



# Private market intelligence guide

How to use financial data to help solve your most pressing business challenges



## **Overview**

The private markets are becoming more valuable—and competitive. To stay ahead, you need insight into where deals are happening, what verticals are seeing outsized returns and what other investors and corporations are doing.

To navigate such a complex and evolving landscape, many firms are looking beyond the traditional means of gathering market intel towards a more proactive, data-driven approach. The reason for this is simple: Timely, accurate financial data helps substantiate claims, focus research and drive better decision-making.

In this guide, we look at how you can use PitchBook to follow the full flow of capital across the public and private markets, perform detailed analysis and then use that data to help solve your most pressing business challenges—whether that's optimizing your deal flow or fundraising activities, improving investment performance or staying ahead of potential market disruptors.

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# Analyzing macro and micro trends

Traditional flows of capital are evolving as new entrants like sovereign wealth funds, hedge funds and mutual funds tap into the private markets. To understand how these markets are shifting, it's important to see which industries and verticals are growing and contracting—and where other investors are placing their bets.

PitchBook can help you quickly and accurately get a complete view of the global markets, including how investments, valuations, exits and multiples are changing in real time. Here's how it works.



# Conducting detailed market analysis

PitchBook helps you quickly discover which sectors are growing by allowing you to easily see how much capital has been invested over time by industry, vertical, deal type and more. For example, you could look at investment activity in US healthcare companies through later-stage venture capital deals since 2015—or assess early-stage funding rounds for European education software companies since 2018.

## Conduct a companies & deals search

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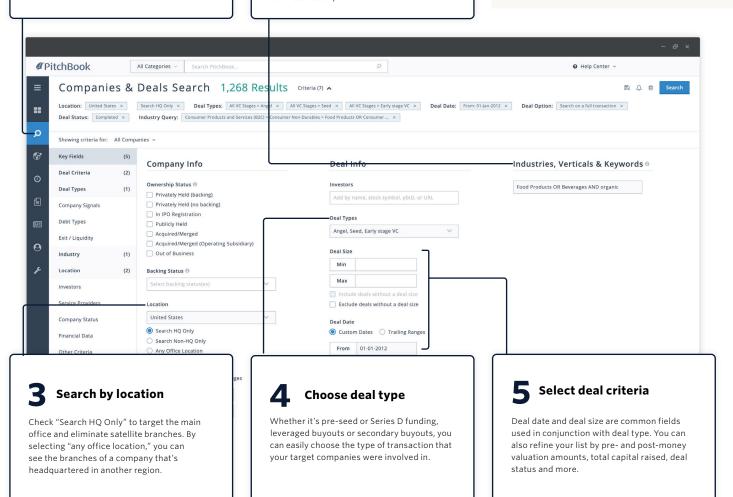
## Filter by industries & keywords

Click the "Industry or Vertical" drop-down to see how companies are categorized. You can also type in keywords that will pull companies into the search results based on their business description.

## Dive deeper with charting and analytics

Within the "Pivot Table" tool, you can add and remove fields to build out a customized view of the aggregated data. In this case, you'd want to choose "Capital Invested" from the drop-down menu.

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



## New participants in venture capital will continue to proliferate

As venture capital (VC) continues to break records and prices remain high for other alternative assets—including management fees for traditional funds—more new players are enticed to enter the field.

These nontraditional VC investors can include almost every type of entity that's not a VC firm, such as corporations, limited partners, private equity firms, sovereign wealth funds, hedge funds, and even investment banks. Despite historically making up a smaller proportion of VC, the number of these new players is growing fast—and they are injecting massive amounts of capital into the ecosystem.

Because many of these new investors are also interested in having more control over allocation and investment decisions—which can be realized through direct deals in VC—participants in the private markets are also getting increasingly creative in their investment strategies and direct investment efforts.

For example, another major factor encouraging participation from nontraditional VCs is a growing acceptance and usage of secondary markets to obtain liquidity. This path offers investors the opportunity to realize value and return capital without a full exit—something that is becoming increasingly critical as time to exit remains extended.

In some secondary transactions, foreign and nontraditional players are the buyers, whereas earlier investors are the sellers, but there's no reason that process can't repeat down the line—offering flexibility to those involved.

Because of this, companies are now increasingly comfortable buying and selling the securities of large, privately held companies in private transactions at the scale of billions of dollars. Though this method may only really apply to a select number of companies, it's likely to continue growing in popularity.

