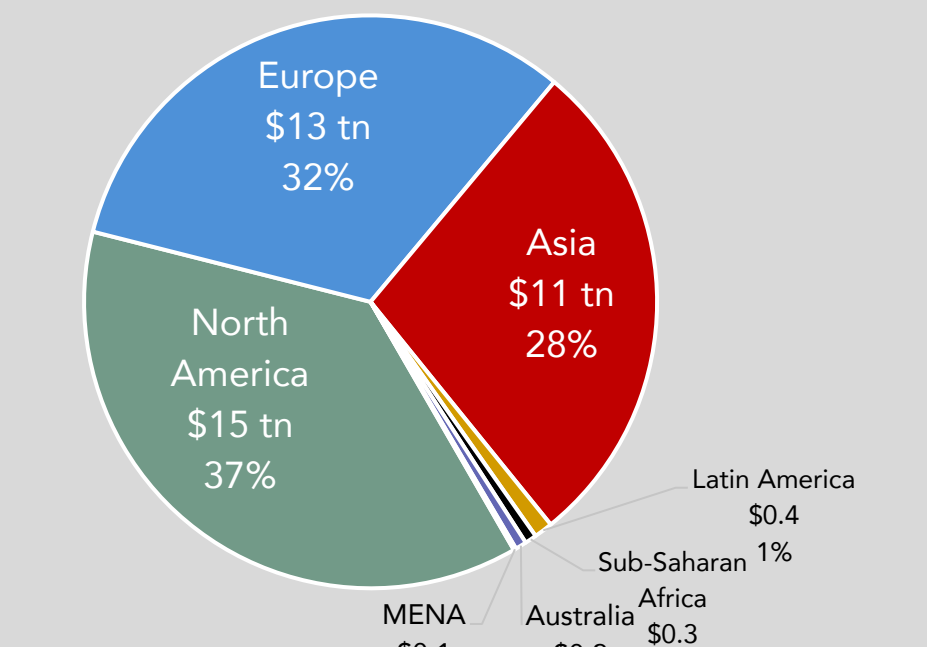
\$40 Trillion of Global Insurance AUM

Led by life & annuity carriers, roughly \$40 trillion of insurance assets represent **the second pillar of long-term global institutional capital** alongside pension funds. **Capital preservation, predictability and duration matching** take precedence over capital appreciation. Regulatory risk-based capital rules also push 80-85% of insurer AUM into high grade fixed income, IG credit and structured debt. As such, insurers have become primary anchor buyers for 10-30 year bond tranches of AI hyperscalers. They have also become leading providers of long-dated project finance capital, credit tenant leases (CTLs) and asset-backed debt for hyperscaler data centers and co-located energy assets.

Global insurance corporation AUM, USD tn



Global insurance corporation AUM, by region



Source: (1-2) Financial Stability Board, "Global Monitoring Report on Nonbank Financial Intermediation 2025". Data as of 2024. Latin America includes Mexico.

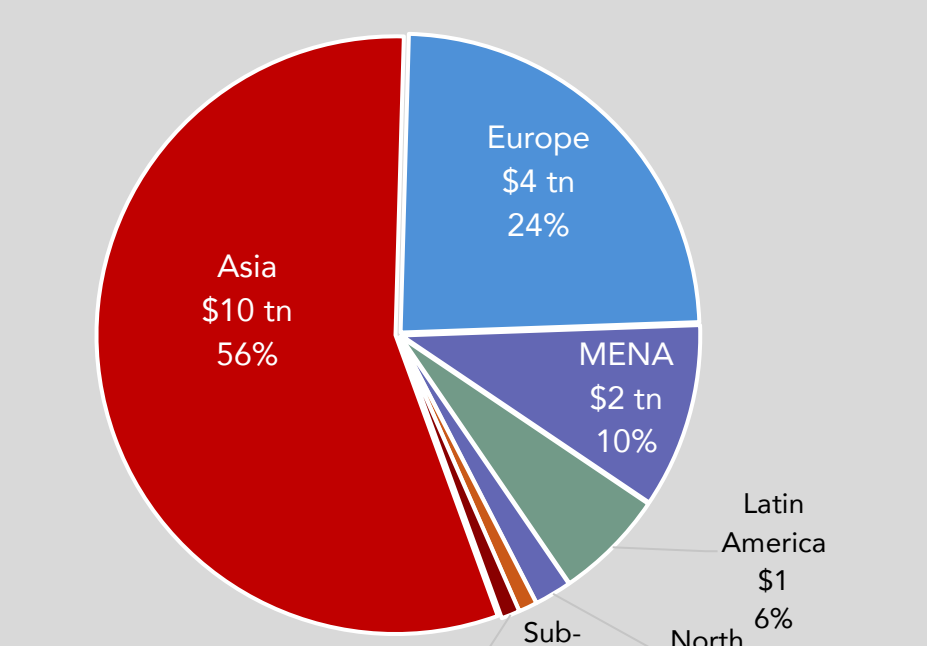
\$18 Trillion of Central Bank Reserves AUM

