

BVCA Report on Investment Activity 2022



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About this report

This report has been produced by the British Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (“BVCA”) to demonstrate the activity of the UK private equity and venture capital industry in 2022. The statistics in this report are the results of the BVCA’s Investment Activity Study, covering fundraising, business investments and business exits. Data is sourced from a detailed member survey, supplemented by data from third party sources.

With a significant presence in the UK, developed over the past 40 years, private equity and venture capital provide companies with the finance and know-how to deliver sustainable business growth. Active ownership, over the medium to long term, delivers economic and social value to those involved in the businesses (from

employees, management and owners on the one hand, to customers and suppliers on the other) and a wide group of stakeholders (from local communities and local and regional economies, to national policy makers focused on issues such as climate change, diversity and inclusion and social justice).

Both private equity and venture capital are focused on delivering sustainable growth for the companies in which they invest: venture capital firms typically support early stage and younger companies, holding minority stakes in the businesses, while private equity firms typically acquire controlling stakes in more established businesses.



Garry Wilson,
BVCA Chair 2023/2024,
Managing Partner,
Endless LLP

“With data gathered from nearly 200 BVCA members, supplemented by information from other sources, this research gives us a clear picture of how both UK focused and UK led investment activity has evolved over the past four years. Having robust, accurate and transparent data underpins our ability to articulate the economic contribution of private capital to society. My thanks to all firms who provided us with data and enabled us to tell the full story of 2022.”



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Executive summary

Fundraising

Total fundraising in 2022 reached **£70.2bn**. The number of funds raising new capital was 127.

Buyout fundraising reached £55.2bn. Pension funds are the largest institutional investor in UK buyout funds contributing 33%, followed by sovereign wealth funds (15%) and fund of funds (9%).

Growth capital fundraising reached £4.7bn. Fund of funds were the largest reported contributor at 14%.

Venture capital fundraising reached £3.4bn. Family offices and private individuals contributed 11% each to the total VC fundraising amount.

Investments

The total equity amount of UK led investment decreased by **23% year-on-year to £46.9bn**. The number of companies receiving UK led investment decreased 21% to 1944. UK company investments decreased by **24% year-on-year to £27.5bn** while **number of companies backed decreased 11%**.

UK led buyout investment decreased by 16% year-on-year to £32.3bn. The number of companies backed decreased by 29% to 299. Buyout investments in UK companies decreased by 17% year-on-year to £18.5bn. The number of companies backed decreased by 32% to 198. Mega buyouts have accounted for over 60% of the buyout market by amount for both UK led and UK company investments.

Growth capital funding decreased by 34% and 41% year-on-year for UK led and UK company investments, respectively. In context of previous years, the level of growth investment is higher in 2022 compared to 2020 and 2019.

Venture capital funding decreased by 27% year-on-year for UK led investments (£5.1bn) and 28% for UK company investments (£3.4bn). Seed investments increased year-on-year by 4% and 17% for UK led and UK company investments, respectively. In context of previous years, the level of venture investment is higher in 2022 compared to 2020 and 2019.

Divestments

619 UK companies were divested from in 2022 while 705 companies had a UK led divestment. By amount of former equity investments (divestments at cost), **the total value exited reached £11.4bn** for UK led divestments and **£6.6bn** for UK company divestments.

Buyout divestments that were UK led represented 77% of all exits by amount at cost and 27% by number of companies. Buyout divestments from UK companies reached 68% by amount at cost and 22 % by number of companies.

Growth capital divestments that were UK led represented 15% of all exits by amount at cost and 45% by number of companies. Growth capital divestments from UK companies reached 21 % by amount at cost and 48 % by number of companies.

Venture capital divestments that were UK led represented 6% of all exits by amount at cost and 26% by number of companies. Venture capital divestments from UK companies reached 6 % by amount at cost and 27% by number of companies.



Fundraising

Fundraising statistics explained

The fundraising dataset now includes the following categories of data:

- Fundraising data provided by private equity and venture capital BVCA member firms.
- Fundraising data provided by non-member private equity and venture capital firms to other national associations that are part of the European Data Cooperative.
- Fundraising data of private equity and venture capital firms that was obtained from publicly available sources.

Funds managed by UK private equity and venture capital firms for both UK and overseas investments are included.

Funds managed by UK-based offices of international private equity and venture capital firms are included.

Funds managed by the overseas headquarters of international private equity and venture capital firms are excluded.

Statistics include first-time fundraising as well as follow-on fundraising captured in the year by BVCA members as well as non-members.

The following funds are included in the statistics: private equity and venture capital funds making direct private equity and venture capital investments; mezzanine funds; infrastructure funds; co-investment funds; replacement capital funds and turnaround/rescue funds.

The following funds are excluded from the statistics: real estate funds, distressed debt funds, primary funds of funds and secondary funds of funds.

Please refer to the methodology section for further information.



Definitions: Types of funds & investors

Fund stage focus

Buyout fund: Funds acquiring companies by purchasing majority or controlling stakes, financing the transaction through a mix of equity and debt.

Generalist fund: Funds investing in all stages of private equity.

Growth fund: Funds that make private equity investments (often minority investments) in relatively mature companies that are looking for primary capital to expand and improve operations or enter new markets to accelerate the growth of the business.

Mezzanine fund: Funds using a hybrid of debt and equity financing, comprising equity-based options (such as warrants) and lower-priority (subordinated) debt.

Turnaround/Rescue fund: Funds investing equity in companies that are in financial distress with the view to restoring the company to profitability.

Venture capital

Early-stage fund: Venture capital funds focused on investing in companies in the early stages of their lives

Later-stage fund: Venture capital funds providing capital for an operating company, which may or may not be profitable. Typically, in C or D rounds.

Venture fund (all stages): Venture capital funds focused on both early and later stage investments.

Type of investors

Academic institutions: Universities, colleges or schools.

Endowment fund: An investment fund established by a foundation, university or cultural institution providing capital donations for specific needs or to further a company's operating process. They are generally structured so that the principal amount invested remains intact (for perpetuity, for a defined period of time or until sufficient assets have been accumulated to achieve a designated purpose).

Foundation: A non-profit organization through which private wealth is distributed for the public good. It can either donate funds and support other organisations, or provide the sole source of funding for their own charitable activities.

Banks: Total capital committed by banks, excluding capital provided by feeder funds.

Corporate investors: Corporations manufacturing products or delivering non-financial services.

Family office: An entity that provides services to one or more affluent families, including investment management and other services (accounting, tax, financial and legal advice etc.).

Fund of funds: A private equity fund that primarily takes equity positions in other funds.

Government agencies: Country, regional, governmental and European agencies or institutions for innovation and development.

Insurance companies: Financial intermediaries which offer direct insurance or reinsurance services, providing financial protection from possible hazards in the future.

Other asset manager: A financial institution (other than a bank, endowment, family office, foundation, insurance company or pension fund) managing a pool of capital by investing it across different asset classes with the purpose of generating financial returns. It may include private equity direct funds that occasionally do indirect investments but excludes fund of funds that are a standalone option.

Pension funds: A pension fund that is regulated under private or public sector law.

Private individuals: Private individuals acquiring shares of private equity fund.

Sovereign wealth funds: State-owned investment funds investing in foreign direct private equity funds to diversify their portfolio.

Fundraising at a glance

Figure 1. 2022 – Summary fundraising statistics

- Total fundraising in 2022 reached £70.2bn. The number of funds raising new capital was 127.
- Pension funds provided 30% of total fundraising, followed by sovereign wealth funds (14%). Institutional investors from outside the UK contributed approximately 72% (£50.8 bn) with UK investors contributing 15% (£10.2bn). £9.5bn remains with unclassified location of investor.
- Buyout fundraising reached £55.2bn. Pension funds are the largest institutional investor in UK buyout funds contributing 33%, followed by sovereign wealth funds (15%) and fund of funds (9%).
- Growth capital fundraising reached £4.7bn. Fund of funds were the largest reported contributor at 14%.
- Venture capital fundraising reached £3.4bn. Family offices and private individuals contributed 11% each to the total VC fundraising amount.

2022	All Private Equity ⁽²⁾	Buyout ⁽¹⁾	Growth ⁽¹⁾	Venture Capital ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽¹⁾
Incremental – Amounts raised	£70.18bn	£55.17bn	£4.72bn	£3.42bn	£6.88bn
Incremental – No. of funds	127	44	21	53	9

Note: (1) Relates to fund focus

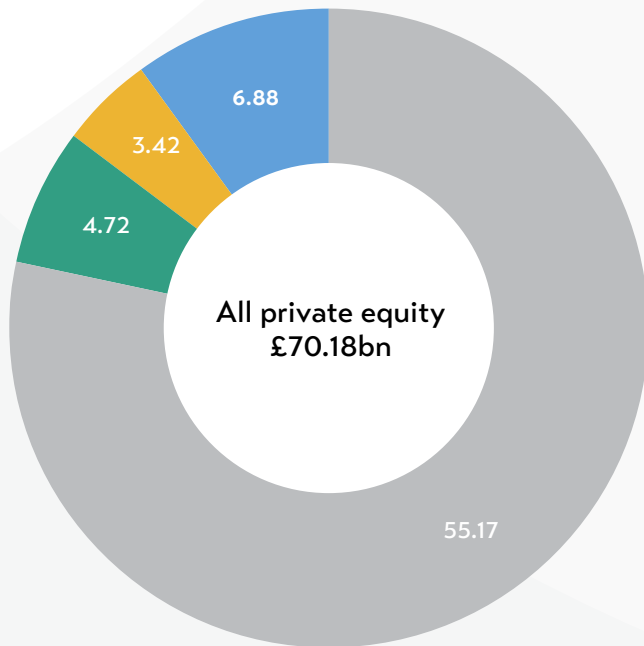
Note: (2) Refers to all private equity and venture capital



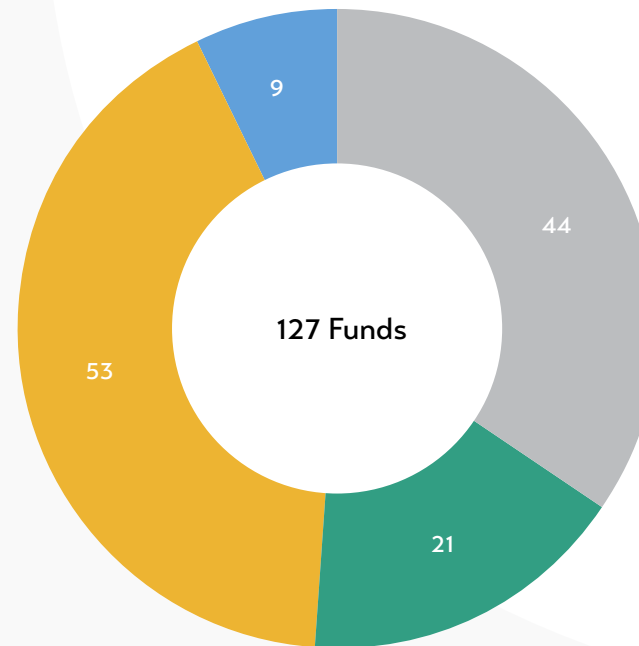
Funds raised and number of funds by fund stage focus

Figure 2. 2022 – Incremental fundraising by fund stage focus

Incremental amounts raised during the year (£ billion)



Number of funds



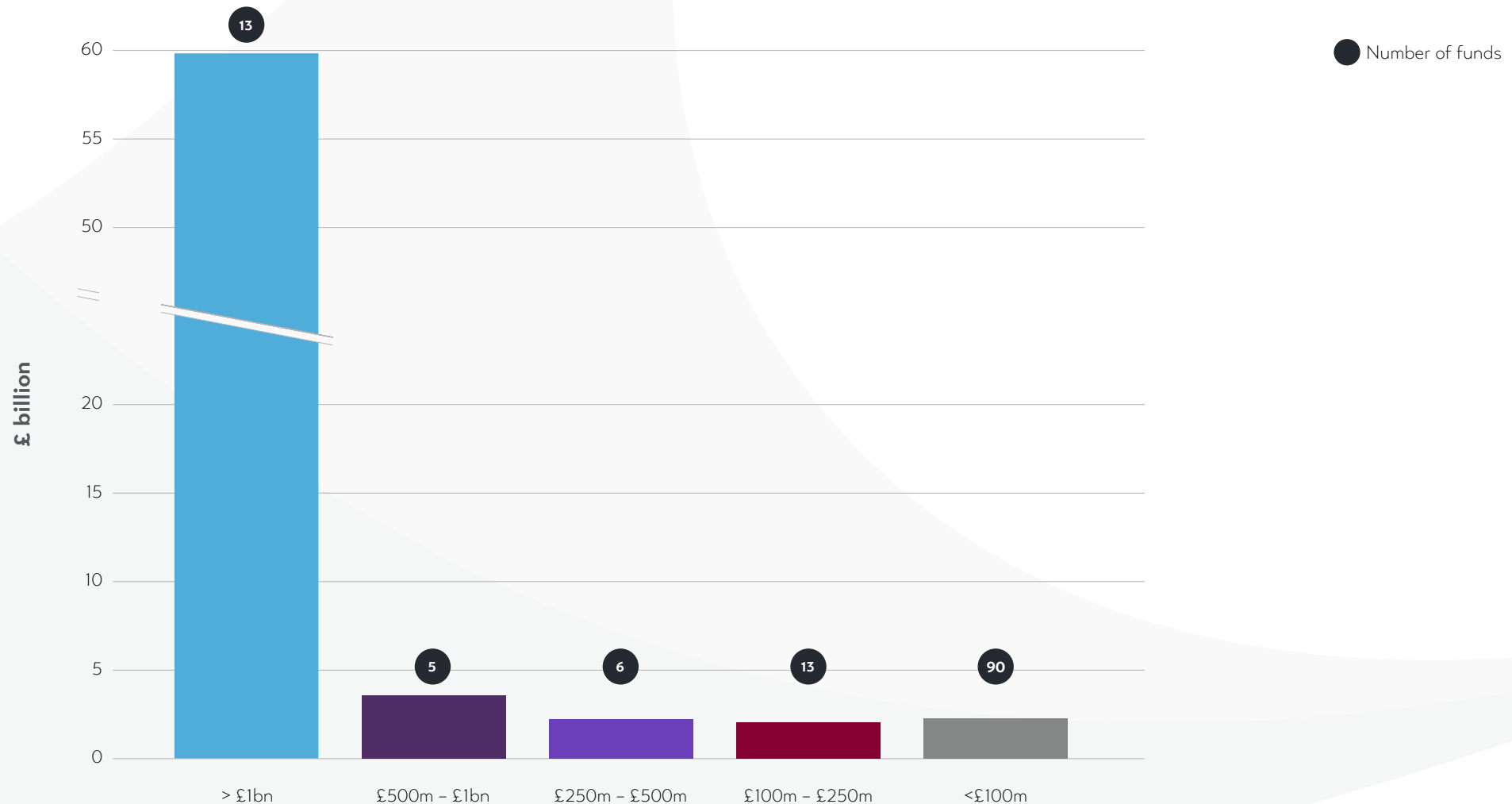
- Buyout
- Growth
- Venture Capital
- Other (1)

Note: (1) Other includes Generalist, Replacement capital, Mezzanine and Turnaround/Rescue funds



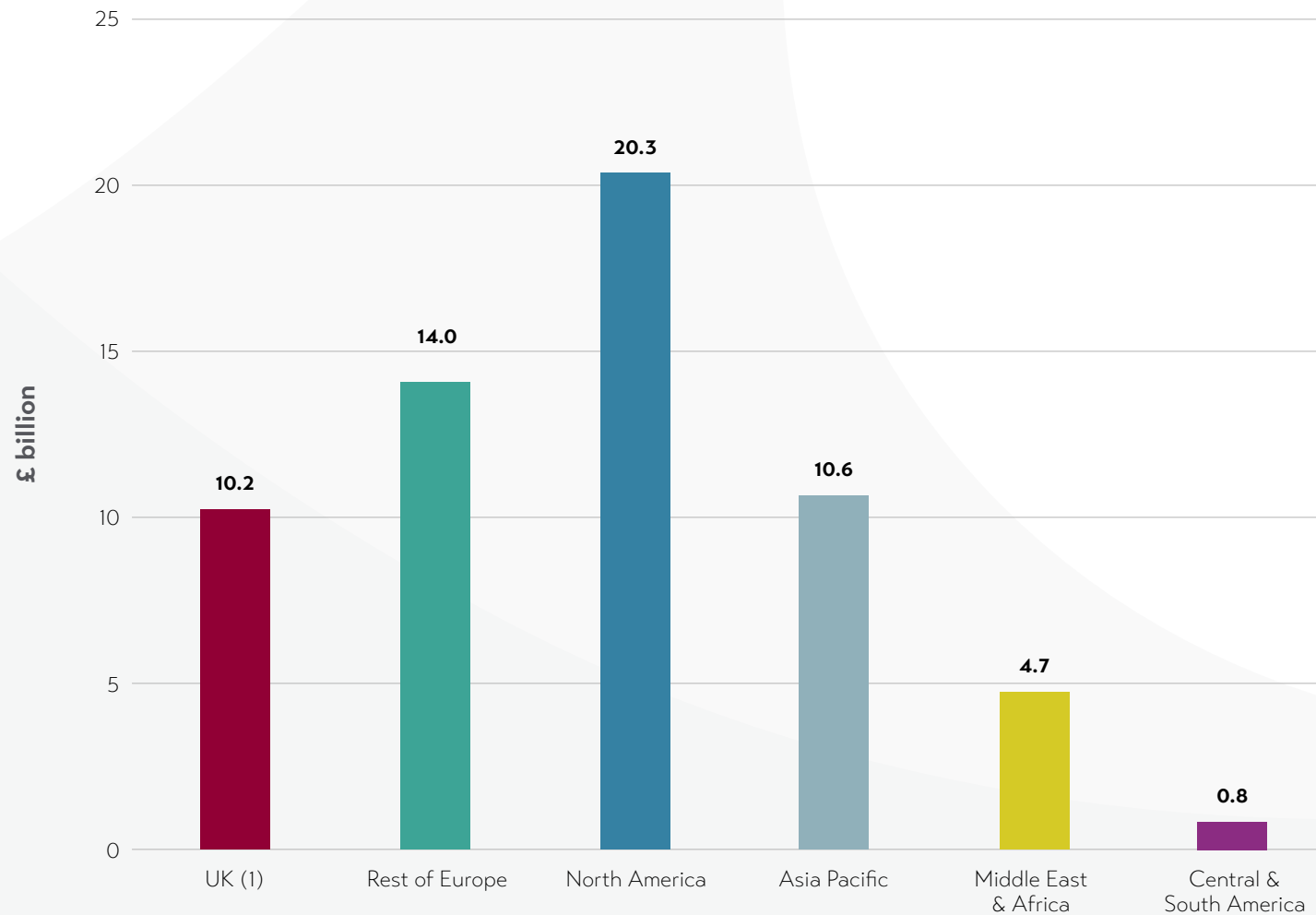
All PE and VC – Concentration of capital

Figure 3. 2022 – Incremental fundraising by amount bracket per fund during the year