"The number of nontraditional VC investors is growing fast—and they're injecting massive amounts of capital into the ecosystem. The annual value of deals with at least one nontraditional investor participating nearly surpassed \$100 billion for the second consecutive year in 2019."

## Identifying macro trends

After running an advanced search to generate a targeted list of companies, deals and associated investors, PitchBook's Industry Overview tab helps you put that list in broader market context. By presenting key data points from your search in a concise visual summary of the landscape, you can track trends at a glance, anticipate shifts and even see where your competition is moving, with capital breakdowns by industry and vertical. You can also easily click through and analyze the underlying data.

## Conduct a companies & deals search

Filter by industry, keywords, location, deal type, deal criteria and more.

## 2 See investments over time

This chart shows yearly investments broken down by type and can be organized by deal count or capital raised.

## **3** Create market maps

Immediately access market maps based on your search results to track your competitors and create a deliverable to help your firm chart its next steps.

## 4 View capital breakdowns

Look at total capital invested by industry or vertical in relation to deal count.

## Get company count breakdown by geography

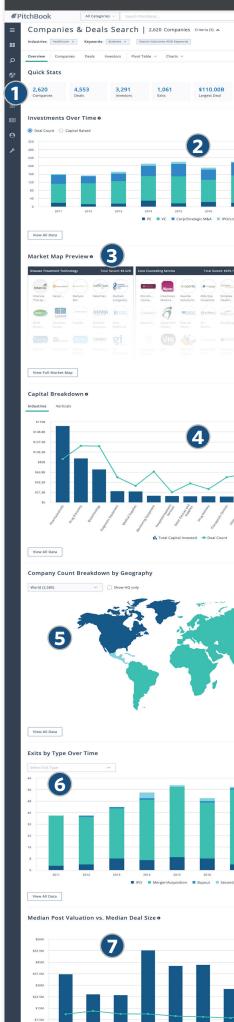
See the distribution of companies by specific location.

## 6 Track exits

Chart yearly exits by type.

### Compare median postvaluation and median deal size

See yearly median deal size against median post-valuation.





## Leveraging PitchBook's personalized dashboard

Manually sifting through news and monitoring hourly changes in the markets is inefficient. PitchBook's dashboard automatically provides personalized news and analytics all in one place—to help you stay on top of changes happening in the market. Simply open PitchBook to get the full picture on whatever sector you're interested in, including hard-to-find, proprietary data on private company financing histories, valuations, and management teams.

## **8** Get suggestions on top companies to watch

Check here to see recommended companies to watch based on founding date, most capital raised, or who's most likely fundraising.

## 9 See the top players

Look at the top six firms based on their number of investments and acquisitions as well as market caps and post-money valuations.

## **10** Access relevant reports

Industry Overview also serves up the top six most recent and relevant PitchBook reports based on your search criteria.

## Look at company breakdowns by vertical and industry

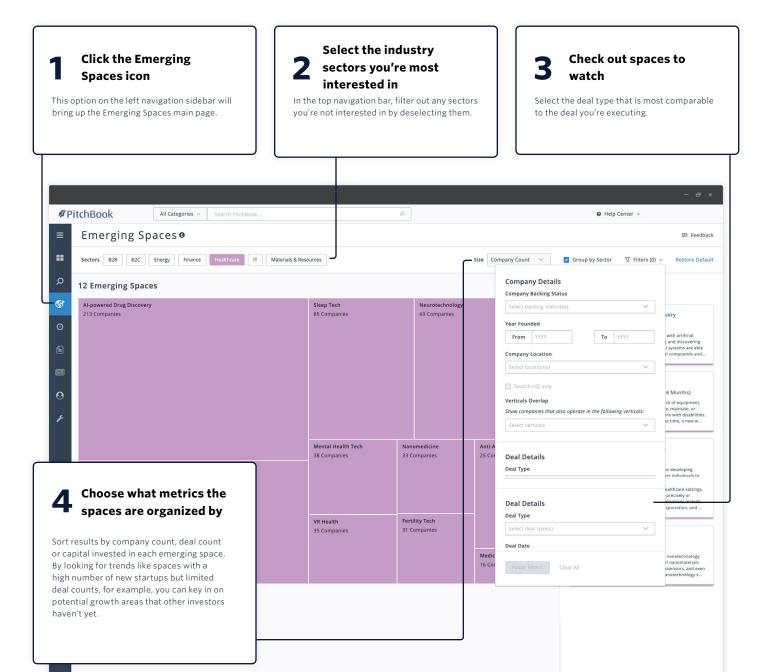
View the top companies by vertical or industry.

