

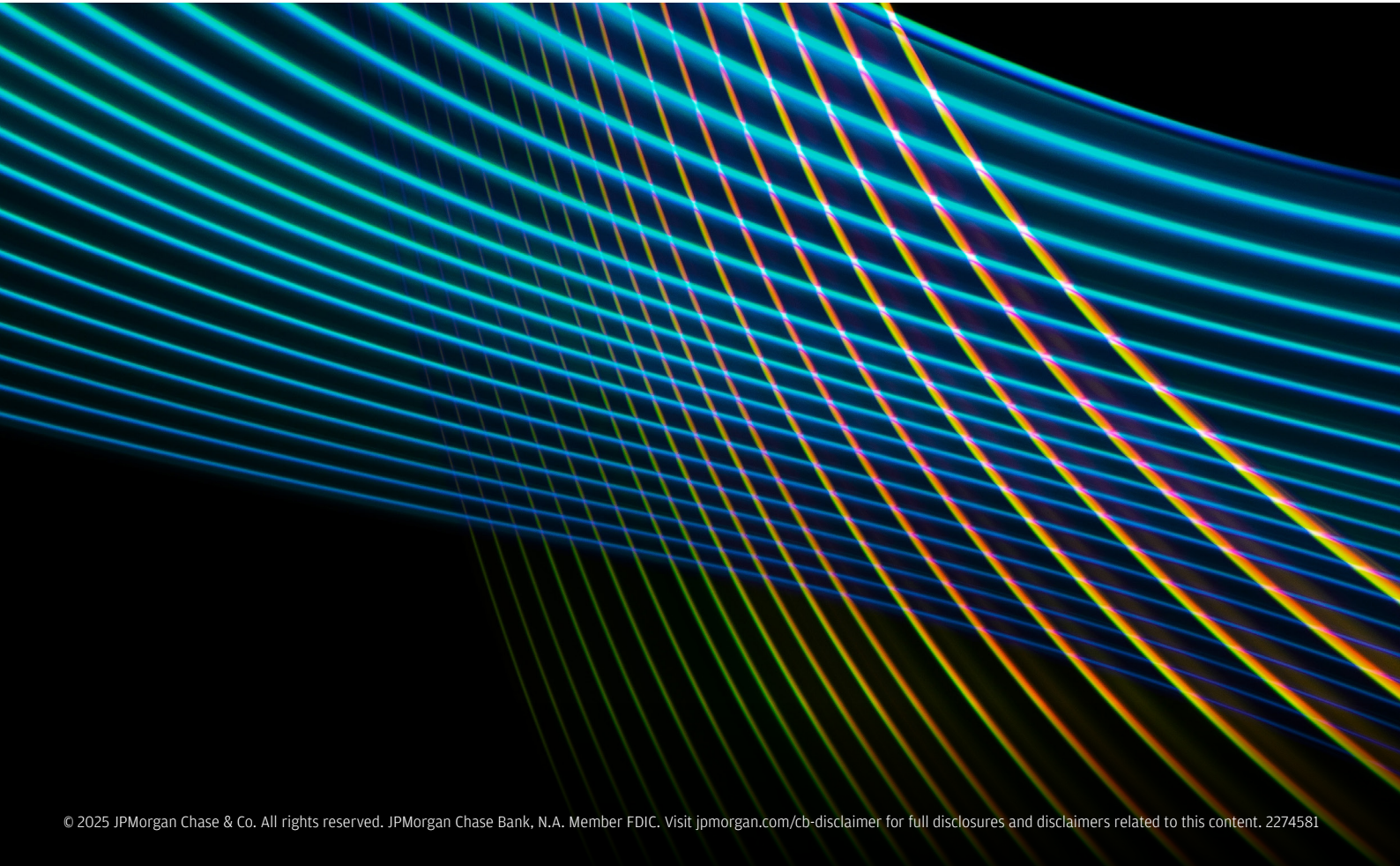
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Introduction

European venture capital (VC) deal value grew slightly in Q1 2025 despite a cautious start to the year elsewhere.

Activity in European venture markets somewhat mirrored the cautious sentiment across global macroeconomics as volatility and uncertainty grew in the first quarter of 2025. Deal value was the standout area, with the Q1 total putting the year on pace to surpass 2024. European public equity markets were also resilient, with the STOXX Europe 600 seeing year-to-date (YTD) gains in contrast to the declines in the S&P 500. A more dovish European Central Bank (ECB) policy, which includes more rate cuts priced in for 2025, will also be favourable to valuations in Europe. However, volatility is unlikely to bode well for activity across the three segments of the venture market we track: deals, exits, and fundraising. We have heard talks of delayed key listings and acquisitions, and bellwether Andreessen Horowitz announced the closure of its UK office in January,¹ evidencing the pivot in mandates in anticipation of the new US presidential administration. Other areas that will continue to be pivotal for venture markets this year include artificial intelligence (AI), secondaries, and venture debt.

In terms of deal value, venture growth showed the most resilience among the VC stages, while pre-seed/seed deal value was on pace for the greatest year-over-year (YoY) decline in full-year value. AI & machine learning (ML) surpassed software as a service (SaaS) in our deal value rankings for the first time. Compared with 2024 activity, fintech showed the most resilience. Life sciences also showed strength, pacing above last year. Among the European regions, France & Benelux is pacing the lowest in terms of deal value.

Venture debt deal value is pacing below a record 2024.

In Q1, venture-growth companies widened their lead in the share of venture debt deals, with nearly 50% of deals falling in that stage. Whilst we expect the asset class to grow and become more meaningful in Europe, we do not anticipate deal value will materially grow YoY. The absence of larger players, such as Northvolt, factors into our outlook. Furthermore, companies that raised financing in 2024 are unlikely to come back to the cap table in 2025, as the term loan for venture debt instruments occurs over several years.

In this edition, we spotlight female representation in VC following the publication of our [2024 European All In: Female Founders in the VC Ecosystem report](#). Female representation among decision-makers in VC firms and angel investors remains an area for improvement, although there is slightly more representation at larger firms. Among VC-backed startups, less than 10% have only female CEOs. In the split of CEOs who stay on after an exit and those who leave, roughly 85% stay on, across both genders. However, female CEOs tend to stay on for shorter periods compared with their male counterparts.

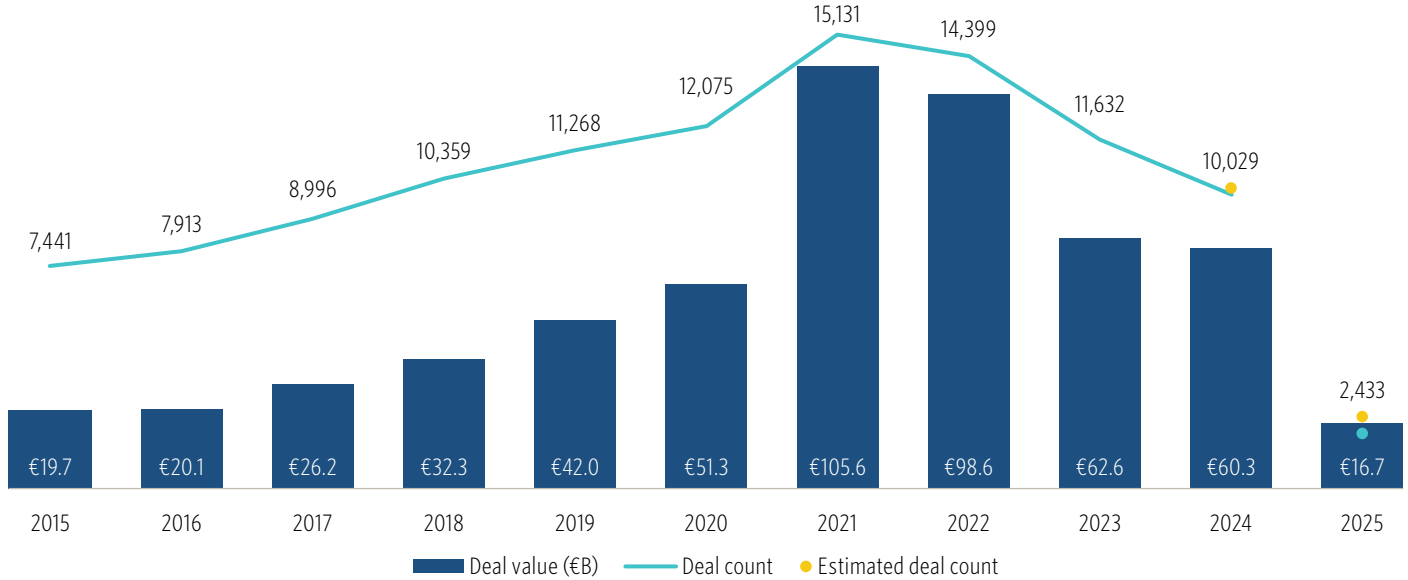
Exits are off to a soft start. Q1 2025 exit value puts the year on pace to fall below last year. As of Q1, valuation and volatility metrics were still conducive for an initial public offering (IPO) window, but this is likely to have changed in early Q2. Activity in Q1 may not be a reliable barometer for the rest of the year, where we expect momentum in exit activity to be driven by (and concentrated in) several large transactions. However, escalating tariffs and volatility will likely weigh on activity, with several players saying volatile conditions are impacting their exit decisions. Despite this, volatility metrics in Europe remain in favourable thresholds for an IPO window, and we believe there is still value to be realised from a growing pipeline of more than 370 VC-backed candidates in Europe.