All PE and VC – Funds raised by location of investor

Figure 4. 2022 – Incremental amount raised during the year



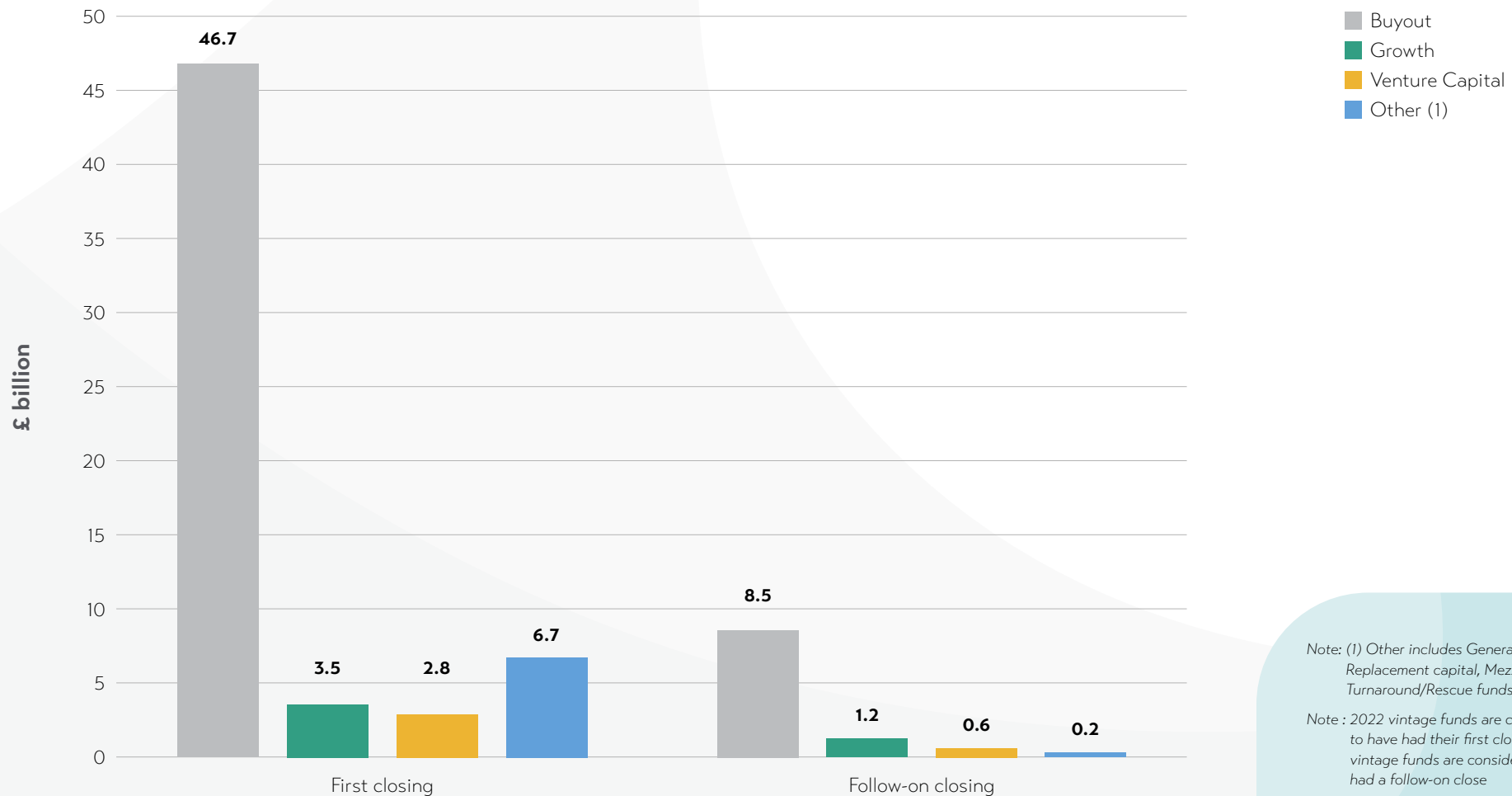
Note: (1) UK includes Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands and Isle of Man

Note: £9.5bn of total funds raised with unclassified location of investor



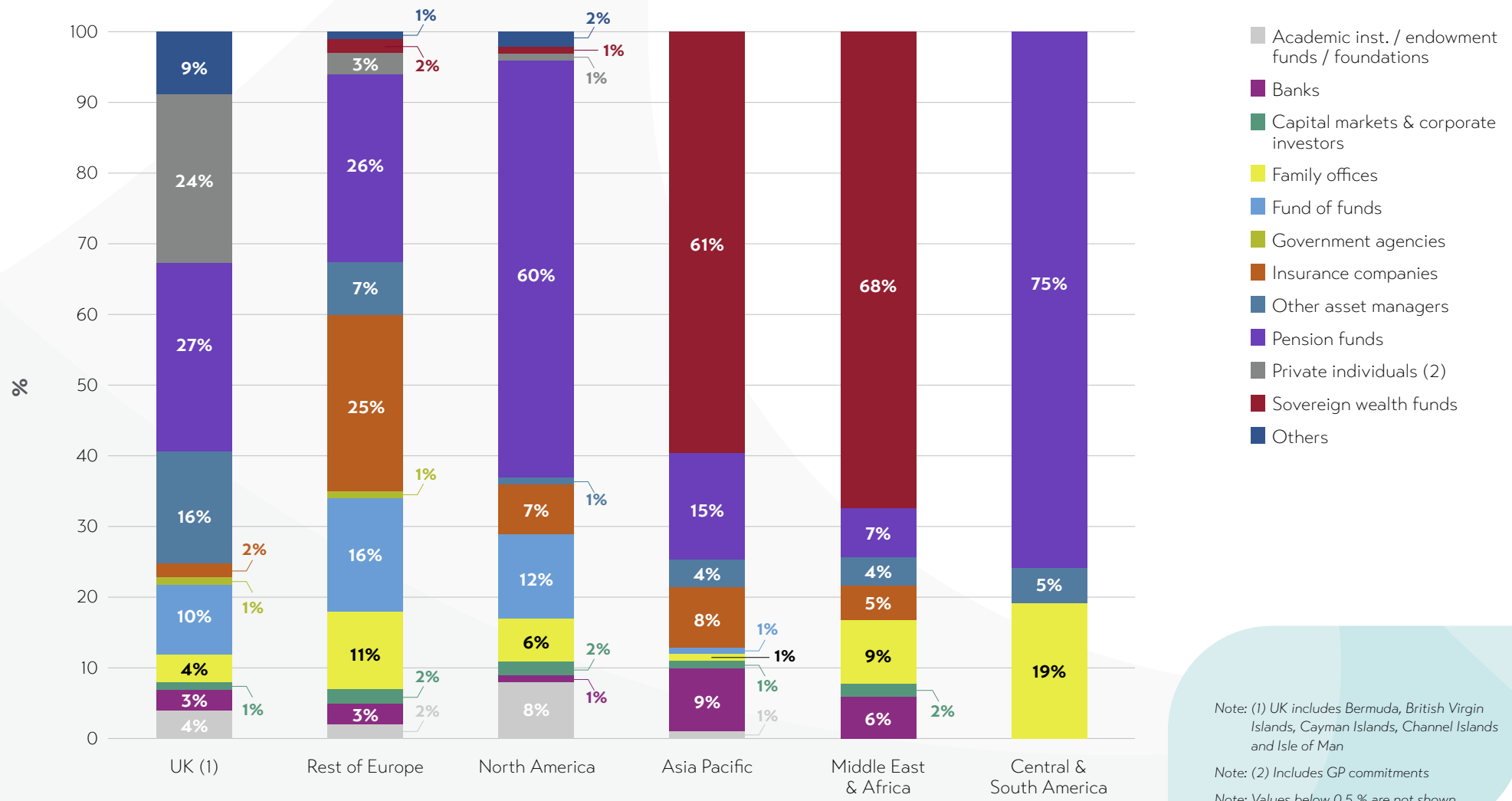
All PE and VC – Funds raised by type of closing

Figure 5. 2022 – Incremental amount raised during the year



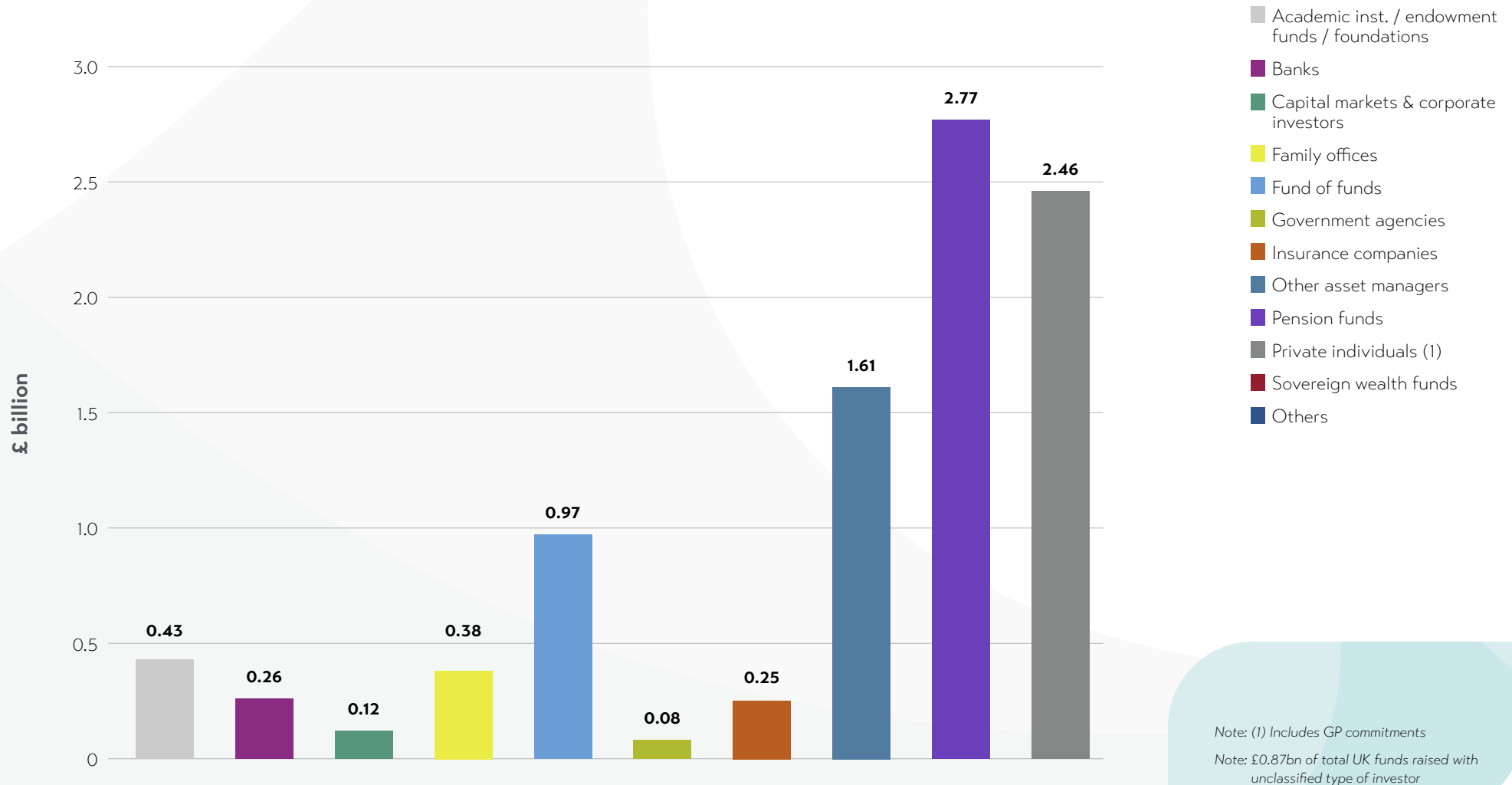
All PE and VC – Funds raised by location and type of investor

Figure 6. 2022 – Incremental amount raised during the year – % of amount



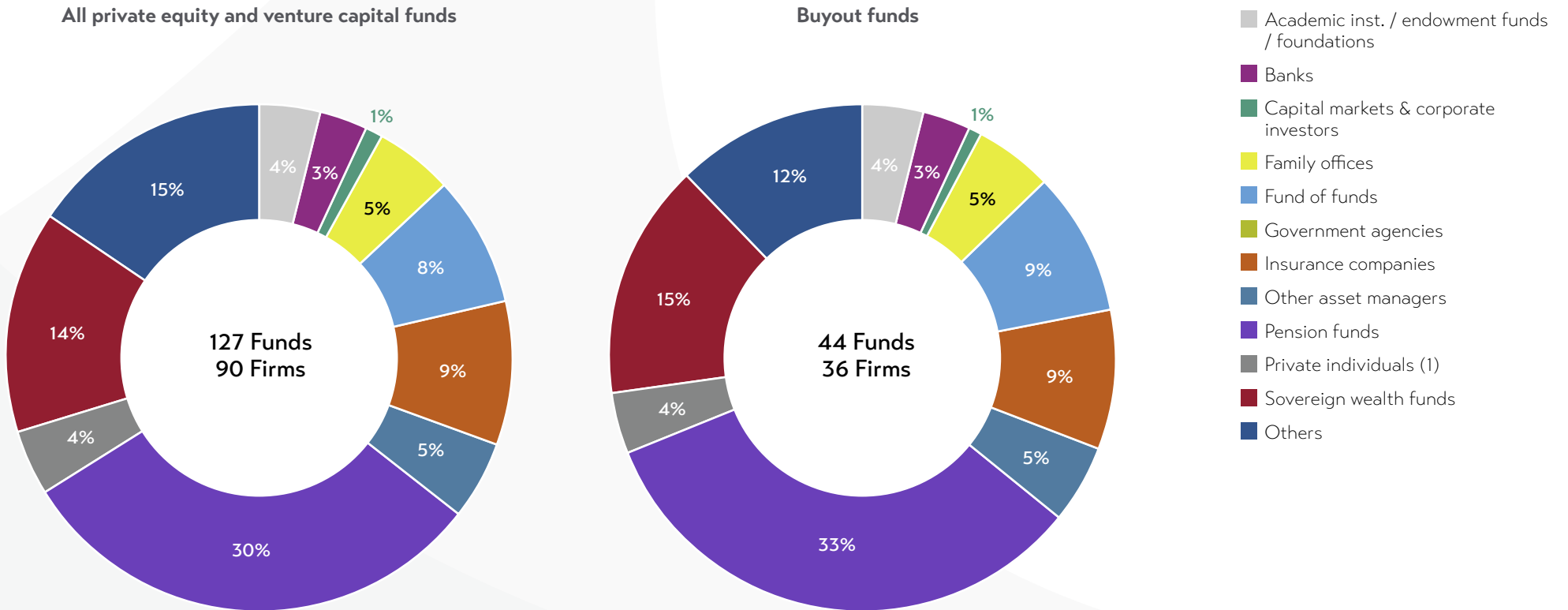
All PE and VC – Funds raised from UK investors by investor type

Figure 7. 2022 – Incremental amount raised during the year



Funds raised by type of investor

Figure 8a. 2022 – Incremental amount raised during the year – % of amount

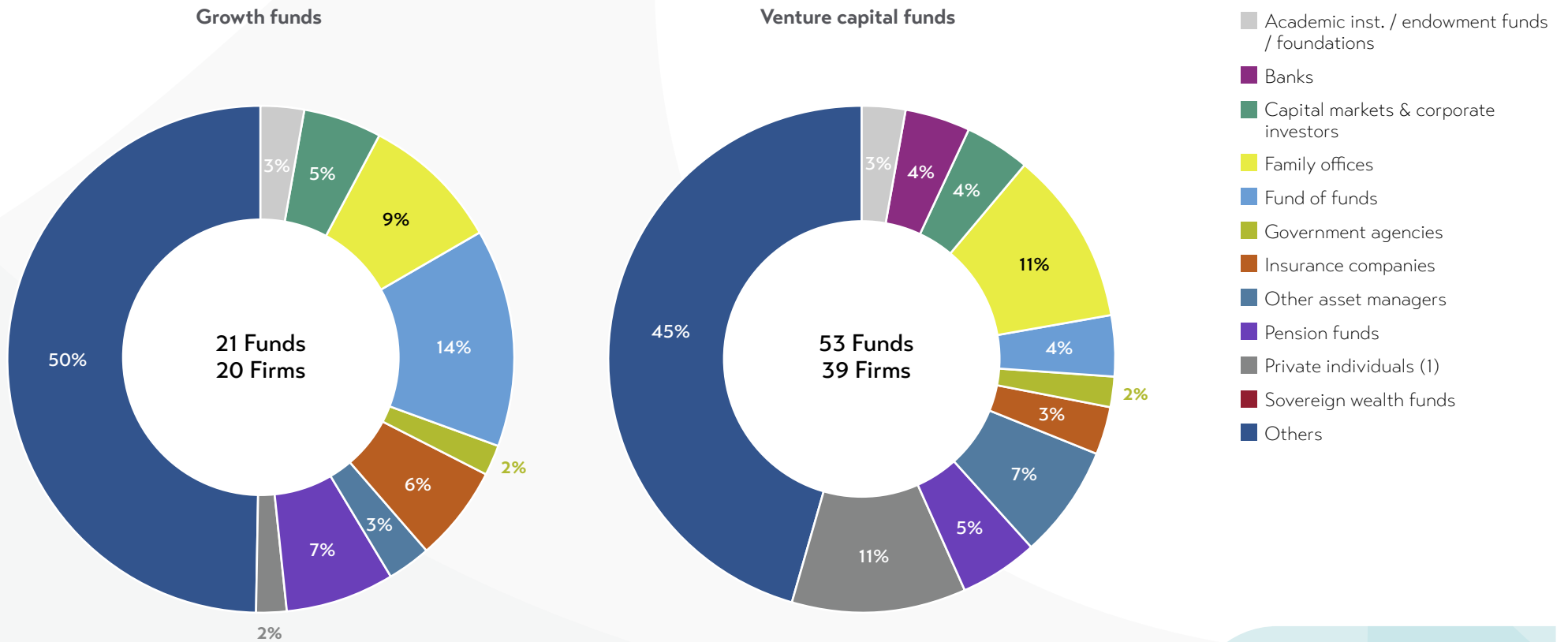


Note: (1) Includes GP Commitments
Note: Values below 0.5 % are not shown



Funds raised by type of investor

Figure 8b. 2022 – Incremental amount raised during the year – % of amount

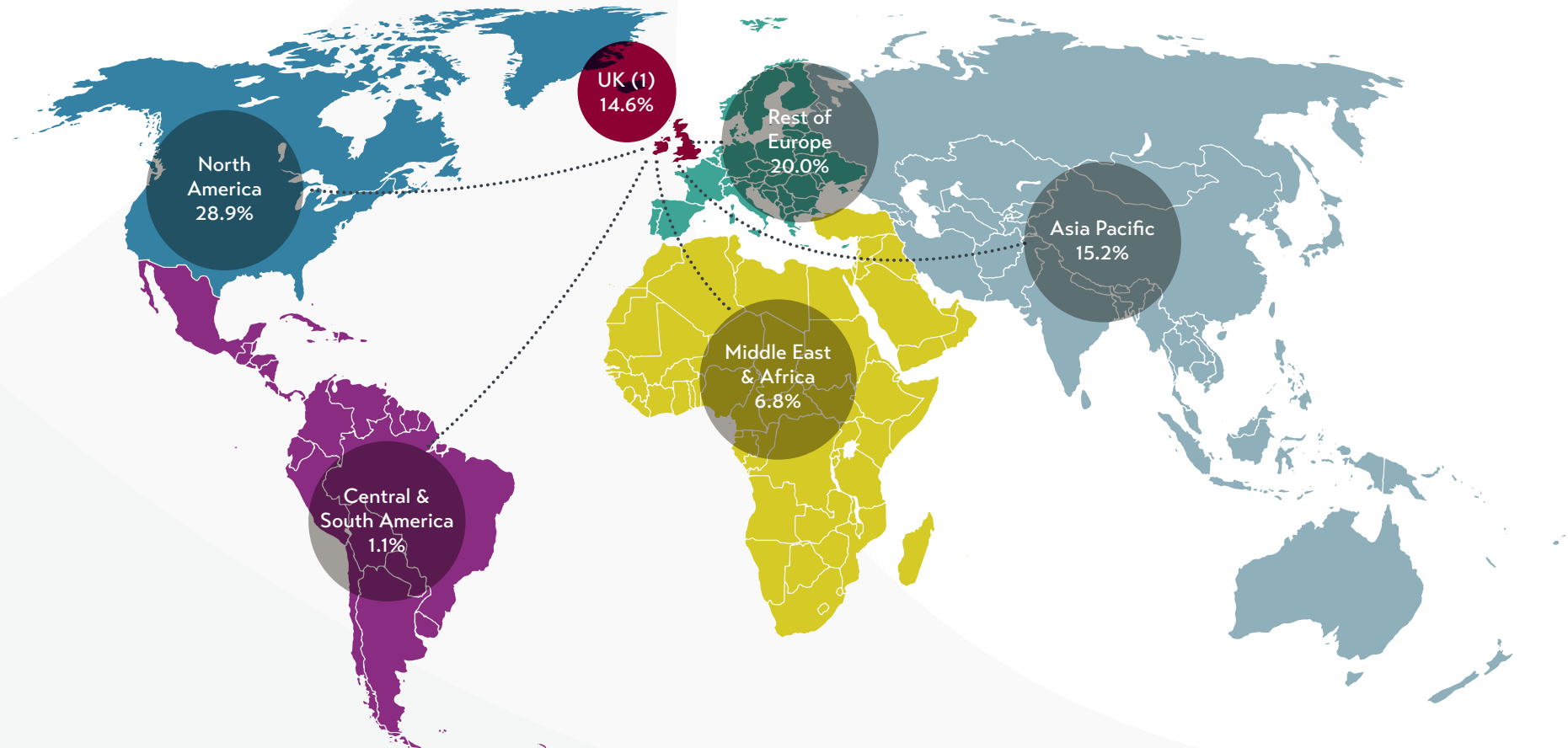


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All PE and VC – Fundraising geographic breakdown