## **12** Get the latest news

You can also see the most recent news articles that mention the companies in your search results.

# Discovering and tracking emerging spaces

New trends within the VC landscape pop up all the time and identifying those spaces in their nascency—before your competitors key in—can be a challenge. By using PitchBook's Emerging Spaces feature, you can quickly discover niche corners of the market on the rise within relevant sectors and identify promising investment trends based on the number of companies founded in a new space by year, total deals over time and year-over-year context for growth metrics.



## Use PitchBook's trend analysis to fuel action

The analysis section of PitchBook's Emerging Spaces feature allows you to dig deep into a developing trend by surfacing growth metrics, deal visualizations, timely news coverage and data supporting each trend. Simply click a space tile and select "Trend Analysis."

With access to critical insights—including the number of companies founded in a new space by year, total deals in an emerging sector over time and year-over-year context for growth metrics—you can be more confident in pursuing new opportunities.

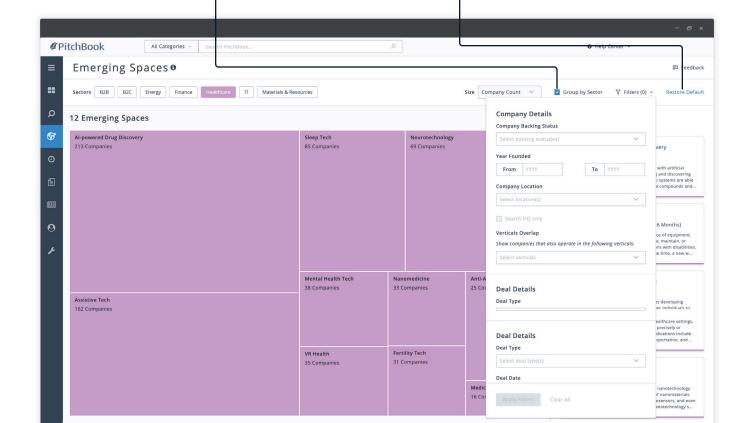
## Dive deeper into each sector

Add additional filters to your search, such as backing status, year founded, location, deal type and current deal status. Select "Group by Sector" to see which other verticals each emerging space overlaps with.

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### **Keep exploring**

Click "Restore Default" to quickly get back to the feature's original set of default search settings and continue discovering new emerging spaces.



## Leveraging analyst research

Analyst reports and notes can offer immediate, informed insights into market size, key players, trends, industry metrics and M&A activity. However, it's easy to miss valuable content if you don't know it's there. That's why PitchBook's Research Center makes the most valuable content easily discoverable and offers up relevant market research in all its search results—so you don't have to scroll through more than 130,000 PitchBook reports to find what you need.

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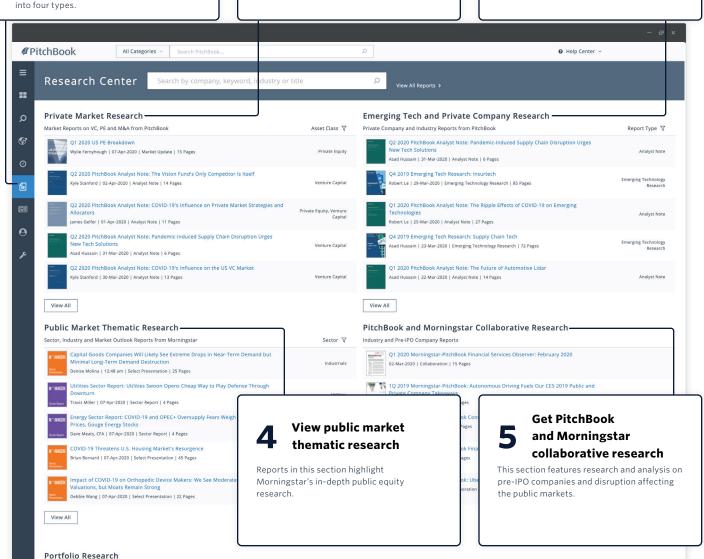
This will take you to the Research Center landing page. The top section of the page surfaces the most relevant and up-to-date research first, breaking up analyst content into four types.