Capital raised is pacing below last year. Fundraising is the lumpiest out of all the segments of activity we track. Therefore, we are cautious about extrapolating too much from Q1 numbers, as activity is likely to evolve as the year progresses. Large closes can also skew totals, and the median size of European VC vehicles has grown in the past year. Certain areas of specialisation, such as the cleantech and biotech verticals, continue to attract capital. There was more regional diversity in fund closes in Q1, where only three of the top 10 closes in the quarter were in the UK. Venture returns have recovered globally but remain negative on a one-year horizon, and they also [lag the returns of other private asset classes in the mid- to long term](#).

¹: "Andreessen Horowitz Closes UK Office, Pivots Back to US Crypto Market," Sifted, Tom Matsuda, 24 January 2025.

Deals

VC deal activity

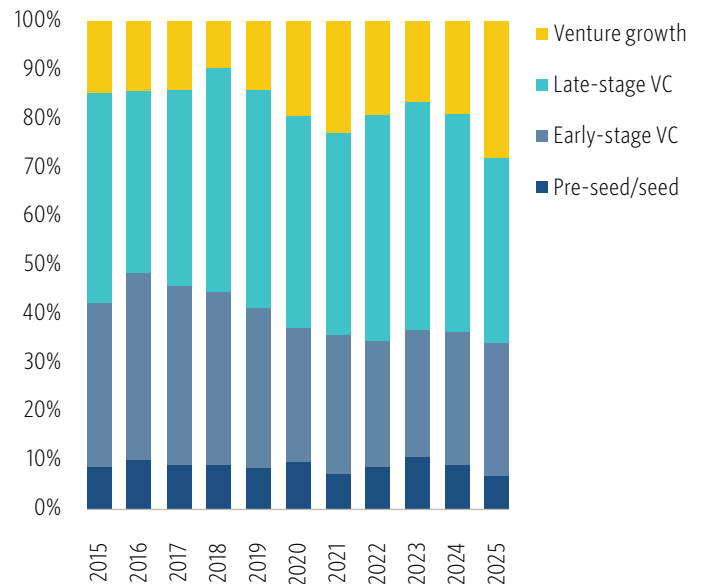


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Deal value on track for YoY growth

Q1 2025 deal value sat at €16.7 billion, a run rate that implies a 10.8% YoY increase in deal value for the full year. From a data perspective, we will likely see a level of backfilling into Q1 as the year progresses. Nonetheless, it is encouraging to see that the increased volatility in global economies has not impacted European dealmaking activity. This mirrors public equity markets since the start of the year, where US markets have come off their highs but European markets have been more resilient. As of 31 March, the S&P 500 was down 4.4% YTD, while the STOXX Europe 600 fared better, up 5.4% YTD. Public valuations will likely feed into private markets in conjunction with more caution in central bank interest-rate policy, which has also been felt more acutely in the US than in Europe. In early 2025, the US Federal Reserve (the Fed) maintained rates at 4.25% to 4.5%, emphasising a cautious approach amid persistent inflation and steady economic growth. The Fed signalled potential rate cuts later in the year. Conversely, the ECB implemented a 25-basis-point cut in January 2025, citing a faster-than-expected decline in inflation but subdued economic growth. The ECB has indicated openness to further cuts in 2025.

Share of VC deal value by stage



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Top 10 VC deals in Q1 2025

Company	Close date	Deal value (€M)	Deal type	Vertical(s)	Country
Binance	12 March	€1,897.9	Venture growth	Cryptocurrency/blockchain, fintech	Malta
Reneo	20 February	€600.0	Early-stage VC	Cleantech, real estate technology	Germany
Isomorphic Labs	31 March	€556.2	Early-stage VC	AI & ML, life sciences	UK
Rapyd Financial Network	13 March	€473.6	Venture growth	Business-to-business (B2B) payments, fintech, mobile, SaaS	UK
Verdiva Bio	9 January	€394.6	Early-stage VC	Healthtech, life sciences	UK
Neko Health	22 January	€251.4	Late-stage VC	AI & ML, healthtech	Sweden
AMBOSS	25 March	€240.0	Venture growth	Education technology, mobile, SaaS	Germany
Auro	3 February	€220.0	Venture growth	LOHAS & wellness, mobile, ride-sharing	Spain
TravelPerk	28 January	€193.3	Venture growth	SaaS	Spain
Windward Bio	10 January	€192.2	Early-stage VC	Healthtech, life sciences	Switzerland

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Growing deal values add to venture-growth resilience

The startups that secured the largest rounds in Q1 included business-to-consumer (B2C) real estate tech firm Reneo, with a €600 million round, followed by a €556.2 million close from Isomorphic Labs and a €473.6 million raise by Rapyd Financial Network. The largest deal, however, was from cryptocurrency exchange platform Binance, which secured €1.9 billion from United Arab Emirates-based VC firm MGX.² We note that Binance is still looking for a headquarters, so whilst the company is included in our European dataset, we do not believe that the deal is indicative of European venture activity. Our data is continually updated, so the deal value could be assigned to a different region in the future. Regardless of Binance's deal, the proportion of large deals in the European VC ecosystem has grown. As such, venture-growth deal value showed the most resilience in Q1, putting the stage on pace to exceed last year's full-year value by 63.6%. Q1 pre-seed/seed activity implies that the stage will see the greatest YoY decline in full-year value at -18%. With the first half of the year still underway, such trends could significantly change as we progress through 2025.

AI & ML surpasses SaaS in deal value as life sciences and fintech show resilience

AI & ML surpassed SaaS for the first time in our deal value rankings. AI & ML deal value sat at €4.6 billion, 27.5% of the quarter's total deal value, with the SaaS and fintech verticals making up a similar proportion. SaaS was a close third place, while fintech climbed to first place. Previously favoured cleantech fell into seventh place. However, these rankings are based on only Q1 data, and the landscape could significantly evolve throughout the year. Compared with 2024 activity, Q1 fintech deal value showed the most resilience at €4.8 billion, a run rate that puts the vertical's full-year value far above the 2024 level of €8.7 billion. Life sciences also showed resilience with €2.5 billion of investment in Q1, implying a 19.9% YoY increase in full-year deal value despite a strong 2024.

² For information on VC dealmaking in the Middle East & North Africa (MENA), read our [H2 2024 MENA Private Capital Breakdown](#) report.

