

The UK: opportunities for venture capital and private equity funds



The UK is home to a concentration of tech, fintech, artificial intelligence (AI) and other fast growing sectors that provide excellent investment targets

London is third globally for startups worth over £50m — only New York and Silicon Valley have produced more.

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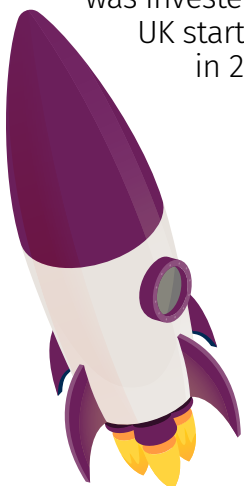
Investment into the UK's fintech sector reached a record of £16bn in 2018, the highest in Europe.



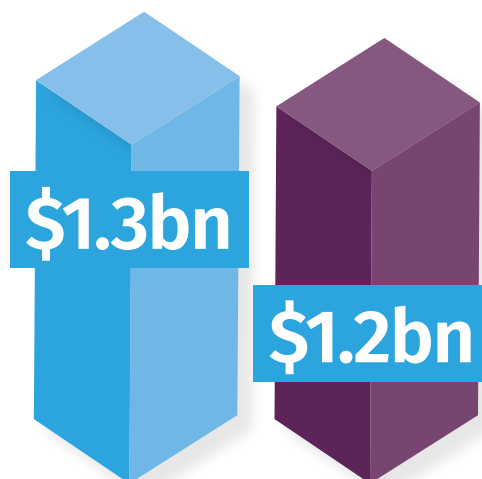
Almost

one third

of venture capital investment in Europe was invested in UK startups in 2018.



The total amount of capital raised by UK AI companies reached a record level of \$1.3bn in 2018, more than the rest of Europe combined.

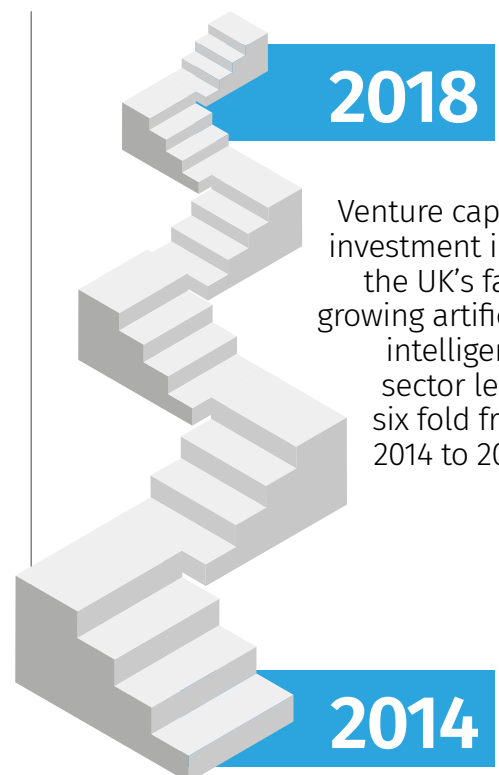


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Other European countries combined