Figure 9. 2022 – Sources of funds – % of total amount

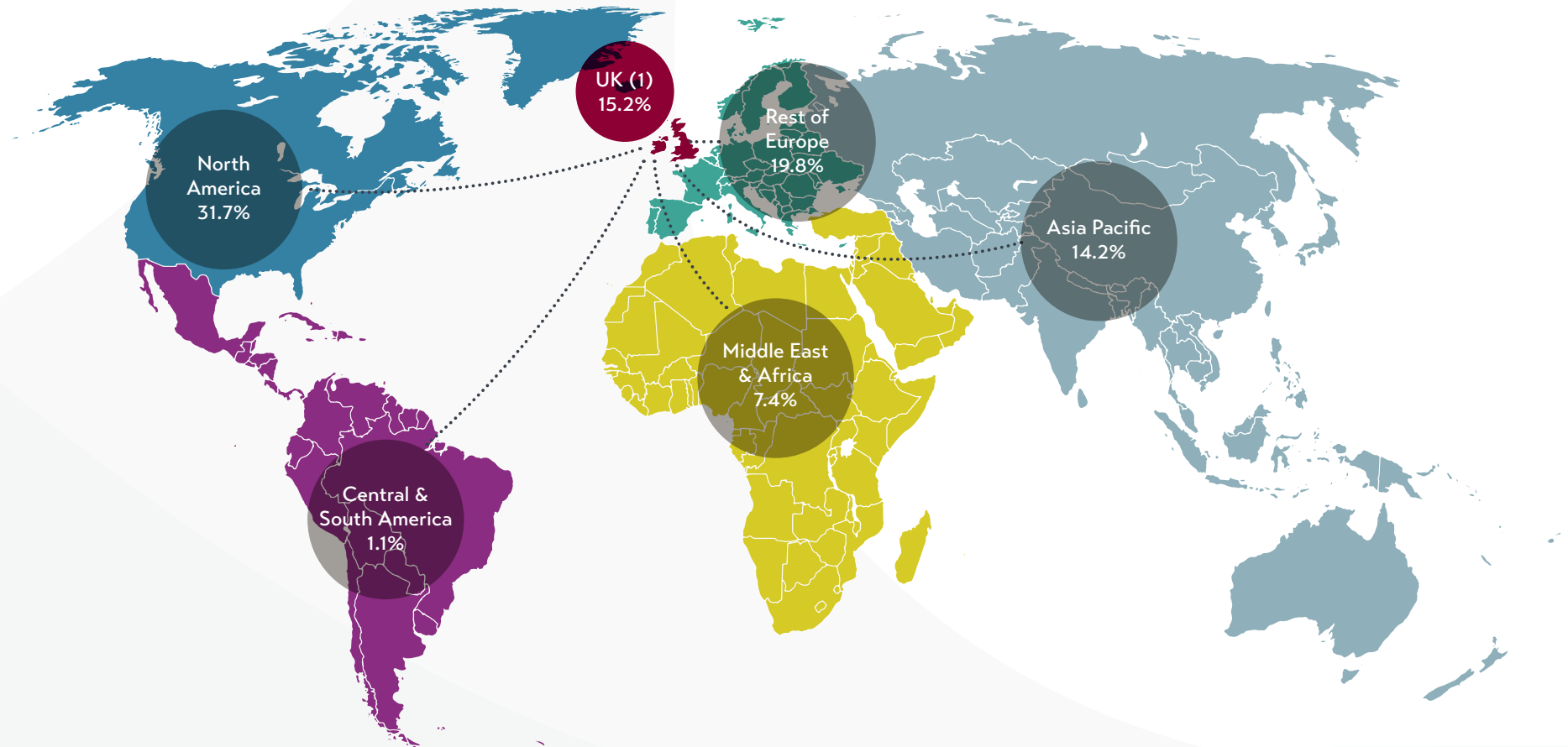


Note: (1) UK includes Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands and Isle of Man

Note: 13.5% of total funds raised with unclassified location of investor

Buyout – Fundraising geographic breakdown

Figure 10. 2022 – Sources of funds – % of total amount

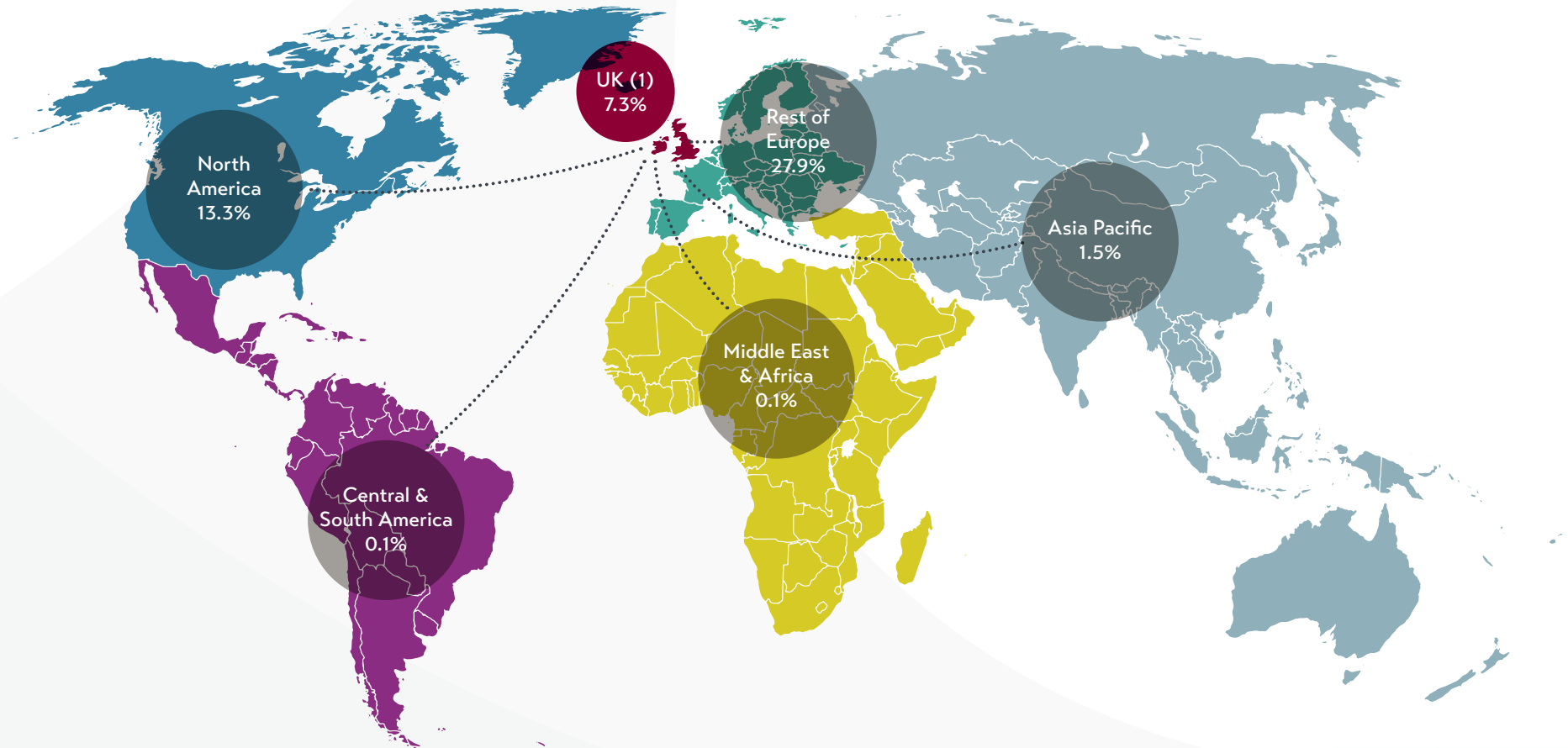


Note: (1) UK includes Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands and Isle of Man

Note: 10.6% of total funds raised with unclassified location of investor

Growth – Fundraising geographic breakdown

Figure 11. 2022 – Sources of funds – % of total amount

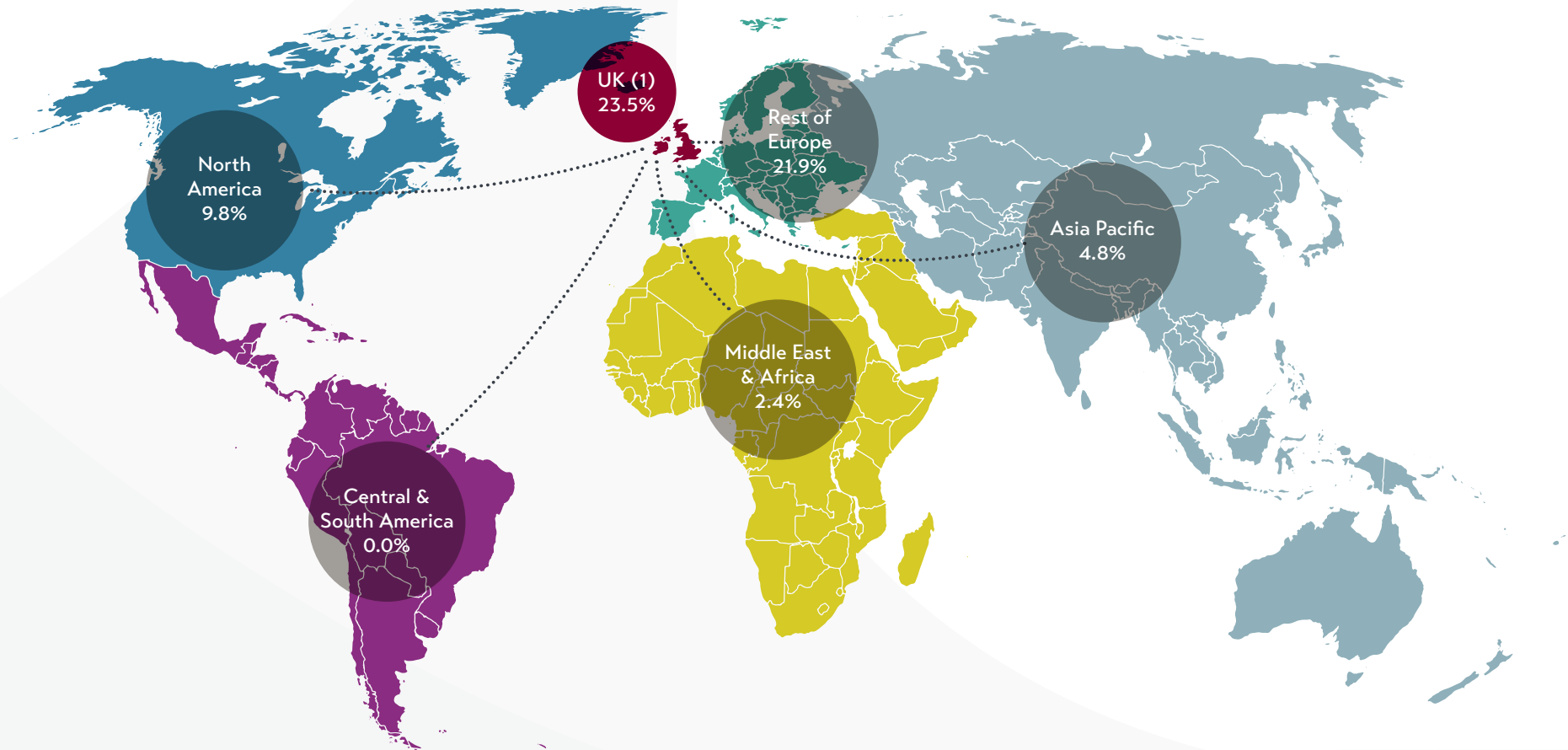


Note: (1) UK includes Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands and Isle of Man

Note: 49.7% of total funds raised with unclassified location of investor

Venture capital – Fundraising geographic breakdown

Figure 12. 2022 – Sources of funds – % of total amount



Note: (1) UK includes Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands and Isle of Man

Note: 37.6 % of total funds raised with unclassified location of investor

Investments

Investments statistics explained

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- Investment data of private equity and venture capital firms that was obtained from publicly available sources.

Industry statistics: figures relate to investments undertaken by fund managers based in the UK, and to those undertaken through an overseas office where the UK office was the lead adviser, regardless of whether the investing fund or portfolio company was UK or overseas based. Statistics include first-time investments as well as follow-on investments captured in the year.

Market statistics: figures relate to investments into companies headquartered in the UK, regardless of whether the investing fund or fund manager is UK or overseas based. Statistics include first-time investments as well as follow-on investments captured in the year.

Equity value: The amount of capital invested to acquire shares in an enterprise. The equity value includes equity, quasi-equity, mezzanine, unsecured debt and secured debt provided by the private equity and venture capital firm.

The following funds are included in the statistics: private equity and venture capital funds making direct private equity and venture capital investments; mezzanine funds; infrastructure funds; co-investment funds and turnaround/rescue funds.

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Investment definitions

Venture capital

Seed: Funding provided before the investee company has started mass production/distribution with the aim to complete research, product definition or product design, also including market tests and creating prototypes. This funding will not be used to start mass production/distribution.

Start-up: Funding provided to companies, once the product or service is fully developed, to start mass production/distribution and to cover initial marketing. Companies may be in the process of being set up or may have been in business for a shorter time, but have not sold their product commercially yet. The destination of the capital would be mostly to cover capital expenditures and initial working capital.

Other early-stage financing: Financing provided to companies that have initiated commercial manufacturing but require further funds to cover additional capital expenditures and working capital before they reach the break-even point. They will not be generating a profit yet.

Later-stage financing: Financing provided for an operating company, which may or may not be profitable. Late-stage venture tends to be financing into companies already backed by VCs. Typically, in C or D rounds.

Buyout

Management buyout (MBO): Funds provided to enable current operating management and investors to acquire an existing product line or business. Institutional buyouts (IBOs), leveraged buyouts (LBOs) and other types of similar financing are included under MBOs for the purposes of this report.

Management buy-in (MBI): Funds provided to enable an external manager or group of managers to buy into a company.

Secondary buyout: Financing provided to acquire a company from another private equity firm. It may use a significant amount of borrowed capital to meet the cost of acquisition.

Add-on/bolt-on/build-up acquisition: The purchase of a company (Target Company) by an existing portfolio company (Platform Company) funded by a private equity fund.

PIPE: A private investment in public equity (PIPE) purchases of stock in a company at a discount to the current market value per share for the purpose of raising capital.

Public to private: Purchase of quoted shares with the purpose of de-listing the company.

Infrastructure: Purchase of controlling stakes in infrastructure businesses, often related to transportation and communications systems, water and power lines and public institutions, including schools and care homes.

Growth capital

A type of private equity investment (often a minority investment) in relatively mature companies that are looking for primary capital to expand and improve operations or enter new markets to accelerate the growth of the business.

Turnaround / rescue

Financing made available to an existing business, which has experienced financial distress, with a view to re-establishing prosperity.

Replacement capital

Minority stake purchase from another private equity investment organisation or from another shareholder or shareholders.

Refinancing bank debt

Funds provided to enable a company to repay or restructure existing bank debt.



Investments at a glance

Figure 13. 2022 – Summary investments statistic

- The total equity amount of UK led investment decreased by 23% year-on-year to £46.9bn. The number of companies receiving UK led investment decreased 21% to 1944. UK company investments decreased by 24% year-on-year to £27.5bn while number of companies backed decreased 11%.
- UK led buyout investment decreased by 16% year-on-year to £32.3bn. The number of companies backed decreased by 29% to 299. Buyout investments in UK companies decreased by 17% year-on-year to £18.5bn. The number of companies backed decreased by 32% to 198. Mega buyouts have accounted for over 60 % of the buyout market by amount for both UK led and UK company investments.
- Growth capital funding decreased by 34% (£ 8.7bn) and 41% (£5.2bn) year-on-year for UK led and UK company investments, respectively. In context of previous years, the level of growth investment is higher in 2022 compared to 2020 and 2019.
- Venture capital funding decreased by 27% year-on-year for UK led investments (£5.1bn) and 28 % for UK company investments (£3.4bn). Seed investments increased year-on-year by 4% and 17% for UK led and UK company investments, respectively. In context of previous years, the level of venture investment is higher in 2022 compared to 2020 and 2019.