Top 20 verticals by VC deal value

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Fintech	6	5	4	6	4	3	2	2	5	4	1
AI & ML	10	8	5	5	5	5	4	4	2	2	2
SaaS	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Cryptocurrency/blockchain	20	20	20	17	20	20	17	16	14	16	4
Life sciences	4	4	6	4	6	6	8	12	7	5	5
Healthtech	13	10	10	7	8	7	10	9	11	9	6
Cleantech	14	11	15	12	11	12	6	7	4	3	7
Mobile	3	3	3	3	2	4	3	3	6	6	8
Manufacturing	11	7	9	10	12	10	16	8	8	8	9
Big Data	16	15	11	11	13	9	11	11	12	13	10
Climate tech	18	14	16	16	10	8	9	5	3	7	11
LOHAS & wellness	17	16	13	14	15	14	14	10	9	11	12
TMT	1	1	1	1	3	2	5	6	10	10	13
Digital health	19	18	19	19	18	16	19	19	19	17	14
Oncology	9	13	17	15	14	17	18	20	16	12	15
Mobility tech	7	9	8	9	9	13	15	14	17	14	16
Supply chain tech	15	19	18	18	17	18	13	15	18	19	17
E-commerce	5	6	7	8	7	11	7	13	13	15	18
Industrials	8	12	12	13	19	15	20	17	15	18	19
Foodtech	12	17	14	20	16	19	12	18	20	20	20

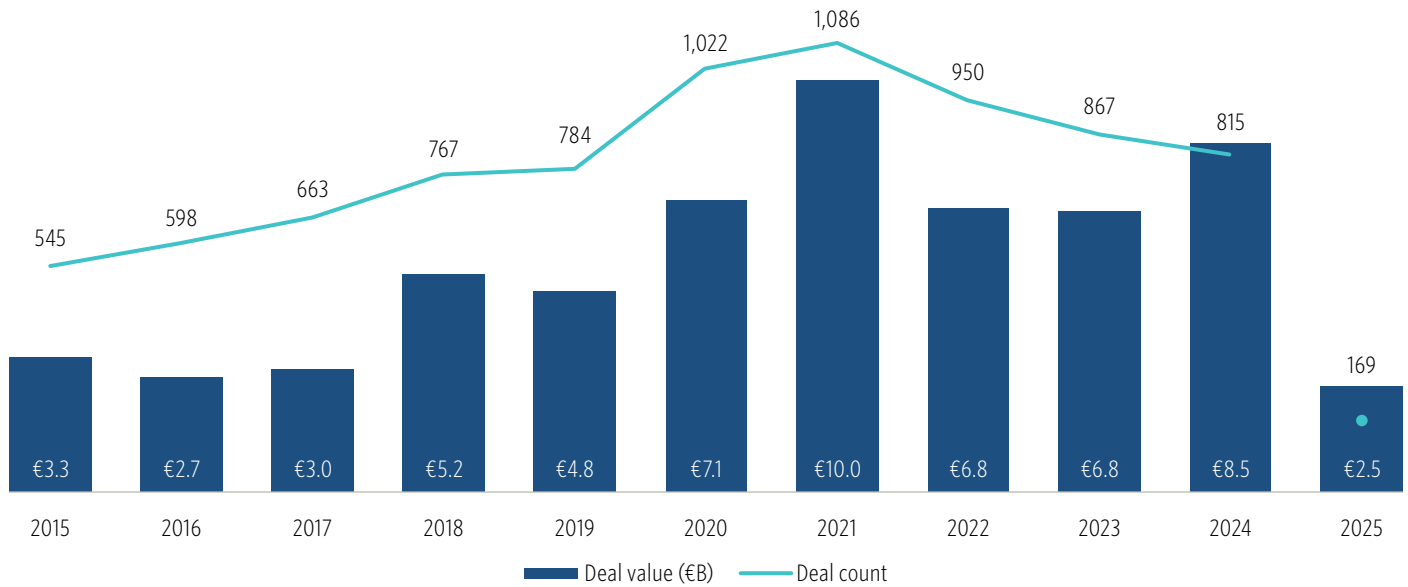
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Note: Verticals are ranked by their Q1 2025 VC deal value.

France & Benelux deal value lags that of other regions

Among the European regions, France & Benelux is pacing the lowest in terms of deal value. Sitting at €2.3 billion in Q1, the run rate implies a 26.3% YoY decline in full-year deal value. The majority of the region's Q1 deal value—€1.6 billion—sat in France. One-quarter of this was from AI-related startups. It remains to be seen whether new companies garner the same attention this year or whether companies that raised last year come back to the cap table. Given the large round sizes, we believe that more of this

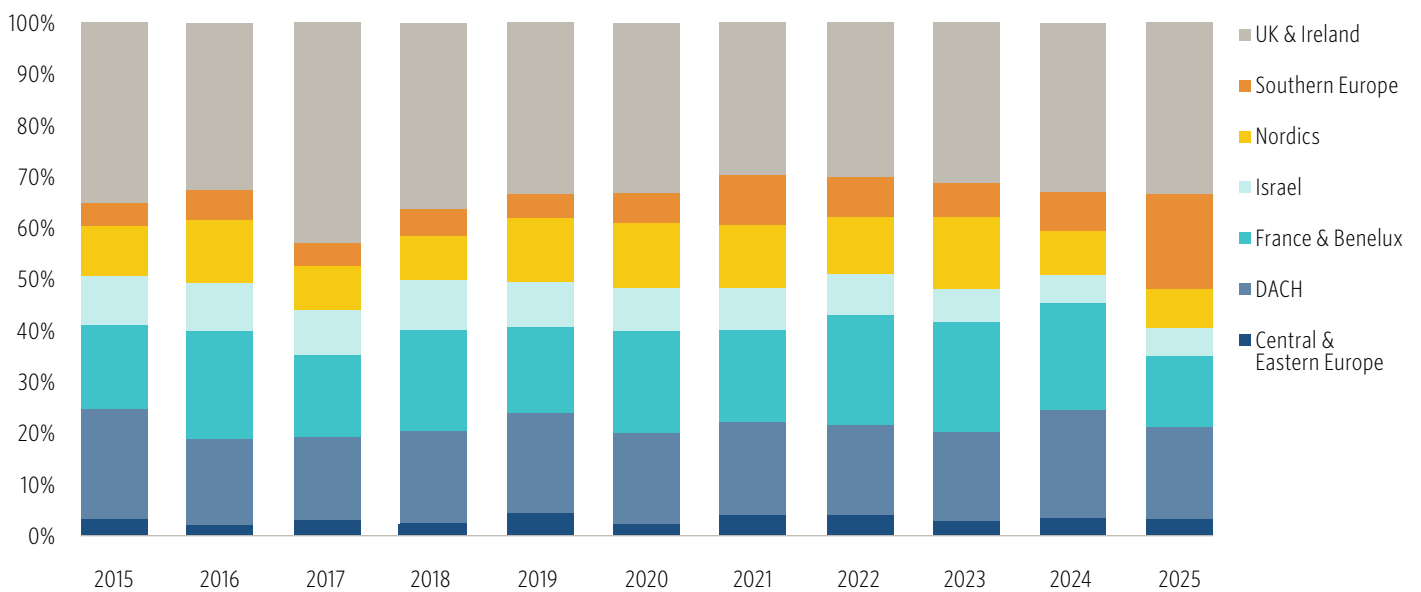
year's AI activity will involve companies that did not raise capital last year. Aside from the top deal by AI startup FlexAI, the largest deals in France in Q1 spanned various verticals, such as cybersecurity (Alice & Bob's €100 million round) and cryptocurrency (Flowdesk's nearly €100 million round). In other core regions in Europe, deal value is pacing below last year, but to a lesser extent than in France & Benelux. Q1 deal value in the DACH region puts full-year deal value on pace to fall 5.2% below last year, while the run rate in the UK & Ireland implies a 12.4% YoY increase.