## 2 See the latest private market research

This section shows the latest PitchBook reports that cover quarterly and annual updates to the PE, VC and M&A markets.

## Access emerging tech and private company intel

Here you'll find all of PitchBook's latest research on nascent technologies.

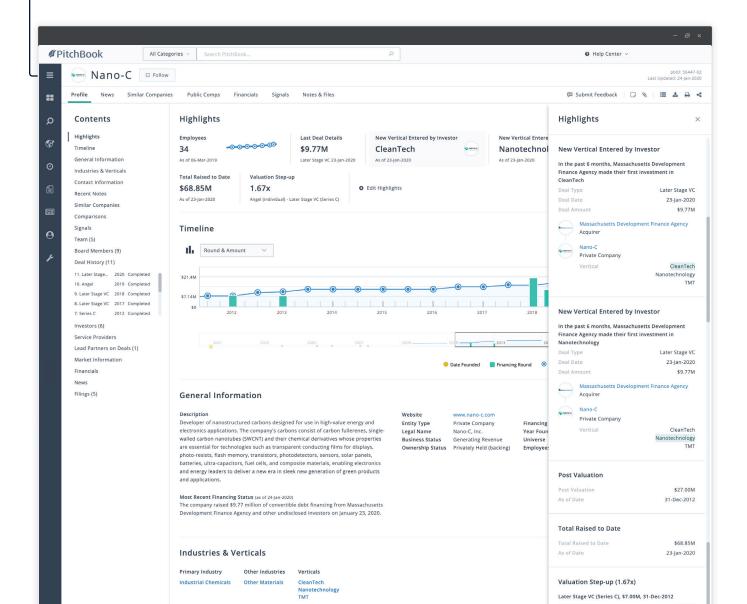


## Access research related to what you've already looked at

Scroll down the landing page to see the latest research related to companies on your saved company lists. Below that, you'll find research based on the company profiles you've recently viewed. You can also access reports relevant to your searches from any Industry Overview page, your dashboard and the search bar.

## Run a search by company, keyword, industry or title

Once you run a general search, you'll see a list of all public and private market research related to your search criteria. To filter the list further, choose the "Filters" tab to see only the content most relevant to you.



# How Santander InnoVentures uses PitchBook to gain a comprehensive view of the global fintech markets

As the largest bank in the eurozone by market cap, Banco Santander has helped shape the financial technology industry worldwide and is continuing to redefine it today. As the company innovates on a global scale, Santander InnoVentures acts as the bank's corporate venture arm to ensure the bank can grow and continue to stay ahead of the changes in the industry. Santander InnoVentures invests in break-through technologies and forms strategic relationships for its portfolio companies.

"Not only is PitchBook the best database overall, but the taxonomy, organization and quality of information is consistent across geographies."

—Manuel Silva Martínez, Partner and Head of Investments, Santander InnoVentures

## **Understanding the global fintech innovation landscape**

Manuel Silva Martínez, Partner and Head of Investments, says, "PitchBook has helped us be precise with our competitive analysis." He explains that for a company operating on the world scale, "Having a comprehensive global view of companies and how they compete with each other is very important."

Using that insight into market trends as well as Santander's larger priorities, Manuel and his team use PitchBook to discover and map niche or specific solutions-oriented spaces. He says, "PitchBook helps us locate companies that may be in similar spaces to the ones we're already interested in."

To focus on the right opportunities, they filter by keyword within PitchBook. According to Manuel, "We use keywords to look at specific types of companies. Whether that means a particular technology, data analytics capabilities, backend solutions, etc."

This competitive analysis helps the team discover and engage with companies they deem impactful for the bank.



#### Manuel Silva Martínez

Partner and Head of Investments, Santander InnoVentures Partners





# Informing your strategy and discovering growth opportunities

The private markets continue to increase in value and opportunity. To compete, you need visibility into the flow of capital across the entire venture capital, private equity and M&A landscape—not to mention the public markets.

PitchBook gives you the ability to track market shifts and identify the industries and companies that represent the best growth opportunities. Here's how it works.

## **Market mapping**

Market maps are a great way to quickly get a better understanding of a market space, the areas within that space and who the key players are—and then communicate that information with others in a visual way. They also can take a lot of time to make. With PitchBook's Market Maps feature, however, you can build a market map of any space with only a few clicks and then easily tailor it to your specific needs.