2022 – Industry statistics	All Private Equity ⁽²⁾	Buyout ⁽¹⁾	Growth ⁽¹⁾	Venture Capital ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽¹⁾
Amount	£46.86bn	£32.30bn	£8.69bn	£5.05bn	£0.82bn
No. of companies	1,944	299	510	1,130	34
No. of firms	308	102	124	195	18
No. of funds	608	175	225	342	33

2022 – Market statistics	All Private Equity ⁽²⁾	Buyout ⁽¹⁾	Growth ⁽¹⁾	Venture Capital ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽¹⁾
Amount	£27.50bn	£18.49bn	£5.23bn	£3.37bn	£0.40bn
No. of companies	1,578	198	415	968	27
No. of firms	477	91	116	349	13
No. of funds	772	141	198	514	23

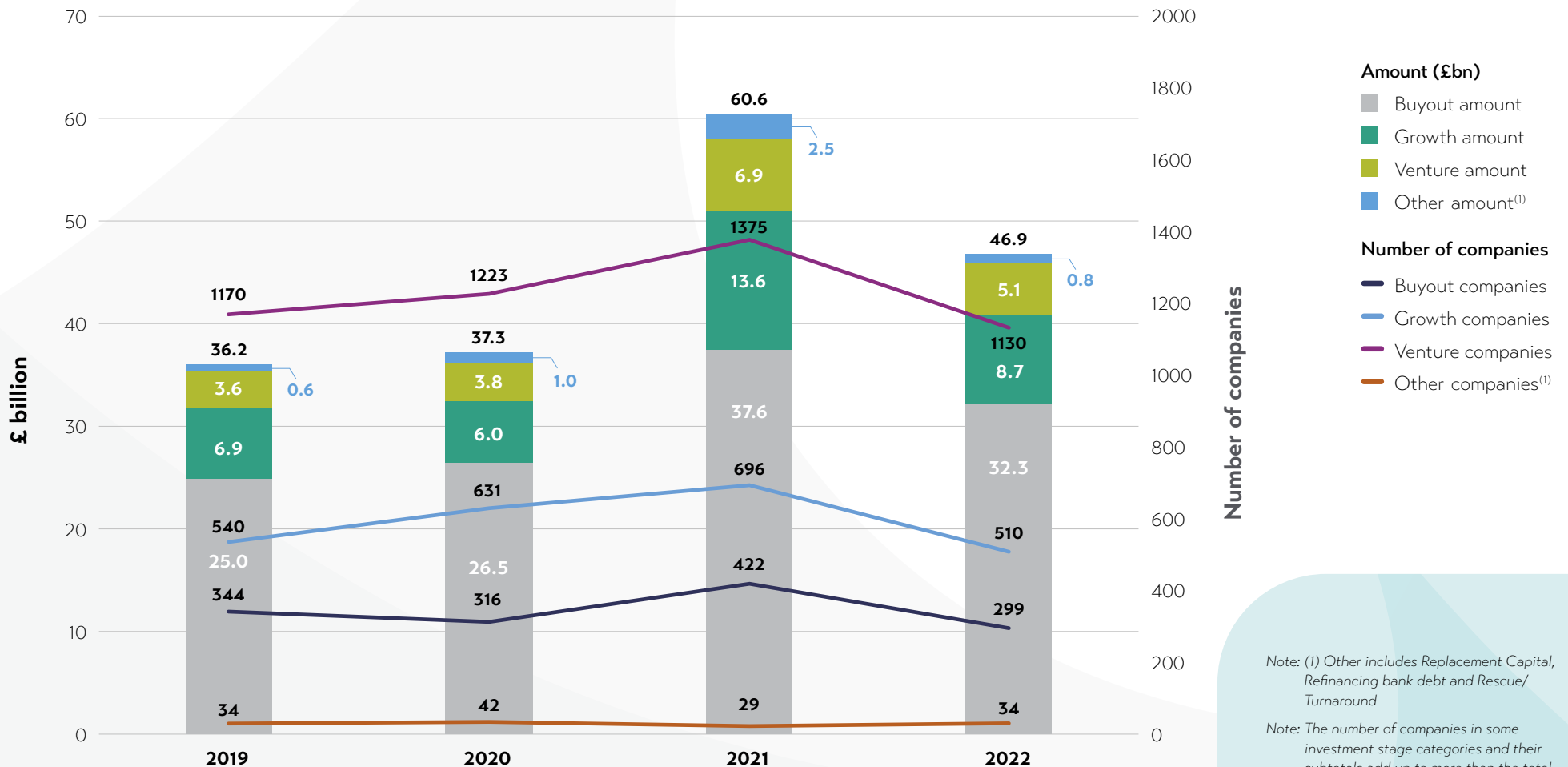
Note: (1) Relates to investment stage of portfolio company

Note: (2) Refers to all private equity and venture capital



Investments at a glance

Figure 14a. 2019–2022 – Industry statistics – Amount & number of companies



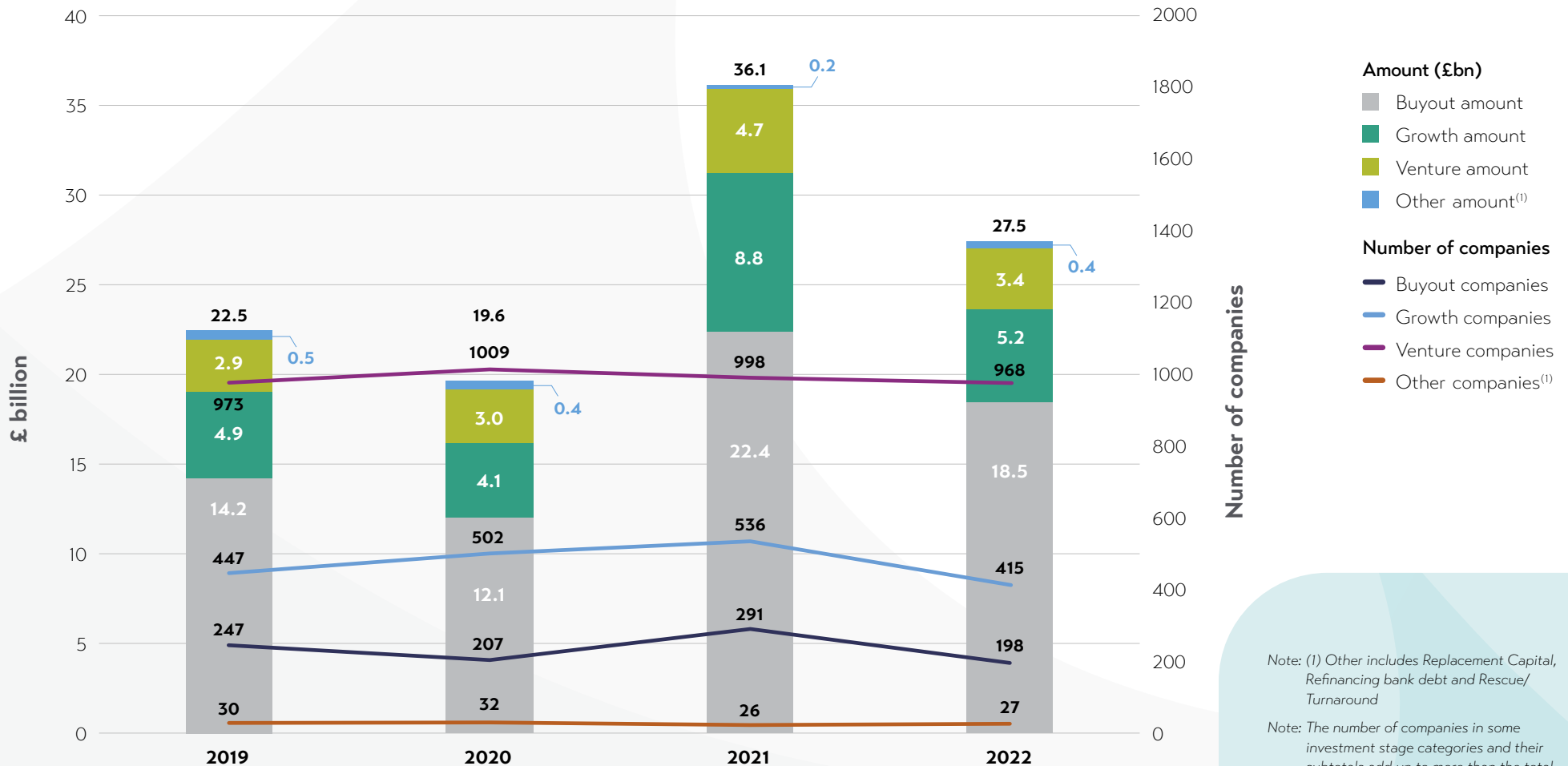
Note: (1) Other includes Replacement Capital, Refinancing bank debt and Rescue/ Turnaround

Note: The number of companies in some investment stage categories and their subtotals add up to more than the total number of companies invested in. This is due to some companies receiving more than one investment within the year at different investment stages.



Investments at a glance

Figure 14b. 2019–2022 – Market statistics – Amount & number of companies



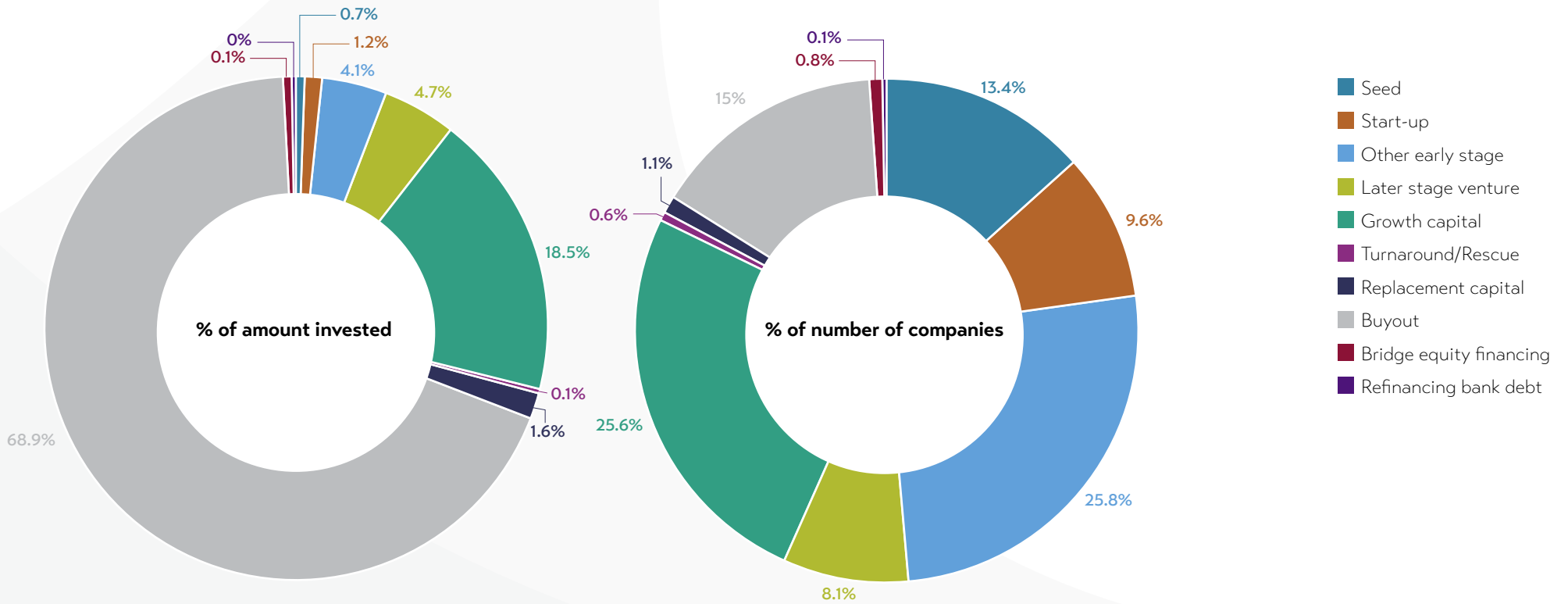
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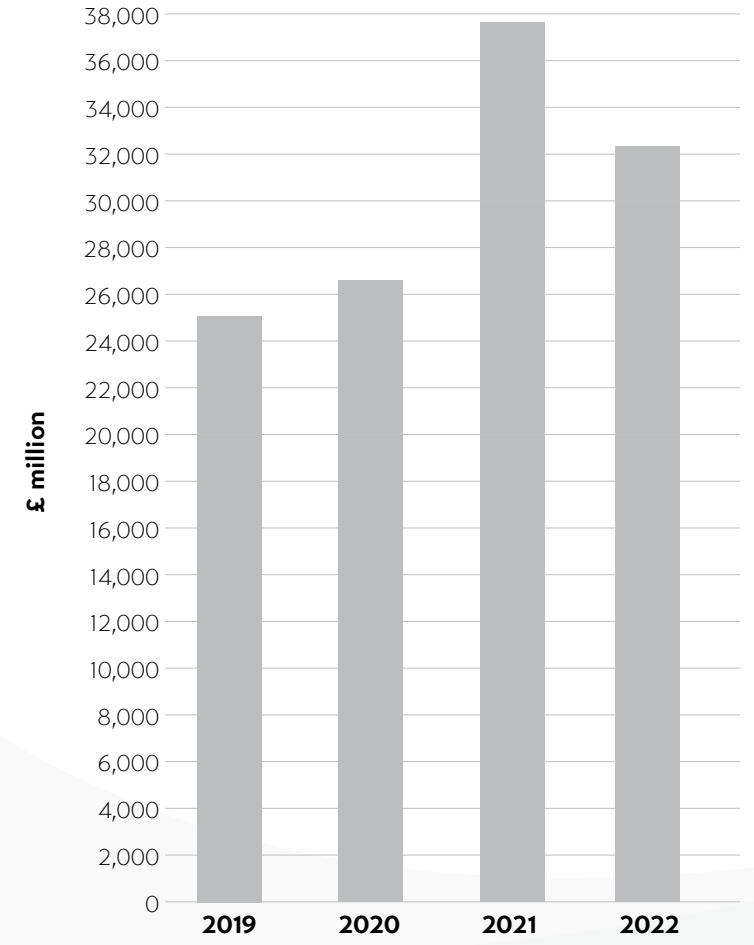
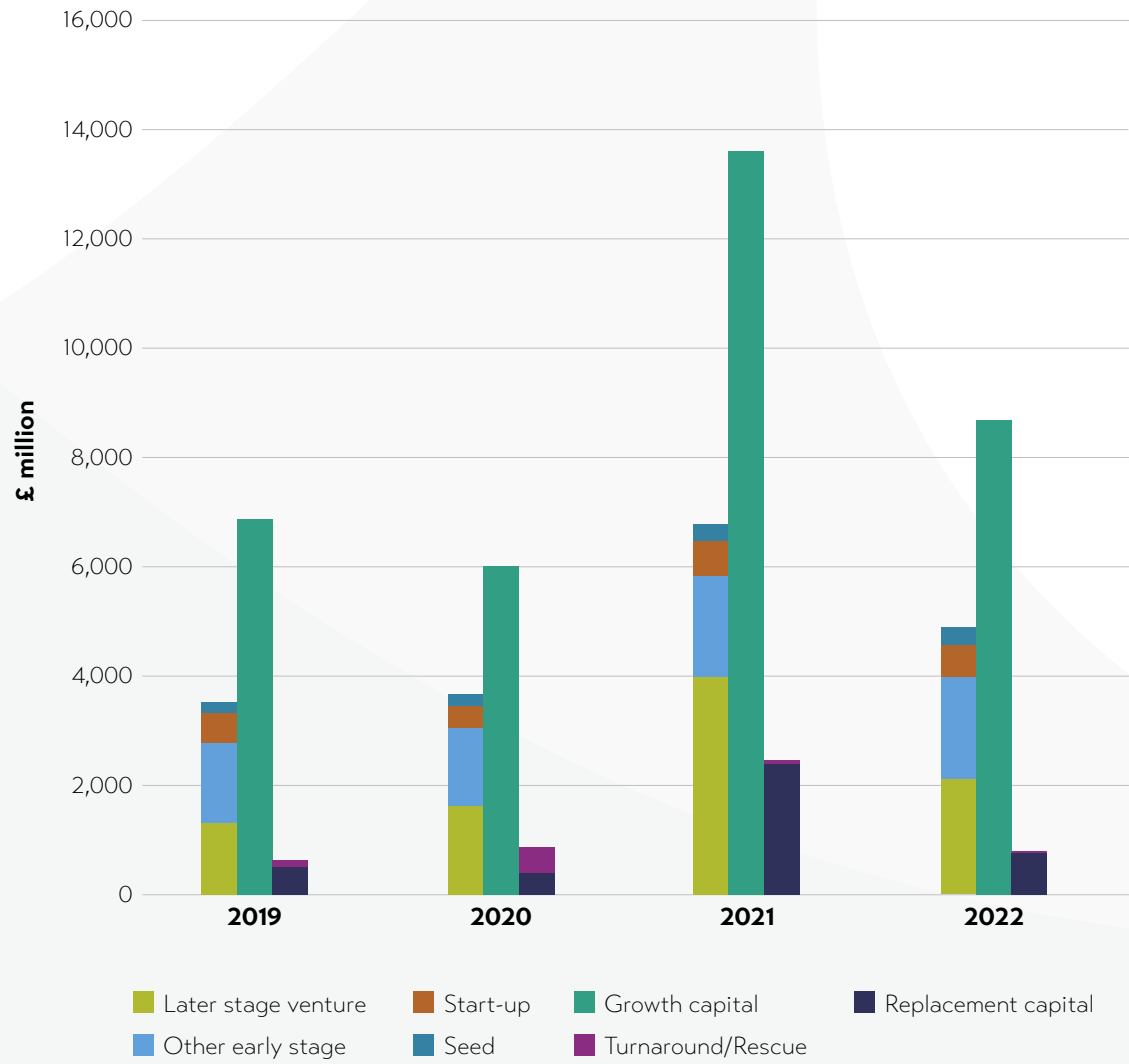
Investments by stage

