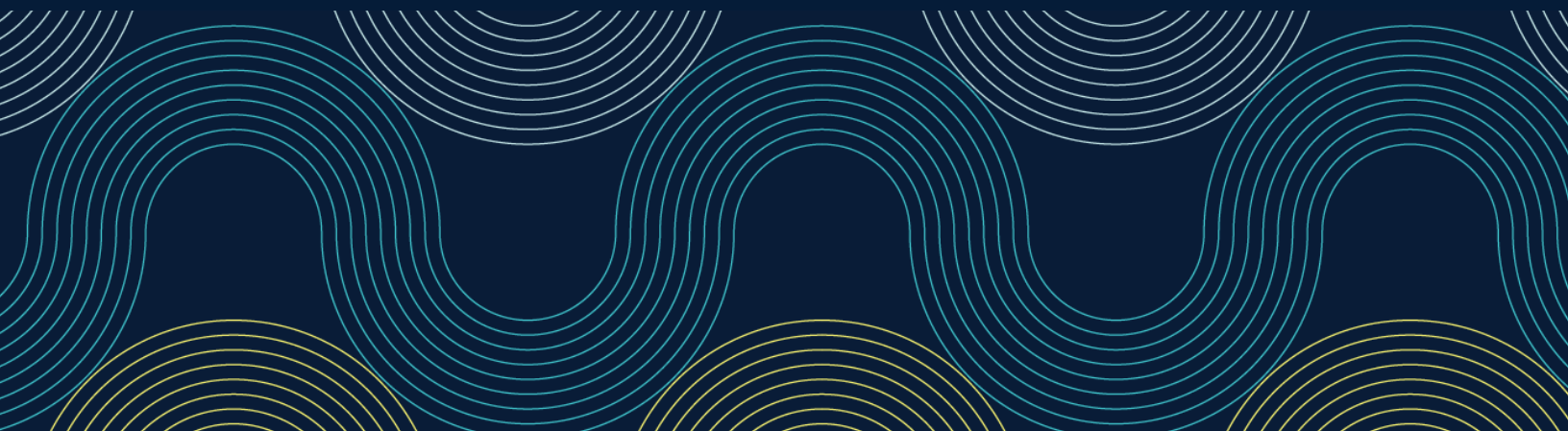




Due diligence guide

Best practices for deciding which investments to pursue and who to work with



Overview

The private markets are becoming more competitive—and valuable. With so much capital at risk, investors are emphasizing due diligence now more than ever.

To navigate this complex and evolving landscape, many firms are looking beyond the traditional means of conducting due diligence towards a more data-driven approach. The reason: Timely, accurate financial data helps substantiate claims, focus research and drive better decision-making. However, unless that information is thoroughly vetted and housed in a centralized database, it's hard to trust—let alone find.

In this guide, we look at how you can use PitchBook to access granular data on financial sponsors' past performance as well as detailed information on companies' financing histories, series terms, cap tables and revenue figures—so you can confidently identify which investments to pursue and who to work with faster.

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Vetting potential investments

Due diligence is about understanding how a business really works. Every detail matters—from existing engagements with customers and relationships with vendors, to the workforce itself and what the competitive environment for that company looks like. PitchBook makes it easy to compare a potential investment to similar companies and industry trends, so you can feel confident in the target's growth and trajectory.

Here's how.



VETTING POTENTIAL INVESTMENTS

Accessing timely and accurate data

Private companies don't answer to public shareholders, so they're less regulated. This means they don't have to disclose earnings reports or submit financial statements for auditing, which makes it hard to find reliable, accurate information about them. The same goes for most private market investors. That's where PitchBook comes in

Powered by advanced machine learning technologies and a team of thousands of primary and secondary researchers, PitchBook offers unparalleled insights into the global capital markets, including detailed information on companies, deals, funds, investors and service providers.

How PitchBook collects data

Highly specialized professionals


The PitchBook Data Operations Team consists of thousands of people with an average tenure of 3+ years who verify every detail and provide a human touch to our information before putting it in front of the world.

A complex information infrastructure

Fragmented, complex and hard-to-manage information from around the world is turned into actionable insights after being sourced, organized and integrated through the application of hundreds of proprietary processes.

Global breadth and depth

Our human-centered approach and information infrastructure results in an unparalleled breadth of insight into market activity around the world. Organized across multiple discrete datasets, we provide a detailed view into companies, investors, funds, management teams and more.



Evaluating a company's financial and nonfinancial metrics

Millions of companies and hundreds of thousands of investors and advisers across the globe have profiles on PitchBook that are thoroughly vetted. Simply click on any entity to get detailed information on its financing history, last known valuation, timelines, affiliates, team members, board seats, exits, investors and more.

Audit financial data faster

With a single click, you can drill down into any public financial metric within PitchBook to see how it's calculated and access a direct link to the source document.

The same functionality is also available through the PitchBook Excel Plugin.

1 Look at the highlights

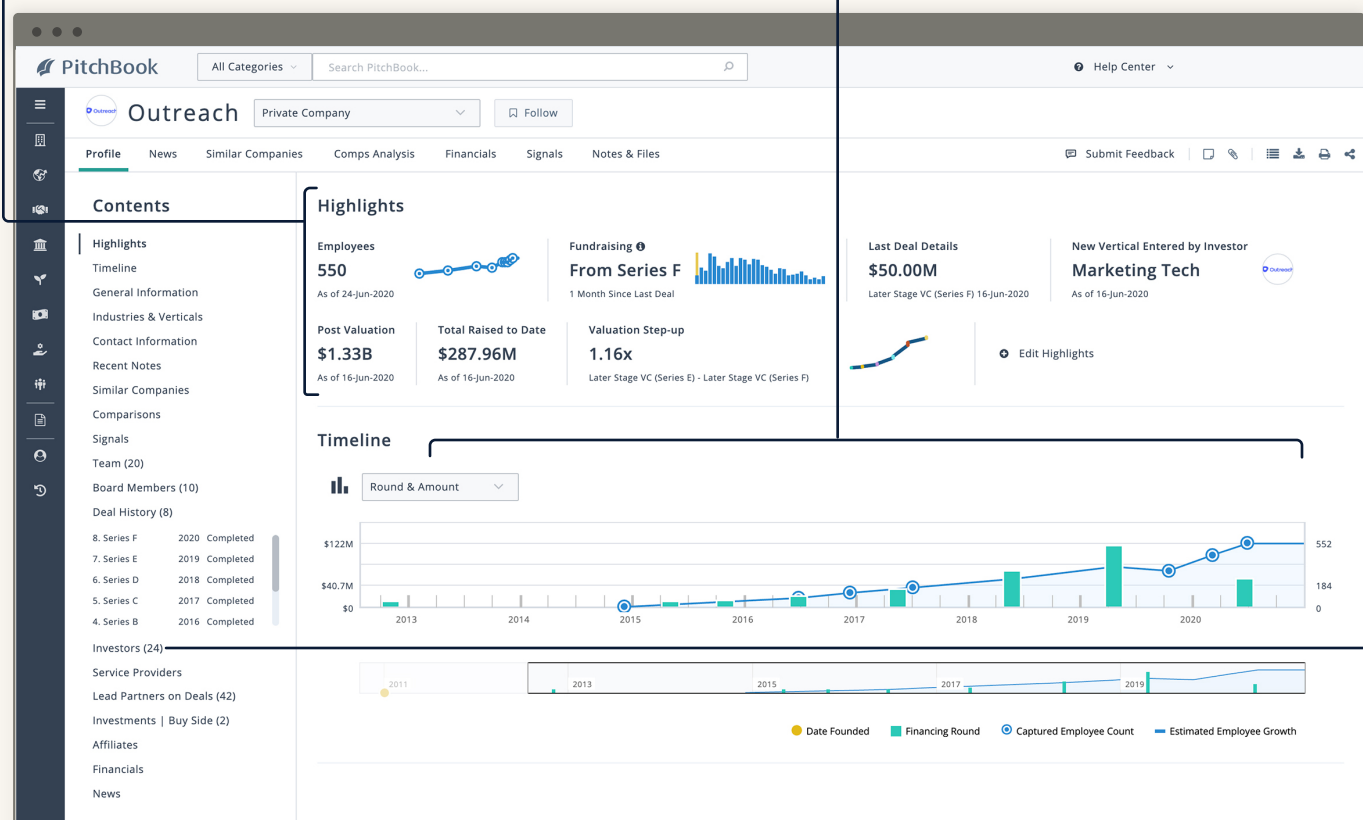
See employee count, fundraising status, last deal details, post valuation, total raised to date and valuation step-ups (these stats can also be edited to feature the data points most relevant to you).