## Conduct a companies and deals search

Search directly through the search bar, the "Companies & Deals" search icon itself, or through a company list from PitchBook's Emerging Spaces Feature.

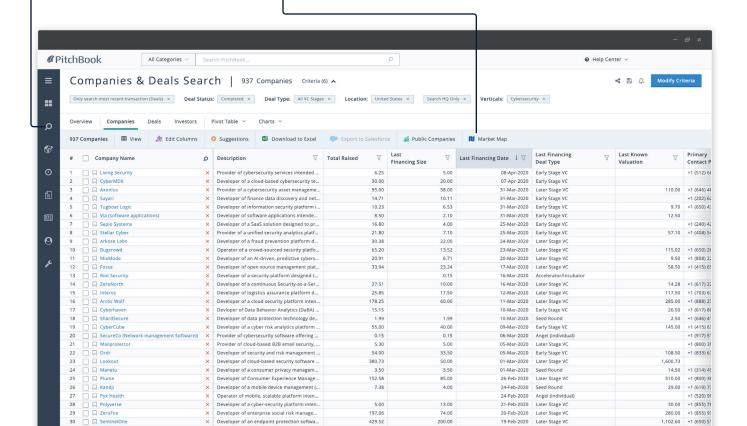
## **2** View full market map

On the overview tab of any "Companies & Deals" search, select "View Full Market Map" or click the "Companies" tab in the search results and then select the "Market Map" tab from that view.

## 3 Change how companies are segmented

Not every company in your search results can always fit on a map, so your search results are initially segmented by keywords.

To change this, click "Edit Segments" to select from dozens of preset segmentation methods, such as industry sectors, verticals and headquarter location. You can also go to "View All" and choose the data column you'd like to organize your map by and click "Apply Column Sort to Map" under the "Additional Tools" section near the top of the page.

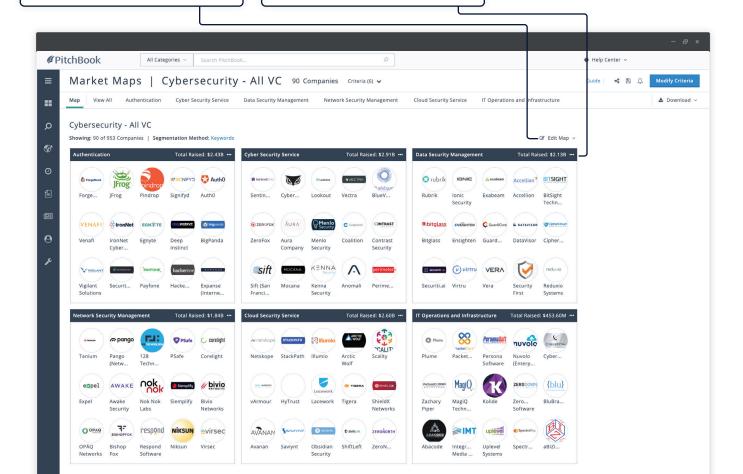


## Add other companies and data

Don't see one of the companies you want on your market map? Select "Add Companies," enter its name and it will be added to the map. Under the "Edit" tab in the upper right, you can also choose to add any specific data points that are available on the platform to your map that you want. You can drag and drop company logos to reorganize them, too.

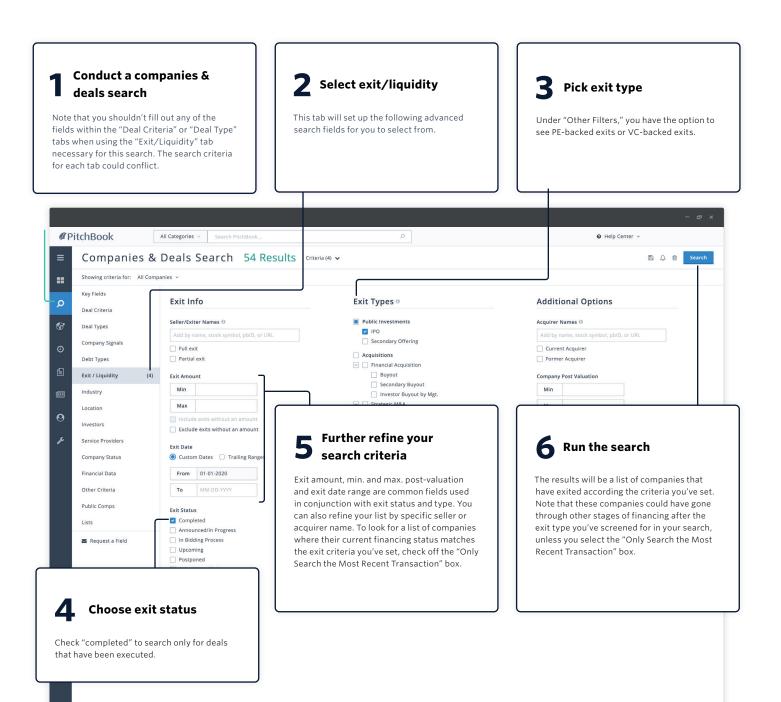
## Tailor the map to your needs before exporting