Figure 15. 2022 – Industry statistics – % of amount and number of companies



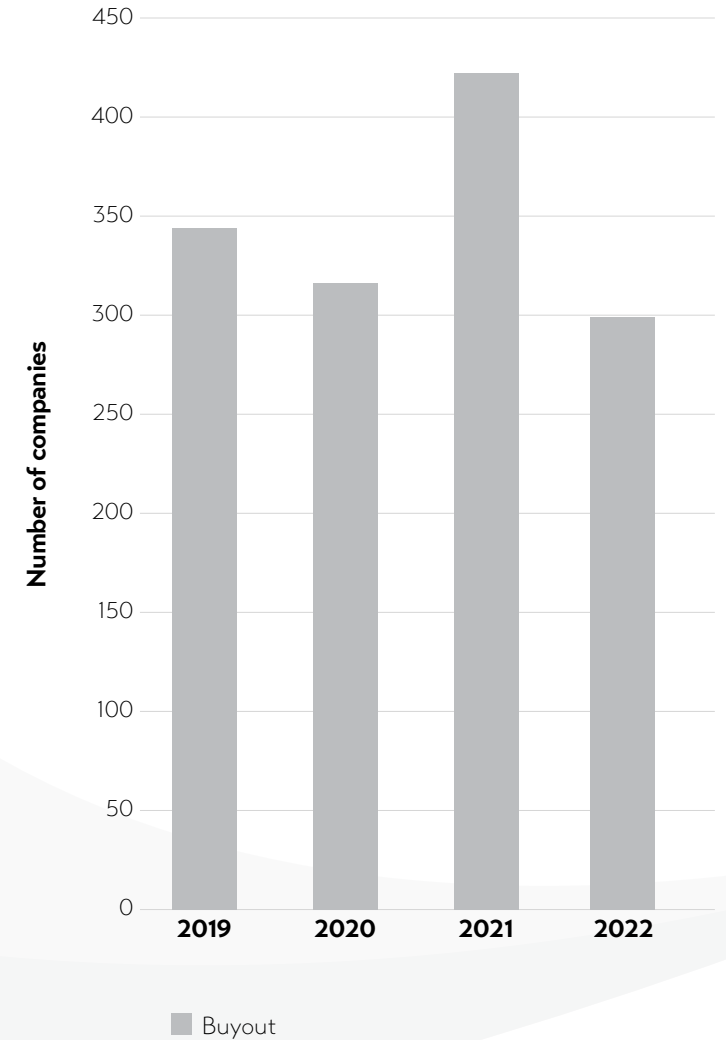
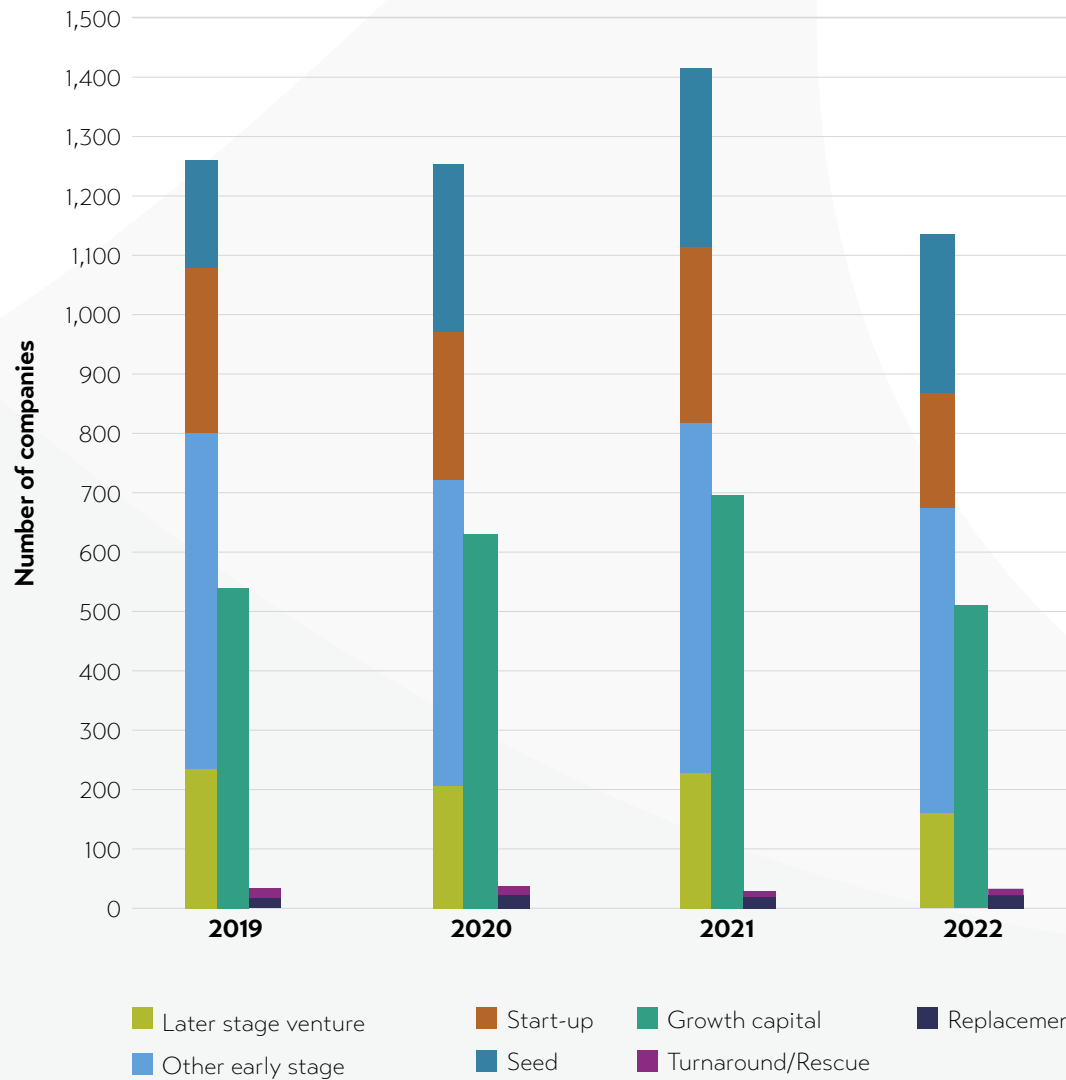
Investments by stage

Figure 16. 2019-2022 – Industry statistics – Amount



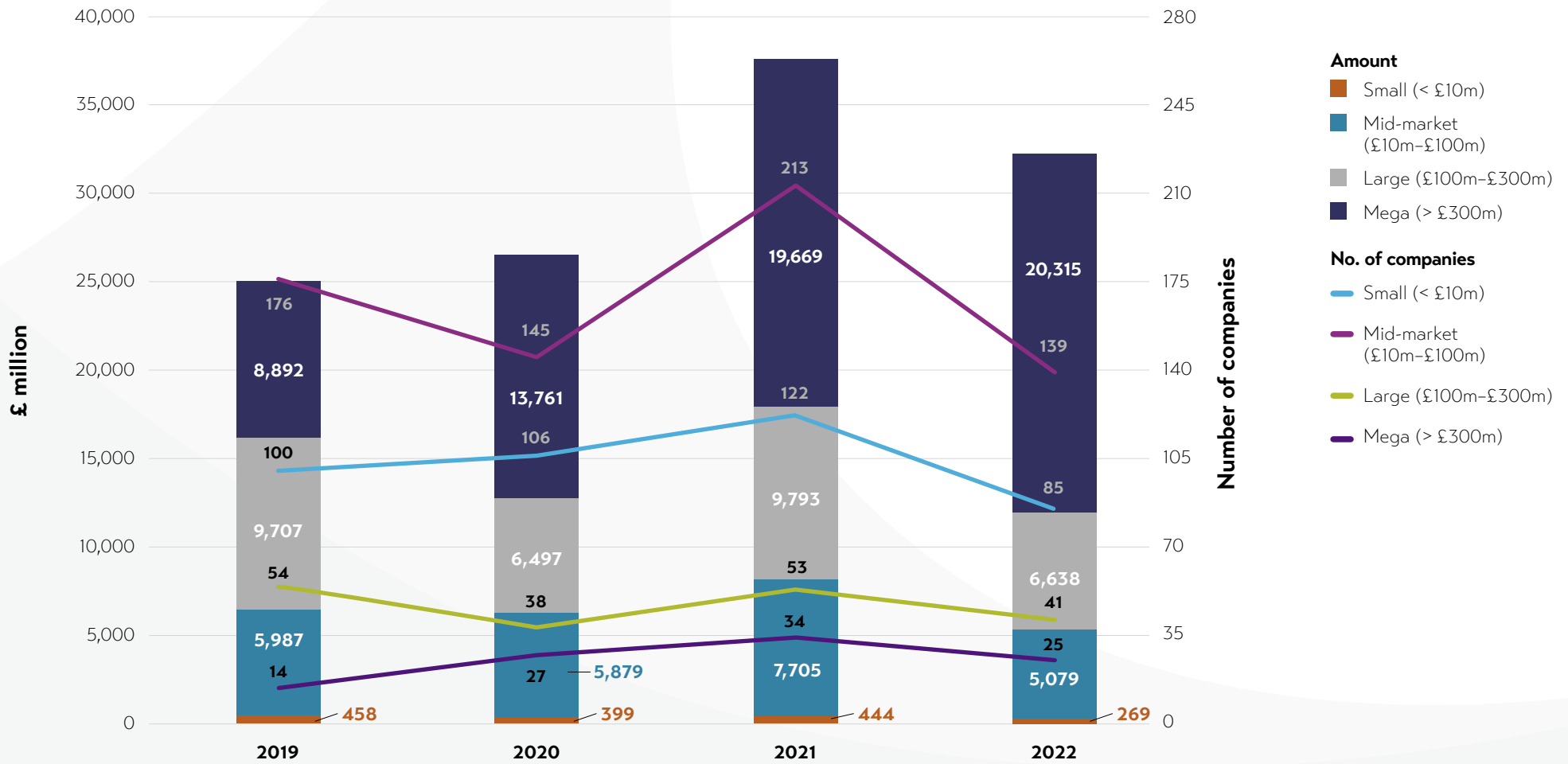
Investments by stage

Figure 17. 2019–2022 – Industry statistics – Number of companies



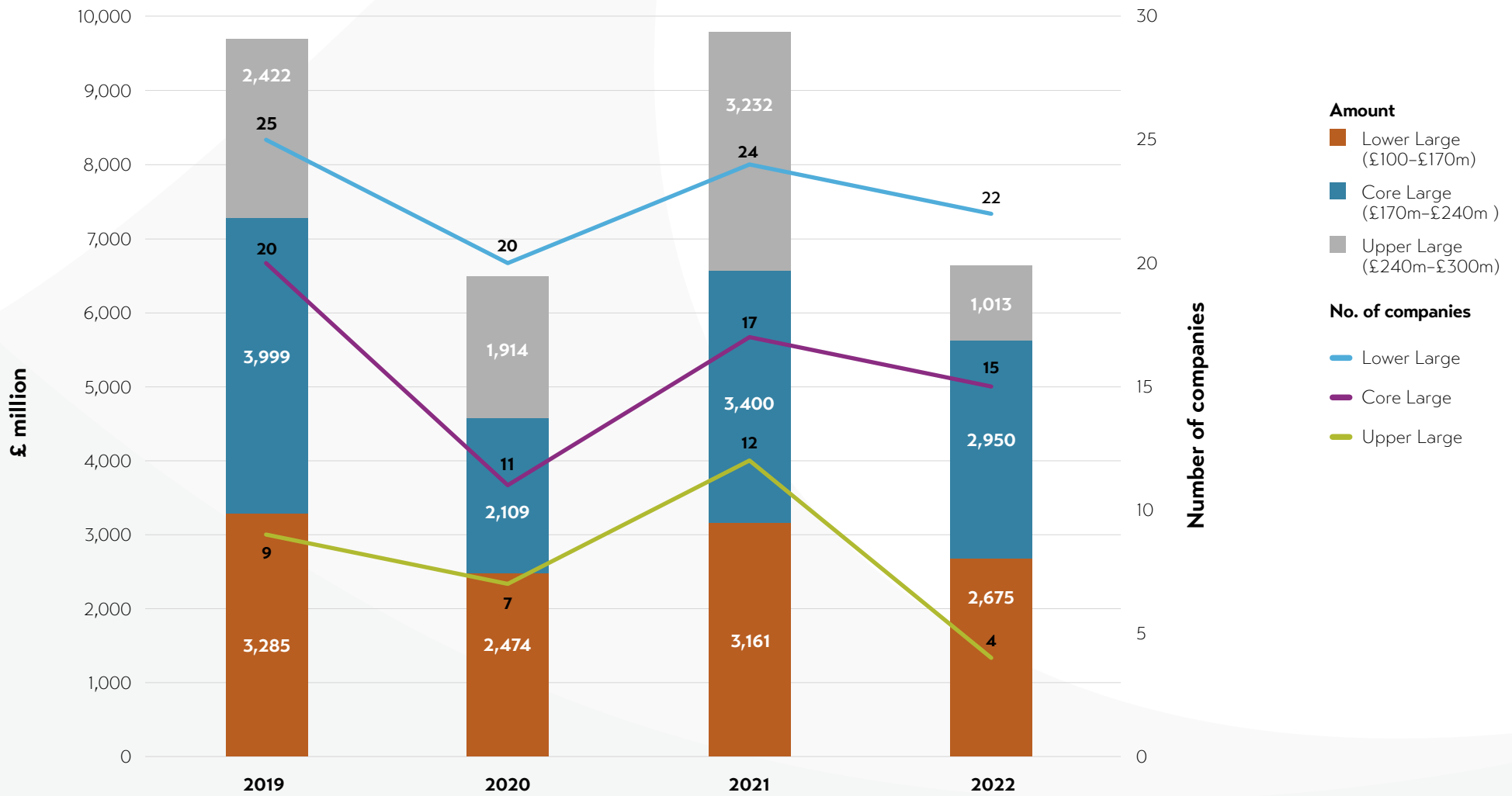
Buyout – Investments by equity bracket

Figure 18. 2019–2022 – Industry statistics – Amount and number of companies



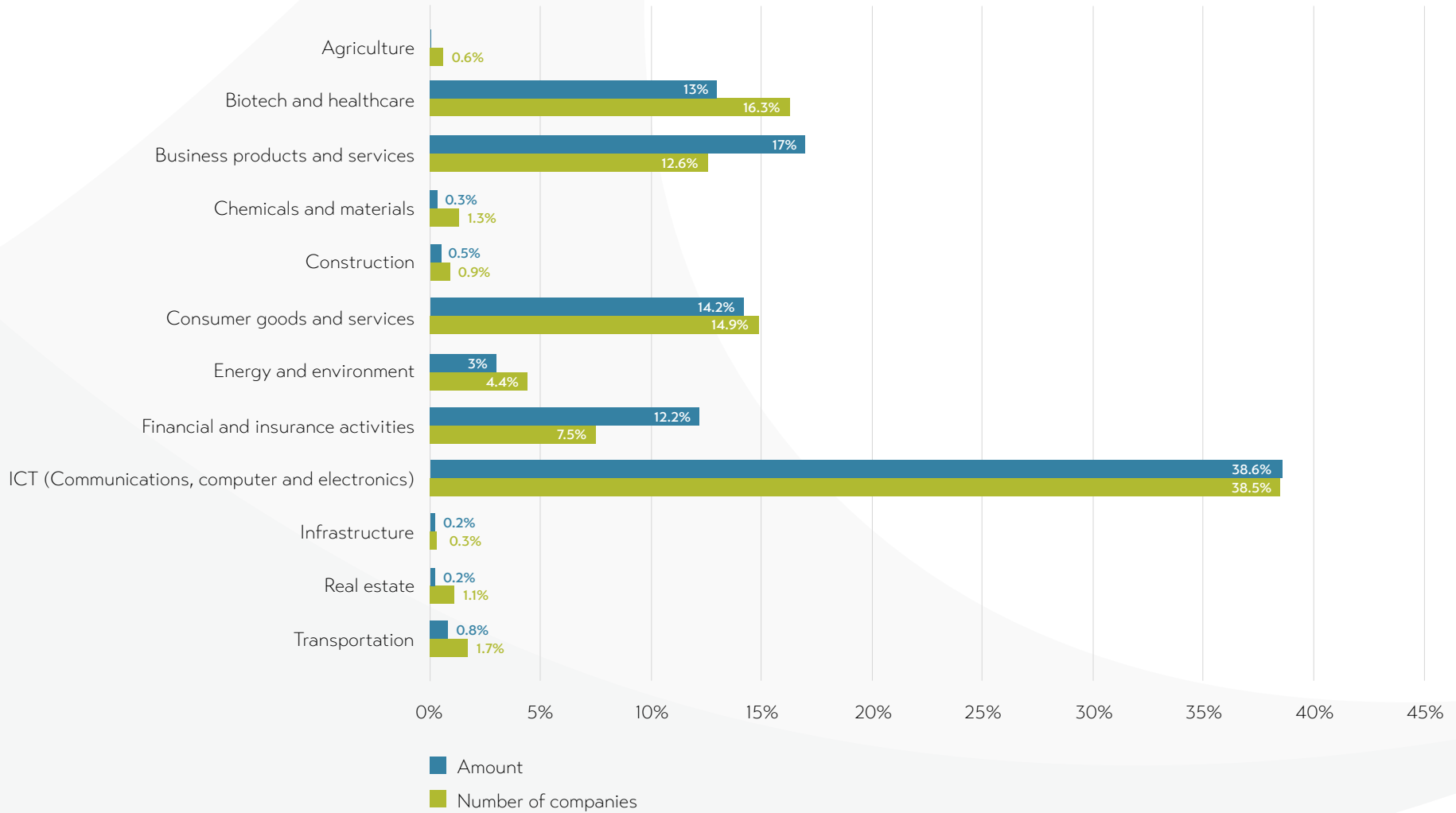
Large Buyout – Investments by equity bracket