2 See relevant timelines and add a company to your working list

Know when deals happened at a glance by round and amount or round and valuation. You can also select the "Follow" button in the upper left of the screen to add a company to any working list for quick reference later.

3 Get the basics

View a detailed description of the company, investor or adviser, as well as primary contact info for key decision makers there.



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4 View similar companies

View any company's main competitors. Note that this is just a sample list—not a comprehensive market map, which can be found using the “Market Maps” feature in the left sidebar. You can also select “Explore Competitive Landscape” to see a complete list of similar companies.

5 See key nonfinancial growth metrics

Select the Signals feature to quickly evaluate the traction and growth of private companies using current data on their web presence and social reach. The growth rate metric shows the average weekly growth rate over the trailing eight weeks. The size multiple metric shows the sum of a company's total nonfinancial signals divided by the median company nonfinancial signal size within PitchBook.

6 Get instant access to relevant public comps

Simply click on the “Public Comps” tab to see a comprehensive list of similar publicly traded companies, including a summary of key metrics such as median and mean ratios for P/E, P/S, PB and EV/EBITDA for quick comparison.

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Similar Companies

#	Name	Competitor	Financing Status	HQ Location	Growth Rate	Size Multiple	Last Financing Date/Type	Last Financing Amount
1	Pipedrive	Yes	Venture Capital-Backed	New York, NY	0.45%	100.02x	2018/Series C	\$60.00M
2	BenchmarkONE	Yes	Formerly VC-backed	Saint Louis, MO	0.23%	3.58x	2019/M&A	
3	Doody	Yes	Venture Capital-Backed	Vancouver, Canada	-0.17%	28.15x	2018/Accelerator/Inc	\$70.00M
4	SalesLoft	Yes	Venture Capital-Backed	Atlanta, GA	-0.17%	6.51x	2019/Seed	\$3.50M
5	Clen	Yes	Venture Capital-Backed	Piano, TX				

View All Similar Companies

Explore Competitive Landscape

Comparisons

Outreach

Pipedrive

BenchmarkONE

Doody

Add Comparison

Description	Primary Industry	HQ Location	Employees	Total Raised	Post Valuation	Last Financing Details
Developer of a semi-automated sales engagement platform designed to help small sales teams manage repetitive sales tasks on behalf of coworkers while prioritizing key customer touchpoints.	Automation/Workflow Software	Seattle, WA	550 As of 2020	\$287.96M	\$1.33B 16-Jun-2020	\$50.00M Later Stage VC (Series F) 16-Jun-2020
Developer of a sales management tool designed to help small sales teams manage intricate or lengthy sales processes.	Business/Productivity Software	New York, NY	630 As of 2020	\$95.40M	\$500.00M 10-Oct-2018	\$60.00M Later Stage VC (Series C) 10-Oct-2018
Developer of a web-based marketing automation platform designed to automate electronic marketing and track the progress of sales leads.	Business/Productivity Software	Saint Louis, MO	19 As of 2017	\$10.27M	-	Undisclosed Amount Merger/Acquisition 10-Sep-2019
Provider of a cloud-based enterprise sales enablement platform designed to collect customer information needed to close business sales.	Media and Information Services (B2B)	Vancouver, Canada	-	\$1.16M	-	Undisclosed Amount Accelerator/Incubator 01-Jun-2019

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Edit Data Points

Signals

This company has a weekly growth rate of 0.86%, placing it in the 96th percentile of all growth rates tracked within PitchBook. Its underlying data points generate a size multiple that is 54.5 times larger than the median of all size multiples tracked within PitchBook, placing it in the 99th percentile of all size multiples tracked within PitchBook.

Growth Rate 0.86% Weekly Growth

Weekly Growth 0.86%, 96th tile

Size Multiple 54.5x Median

Size Multiple 54.5x, 99th tile

Key Data Points

Twitter Followers 6.99K

Majestic Referring Domains 1.41K

View All Signals

Team (20)

Current Team (11)

Former Team (9)

Name	Title	Board Seats	Office	Contact
Manuel Medina	Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer		Seattle, WA	
Anna Baird	Chief Operating Officer		San Francisco, CA	
Martin Rues	Chief Information Security Officer		Seattle, WA	
Margaret Arakawa	Chief Marketing Officer		Seattle, WA	
Steve Ross	Director, Sales Development		San Francisco, CA	
Mike Zinne	Senior Vice President, Customer Success		Seattle, WA	
David Rubinstein	Regional Vice President		Seattle, WA	
Sayle Hutchison	Vice President, Finance		Seattle, WA	
Pavel Dmitriev	Vice President of Data Science		Seattle, WA	
Mark Kovoglow	Vice President, Sales		Seattle, WA	

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Show 10 Results

Board Members & Observers (10)

Current Board Members (10)

Name	Title	Representing	Role	Since	Contact
Alex Clayton	Partner	Spark Capital	Board Observer	May 2018	
Brett Queener	Board Member		Board Member		
Christopher Devore	Managing Partner	Founders' Co-op	Board Member	Mar 2011	
Karan Mehndru	General Partner	Trinity Ventures	Board Member	Jun 2016	
Megan Quinn	Chief Operating Officer	Spark Capital	Board Observer	May 2018	
Rajeev Batra	Partner	Mayfield Fund	Board Member	Oct 2015	
Samuel Fort	Partner	DFJ Growth	Board Member	May 2017	
Sarah Imbach	Board Of Director	Outreach	Board Of Director	Nov 2016	
Susan Bostrom	Board Member		Board Member		
Vijay Nagappan	Principal	MHS Capital Management	Board Director	Mar 2015	

Show 10 Results

VETTING POTENTIAL INVESTMENTS

Why a lack of private market data exposes investors to more risk

Although it's easier than ever to obtain public market information, the consequential blind spot left from a lack of private market intel exposes investors to significant risk—including mispricing deals, overlooking opportunities and falling behind the market. Overcoming these challenges (and mitigating risk in an investment) starts with having the right level of information to be confident in your deal terms.