You can change the name of your map or the segments within it and switch the colors to fit your firm's branding before Exporting your map as whatever file type you want. This could include exporting the entire map to use in a slide deck or downloading company logos into segmented folders in a single click.



# Researching exit activity of sponsor-backed companies

Find out what type of companies and investors in each sector are making successful exits—and which aren't. By drilling down into PitchBook's Companies & Deals search function, you'll be able to quickly see which companies have made any type of exit of whatever size, in any date range, location and industry. This could include identifying all PE-backed exits of healthcare companies through a secondary buyout since 2018, for example, or screening for all transactions where a specific investor was involved.



# 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 cashflow multiples. Once you've found a fund you're interested in, PitchBook's Fund Families feature also provides a seamless way to compare that fund to similar ones, different fund strategies and spot open investment opportunities.

## Conduct an investors & buyers search

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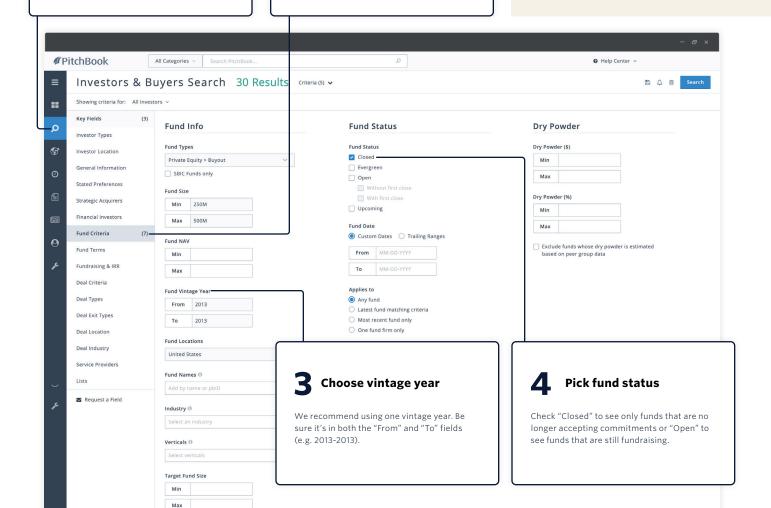
## **2** Select fund criteria

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

## 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 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.



## 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.

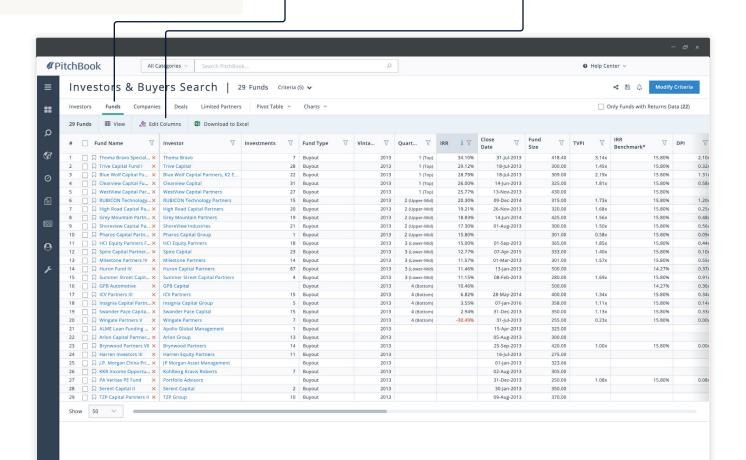
Not sure where to get started? Reach out to your customer success manager, and they'll help you build any custom benchmark you need.