At nearly \$18 trillion in aggregate, global central bank reserves represent the absolute **baseline liquidity floor** of the world financial system. Their investment mandate straddles **FX & macro stability (mitigating outflows), capital preservation (minimal risk tolerance) and liquidity**. Central Bank reserve policies strictly **prohibit holdings of equity** (including AI stocks) and **impose heavy restrictions on holdings of corporate bonds**. Nonetheless, they have a strong **indirect impact on the AI ecosystem** by virtue of their structural demand engine for sovereign bonds, including US Treasuries.

Central bank reserves AUM, USD tn



Central bank reserves AUM, by region

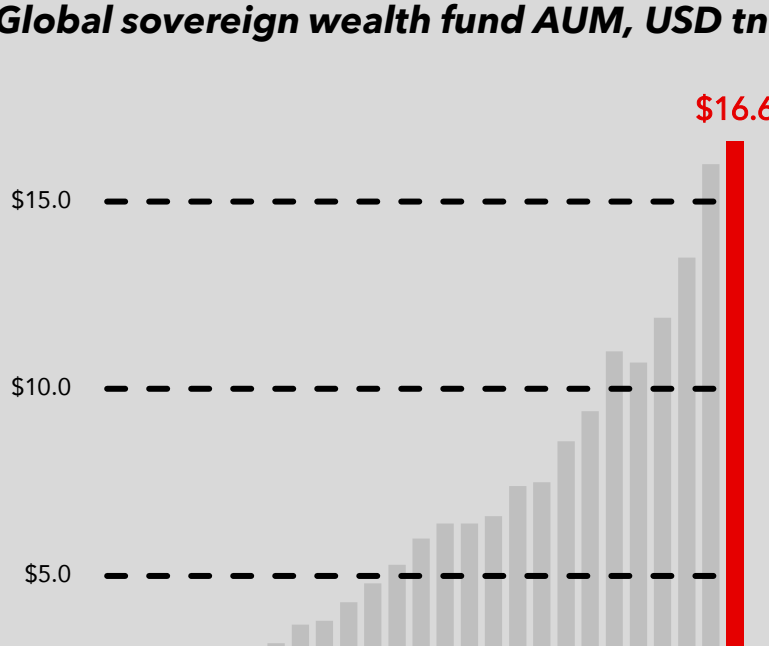


Source: (1-2) Global SWF. AUM is assets under management. Data as of September 2026.

Over \$16 Trillion of Sovereign Wealth Funds (SWFs)

Managing over \$16 trillion of AUM, sovereign wealth funds (SWFs) represent state-owned pools of **patient, highly concentrated capital**. Unlike pension funds, SWFs operate with **maximum structural flexibility and play a unique, full capital structure role in the global AI buildout**, from major equity anchor to core infrastructure debt financiers. Financial roles include primary equity backstops for frontier AI developers, anchor investors in big tech hyperscaler debt, private pre-IPO AI infrastructure, bespoke mezzanine debt, preferred equity and long-dated project finance – including non-rated or asset-heavy debt structures that exceed traditional bank liquidity limits.

