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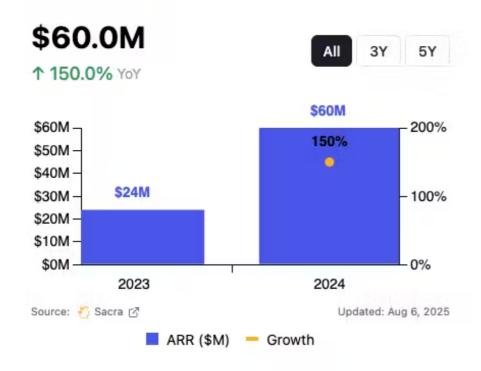
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TL;DR: <u>Alpaca</u> is building the global equivalent of <u>Apex Fintech Solutions</u>—providing embedded brokerage APIs for fintechs outside the US to offer U.S. equities, options, and margin trading. Sacra estimates <u>Alpaca hit \$60M in annualized revenue in 2024, up 150% YoY</u> as trading volume tripled to ~\$180B. For more, check out our <u>full report</u> and <u>dataset</u>.





Key points via Sacra Al:

Circa 2012, brokerage-as-a-service APIs like <u>Apex Fintech Solutions</u> facilitated the rise of trading platforms like <u>Wealthfront</u> and Robinhood in the US by enabling any fintech to embed stock trading—<u>Alpaca</u> (2015) launched to do the same for the rest of the world, enabling fintechs in Asia & the Middle East to bolt U.S. equities, margin, and option trading into their apps. As a vertically integrated



brokerage API with books and records and self-clearing via their Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTCC) license, Alpaca can monetize & keep the full economics of 1) trading commissions, 2) margin loans, and 3) cash sweeps, while avoiding the high FX and custody fees on trading dollardenominated stocks outside the U.S.

- Riding the explosive growth of customers like <u>Syfe</u> (\$131M raised, fastest-growing digital brokerage in Singapore) and <u>Midas</u> (\$57M raised, fastest-growing in Turkey), Sacra estimates <u>Alpaca hit \$60M in annualized revenue in 2024, up 150% YoY</u>, as annualized trading volume grew to ~\$180B. Compare with incumbents <u>DriveWealth</u> (founded 2012, \$550M raised), which was projecting \$100M in revenue for 2024 as of July 2024, and <u>Apex Fintech Solutions</u>, which generated \$230M of revenue in 2020 ahead of their proposed (and later cancelled) 2021 SPAC that would have valued the company at \$4.7B for a 20.4x revenue multiple.
- As crypto unlocks the ability to issue tokens pegged to the value of stocks & ETFs that can be traded fractionally and settle instantly outside U.S. market hours, <u>Alpaca</u> is becoming both a key enabler & beneficiary of this rising trend, powering tokenized equities for <u>Kraken</u> (<u>\$883M</u> revenue through Q2'25) in the U.S. and <u>Backed Finance</u>'s xStocks (\$300M in on-chain volume) in the EU. Over the next year, Alpaca is adding global equities, fixed income, and deeper options capabilities, building towards coverage of every major asset class—necessary to compete with <u>DriveWealth</u> & <u>Apex</u> for sticky, eight-figure enterprise relationships with fintechs like <u>Revolut</u> (DriveWealth) and SoFi.

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