## **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.



## Funds charting and analytics

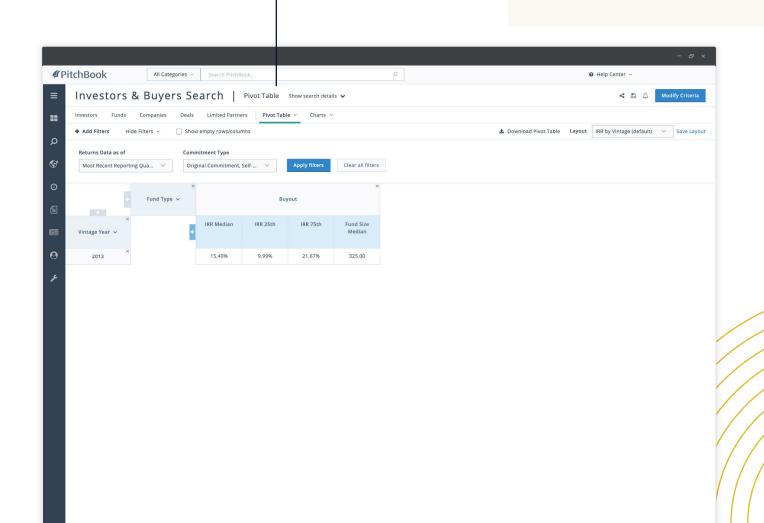
Within the "Pivot Table" tool, you can add and remove fields to build out a customized view of the aggregated data.

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.



Select the "Pivot Table" tab to aggregate the funds into one group and pull the median and mean from them. Use the grey "+" to add in the data points you want related to fund returns.



## Creating a target list

PitchBook allows you to quickly create a list of promising investment or acquisition targets based on the attributes that matter most 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 fintech companies in Europe that are nearing the end of their holding period.

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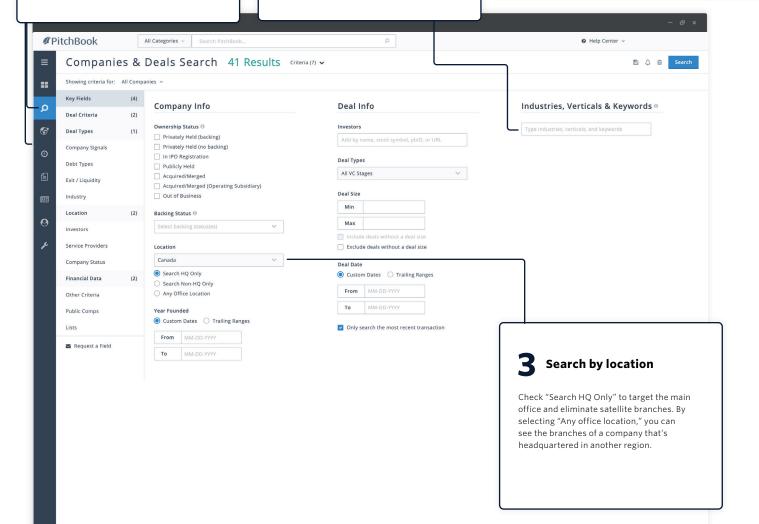
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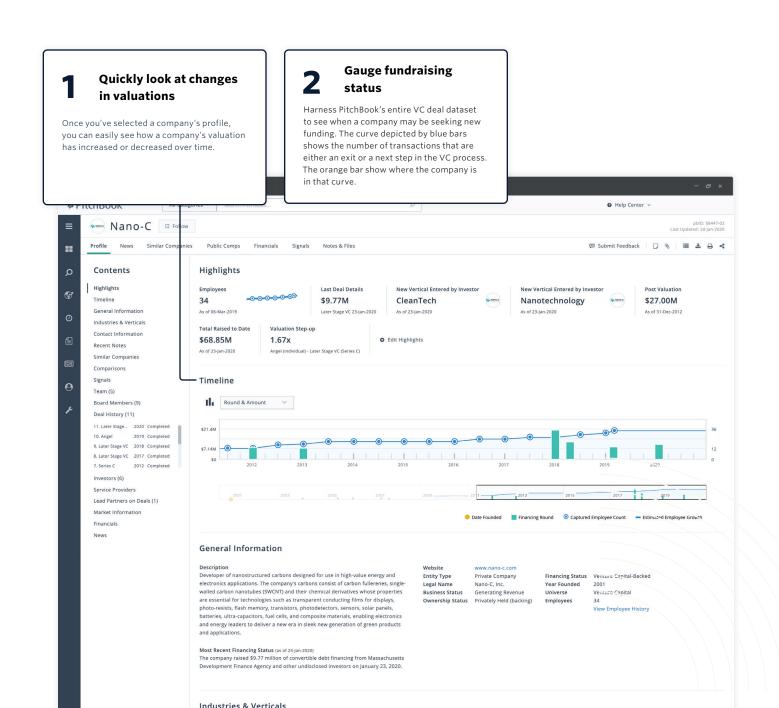
## Filtering by company status, deal type and other criteria