Global sovereign wealth fund AUM, USD tn



Top 10 global sovereign wealth funds by AUM

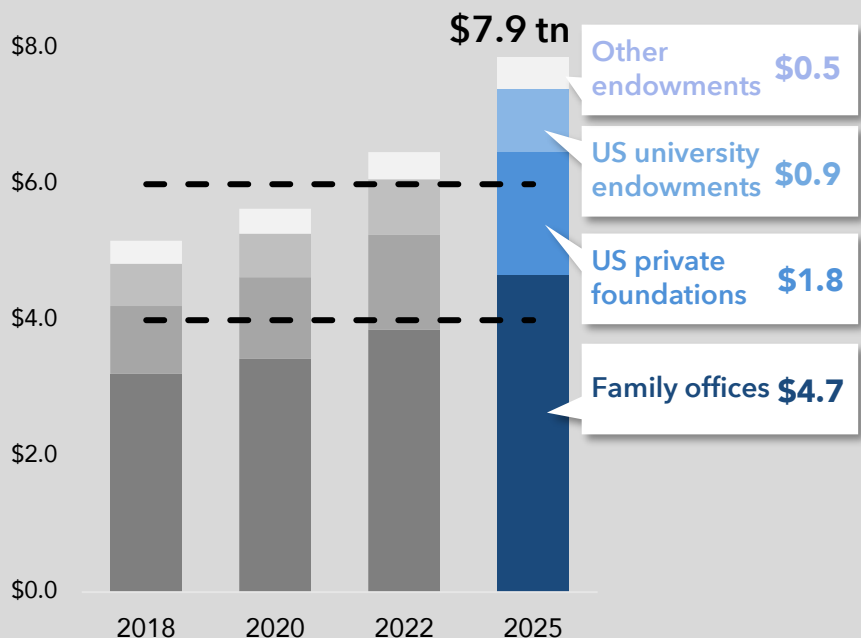
	1. Norway Gov't Pension Fund Global	\$2,284 bn
	2. SAFE Investment Company	\$2,047 bn
	3. China Investment Corporation	\$1,567 bn
	4. Abu Dhabi Investment Authority	\$1,187 bn
	5. GIC Private Limited	\$1,161 bn
	6. Kuwait Investment Authority	\$1,002 bn
	7. Public Investment Fund	\$906 bn
	8. Qatar Investment Authority	\$580 bn
	9. Investment Corporation of Dubai	\$458 bn
	10. Turkey Wealth Fund	\$443 bn

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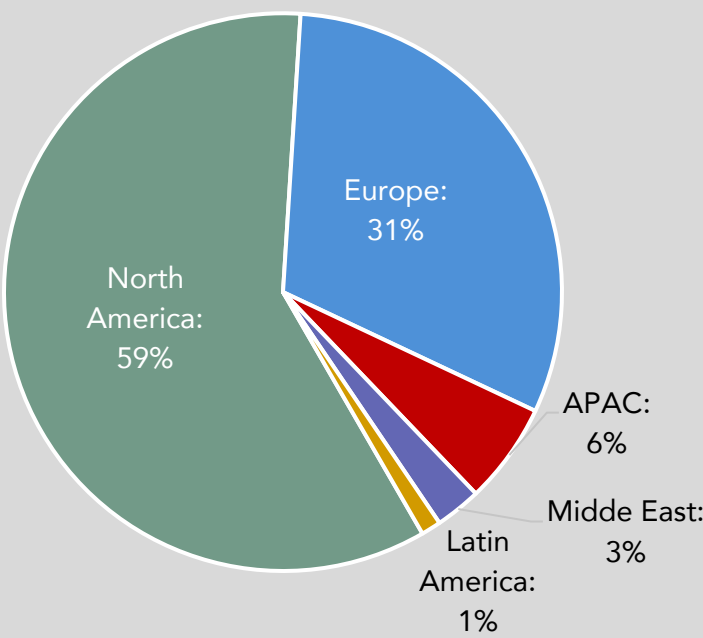
\$8 Trillion of Family Offices & Endowment AUM

The roughly \$8 trillion of family office (~\$6 trillion) and endowment (~\$2 trillion) AUM can be characterized as among **the most unconstrained, high-conviction money in global finance**. Mandates include intergenerational capital growth, wealth preservation and tax efficiency. They also occupy **the highest-beta, highest-risk tiers of the AI capital stack**. They are frequently the foundational LPs funding primary AI venture funds, often making direct pre-IPO investments into frontier AI companies. They have comparatively **high tolerance for valuation volatility, early-stage dilution, high cash burn rates and non-linear valuation swings in exchange for longer term equity upside**. More so than longer dated, highly rated hyperscaler bonds, they more typically allocate funds toward **mezzanine financing, preferred equity and structured debt**.