Figure 19. 2019–2022 – Industry statistics – Amount and number of companies



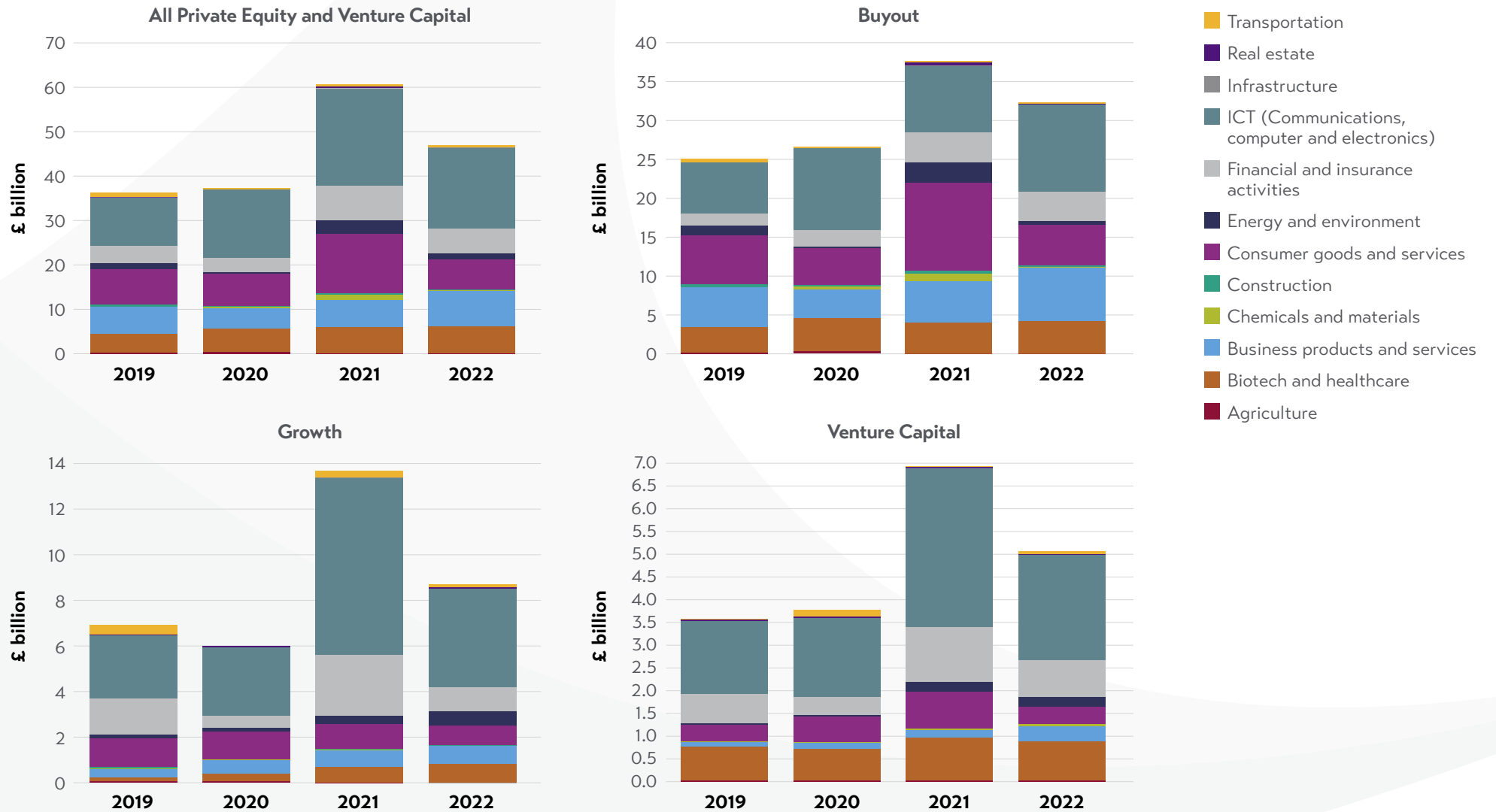
All PE and VC – Investments by sector

Figure 20. 2022 – Industry Statistics – % of amount and number of companies



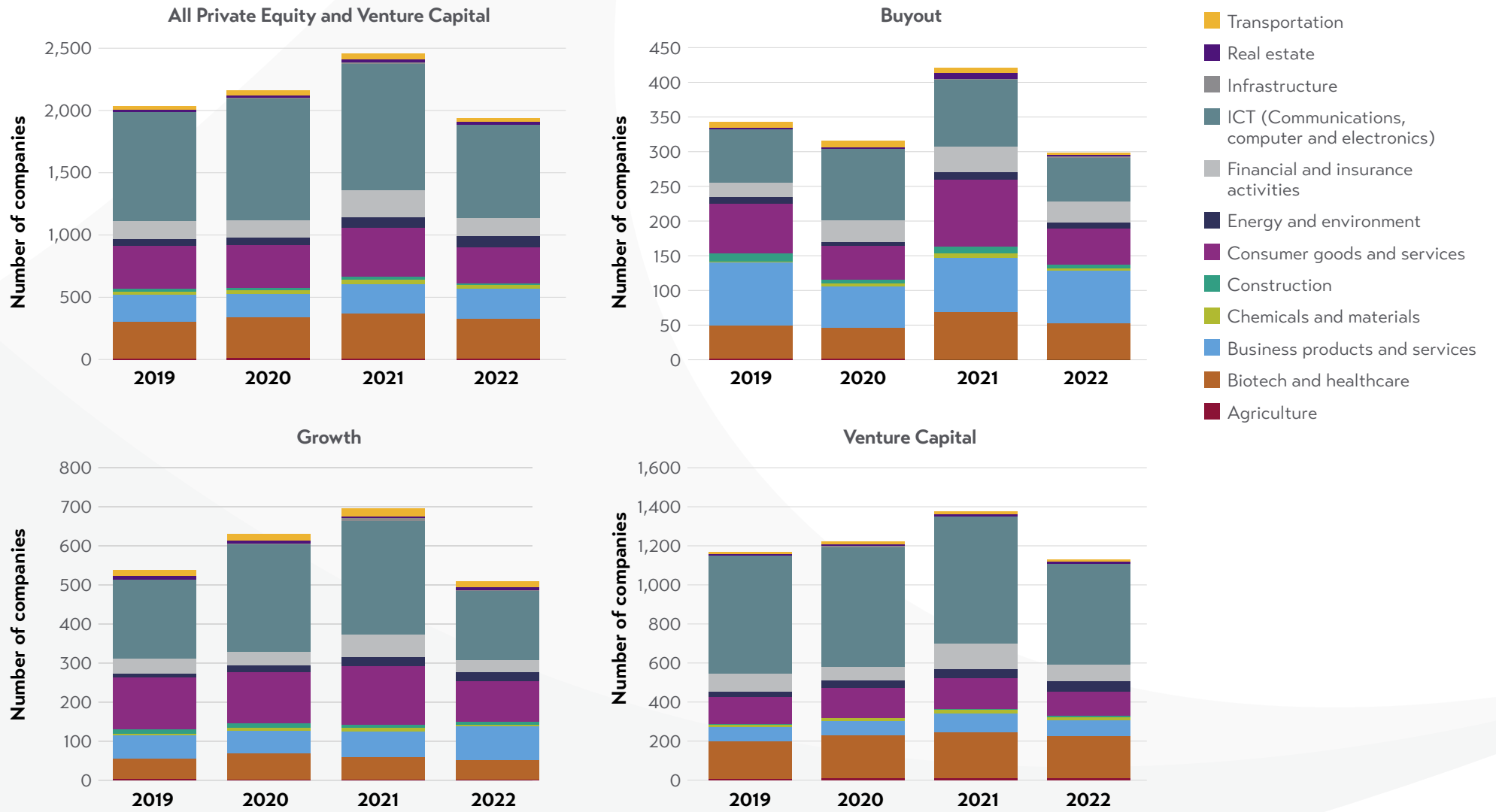
Investments by sector

Figure 21. 2019–2022 – Industry Statistics – Amount



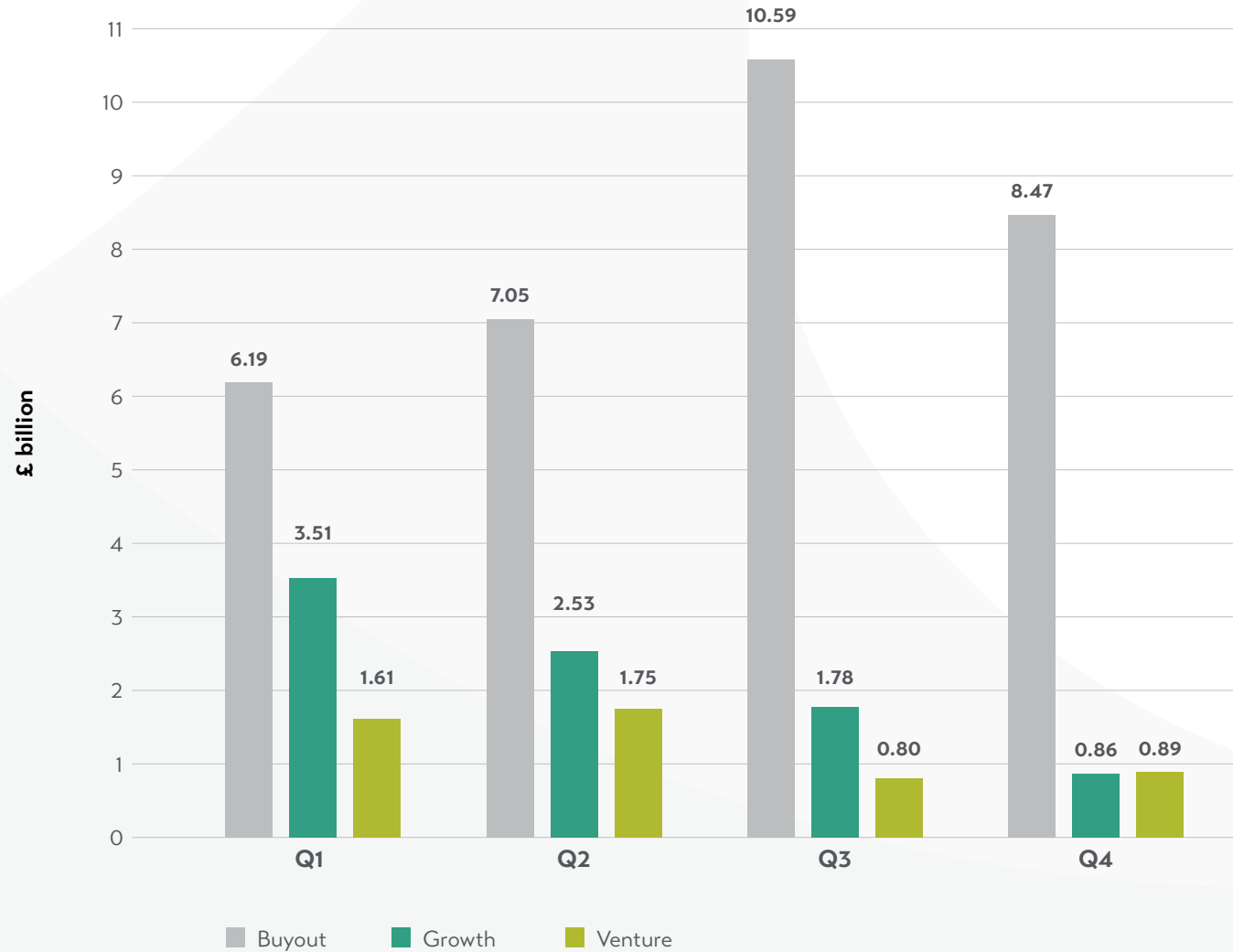
Investments by sector

Figure 22. 2019–2022 – Industry Statistics – Number of companies



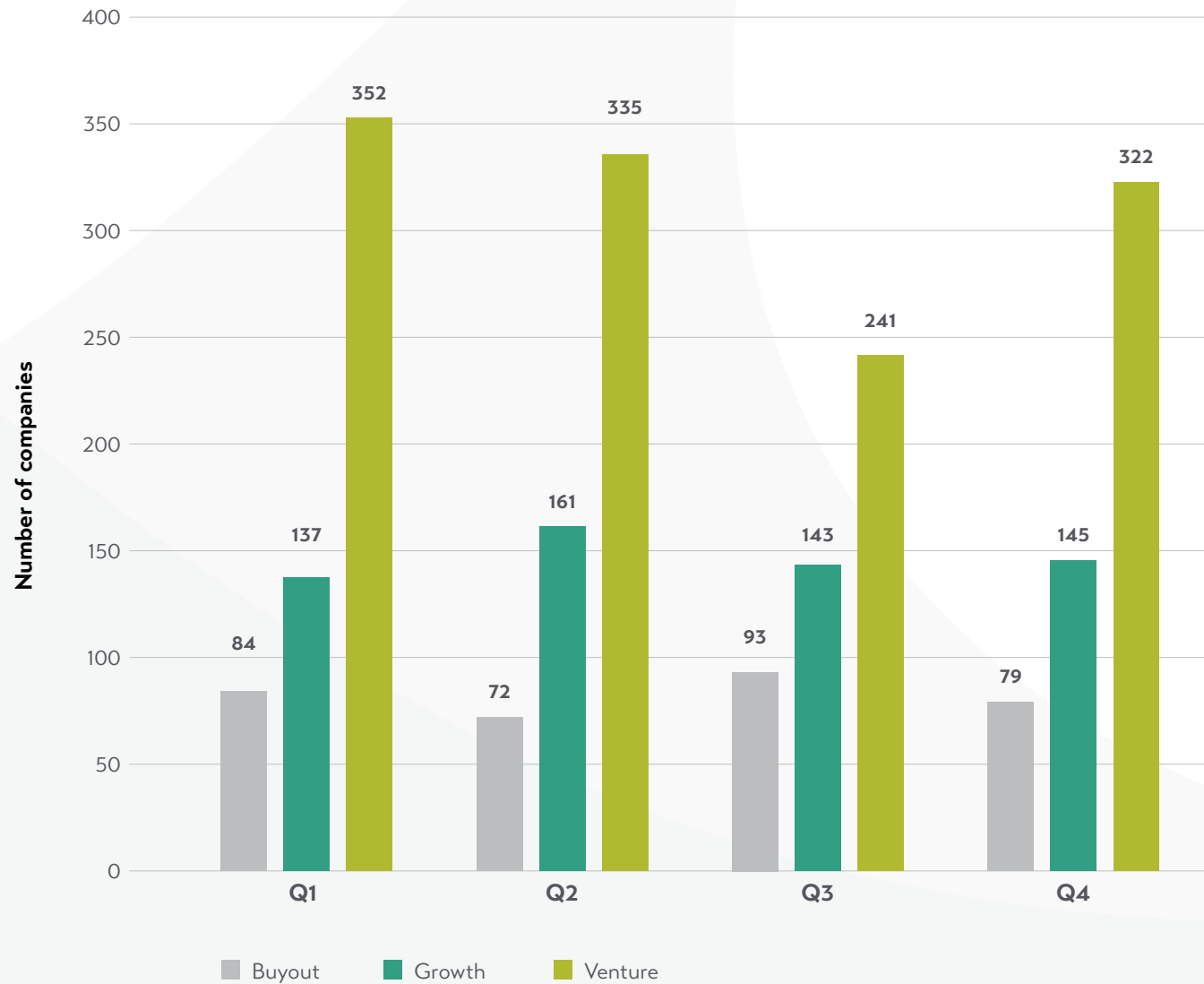
Investments by stage and quarters

Figure 23. 2022 – Industry statistics – Amount



Investments by stage and quarters

Figure 24. 2022 – Industry statistics – Number of companies

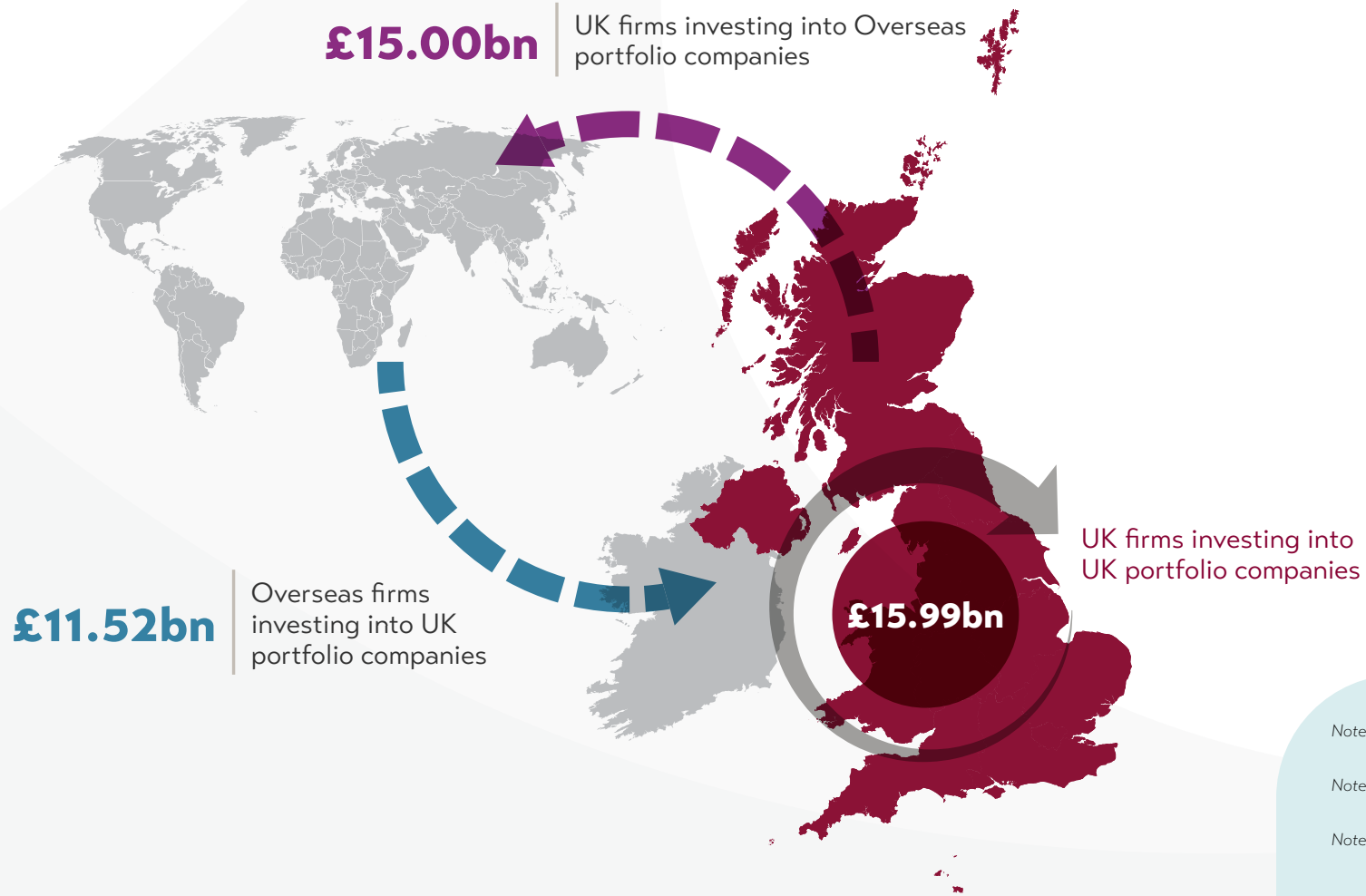


Note: Some companies receive investments in more than one quarter in each year, meaning that the total number of unique companies receiving investment in the year is less than the sum of the amounts in each quarter



All PE and VC – International investment flows

Figure 25. 2022 – Amount



Note: Location of private equity firm relates to its global headquarters

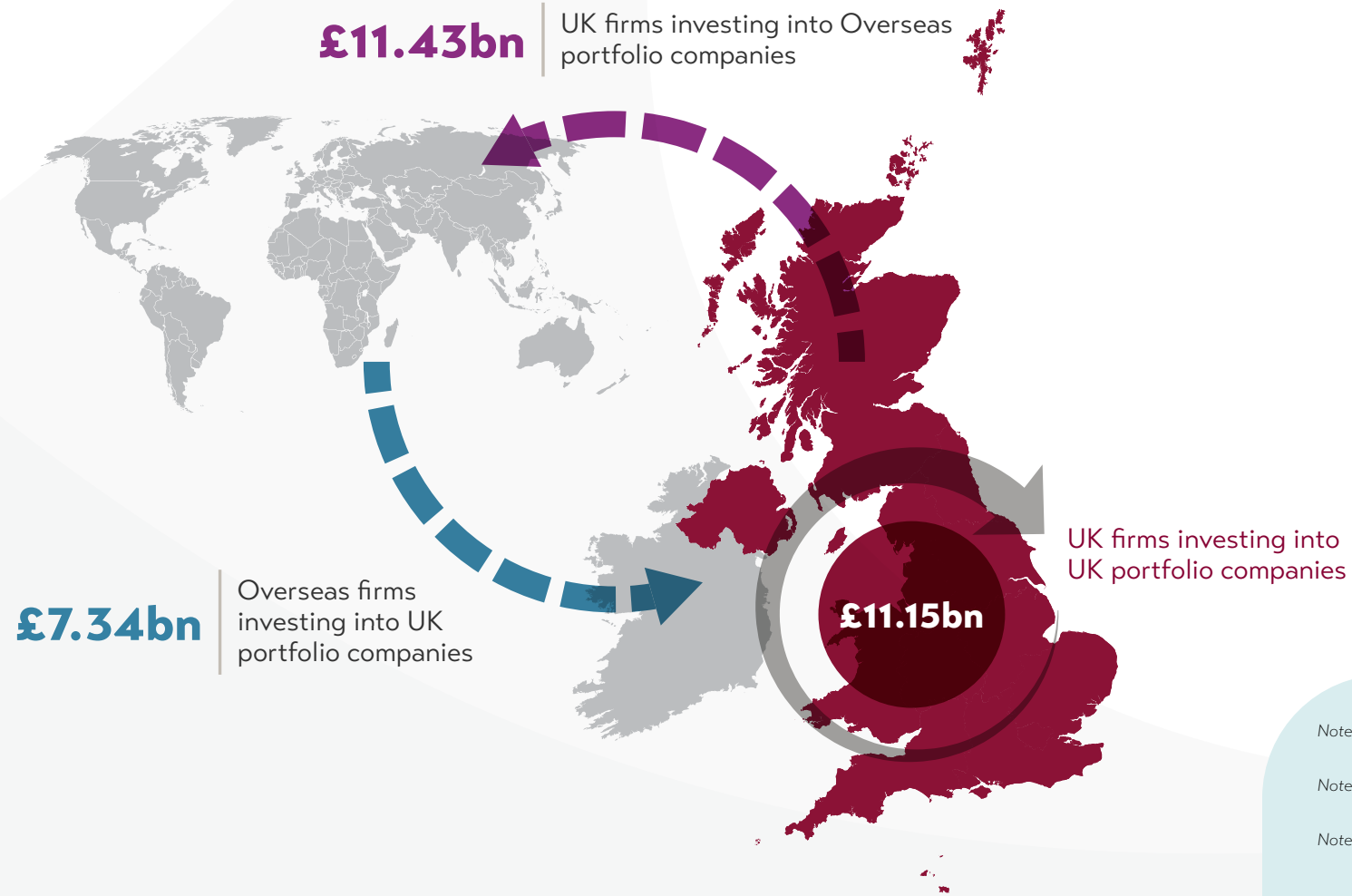
Note: £9.11bn was invested by overseas firms into overseas portfolio companies.

Note: Investments into UK companies represent market statistics while investments into Overseas companies represent industry statistics.