Proper due diligence founded in private market data can protect against overpaying for a deal. With access to information on hundreds of thousands of private market deals, LPs and GPs can also better analyze the factors that make an investment a strategic fit for them.

As markets and companies shift at a faster pace, keeping up with change and adapting accordingly becomes simultaneously more important and more challenging. Investors who track the industry in real time will be able to refine their theses based on actual market conditions and get in front of new investment opportunities habitually.

With access to information on the entire venture capital, private equity and M&A landscape, investors can make more confident decisions when it comes to calculating valuations, sourcing deals and tracking market trends.

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Finding comparable private and public companies

PitchBook allows you to quickly create a list of comparable private and public companies based on the attributes that are most relevant to you or your client—including industry, location, pre- and post-money valuations, total capital raised, revenue figures and more. This could include identifying all the mobility tech companies in California with Series B funding, for example, or listing all the PE-backed healthcare companies in Europe that have recently been acquired.

1 Conduct a Companies & Deals search

This search option will set up the following advanced search fields for you to select from.

2 Search by location

Narrow your search by specific region here. Check "Search HQ Only" to target the main office and eliminate satellite branches. By selecting "any office location," you can see the branches of a company that's headquartered in another region.

3 Filter by industries, verticals & keywords

Select an industry and/or vertical to focus in on a sector and then add keywords to target specific products, services or themes. Choosing the "Industry AND Vertical" box will narrow your results by screening companies that are only tagged under both fields. By selecting the "Industry OR Vertical" option, your search will be broadened to pull in companies tagged to either.

The screenshot displays the PitchBook search interface. At the top, the search bar shows "All Categories" and "Search PitchBook...". The main heading is "Companies & Deals Search" with "40 Results". Below this, the search criteria are listed: "Deal Date: From: 01-Jan-2018", "Deal Option: Search on a full transaction", "Deal Type: All VC Stages > Early stage VC > Series B", "Location: United States > West Coast > California", "Search HQ Only", and "Verticals: Mobility Tech". The left sidebar shows a list of filters: Key Fields (5), Deal Criteria (1), Deal Types (1), Company Signals, Debt Types, Exit / Liquidity, Industry (1), Location (2), Investors, Service Providers, Company Status, Financial Data, Other Criteria, Public Comp, and Lists. The main content area is divided into sections: "Company Info" with checkboxes for Ownership Status (Privately Held (backing), Privately Held (no backing), In IPO Registration, Publicly Held, Acquired/Merged, Acquired/Merged (Operating Subsidiary), Out of Business) and Backing Status (Select backing status(es)); "Deal Info" with fields for Investors (Add by name, stock symbol, pblD, or URL), Deal Types (Series B), Deal Size (Min, Max), and Deal Date (Custom Dates, Trailing Ranges, From: 01-01-2018, To: MM-DD-YYYY); and "Industries, Verticals & Keywords" with a field for Mobility Tech. The bottom right corner shows a "Refine your list further" section with a heading "4 Refine your list further" and text: "You can also filter your search results by backing, business, ownership status and more."

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Run the search to see an overview of your search results

The overview screen includes quick stats on the number of companies, deals and investors active in the space as well as the largest deal amount, total capital invested and the median post-money valuation during the time period you've selected.

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Quickly visualize the aggregate results of your search

Scroll down the page to view other helpful overview charts and relevant reports based on your search results, including up-to-date market maps, capital breakdowns, company count by geography, PitchBook and Morningstar analyst notes and more.

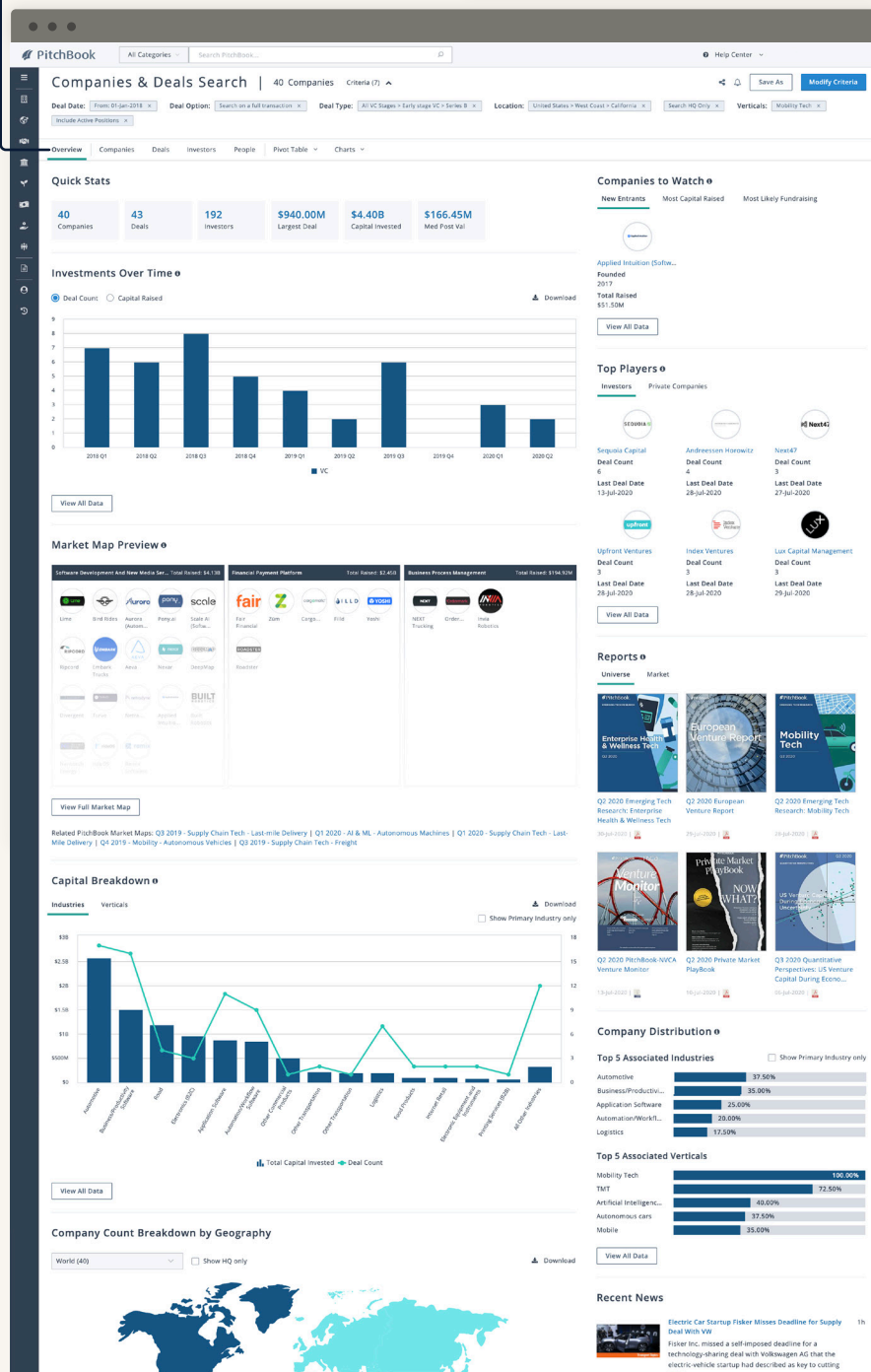
Using "and/or" search logic within PitchBook

After choosing your search terms, it's important to select "and/or" or "custom" search logic to broaden or narrow your search results to include either some or all the keywords you've entered.