Global family office & endowments AUM, USD tn

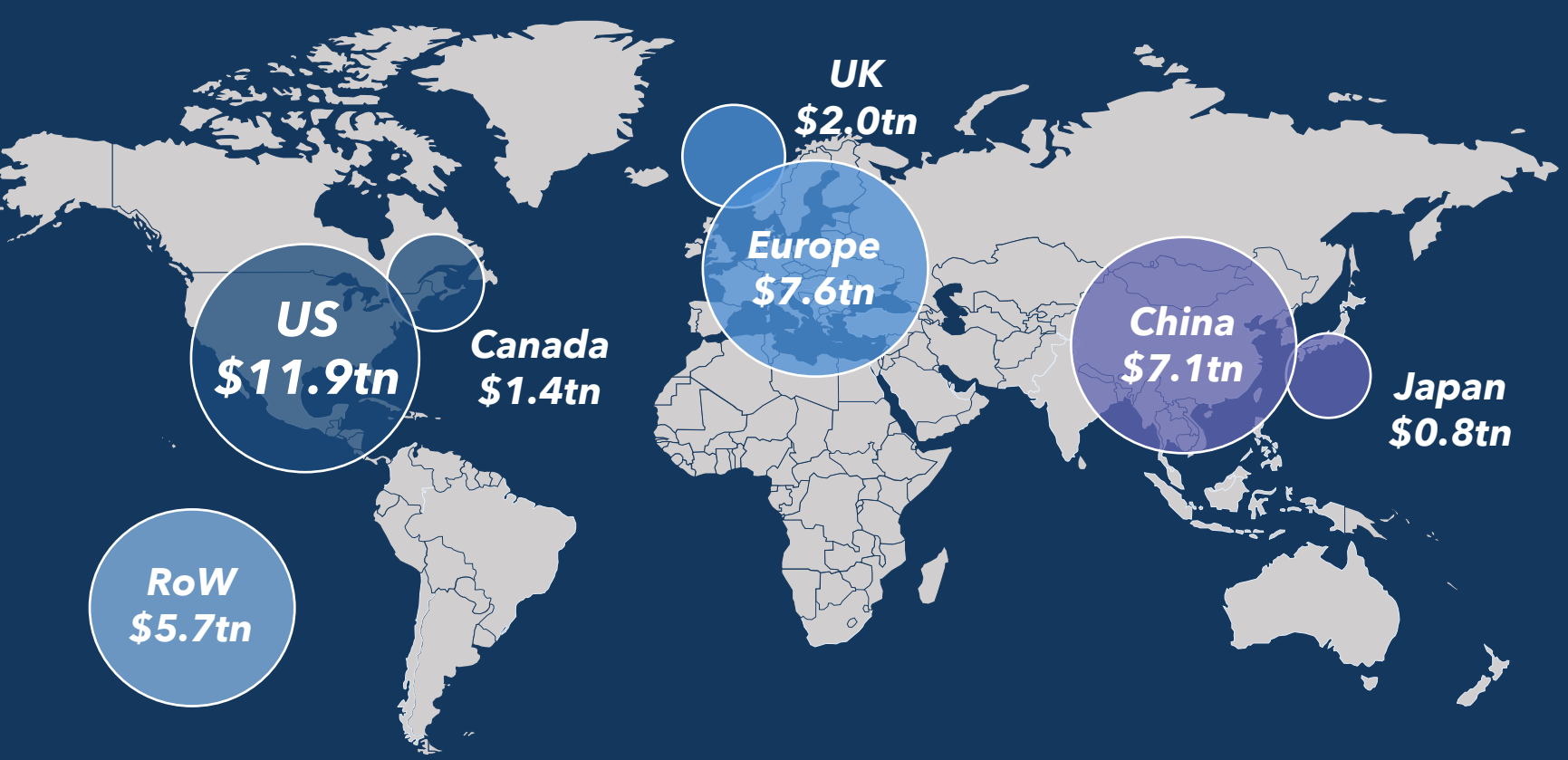


Global family office & endowments AUM, by region



Source: (1-2) NACUBO-Commonfund Study of Endowments. FoundationMark. Deloitte. UBS. Campden Wealth.