Life sciences VC deal activity



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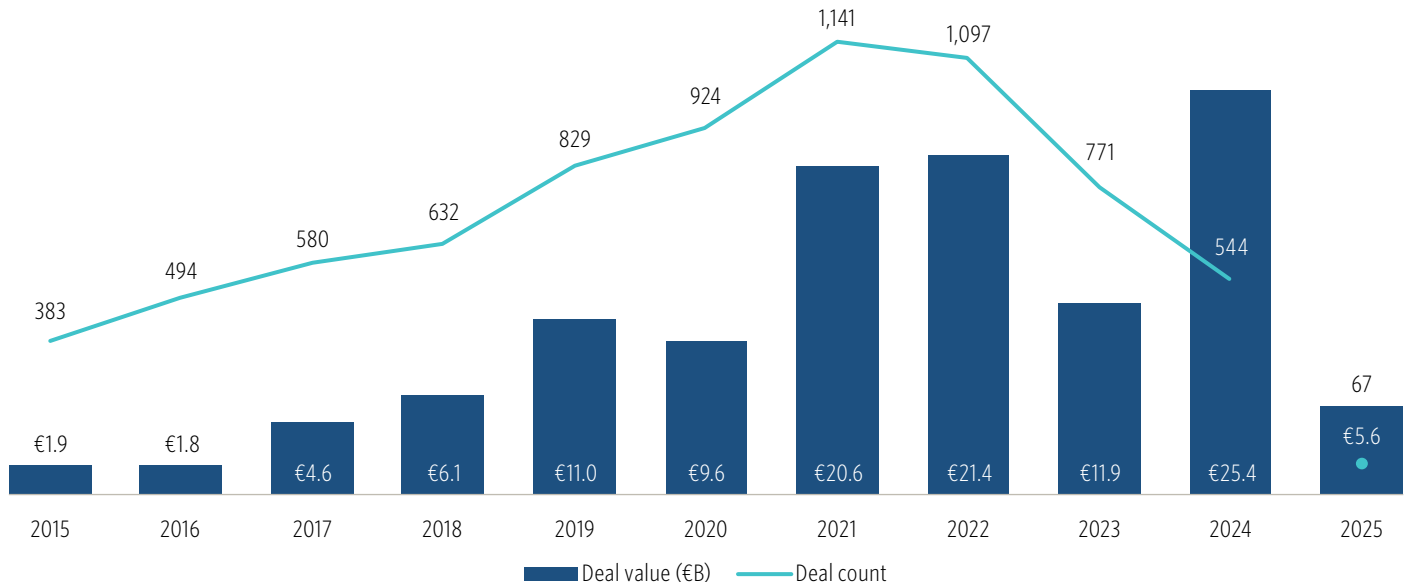
Share of VC deal value by region



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Venture debt

Venture debt deal activity



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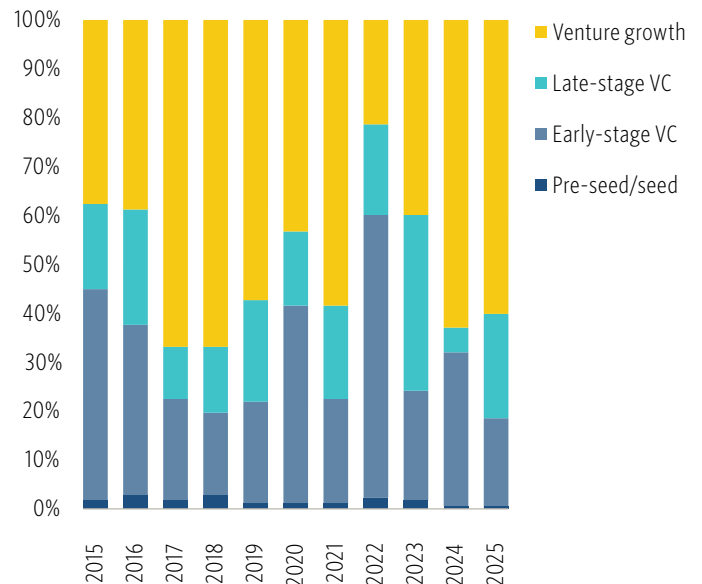
Deal activity is pacing below last year...

Venture debt deal value totalled €5.6 billion in Q1 2025. Following a record year in 2024, this run rate paces 12.5% below the 2024 deal value of €25.4 billion. Activity in 2024 was driven by large deals in the cleantech space, including now-defunct player Northvolt. In Q1, the largest deals included a €1.4 billion round for United Petfood, a €1 billion round for FINN, and a nearly €900 million raise by fintech Capital on Tap. Venture-growth companies widened their lead in the share of venture debt deals, with nearly 50% of deals in Q1 falling in the stage. The venture-growth stage also led in its share of Q1 deal value, and the late stage grew in share to 21.5%.

...and we believe YoY growth will be harder to achieve

Whilst we expect the asset class to grow and become more meaningful in Europe, as noted in our [2025 EMEA Private Capital Outlook](#), we do not expect deal value to materially grow YoY. The absence of larger players, such as Northvolt, factors into our outlook. Furthermore, companies that raised financing in 2024 are unlikely to come back to the cap table in 2025, as the term loan for venture debt instruments occurs over several years. Firms could refinance debt amidst the lower-rate environment expected next year, but we believe new issuance is unlikely to eclipse the levels seen in 2024. This cannot be ruled out, however. We initially thought that any YoY growth in 2024 would imply

Share of venture debt deal value by stage



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that deal value levels could reach 2021-2022 heights, which would be more of an anomaly than a trend. 2024 deal value indeed surpassed those peaks. However, as we expect IPO markets to open in 2025, venture-growth players may opt to return to equity markets rather than debt. We suspect several companies have undergone IPO due diligence over the past 12 to 24 months but did not pull the trigger due to unfavourable market conditions.

Top 10 venture debt deals in Q1 2025

Company	Close date	Deal value (€M)	Deal type	Industries	Country
United Petfood	5 February	€1,425.0	Debt refinancing	Manufacturing	Belgium
FINN	10 February	€1,000.0	Capital spending	Mobility tech	Germany
Capital on Tap	20 February	€898.0	Debt - general	Fintech	UK
Ardersier Port Authority	23 January	€479.0	Debt - general	Oil & gas	UK
Abound	27 March	€300.0	Debt - general	Fintech, mobile, SaaS	UK
Sunfire	7 January	€200.0	Project financing	Climate tech, cleantech, oil & gas, TMT	Germany
365 Finance	25 February	€180.0	Debt - general	Fintech, Impact investing	UK
Elvy	20 February	€144.0	Early-stage VC	Cleantech	Sweden
Advanced Power	9 January	€96.0	Project financing	Infrastructure	Switzerland
Solaris	3 February	€90.0	Late-stage VC	Fintech, SaaS	Germany

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A WORD FROM J.P. MORGAN

Our views on the market

The European venture capital landscape is seeing increased momentum. Overall, there is positive sentiment despite the macroeconomic and geopolitical challenges. We are seeing traditional industries such as manufacturing and healthcare increasingly embrace digital transformation, and VCs are keen to invest in tech companies that serve these large traditional sectors.

A standout sector is healthtech, which saw a 15% surge in venture capital investment in 2024. AI and biotech are still leading in early-stage investments, with more than \$4 billion invested into the EU's AI and biotech sectors in the first two months of 2025.

We are seeing positive trends in several areas:

- **Growth rounds:** From December 2024 to February 2025, there were 58 VC-backed deals exceeding \$50 million in the EU, showcasing robust growth-stage investment activity compared with the past three years. This surge in larger deals reflects growing investor confidence in the potential of European startups and indicates a maturing funding ecosystem.
- **Capital availability:** VCs report that sufficient capital is now available for their best growth- and later-stage portfolio companies, providing opportunities for the companies to reach substantial scale and revenue. This influx of growth capital is a testament to the strength of European tech companies.
- **Fintech IPOs and M&A activity:** Large fintech IPOs are anticipated, along with potential M&A activity from large corporate acquirers and private equity in the UK and EU. These developments are expected to create significant liquidity, which will stimulate further investment in the next generation of disruptive startups.
- **Increased VC fundraising:** In February alone, 16 VC funds in the UK and EU raised €2 billion, indicating strong LP and VC confidence. This wave of VC fundraising underscores the belief in the potential of European investors and the region's ability to deliver substantial venture returns. The fresh capital injection will likely spur further investment, enabling VCs to back a new generation of disruptive companies.