"OR" search logic mode—combines all your search terms with "or," meaning your search will retrieve results that contain at least one of the search terms. This will yield the broadest set of results.

"AND" search logic mode—combines all your search terms with "and," meaning your search will retrieve results that contain *all* the search terms you've entered. This will yield the narrowest set of results.

"Custom" search logic mode—allows you to use any combination of Boolean operators ("and," "or" and "not") as well as parentheses to create nested queries, which lets you to target your search even further.



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7 View specific deal details

Select the “Companies” tab to reference details on each individual company.

8 Refine your search results

Add in columns by selecting the “Edit Columns” tab to view and arrange the specific data points matter most to you, whether that’s last known valuation, primary industry or verticals, last financing date, type and size, or even active investors. A helpful tip: Save the preferred view as a layout to reference these same details in other searches.

Comps charting and analytics

Within the “Pivot Table” tool, you can add and remove fields to build out a customized view of the aggregated data from your search results.

With the “Charts” function, you can also edit the chart settings to view the data in different ways, like a bar graph, pie chart, stacked bars or histograms.

You can also use the drop-down menus on the right left of the screen to break down that information by a specific data point—or even export your results to Excel with a single click.

Have existing data you need converted to incorporate information from PitchBook? Just ask your customer success manager, and they’ll happily do it for you.

#	Company Name	Primary Industry Code	Verticals	Last Financing Date	Last Financing Size	Last Financing Deal Type	Active Investors	Primary Contact
1	BarberWind Turbines	Alternative Energy Equipment	CleanTech, Manufacturing, TMT	24-Jun-2020	3.18	Later Stage VC	DuContra Ventures, SC Launch	Gerald E
2	Altrac	Alternative Energy Equipment	Internet of Things	19-Jun-2020	1.00	Angel (individual)		Bob Smi
3	Windlift	Alternative Energy Equipment	CleanTech, Industrials, Manufa...	01-May-2020				
4	WindESCO	Electronic Equipment and Instr...	CleanTech, Internet of Things, ...	29-Apr-2020	1			
5	Ioxus	Energy Storage	CleanTech, Manufacturing, TMT	30-Mar-2020				
6	Advanced Microgrid Solutions	Other Energy Services	Artificial Intelligence & Machin...	02-Mar-2020	1			
7	Ducted Wind Turbines	Energy Production	CleanTech, Manufacturing	10-Dec-2019				
8	RCAM Technologies	Multimedia and Design Software	3D Printing	26-Nov-2019				
9	PrimoWind	Alternative Energy Equipment	CleanTech	10-Sep-2019				
10	Aquanis	Alternative Energy Equipment	CleanTech, TMT	19-Aug-2019				
11	Starfire Energy	Alternative Energy Equipment	CleanTech, TMT	26-Jun-2019				
12	Hover Energy	Other Equipment	CleanTech	13-Jun-2019				
13	LevelTen Energy	Energy Traders and Brokers	CleanTech, TMT	03-Jun-2019	2			
14	Ageto Energy	Alternative Energy Equipment	CleanTech	21-May-2019				
15	Pika Energy	Alternative Energy Equipment	CleanTech, TMT	26-Apr-2019				
16	Green Energy Exchange	Application Software	CleanTech	18-Mar-2019				
17	Bahari Energy	Alternative Energy Equipment	CleanTech, TMT	01-Jan-2019				
18	Bluenergy Solarwind	Alternative Energy Equipment	CleanTech, TMT	20-Dec-2018				
19	Malta	Energy Storage	CleanTech	19-Dec-2018	2			
20	AgileSwitch	Application Specific Semicondu...	Industrials	29-Oct-2018				
21	CBC Wind Energy	Alternative Energy Equipment	CleanTech	17-Oct-2018				
22	DGridEnergy	Alternative Energy Equipment	CleanTech	16-Jul-2018				
23	MoreSolar	Other Materials	CleanTech, LOHAS & Wellness	10-Jul-2018				
24	Storion Energy	Other Equipment	CleanTech, Impact Investing, L...	01-Jun-2018				
25	Sunpreme	Alternative Energy Equipment	CleanTech, TMT	09-May-2018				
26	Noon Energy	Energy Storage	CleanTech	09-May-2018				
27	Renew (Alternative Energy Equipment)	Alternative Energy Equipment	CleanTech, Manufacturing, TMT	01-Apr-2018	1			
28	Amber Kinetics	Alternative Energy Equipment	CleanTech, TMT	02-Mar-2018	0.05	Accelerator/Incubator	Cleantech Open Northeast, Gre...	Josh Grc
29	Pecos Wind Power	Alternative Energy Equipment	CleanTech, Industrials, Manufa...	13-Feb-2018	0.08	Accelerator/Incubator	Launch Alaska, U.S. Departmen...	Jay Cart
30	Carter Wind Energy	Alternative Energy Equipment						

Can't find what you're looking for?

If you have trouble capturing an accurate space, simply click the live chat feature to talk to a real person on our support team. You can always reach out to your customer success manager directly, too.

VETTING POTENTIAL INVESTMENTS

Researching executives

PitchBook's "People" search feature makes it easy to see which executives are associated with specific companies and deals—so you can know immediately who's working there as well as what companies and deals they've worked with before.

1 Conduct a people search

This search option will set up the following advanced search fields for you to select from.

2 Enter company name

Type in the name of a specific company or copy and paste names from an existing list.

3 Choose general position level or specific title

Using the preset search options in the "Position Levels" will pull in a wider range of professionals with similar titles at each organization, ranging from director level and above. Entering in a specific "Position Title" will only pull search results that match the exact title entered.

The screenshot shows the PitchBook People Search interface. The top navigation bar includes the PitchBook logo, a search bar, and a Help Center link. The main header displays "People Search 381 Results" and "Criteria (2)". The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with icons for various search filters. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled "Person Information", includes fields for "Names" (with a sub-field "Add by name or pblD"), "Firm Names" (with a sub-field "Add by name, stock symbol, pblD or URL"), "Biography" (with a sub-field "Add a biography"), "University/Institution" (with a sub-field "Type university/institution name(s)"), and "Gender" (with a sub-field "Select genders(s)"). The right column, titled "Firm and Position Information", includes fields for "Firm Types" (with a sub-field "Select firm type(s)"), "Position Title" (with a sub-field "Type position title" and a checkbox for "Primary Position only"), "Position Levels" (with a sub-field "Select position level(s)" and a checkbox for "Founder/founding Partner"), "Position Departments" (with a sub-field "Select position department(s)"), "Position Status" (with checkboxes for "Active" and "Former"), "Locations" (with a sub-field "Select location(s)"), and "Industries, Verticals & Keywords*" (with a sub-field "Type industries, verticals, and keywords"). A note at the bottom states "* Applies to companies only".

PitchBook All Categories Search PitchBook...