\$36 Trillion of Corporate Debt Markets Globally



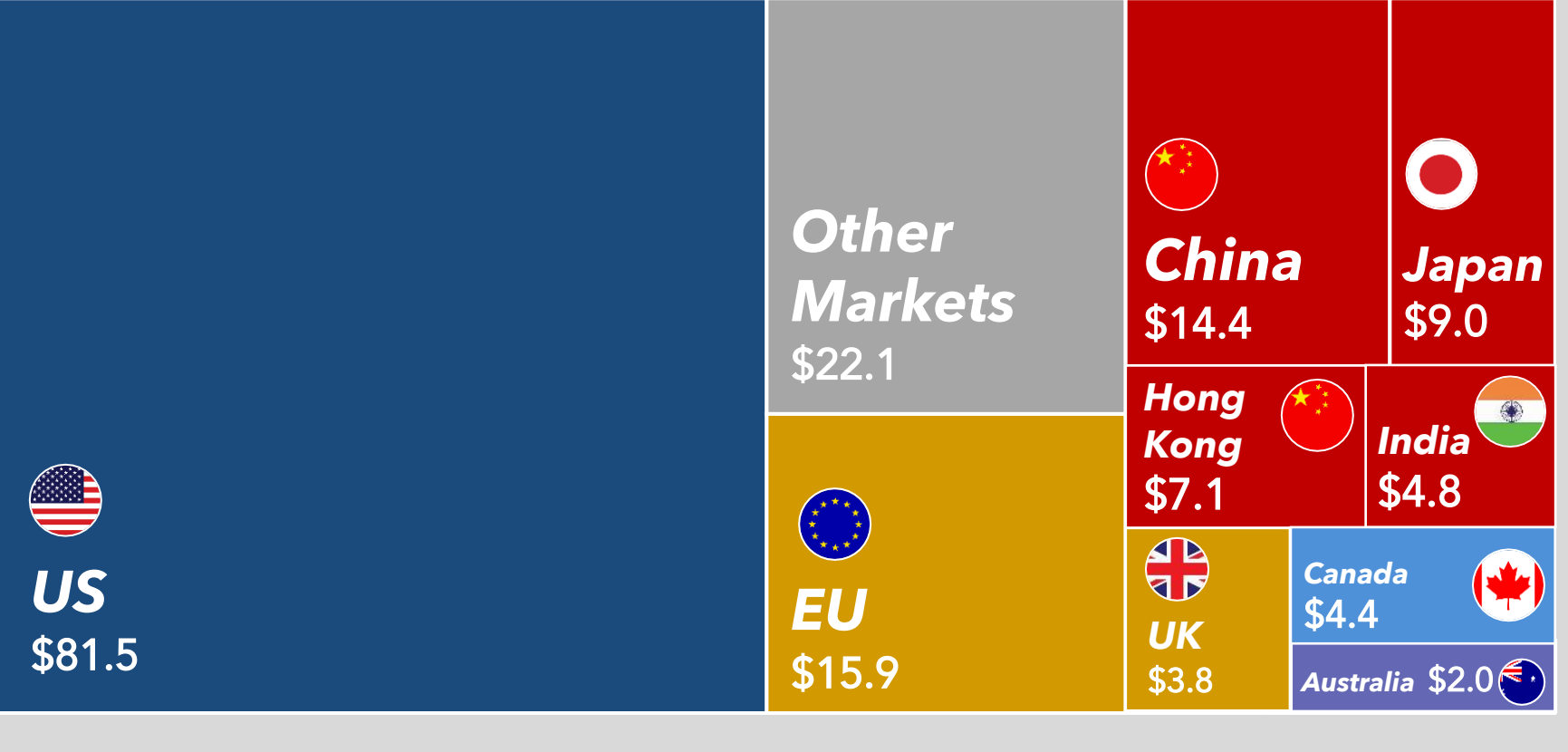
The global corporate bond market totals roughly \$36tn across all regions, of which the non-financial segment is \$16.4tn.

Source: (1) OECD Global Debt Report 2026, investor base dataset. Data as of March 2026.