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However, European venture faces some challenges, and geopolitical uncertainties and regulatory complexities remain. Geopolitical tensions, particularly those affecting trade relations, pose risks to companies and the exit markets. Additionally, fragmented regulations, especially in AI and fintech, create barriers and can stifle innovation. These complexities require startups and investors to navigate a maze of compliance requirements, which can slow growth and deter investments.

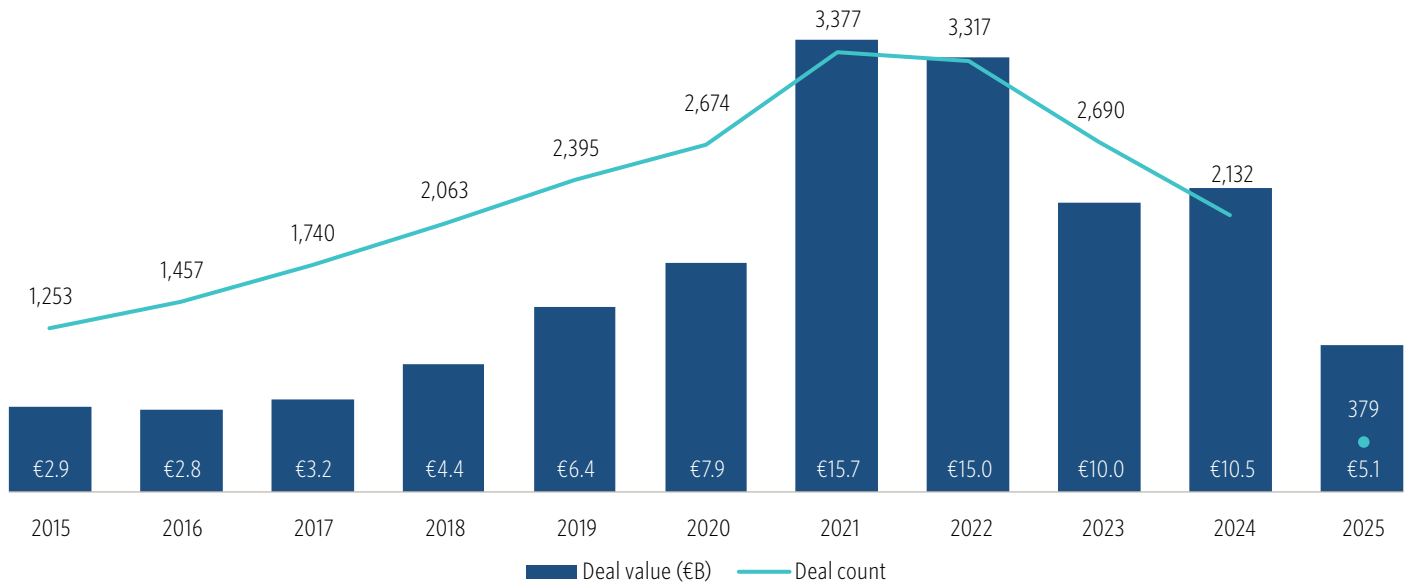
Hardware companies exporting to the US are now anticipating the negative impact of tariffs and the removal of Inflation Reduction Act incentives. There is also an increased focus on data privacy and data security. The EU AI Act, which came into effect in 2024, categorises AI systems based on potential risk and applies stricter regulations to higher-risk applications.

Consequently, the European venture ecosystem must remain adaptable to mitigate these headwinds.

SPOTLIGHT

Women in VC

VC deal activity for female-founded companies



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This section is adapted from our [2024 European All In: Female Founders in the VC Ecosystem report](#) published in Q1 2025.

Deal value resilient for female founders

In 2024, female founders in the European VC ecosystem raised more than €10 billion, marking the fourth consecutive year of reaching this milestone. However, while total capital invested remained strong, the number of deals declined materially, highlighting a shift toward fewer but larger transactions. Valuation trends varied across funding stages. At the early stage, founders faced challenges as investor risk tolerance tightened, and female founders encountered more drastic valuation declines. On the other hand, late-stage and venture-growth companies experienced substantial increases in valuations, with female-founded companies holding some of their strongest positions in years. Despite persistent funding disparities, these gains reflect growing confidence in established female-led ventures.

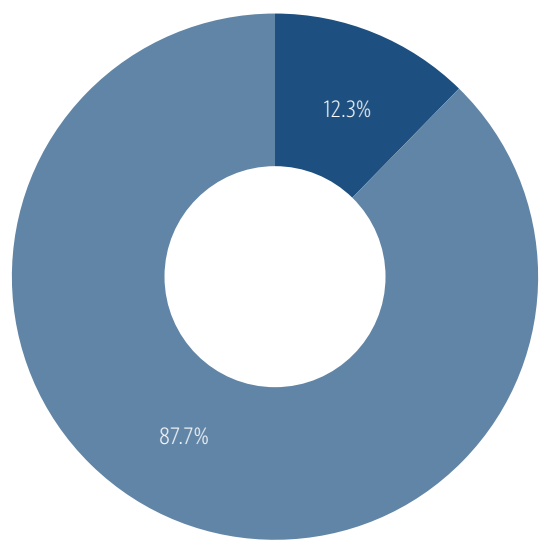
Larger firms have higher female representation among decision-makers

Female representation among decision-makers in VC firms and angel investors remains an area for improvement. In 2024, women continued to be underrepresented in

investment decision-making roles, with little movement YoY in the share of female cheque writers at larger VC firms. Similarly, the number of active female angel investors declined, contributing to a slowdown in deals backed by women on both sides of the table. As of Q1 2025, the proportion of female decision-makers in firms with less than €50 million in assets under management (AUM) sat at 12.3%. For larger firms with more than €50 million in AUM, the proportion was slightly higher at 15.7%. A higher proportion of smaller firms had more than 50% female decision-makers: 12.6% versus 8.2% for firms with over €50 million in AUM.

On the exit front, female-founded companies made notable progress in 2024, capturing a greater share of overall exit activity. An improving exit environment across Europe allowed female founders to secure more successful transactions, though they still face greater challenges in achieving liquidity compared with the broader market. While progress remains uneven and structural barriers persist, market sentiment is improving, which may direct additional funding to female founders and foster a more inclusive funding environment in the years ahead.