Buyout – International investment flows

Figure 26. 2022 – Amount



Note: Location of private equity firm relates to its global headquarters

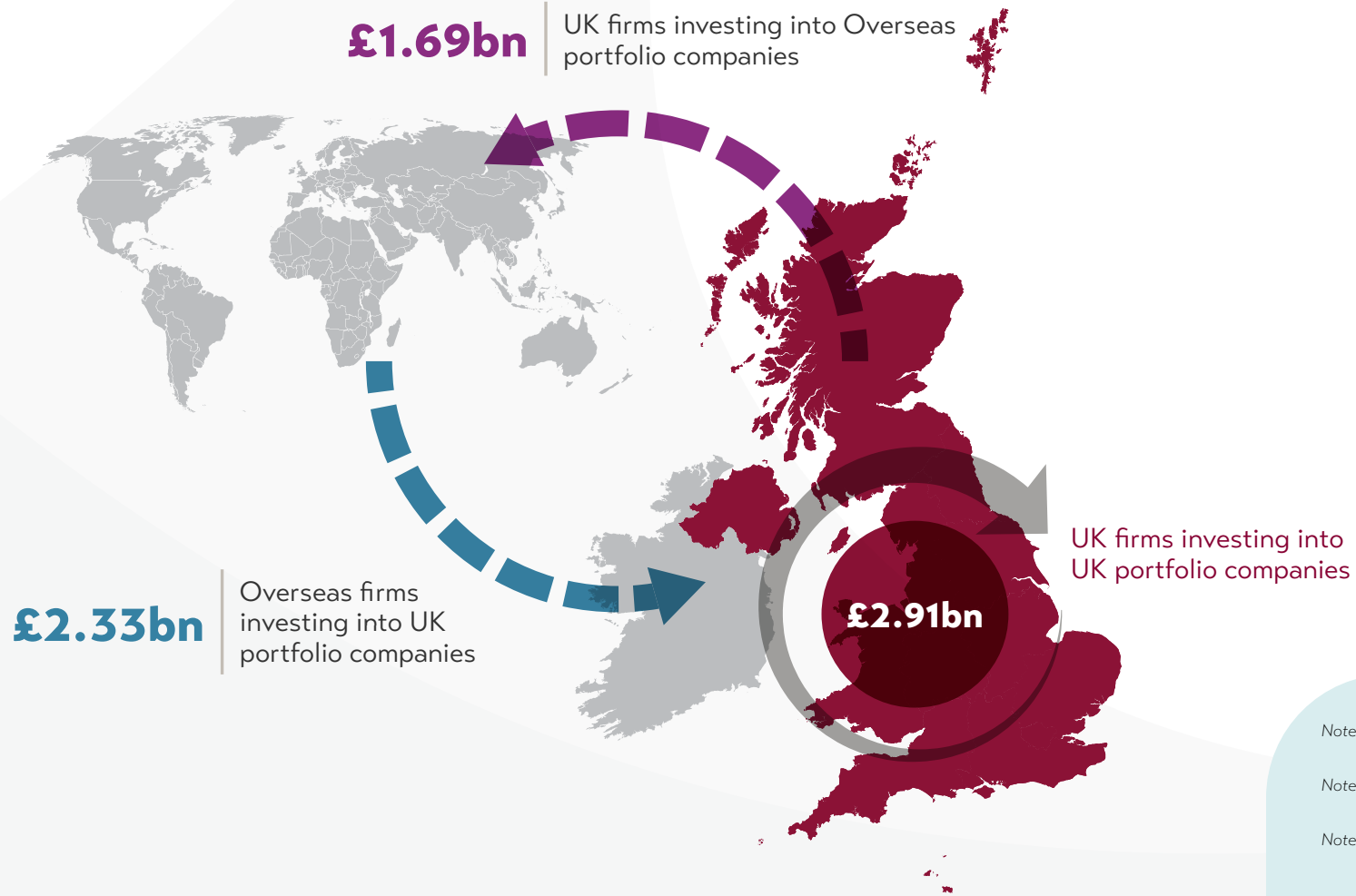
Note: £5.06bn was invested by overseas firms into overseas portfolio companies.

Note: Investments into UK companies represent market statistics while investments into Overseas companies represent industry statistics.



Growth – International investment flows

Figure 27. 2022 – Amount



Note: Location of private equity firm relates to its global headquarters

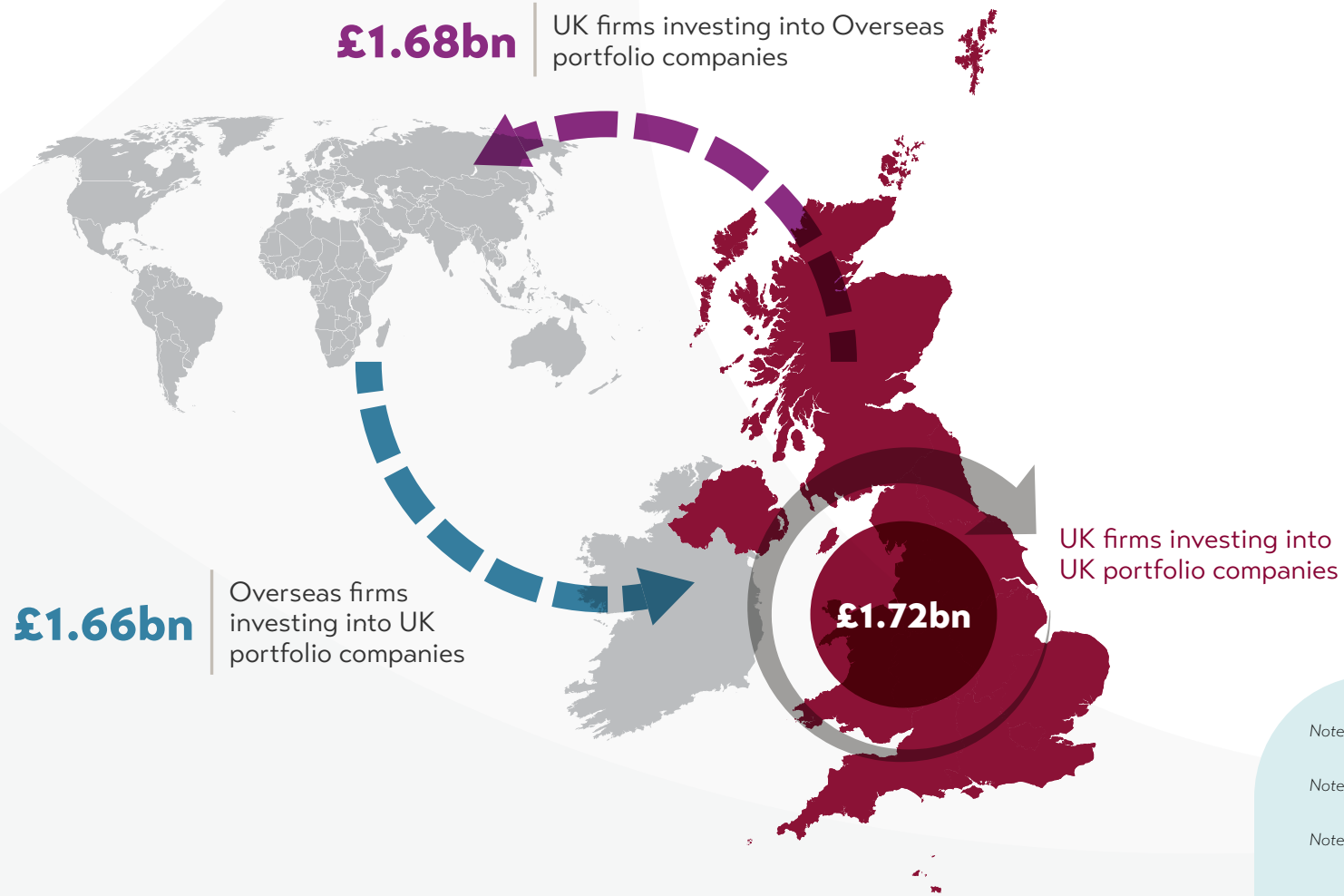
Note: £2.52bn was invested by overseas firms into overseas portfolio companies.

Note: Investments into UK companies represent market statistics while investments into Overseas companies represent industry statistics.



Venture Capital – International investment flows

Figure 28. 2022 – Amount



Note: Location of private equity firm relates to its global headquarters

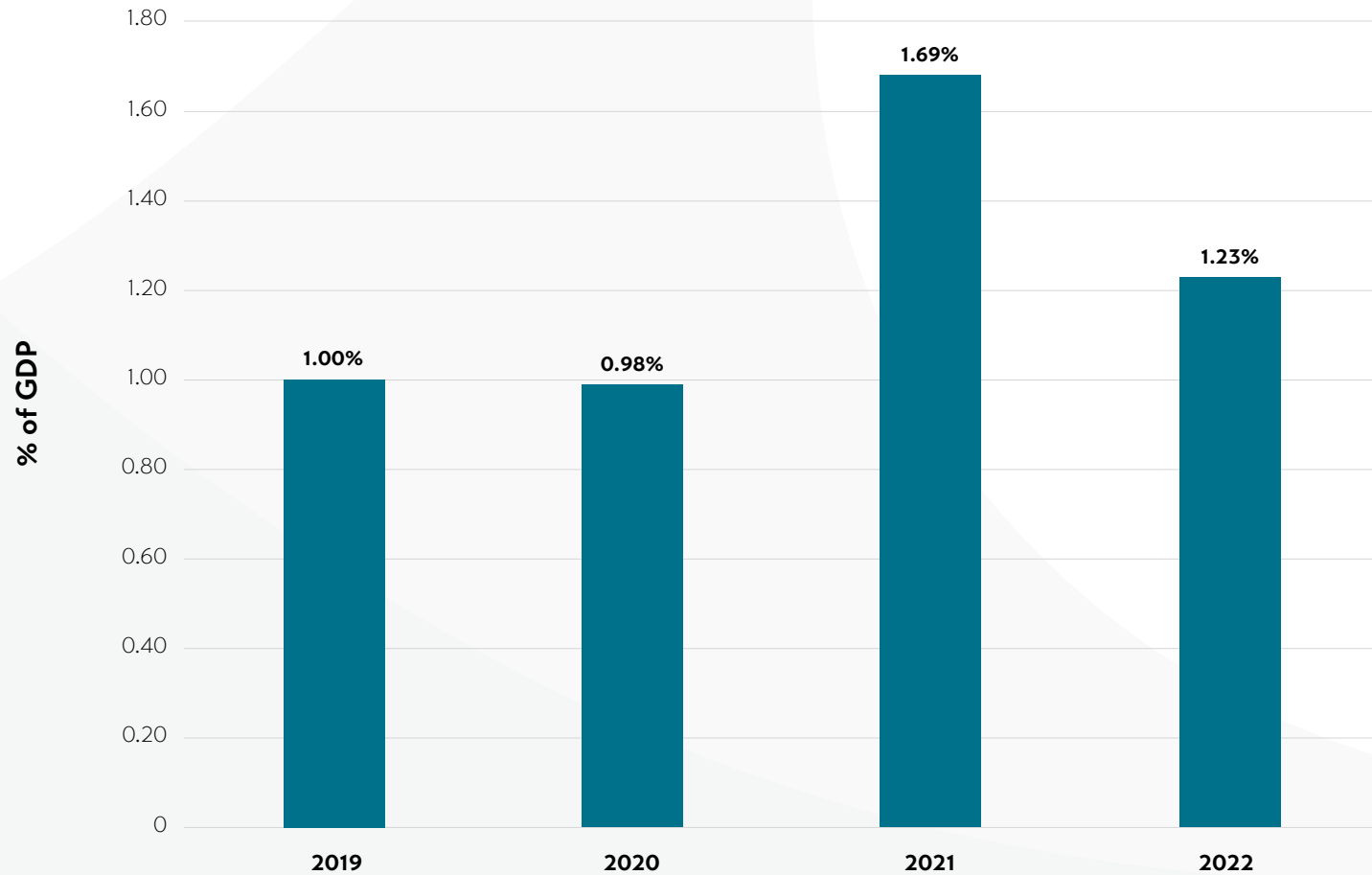
Note: £1.31bn was invested by overseas firms into overseas portfolio companies.

Note: Investments into UK companies represent market statistics while investments into Overseas companies represent industry statistics.



All PE and VC – Investments as % of GDP

Figure 29. 2022 – Market statistics – % of amount



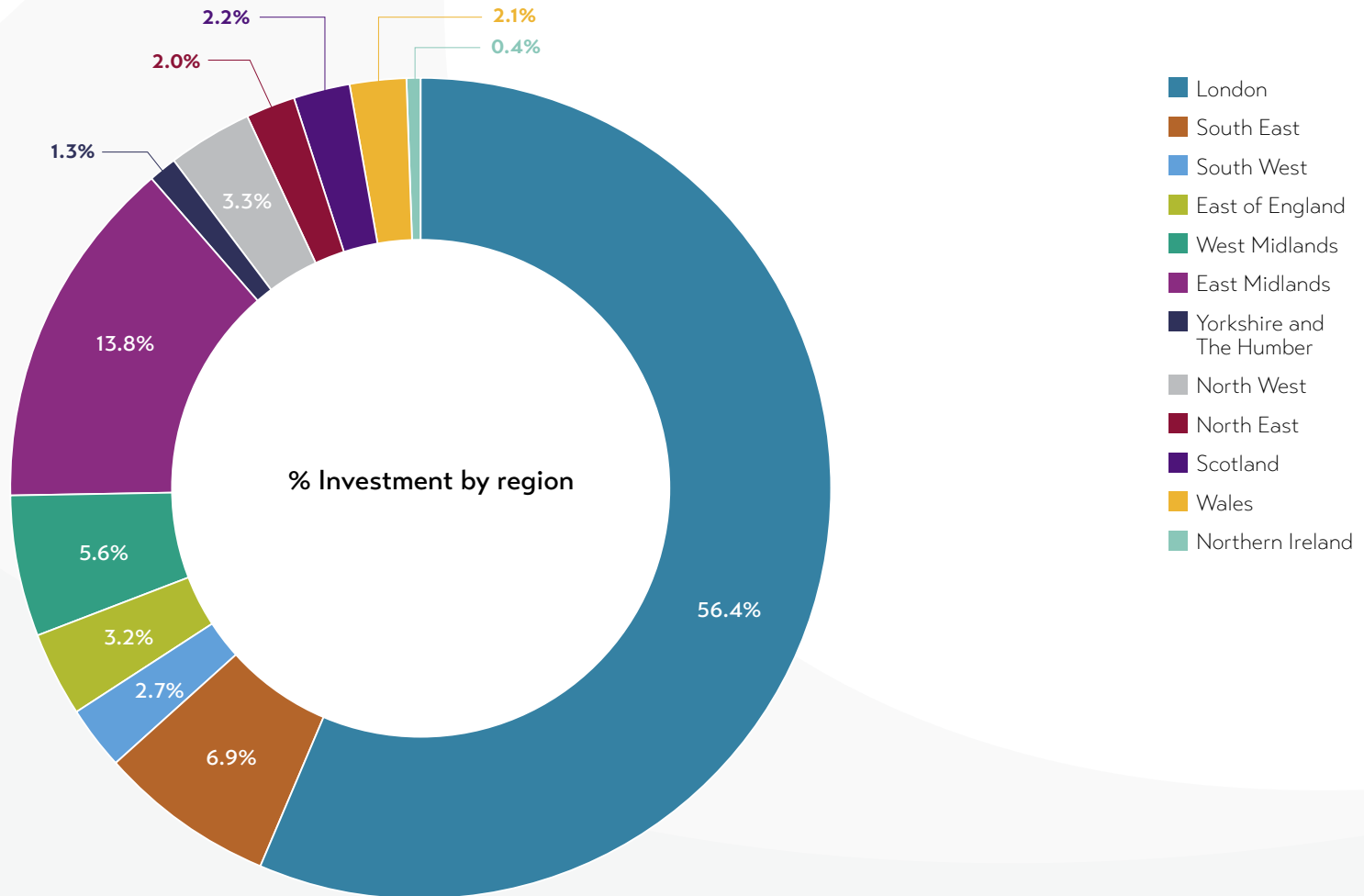
Note: GDP Source - UK Office for National Statistics