People Search 381 Results Criteria (2)

Firm Name: The Goldman Sachs Group (NYS: GS) Include Active Positions

Showing criteria for: All People

Person Information

Names

Add by name or pblD

Firm Names

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The Goldman Sachs Group (NYS: GS)

Add by name, stock symbol, pblD or URL

Biography

Add a biography

University/Institution

Type university/institution name(s)

Gender

Select genders(s)

Firm and Position Information

Firm Types

Select firm type(s)

Position Title

Type position title

Primary Position only

Position Levels

Select position level(s)

Founder/founding Partner

Position Departments

Select position department(s)

Position Status

Active

Former

Locations

Select location(s)

Industries, Verticals & Keywords*

Type industries, verticals, and keywords

* Applies to companies only



The results will display a list of individuals that match the search criteria you've entered, including their current title, email, direct phone number and biography.

Select an individual's name to view details on their experience—including information about other deals they've worked on, if any.

VETTING POTENTIAL INVESTMENTS

How Digital+ Partners uses PitchBook to determine more precise valuations and inform negotiations

Founded in 2015, Digital+ Partners is a Frankfurt and Munich based growth equity firm that was created with a clear objective: filling the DACH region's late-stage VC financing gap. Differentiated by its deep domain expertise and unique international corporate network, the firm invests in best-in-class B2B technology companies and helps them scale into global, digital leaders.



Julian Mattes

Principal, Digital+ Partners

"We spend a lot of time looking at revenue and assessing how those metrics could evolve. We rely on the data we get from PitchBook to do this, and it helps us make much more educated valuations."

—Julian Mattes, Principal, Digital+ Partners

Whether looking at a target company's revenue or how similar businesses have performed, Julian Mattes, Principal at Digital+ Partners, says his firm uses PitchBook to access the financial data it needs to build better comparables and inform its negotiation strategy.

"We use PitchBook to find every comparable company," Mattes says. "Then we dig deep into that information, comparing multiples over time and look at the revenue of those companies to inform how we think a potential portfolio company's revenue could evolve." This research helps Digital+ Partners prepare for negotiations with founders.

"We use PitchBook to do our own benchmarking," Mattes says. "Founders always come to negotiations with their own expectations and research, so we use PitchBook to look at their European and US peers to see how they have evolved, so we're ready for those discussions."

Now, with a growing portfolio of technology companies spread across the DACH region and in the United States, Digital+ Partners continues to leverage PitchBook to inform its investment decisions.

"We heavily rely on PitchBook," Mattes says. "It's one of the best tools we can use."



Researching financial sponsors

From tracking fund managers to monitoring investment activity, having a full view into the private markets can help lead to better decision-making. By providing insights across the entire landscape of private capital—from limited partners and commitments down to GPs, funds, investments, companies and individuals—PitchBook can help you get the details you need to move forward with confidence.

Here's how.

RESEARCHING FINANCIAL SPONSORS

Creating targeted investors lists

PitchBook allows you to search for strategic acquirers and financial sponsors based on their previous investments, co-investors, available dry powder, fund performance or investment preferences to find the most promising ones for your next deal. This could include identifying the most active VC firms involved in early-stage deals for SaaS companies based in the UK since 2017, for example, or creating a list of all the corporate acquirers with most M&A transactions for companies in the B2B sector in the last year.

1 Conduct an Investors & Buyers search

This search option will automatically set up the following advanced search fields for you to select from.

2 Select investor type

PitchBook tags an investor to multiple types depending on how they behave. For example, a PE growth equity firm that may also do late-stage VC deals could show up in a venture capital firms search. Check "Search For Primary Investor Type Only" if you want to see investors' main areas of focus.

3 Choose deal criteria

Check "Completed" under deal status to only view completed transactions. Enter "Deal Date" to set a range for when those deals were completed.

The screenshot shows the PitchBook 'Investors & Buyers Search' interface. A sidebar on the left lists search categories: Key Fields (5), Investor Types (1), Investor Location (2), General Information (1), Stated Preferences, Strategic Acquirers, Financial Investors, Fund Criteria, Fund Terms, Fundraising & IRR, Deal Criteria (2), Deal Types, and Deal Exit Types. The main panel is divided into three sections: Investor Criteria, Fund Criteria, and Deal Criteria. The Investor Criteria section includes fields for Investor Names, Investor Types (with a dropdown menu open showing 'Venture Capital' and 'Only search primary type'), Investor Locations (with a dropdown menu open showing 'United States > South > Texas'), and Investor Listing Country/Exchange. The Fund Criteria section includes fields for Fund Names, Fund Status (with checkboxes for Closed, Evergreen, Open, and Upcoming), Fund Size (with Min and Max input fields), and Fund Date. The Deal Criteria section includes fields for Deal Types, Deal Size (with Min and Max input fields), Deal Date (with Custom Dates and Trailing Ranges options), and Deal Location. Annotations with numbered boxes 1 through 6 point to specific elements in the interface.

Investors & Buyers Search 99 Results

Investor Type: Venture Capital x Deal Status: Completed x Deal Date: []

Showing criteria for: All Investors

Investor Criteria

Investor Names

Add by name, stock symbol, pbID, or URL

Investor Types

Venture Capital

Only search primary type

Investor Locations

United States > South > Texas

Investor Listing Country/Exchange

Select Investor Listing Country/Exchange(s)

Fund Criteria

Fund Names

Add by name or pbID

Fund Status

☐ Closed ☐ Evergreen ☐ Open ☐ Upcoming

Without first close ☐ With first close ☐ Upcoming

Fund Size

Min Max

Fund Date

Custom Dates Trailing Ranges

Deal Criteria

Deal Types

Select deal type(s)

Deal Size

Min Max

Include deals without a deal size ☐ Exclude deals without a deal size ☐

Deal Date

Custom Dates Trailing Ranges

From 01-01-2017 To MM-DD-YYYY

Deal Location

4 Pick deal location

This refers to the location of the company that was involved in the deal, not the location of the investor.

5 Filter by industries and verticals

Like investor types, companies within PitchBook are tagged to multiple industries and verticals. Checking "Select Primary Industry Only" means you'll only see companies whose primary industry tag is the one you've selected.

6 Run the search

To see which investors have made the most investments toward companies that match the criteria you've selected, sort your search results by the "Investments" column by clicking the arrow on top of that field.

RESEARCHING FINANCIAL SPONSORS

Comparing fund performance

Understanding why one fund is out-performing another or how funds of the same strategy perform over time is critical for finding high-performing vehicles. To help you make more confident allocation decisions and maximize returns, PitchBook makes it easy to look at similar funds' portfolio construction, industry focus, IRR and quarterly cash flow multiples.

Researching by fund families

A series of funds that share the same strategy, geography and financial sponsor is called a fund family. Using PitchBook's unique Fund Families feature, you can easily compare open funds to historical funds of the same strategy to better understand how well they have performed.

To access the feature, simply search an investor profile through the general search bar or through the "Advanced Search" feature, starting with "Funds." Then select the "Fund Families" tab.

1 Conduct an investors & buyers search

This search option will set up the following advanced search fields for you to select from.

2 Select fund criteria

The main criteria to set are fund type, fund size, fund location and vintage year.