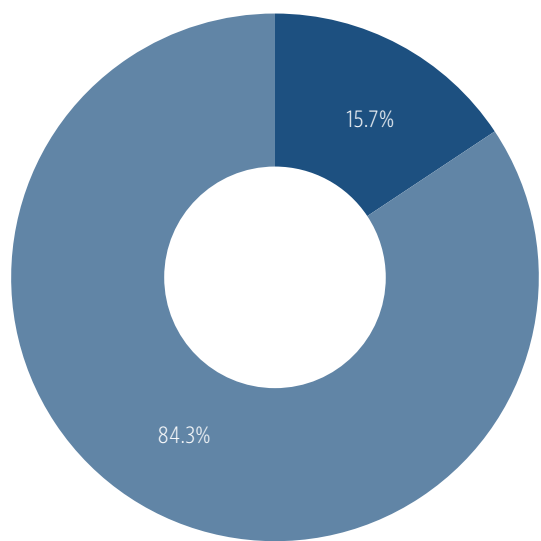
Share of decision-makers in VC firms by gender
(with less than €50 million in AUM)



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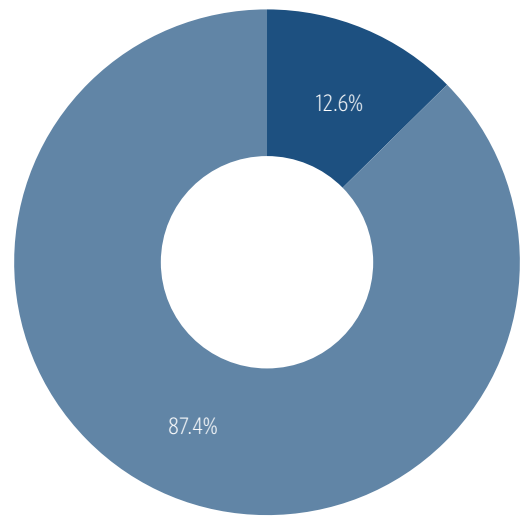
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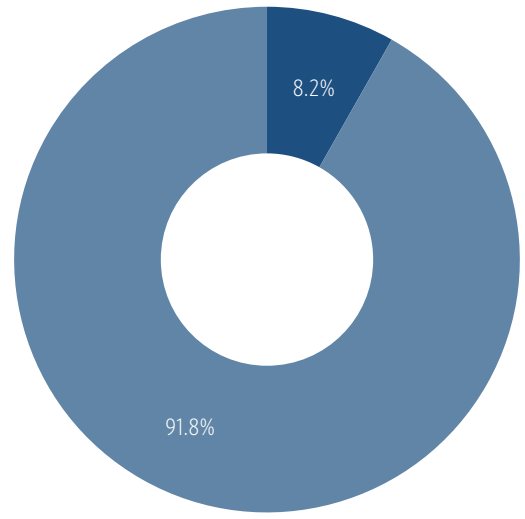
Share of VC firms with over 50% female
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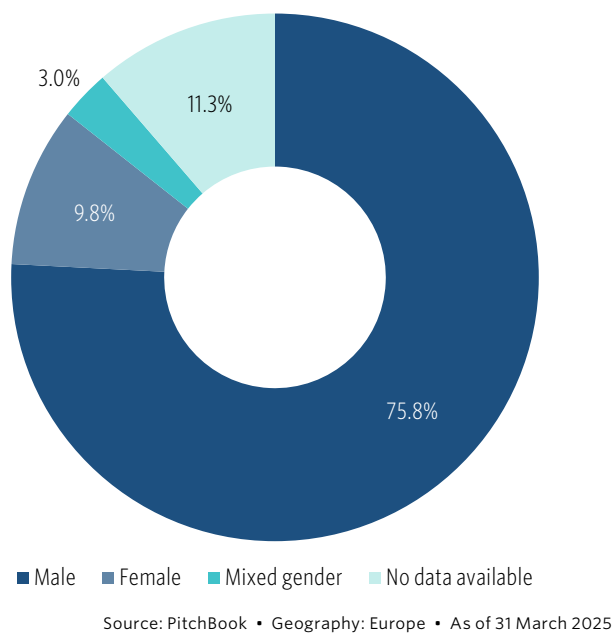
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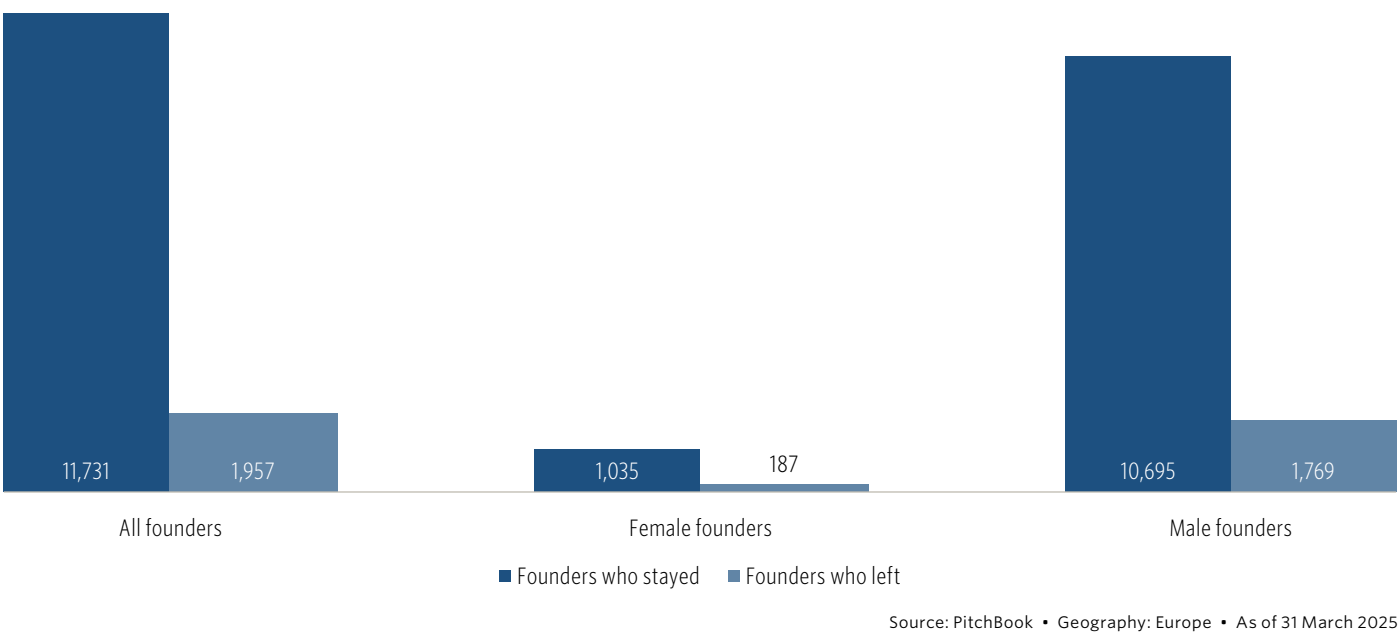
Less than 10% of venture startups have only female CEOs, and female CEOs have a shorter tenure after exits

Less than 10% of VC-backed companies in Europe have only female CEOs, while 3% have CEOs of mixed genders. The majority of VC-backed companies—75.8%—have only male CEOs. Whilst certain trends are gender related, called out here and in the [All In report](#), several other areas of the VC ecosystem show little to no difference between genders. For instance, the median exit valuation for exits of female-founded companies has not been consistently higher or lower than the median exit valuation for the European market as a whole. Furthermore, in the split of CEOs who stay on after an exit and those who leave, roughly 85% of founders stay, across both genders. Female CEOs, however, tend to stay for shorter periods than their male counterparts.