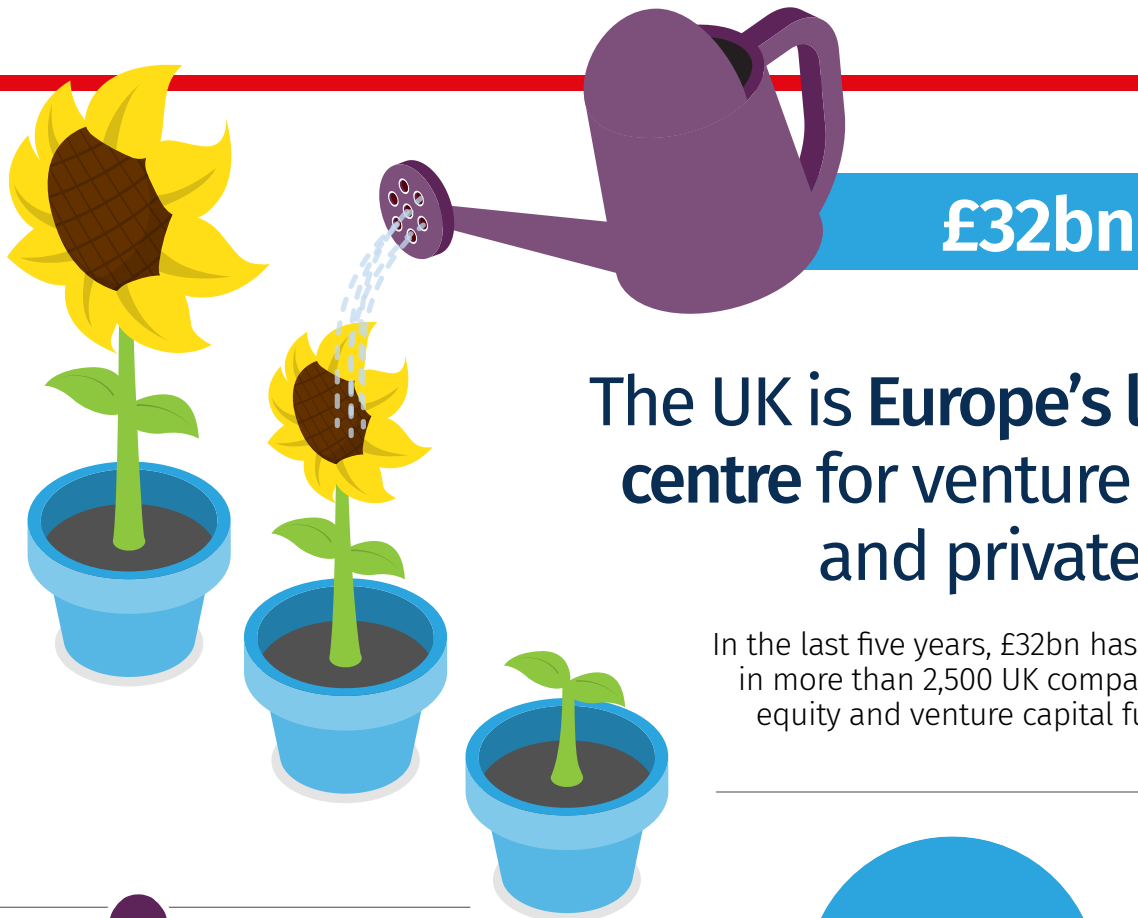
2018

Venture capital investment into the UK's fast-growing artificial intelligence sector leapt six fold from 2014 to 2018.



2014

Venture capital and private equity in the UK



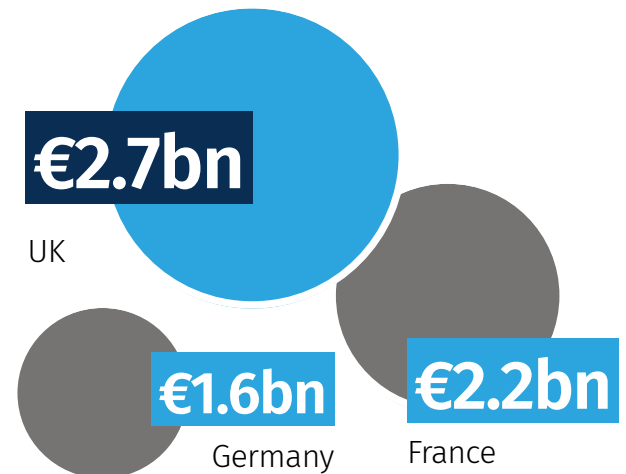
The UK is Europe's leading centre for venture capital and private equity

In the last five years, £32bn has been invested in more than 2,500 UK companies by private equity and venture capital funds in the UK.



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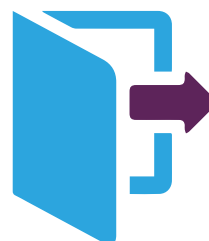
people work for UK companies which have been backed by private equity and venture capital investors.



Venture capital investors committed €2.7bn to UK companies in 2018, ahead of France at €2.2bn and Germany at just under €1.6bn – Europe's largest two deals were done in the UK.



UK private equity and venture capital have generated **14.5% since-inception returns** for pension funds and other investors.



Around 500 private equity companies were successfully exited in 2017.