The screenshot shows the PitchBook "Investors & Buyers Search" interface. At the top, there's a search bar and filters for "All Categories" and "Search PitchBook...". Below the search bar, the results are displayed as "165 Results" with "Criteria (4)". The main search area is divided into several sections: "Fund Type" (Buyout), "Fund Status" (Closed Funds), "Fund Vintage Year" (2012), and "Fund Locations" (United States, Canada). Below these, there's a "Showing criteria for: All Investors" section. The left sidebar contains a list of search criteria: Key Fields (1), Investor Types, Investor Location, General Information (1), Stated Preferences, Strategic Acquirers, Financial Investors, Fund Criteria (5), Fund Terms, Fundraising & IRR, Deal Criteria, Deal Types, Deal Exit Types, Deal Location, Deal Industry, Service Providers, and Lists. The main content area is divided into four columns: "Fund Info", "Fund Status", "Fund Date", and "Dry Powder". The "Fund Info" column includes "Fund Types" (Private Equity > Buyout), "Fund Size" (Min, Max), "Fund NAV" (Min, Max), "Fund Vintage Year" (From 2012, To 2012), "Fund Locations" (United States, Canada), "Domiciles" (Select fund domicile(s)), "Fund Names" (Add by name or pbID), and "Industry" (Select an industry). The "Fund Status" column includes "Fund Status" (Closed, Evergreen, Open, Upcoming), "Fund Date" (Custom Dates, Trailing Ranges), and "Applies to" (Any fund, Latest fund matching criteria). The "Dry Powder" column includes "Dry Powder (\$)" (Min, Max) and "Dry Powder (%)" (Min, Max). The "Fund Criteria" section is highlighted with a blue box and a callout line pointing to the "Fund Criteria" section in the sidebar. The "Fund Status" section is highlighted with a blue box and a callout line pointing to the "Fund Status" section in the sidebar. The "Fund Vintage Year" section is highlighted with a blue box and a callout line pointing to the "Fund Vintage Year" section in the sidebar. The "Dry Powder" section is highlighted with a blue box and a callout line pointing to the "Dry Powder" section in the sidebar.

1 Conduct an investors & buyers search

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2 Select fund criteria

The main criteria to set are fund type, fund size, fund location and vintage year.

3 Choose vintage year

We recommend using one vintage year. Be sure it's in both the "From" and "To" fields (e.g. 2013-2013).

4 Pick fund status

Check "Closed" to see only funds that are no longer accepting commitments or "Open" to see funds that are still fundraising.

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5 Run the search

The results will display a list of investors associated with the funds set by the search criteria. You can click over to the "Funds" tab to see the actual list of funds.

6 View individual fund details

Select the "Funds" tab to view details on each individual fund. Add in columns to view the return multiples for each fund.

Benchmarking best practices

Introducing industry and company data can help better classify and compare performance than traditional benchmarks allow.

Consider also including information on things like portfolio construction, industry focus and where an investment is made, since all these factors can be helpful for creating a more accurate understanding of fund performance.

Not sure where to get started? Reach out to your customer success manager, and they'll help you build any custom benchmark you need.

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Fund Type: Buyout Fund Vintage Year: 2012 Fund Status: Closed Funds Fund Locations: United States Canada

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Only Funds with Returns Data (93)

168 Funds View Edit Columns Download to Excel Open Custom Benchmark

#	Fund Name	Investor	Investments	Fund Type	Vinta...	Close Date	Fund Size	IRR	TVPI	IRR Benchmark*	Quart...	DPI
1	Atlantic Street Capital II	Atlantic Street Capital	23	Buyout	2012	24-Jan-2012	72.00	45.98%	2.91x	21.00%	1 (Top)	0.00
2	MTS Health Investors III	WindRose Health Investors	14	Buyout	2012	13-Feb-2014	188.03	44.41%		13.00%	1 (Top)	0.64
3	Clearlake Capital Partn...	Clearlake Capital Group	37	Buyout	2012	14-Dec-2012	789.00	40.96%	2.65x	14.15%	1 (Top)	2.22
4	Seaport Capital Partne...	Seaport Capital	14	Buyout	2012	30-Jun-2012	39.00	40.20%	4.99x	21.00%	1 (Top)	4.95
5	Parthenon Investors IV	Parthenon Capital Partners	44	Buyout	2012	15-Feb-2012	700.00	39.50%	3.74x	14.15%	1 (Top)	2.38
6	Genstar Capital Partne...	Genstar Capital	98	Buyout	2012	30-May-2012	912.00	37.04%	2.35x	14.15%	1 (Top)	1.81
7	Accel-KKR Capital Part...	Accel-KKR	23	Buyout	2012	28-Mar-2012	875.00	36.82%	2.59x	14.15%	1 (Top)	1.61
8	Eureka III	Eureka Equity Partners	9	Buyout	2012	28-Feb-2014	175.00	36.00%	1.82x	13.00%	1 (Top)	0.92
9	Platinum Equity Capita...	Platinum Equity	21	Buyout	2012	03-Sep-2013	3,750.00	33.75%	1.87x	16.86%	1 (Top)	1.34
10	Excellere Capital Fund II	Excellere Partners	30	Buyout	2012	07-Dec-2010	472.00	32.56%	1.87x	16.25%	1 (Top)	1.31
11	Frontenac X Private Ca...	Frontenac Company	31	Buyout	2012	30-Jun-2014	250.00	32.50%	1.90x	16.25%	1 (Top)	1.44
12	Quad-C Partners VIII	Quad-C Management	32	Buyout	2012	02-Aug-2012	672.45	29.51%		14.15%	1 (Top)	
13	TSG6	TSG Consumer	14	Buyout	2012	05-Dec-2011	1,300.00	29.50%	2.28x	16.86%	1 (Top)	1.28
14	Water Street Capital P...	Water Street Healthcare Partners	36	Buyout	2012	25-Jul-2012	750.00	29.40%	1.88x	14.15%	2 (Upper-Mid)	1.09
15	Sycamore Partners I	Sycamore Partners Management	6	Buyout	2012	13-Aug-2012	1,000.00	29.10%	1.87x	16.86%	1 (Top)	1.14
16	LLR Equity Partners IV	LLR Partners	80	Buyout	2012	06-Mar-2014	950.00	27.90%	2.09x	14.15%	2 (Upper-Mid)	1.13
17	HKW Capital Partners IV	Hammond, Kennedy, Whitney ...	27	Buyout	2012	31-Mar-2014	319.30	25.24%	1.56x	16.25%	1 (Top)	0.61
18	Arsenal Capital Partne...	Arsenal Capital Partners	62	Buyout	2012	14-Mar-2013	875.00	24.80%	1.95x	14.15%	2 (Upper-Mid)	1.69
19	Silver Lake Partners IV	Silver Lake Management	33	Buyout	2012	18-Apr-2013	10,300.00	23.88%	1.82x	15.46%	1 (Top)	0.7
20	Falfurrias Capital Part...	Falfurrias Capital Partners	12	Buyout	2012	01-Oct-2013	126.30	23.10%	2.34x	13.00%	1 (Top)	
21	Harvest Partners VI	Harvest Partners	66	Buyout	2012	19-Sep-2012	1,125.00	22.92%	2.09x	16.86%	1 (Top)	
22	Halifax Capital Partne...	The Halifax Group	20	Buyout	2012	05-Nov-2012	393.00	22.10%	1.51x	16.25%	1 (Top)	
23	Trivest Fund V	Trivest Partners	60	Buyout	2012	01-Oct-2012	415.00	21.84%	1.16x	16.25%	2 (Upper-Mid)	
24	Corridor Capital II	Corridor Capital	14	Buyout	2012	25-Jul-2012	38.00	21.00%		21.00%	2 (Upper-Mid)	
25	Corridor Capital II Par...	Corridor Capital	2	Buyout	2012	25-Jul-2012	10.00	21.00%		21.00%	2 (Upper-Mid)	
26	LinCap VI	Linsalata Capital Partners	11	Buyout	2012	20-Jun-2012	427.00	19.99%	1.94x	16.25%	2 (Upper-Mid)	
27	Beecken Petty O'Keefe...	Beecken Petty O'Keefe & Comp...	17	Buyout	2012	30-Dec-2013	503.18	19.35%	1.55x	14.15%	2 (Upper-Mid)	
28	Court Square Capital P...	Court Square	76	Buyout	2012	26-Apr-2013	3,000.00	19.17%	1.63x	16.86%	1 (Top)	
29	Quad Partners IV	Quad Partners	13	Buyout	2012	01-Jan-2012	206.00	19.10%		13.00%	1 (Top)	
30	Mainsail Partners III	Mainsail Partners	19	Buyout	2012	31-May-2012	216.10	19.00%	1.82x	13.00%	2 (Upper-Mid)	
31	DW Healthcare Partne...	DW Healthcare Partners	18	Buyout	2012	25-Jan-2013	265.00	18.95%	15.56x			
32	Trailhead Fund	Goldner Hawn	28	Buyout	2012	01-Jun-2013	250.00	18.10%	2.61x	16.25%	2 (Upper-Mid)	
33	Yellow Wood Partners	Yellow Wood Partners	7	Buyout	2012	11-Jan-2012	225.00	18.10%	1.48x	13.00%	2 (Upper-Mid)	
34	Trilantic Capital Partn...	Trilantic North America	18	Buyout	2012	08-Dec-2013	2,187.50	17.30%	1.50x	16.86%	2 (Upper-Mid)	