You can filter your search further by backing, business and ownership status as well. And whether it's pre-seed or Series D funding, leveraged buyouts or bankruptcies, you can also easily choose the type of transaction that your target companies were involved in. Deal date and deal size are common fields used in conjunction with deal type. You can also refine your list by pre- and post-money valuation amounts, total capital raised, deal status and more.



# Researching specific companies

Quickly see key data points and discover relevant insights about companies with PitchBook's Profile Highlights tile. With this tool, you can customize what information you see on a company profile so you can know immediately if it's worth investigating further.

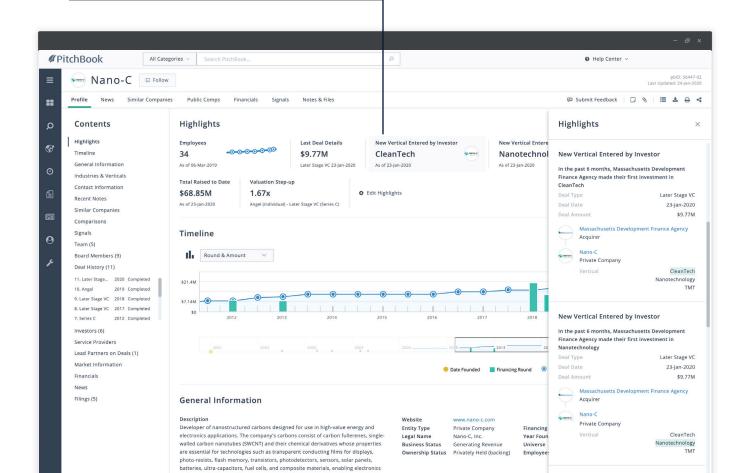


## **3** Key in on new strategy moves by other investors

The "New vertical entered by investors" tile lets you know when a company is in a vertical that a related investor or acquirer hasn't invested in before. This lets you see if an investor may be changing their strategy or if a company is trying to acquire a new technology or enter a new strategic area.

## 4 Choose other stats you'd like to follow

You can also select from a wide range of other key metrics to track, including employee count, acquisition focus, recent executive departures, total raised to date and more.



## How Tesi uses PitchBook to source deals

Founded in 1995 with the aim of developing Finland's venture capital and private equity markets, Tesi is a state-owned investment company headquartered in Helsinki. With more than €1.2 billion in assets under management, the firm focuses on co-investing directly with local and international investors as well as committing capital to Nordic and European funds.

To do so, Tesi leverages PitchBook's comprehensive capital market data, analyst reports and mobile app to identify the most promising investment opportunities.

## "No other platform combines and presents all the information we need like PitchBook does."

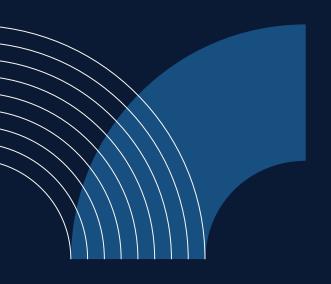
—Tony Nysten, Investment Manager, Direct VC, Tesi

## Sourcing deals in a fast-changing environment

By tapping into their extensive network and PitchBook's database of more than 1.5 million private companies, Tesi can quickly discover businesses within Finland and the firm's target industry verticals, find out when they last received funding, and how long they have been part of another portfolio. If it has been a while since a company's last financing round, Tesi knows that business will likely be looking for more capital soon. If a company has been in another firm's portfolio for a number of years, Tesi also knows that company's investors may be looking to exit.

Tesi's Investment Manager of Direct VC, Tony Nysten, says, "If you go to a company's website, they usually explain what they do in a very complicated way and you don't get visibility into their investors or their previous funding rounds. PitchBook provides all of that information, so you always get a very clear picture of what stage a company is at."





## Who we are

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.