Share of VC-backed companies by current CEO's gender

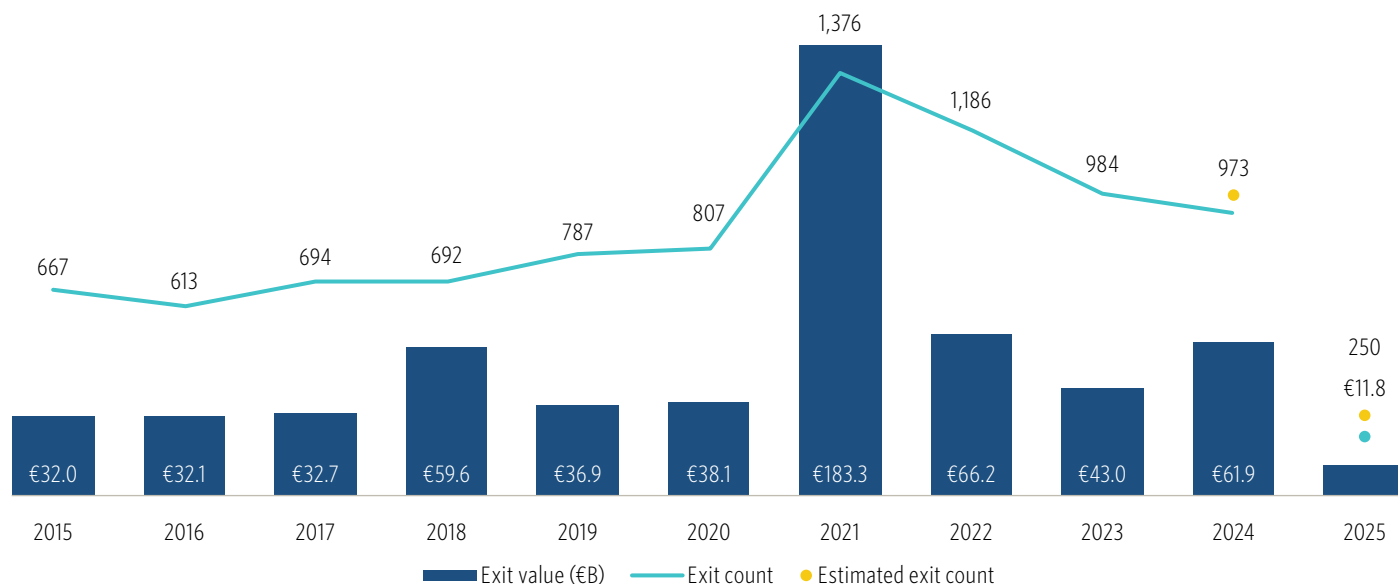


Count of VC-backed company founders who stayed or left after an exit



Exits

VC exit activity



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Volatility weighs on exits

2025 exit activity in Europe is off to a soft start. Q1 exit value sat at €11.8 billion, a run rate that implies 2025 will land 23.4% lower YoY. In Q1, 61.9% of exit value came from acquisitions, with the rest mostly from buyouts. This buyout value mainly comprised AI virtual reality player Metaphysic's €1.4 billion deal. AI & ML exit activity therefore had a resilient start to the year with €3.7 billion in deal value, putting the full-year value on pace to surpass an already-strong 2024. Metaphysic's exit was followed by large acquisitions in more traditional, mature sectors, such as oil & gas and TMT, with acquisitions of over €500 million for Navig8 and SoniVie, respectively.

Valuation and volatility metrics still conducive for an IPO window

Activity in Q1 is unlikely to be a reliable barometer for the rest of the year, where we expect momentum in exit activity to be driven by (and concentrated in) several large transactions. However, heightened volatility stemming from the political climate in the US will likely weigh on activity this year, and there have already been signs of weakness

as Q2 has progressed. Exit activity is often one of the first areas in private market ecosystems to see the impact of heightened uncertainty, as investors exercise caution on closing transactions and adopt a wait-and-see approach. So far this year, public equity valuations have remained resilient in Europe; however, several players say volatile conditions are impacting their exit decisions. Most notably, in early April, private bellwether Klarna announced its plans to delay its IPO, a major setback for VC-backed exits in Europe. Several other companies have made similar announcements.³ UK-based fintech Ebury stated in March that volatility could delay its listing this summer,⁴ and uncertainty is also affecting acquisitions, as Carlyle has delayed plans to sell European asset ADB SAFEGATE and list Acrotec Group.⁵ In Q1 specifically, volatility metrics in Europe remained in favourable thresholds for an IPO window, and we believe there is still potential value to be realised from a growing pipeline of more than 370 VC-backed candidates in Europe. However, as of Q2, increasing uncertainty from geopolitics is one of the "handles" that could add to volatility and derail a potential IPO window. For more information on the outlook for European IPO markets this year, read our [Q1 2025 Analyst Note: Year of the IPO Window](#).

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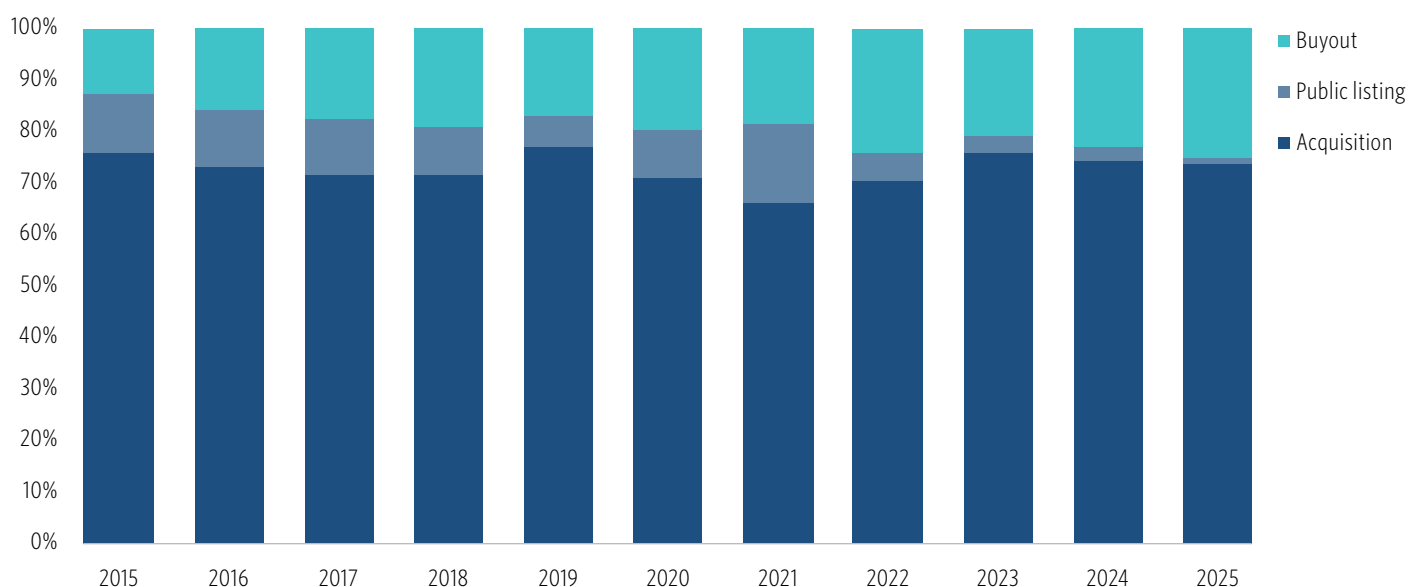
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Metaphysic	18 February	€1,375.1	Buyout	AI & ML, SaaS, virtual reality	UK
Navig8	8 January	€960.8	Acquisition	Oil & gas	UK
SoniVie	5 March	€576.3	Acquisition	Manufacturing, TMT	Israel
SamyRoad	6 February	€300.0	Buyout	Marketing tech, SaaS	Spain
Freetrade	16 January	€189.0	Acquisition	AI & ML, cloudtech & DevOps, fintech, mobile, SaaS	UK
Vulcan Cyber	7 February	€144.9	Acquisition	Big Data, cybersecurity, SaaS, TMT	Israel
Alteryx	13 January	€144.5	Acquisition	AI & ML, cryptocurrency/blockchain, fintech, SaaS	Israel
BioVersys	7 February	€141.1	Public listing	Life sciences	Switzerland
Sentronics Metrology	3 February	€56.3	Acquisition	N/A	Germany
AdCreative.ai	12 February	€37.3	Acquisition	Advertising technology, AI & ML	France