Over \$160 Trillion of Global Equity Market Capitalization

Global equity markets provide the foundational capital and deep liquidity needed to anchor the funding of big tech AI capex spending, serving as the ecosystem's primary risk-pricing mechanism. Global equity markets also allow companies to preserve headline leverage and ratings, optimize execution across competing funding markets, and prioritize cash flow optionality.

Global equity market cap share, USD tn

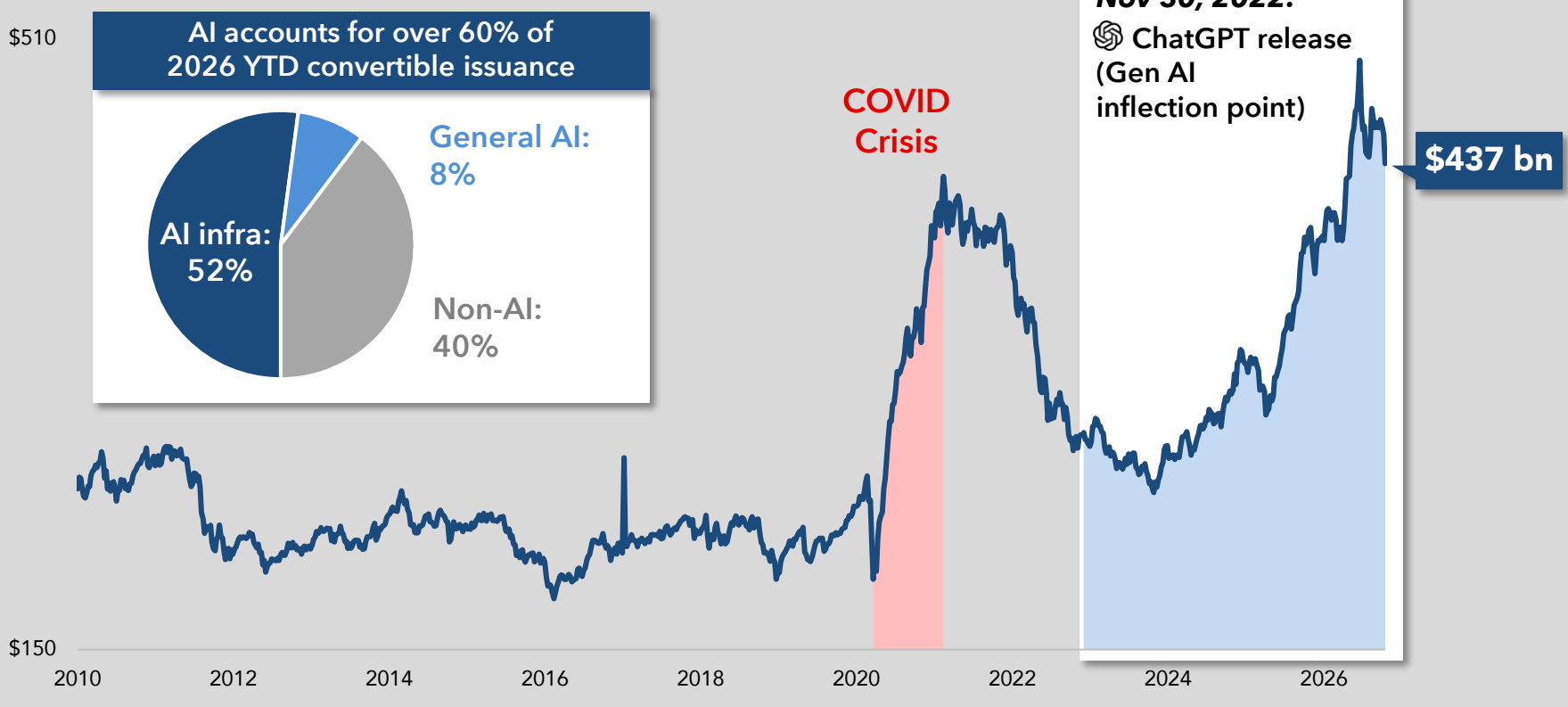


Source: (1) Bloomberg. Data as of October 2026.