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7 Visualize the data

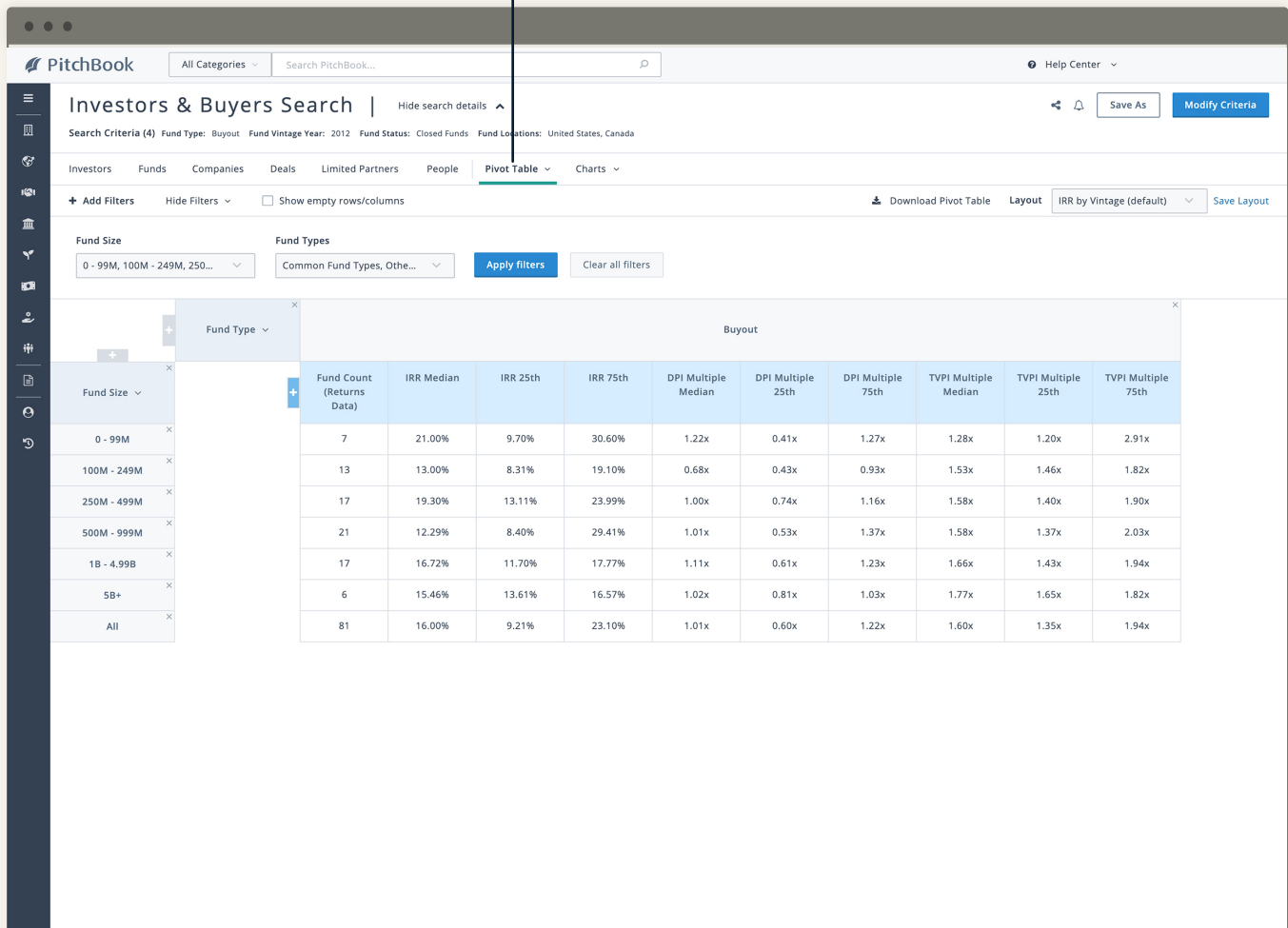
Select the "Pivot Table" tab and click the "Funds" option to aggregate the funds into one group and pull the median and mean from them. Use the grey "+" to add other sorting filters. Choose the blue "+" to see other performance metrics such as IRR, DPI and TVPI.

Funds charting and analytics

Within the "Pivot Table" tool, you can add and remove fields to build out a customized view of the aggregated data.

Within the "Funds Charting" function, you can edit the chart settings to view the data in different ways like a bar graph, pie chart or stacked bars.

You can also use the drop-down menus on the right side of the screen to break down that information by a specific data point.



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Looking at comparable funds' quartiles

PitchBook gives you the ability to see how a specific fund's quartiles stack up against those in a custom peer group. This functionality allows you to benchmark a fund more accurately against any peer group you choose—and to get a more objective view of its performance and place in the landscape.

1 Conduct an investors & buyers search

This search is used to identify types of funds that have an investment preference or focus on specific industries or locations.

2 Select fund criteria

The main criteria to set are fund type, fund size, fund location and vintage year.

3 Pick fund status

Check "Closed" to see only funds that are no longer accepting commitments or "Open" to see funds that are still fundraising.

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4 Choose vintage year

We recommend using one vintage year. Be sure it's in both the "From" and "To" fields (e.g. 2013-2013).

5 Choose specific deal types and industries

After creating your custom peer group, you can narrow the list down further by selecting the type of industry or deal type where the fund has been active.