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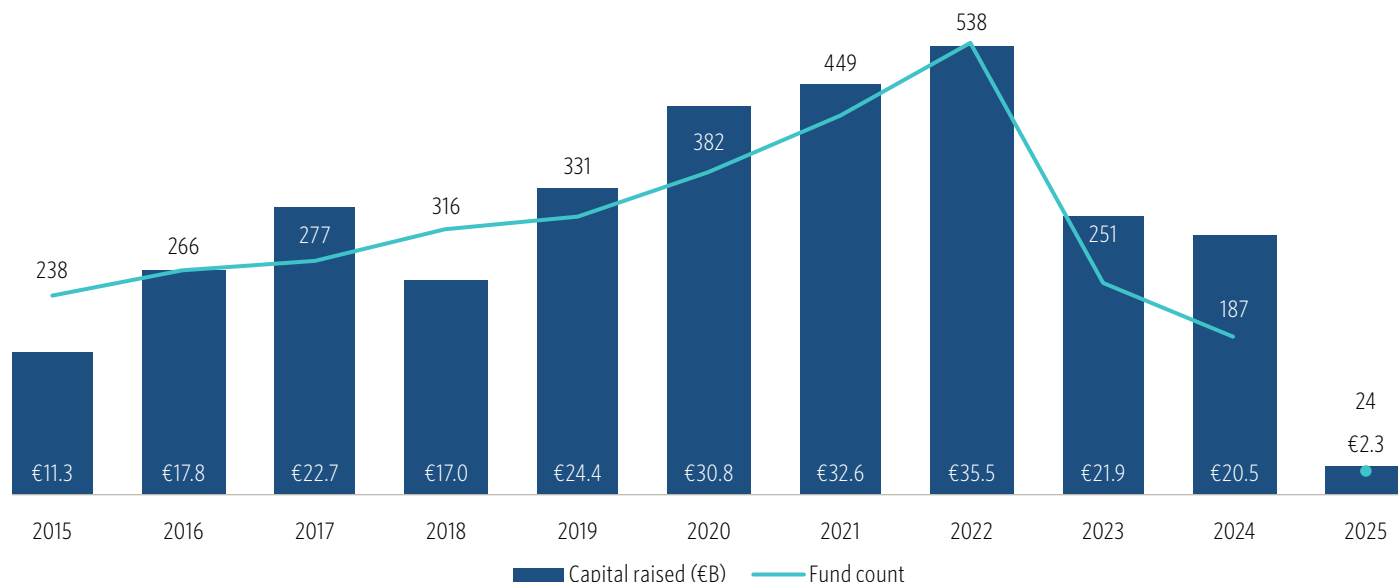
Share of VC exit count by type



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Fundraising

VC fundraising activity

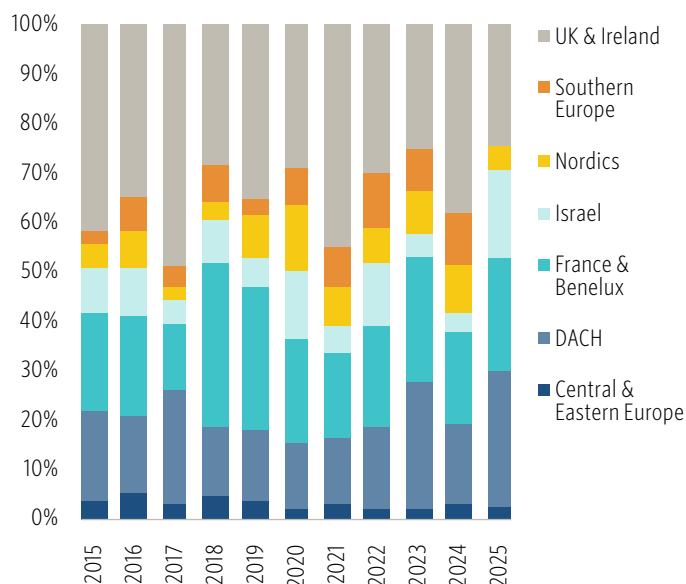


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Capital raised in Q1 2025 sat at €2.3 billion over 24 funds, putting the full year on pace to fall well below last year. However, fundraising is the lumpiest of all the segments of venture activity we track. Therefore, we are cautious about extrapolating too much from Q1 numbers, as activity will likely evolve significantly as the year progresses. Large closes can also skew totals, and the median size of European VC vehicles has grown in the past year. Certain areas of specialisation, such as the cleantech and biotech verticals, continue to attract capital. Whilst not tied to a specific fund, key biotech investor Sofinnova Partners stated that it had closed €1.2 billion as of March 2025, underpinning the continued focus on biotech and pharma innovation within Europe. Sofinnova Partners' close includes its Sofinnova Biovelocita II vehicle, which closed in March at €165 million.

There was more regional diversity in fund closes in Q1, with only three of the top 10 closes being in the UK. The DACH region raised the most capital in Q1, followed by the UK & Ireland and France & Benelux. Nearly 70% of the closed vehicles in Q1 2025 were from emerging players, including six first-time funds. Overall, as of Q1, there is still a significant amount of open capital on the table, with more than €15 billion in targeted capital from the 20 largest open vehicles in Europe. The gap to match 2024 levels is still

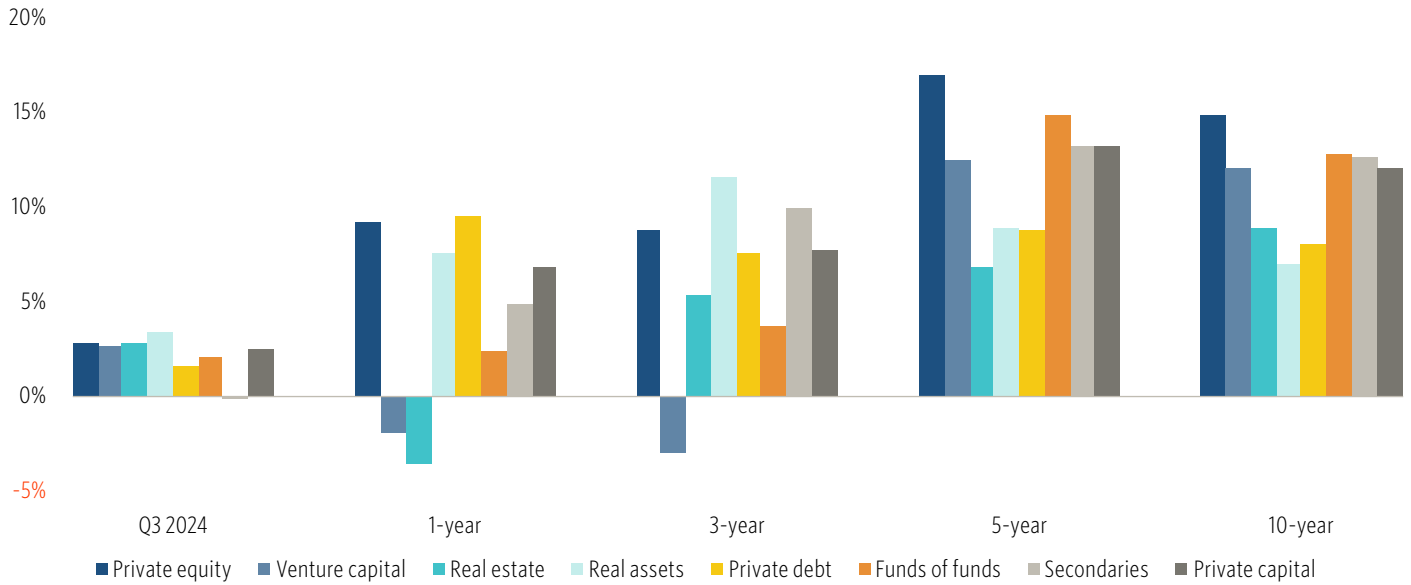
Share of VC capital raised by region



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wide, and volatility may weigh on returns and allocations to private markets. Venture returns globally have recovered but remain negative on a one-year horizon, and they also [lag the returns of other private asset classes in the mid- to long term.](#)

Horizon IRRs by strategy



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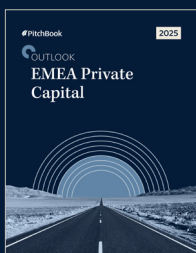
VC funds rolling one-year horizon IRRs by fund region



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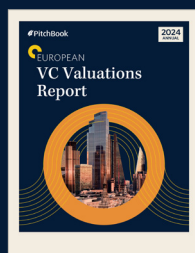
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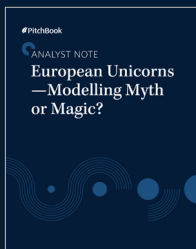
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