AI Drives Structural Surge in Convert Issuance

AI's expansion is fueling a structural surge in convertible bond issuance, both in terms of larger deal sizes and overall market volumes. In a relatively high-rate environment, straight debt is expensive and equity issuance dilutes. Convertibles offer an alternative funding source amidst saturated financing markets, with the additional benefit of lower coupons and deferred / diluted equity at higher conversion prices.

US convertible full market value, USD bn

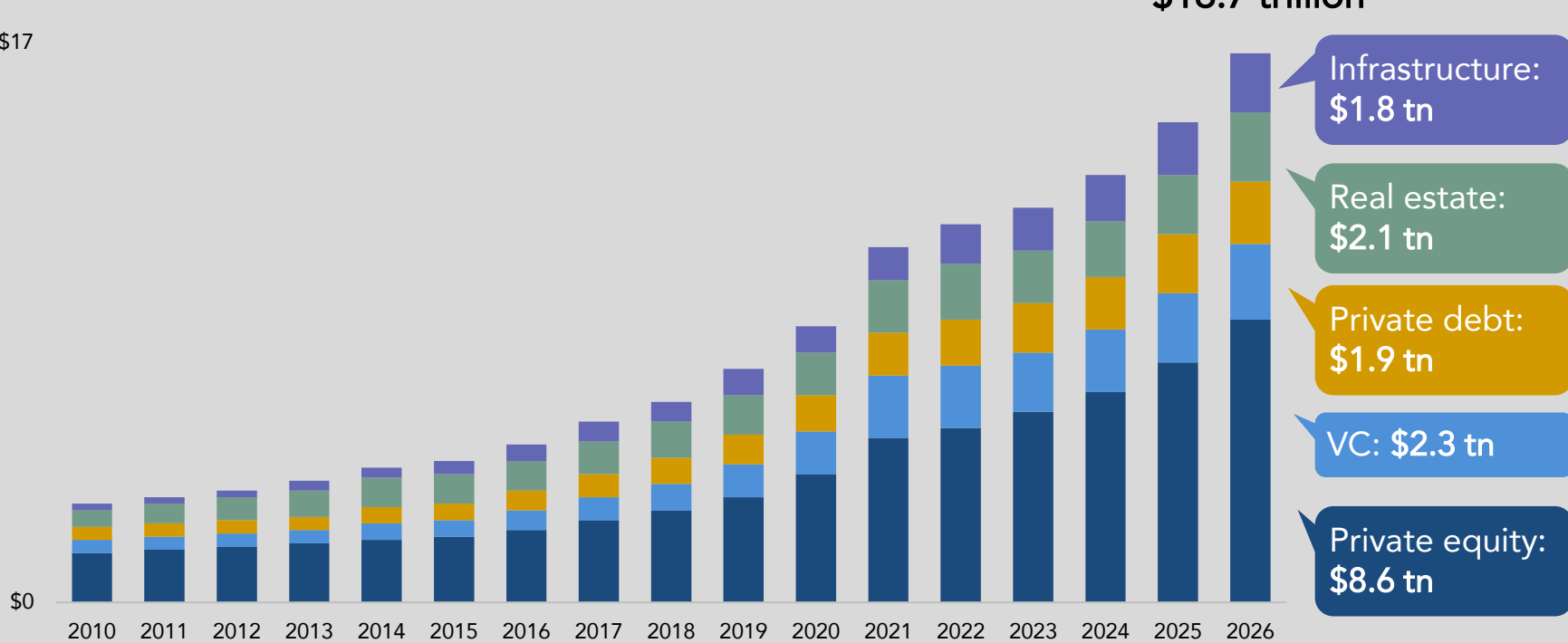


Source: (1-2) Bloomberg. Index is Bloomberg US convertibles composite. WSJ Research. Barclays Research. Data as of October 16, 2026.

Over \$16 Trillion of Private Capital Globally

With over \$16 trillion of AUM, private capital platforms - spanning private equity, private credit, VC, real estate & infrastructure - act as **unconstrained financial engines** for high-alpha, bespoke corporate and real-asset financing. **Unburdened by daily mark-to-market constraints and strict regulatory bank capital rules**, private capital managers operate with patient, long-term capital. Notably, private capital has become the single primary financier powering the physical buildup of the global AI ecosystem including **gigawatt data center project finance, energy & grid infrastructure partnering and asset-backed GPU lending**.