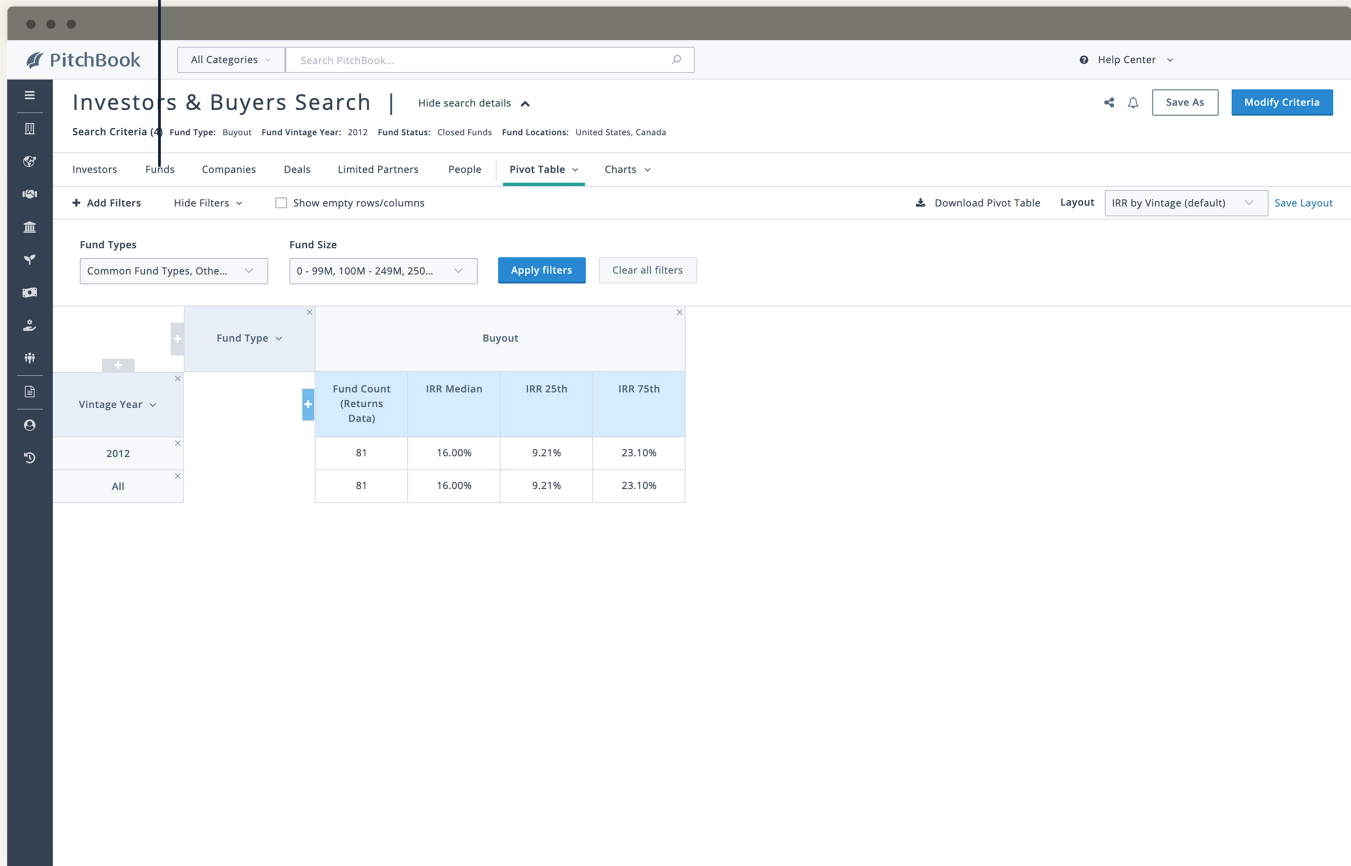
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6 Run the search

The results will display a list of investors associated with the funds set by the search criteria. You can click over to the “Funds” tab to see the actual list of funds.

Determine top and bottom quartiles

- Select the “Pivot Table” tab and select the “Funds” option.
- Close out all the grey field columns and rows and click the blue “+” in the row of light blue boxes in the table.
- Select “IRR Median,” “IRR 25th,” and “IRR 75th.” For all funds within this kind of search, having an IRR below the “IRR 25th” places them in the bottom quartile, and having an IRR above “IRR 75th” places them in the top quartile. Other metrics, such as DPI or TVPI, can also be valuable when assessing fund performanceces them in the top quartile. Other metr



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Researching fund managers

PitchBook's "People" search feature gives you the ability to see what deals specific fund managers have been associated with previously—so you can know if they've consistently driven returns (or got lucky once) with insight into how those transactions affected their fund's performance.

1 Conduct a people search

This search option will set up the following advanced search fields for you to select from.

2 Enter firm name

Type in the name of a specific firm or copy and paste names from an existing list.

3 Choose general position level or specific title

Using the preset search options in the "Position Levels" will pull in a wider range of professionals with similar titles at each organization, ranging from director level and above. Entering in a specific "Position Title" will only pull search results that match the exact title entered.

The screenshot shows the PitchBook People Search interface. The top navigation bar includes the PitchBook logo, a search bar, and a Help Center link. The main header displays "People Search 133 Results" and "Criteria (2)". Below this, there are filters for "Include Active Positions" and "Firm Names: Sequoia Capital" and "contains 'sequoia capital'". The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with icons for various search criteria. The main content area is divided into two columns: "Person Information" and "Firm and Position Information".

Person Information

- Names**
 - Add by name or pbiD
- Firm Names**
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 - Sequoia Capital
 - contains "sequoia capital"
 - Add by name, stock symbol, pbiD or URL
- Biography**
 - Add a biography
- University/Institution**
 - Type university/institution name(s)
- Gender**
 - Select genders(s)

Firm and Position Information

- Firm Types**
 - Select firm type(s)
- Position Title**
 - Type position title
 - ☐ Primary Position only
- Position Levels**
 - Select position level(s)
 - ☐ Founder/founding Partner
- Position Departments**
 - Select position department(s)
- Position Status**
 - ☒ Active
 - ☐ Former
- Locations**
 - Select location(s)
- Industries, Verticals & Keywords***
 - Type industries, verticals, and keywords

* Applies to companies only

Not seeing the field you need? Contact Client Services and [Request a Field](#).

4 Run the search

The results will display a list of individuals that match the search criteria you've entered, including their current title, email, direct phone number and biography.

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About PitchBook

In 2007, PitchBook Founder and CEO John Gabbert knew that his idea for an actionable, extensive database for private equity-focused intelligence was worth pursuing. He and seven others set up shop in a 200-square-foot, windowless office, and the rest is PitchBook history.

Since those early days, PitchBook has expanded its coverage areas to include the entirety of the public and private markets. We've added thousands of datasets and millions of individual insights to the platform, and we've pioneered new features and products that surface the information our clients need to win. We look at every day as a new opportunity to meet and exceed our customers' expectations through helping them make informed decisions that propel their firms forward.

Now part of Morningstar, PitchBook is headquartered in Seattle, London and Hong Kong with additional offices in New York and San Francisco.

A portrait of John Gabbert, Founder & CEO of PitchBook. He is a man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt. He is smiling and has his hands clasped in front of him. He is wearing a watch on his left wrist and a ring on his right hand. The background is a blurred industrial setting with wooden beams and lights.

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