Global private market AUM, USD tn

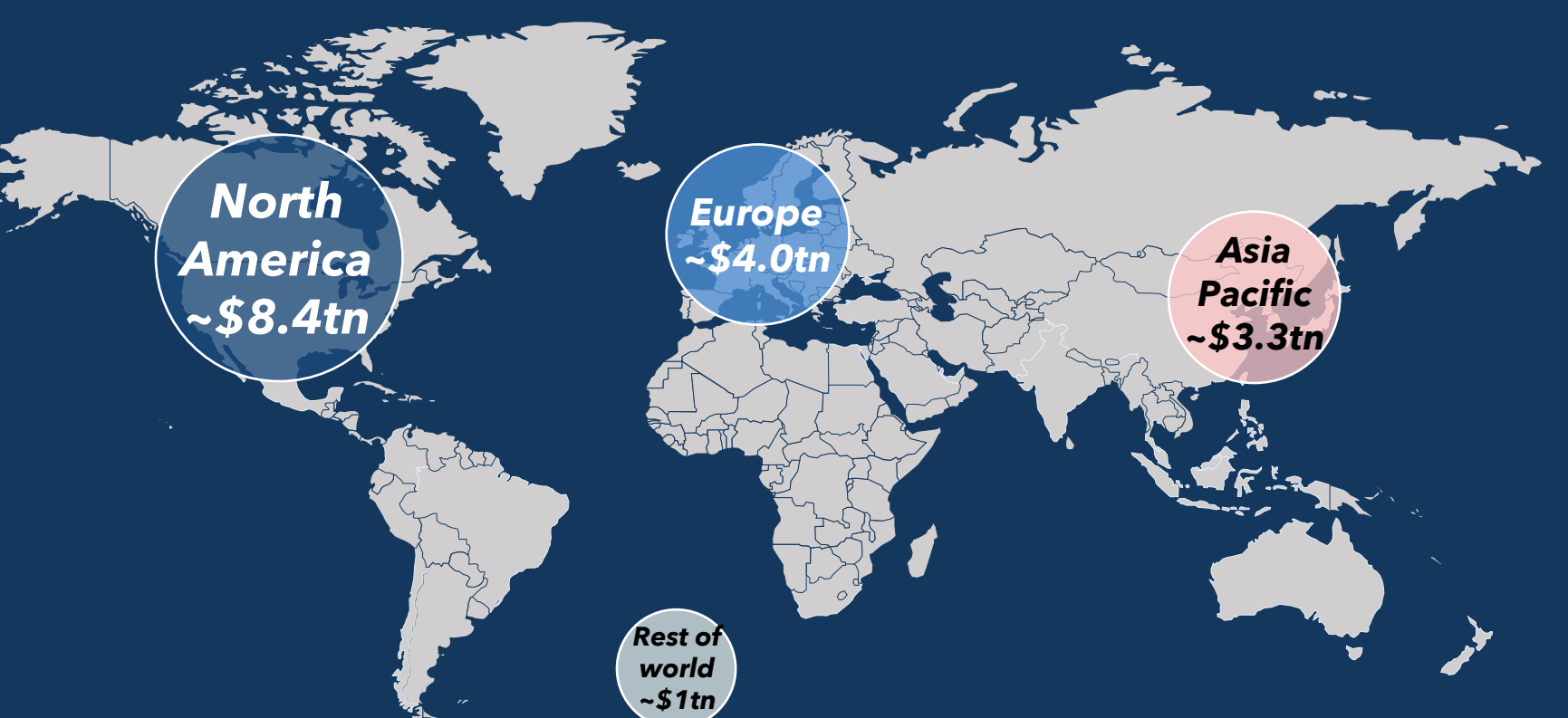


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World's Largest Private Capital Markets

The formidable \$16 trillion pool of global private capital has a distinct structural concentration, with the **US driving the vast majority of depth in mega-cap PE, venture capital (VC) and direct lending platforms**. Europe offers the world's 2nd most mature private capital markets with Asia-Pacific and the rest of world navigating expansion amidst evolving geopolitical and macro shifts.

Asset deployment breakdown by region



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