Note: The percentage values represent UK investment as a proportion of UK GDP



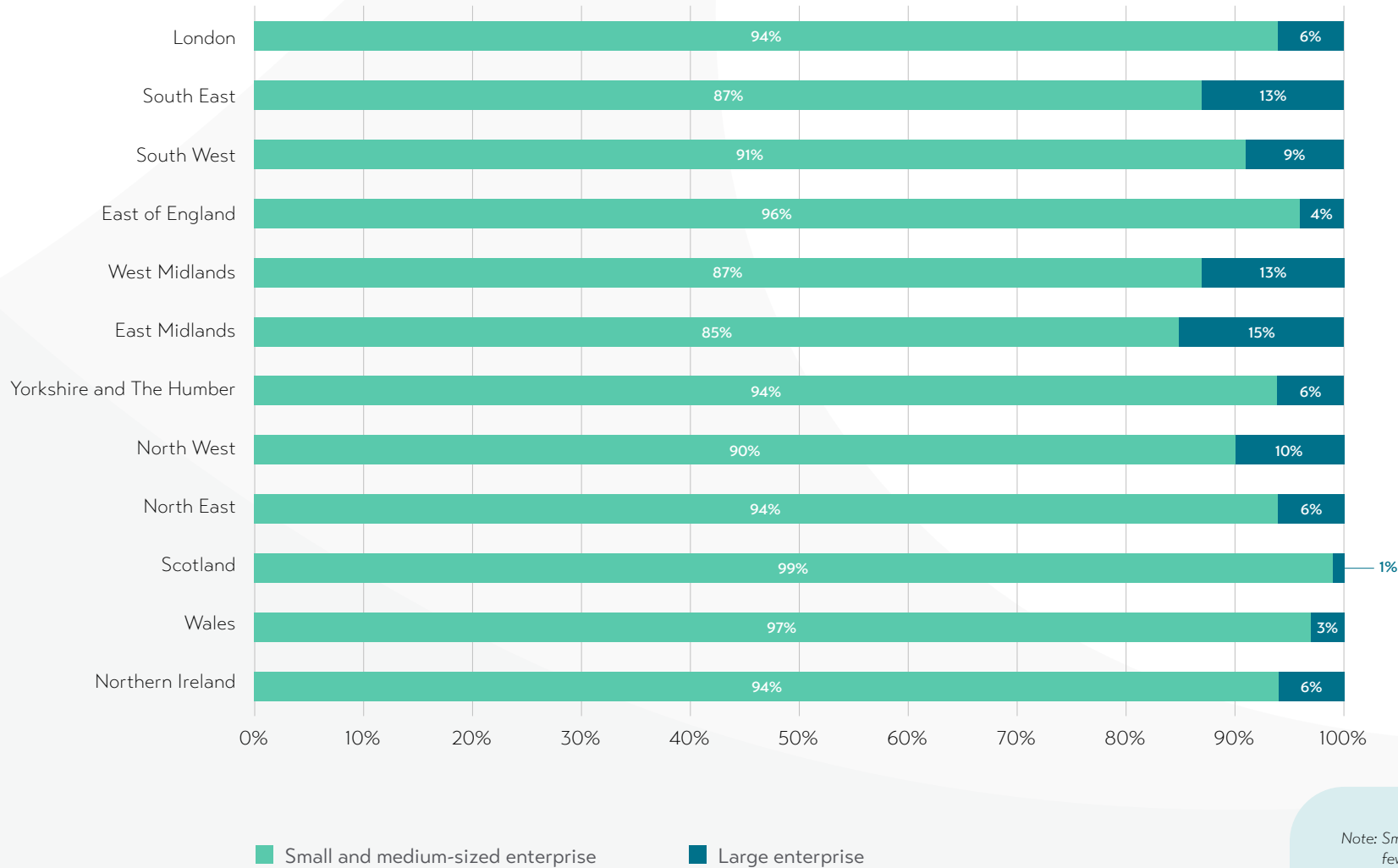
All PE and VC – Investments by region

Figure 30. 2022 – Market statistics – % of amount



All PE and VC – Investments by region and company size

Figure 31. 2022 – Market statistics – % of companies



All PE and VC – Regional employment

Figure 32. Number of employees in UK businesses receiving investment in 2022

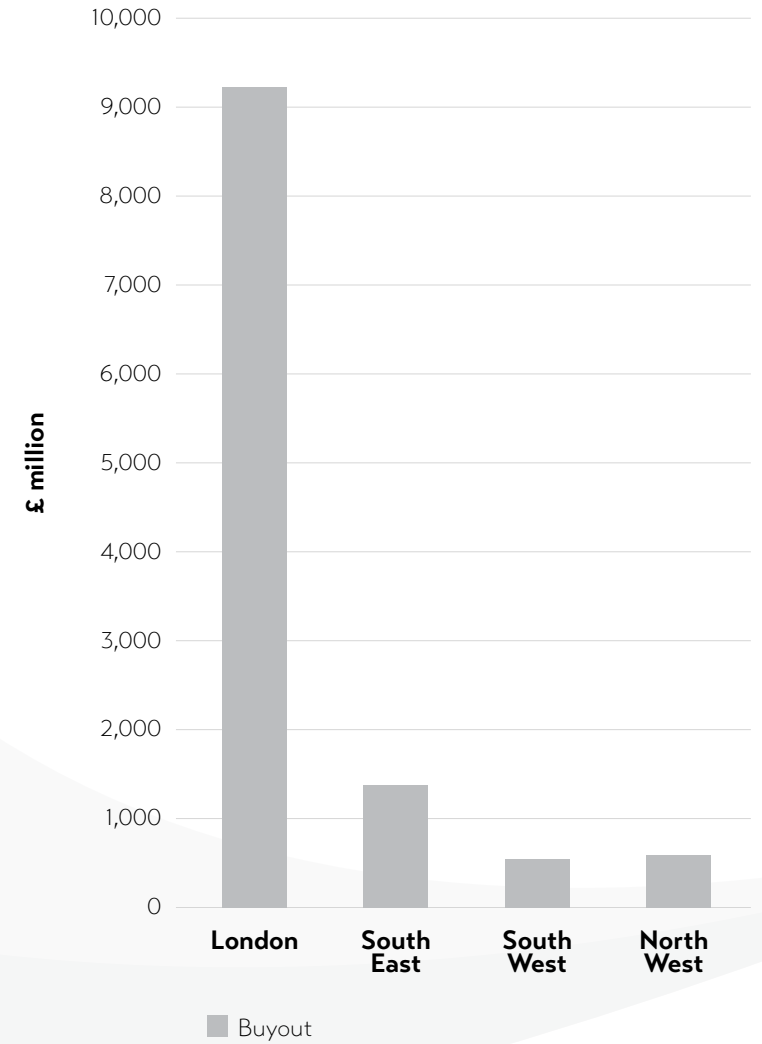
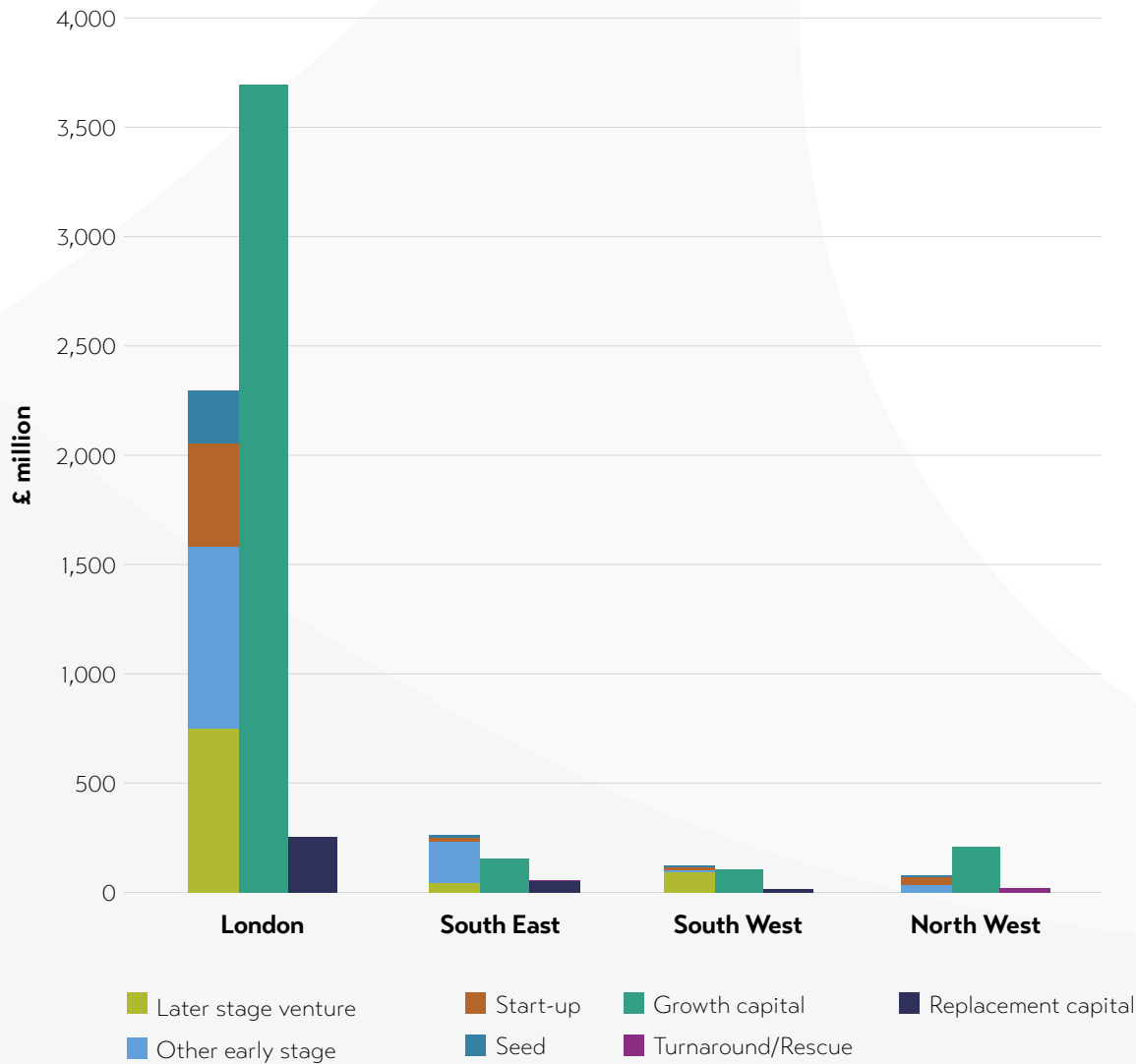


Note: 227 employees are located in Gibraltar and Jersey

Note: General Partners are requested to provide employee data as at the date they make an investment into a business. Where this has not been provided, the BVCA has estimated employment figures from the most recent company accounts. Businesses (and employees) are allocated to a region for illustrative purposes based on the location of the company headquarters.

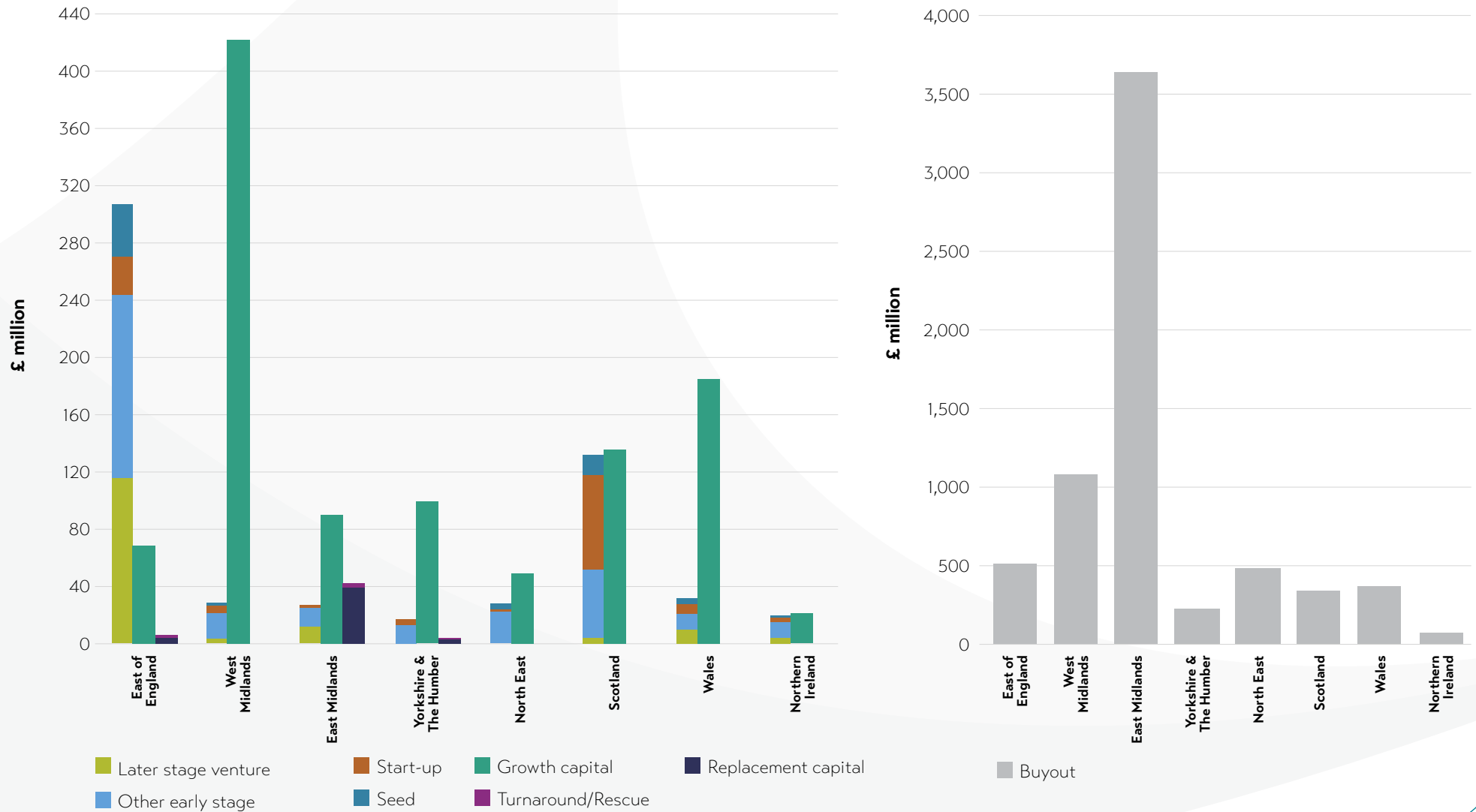
Investments by stage and regions

Figure 33. 2022 – Market statistics – Amount



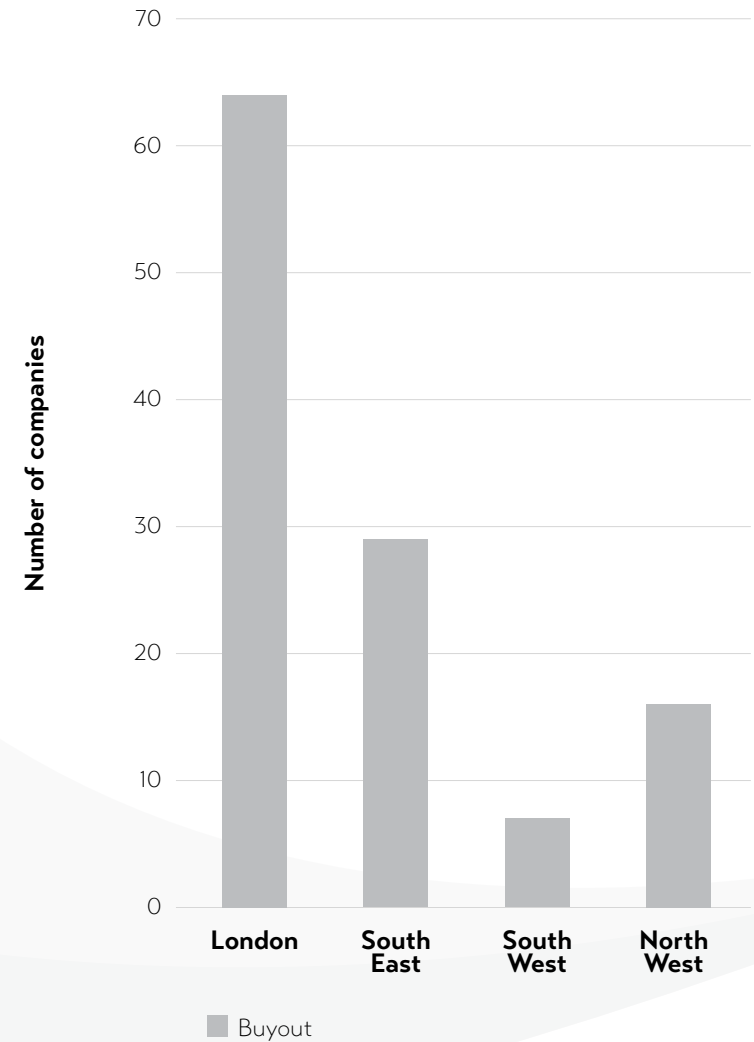
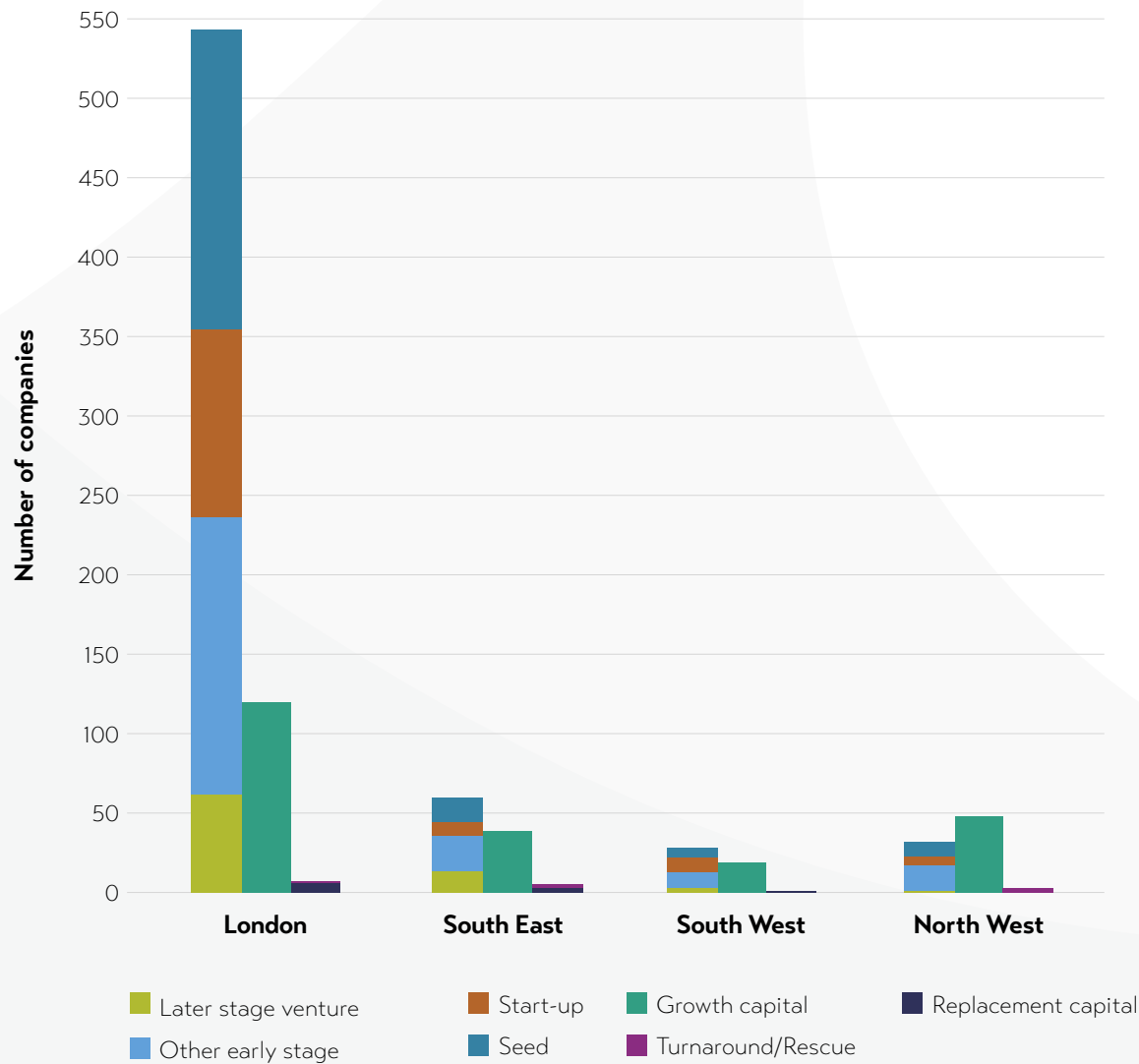
Investments by stage and regions

Figure 34. 2022 – Market statistics – Amount



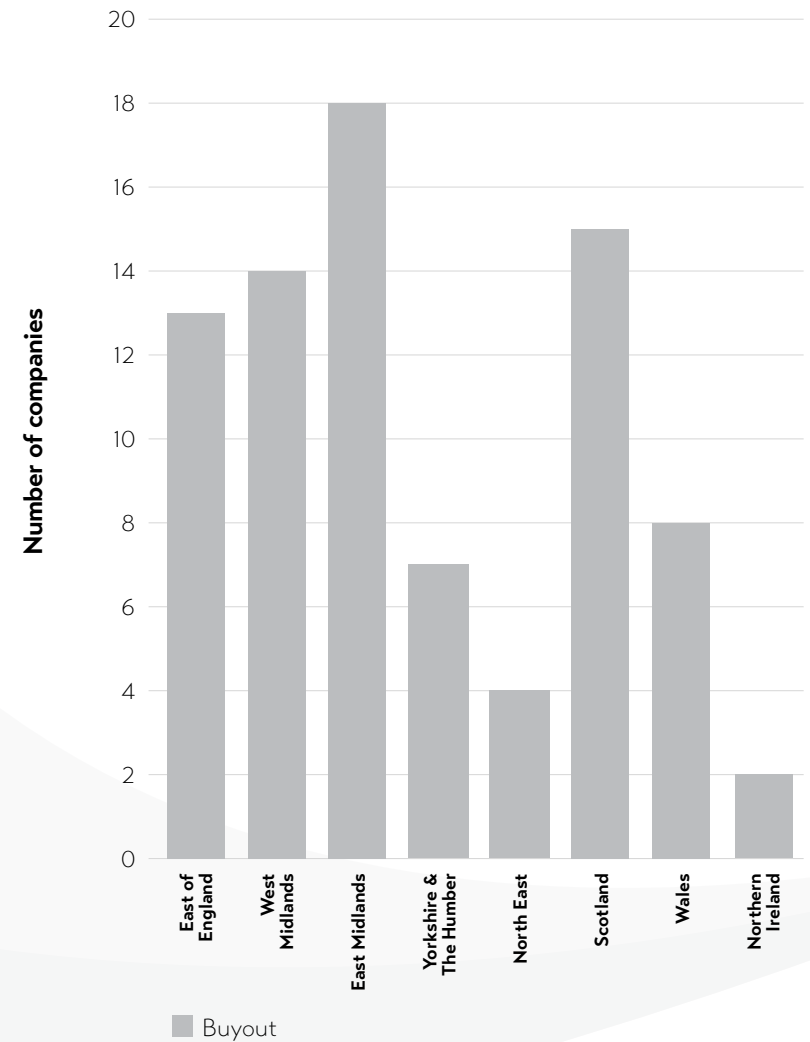
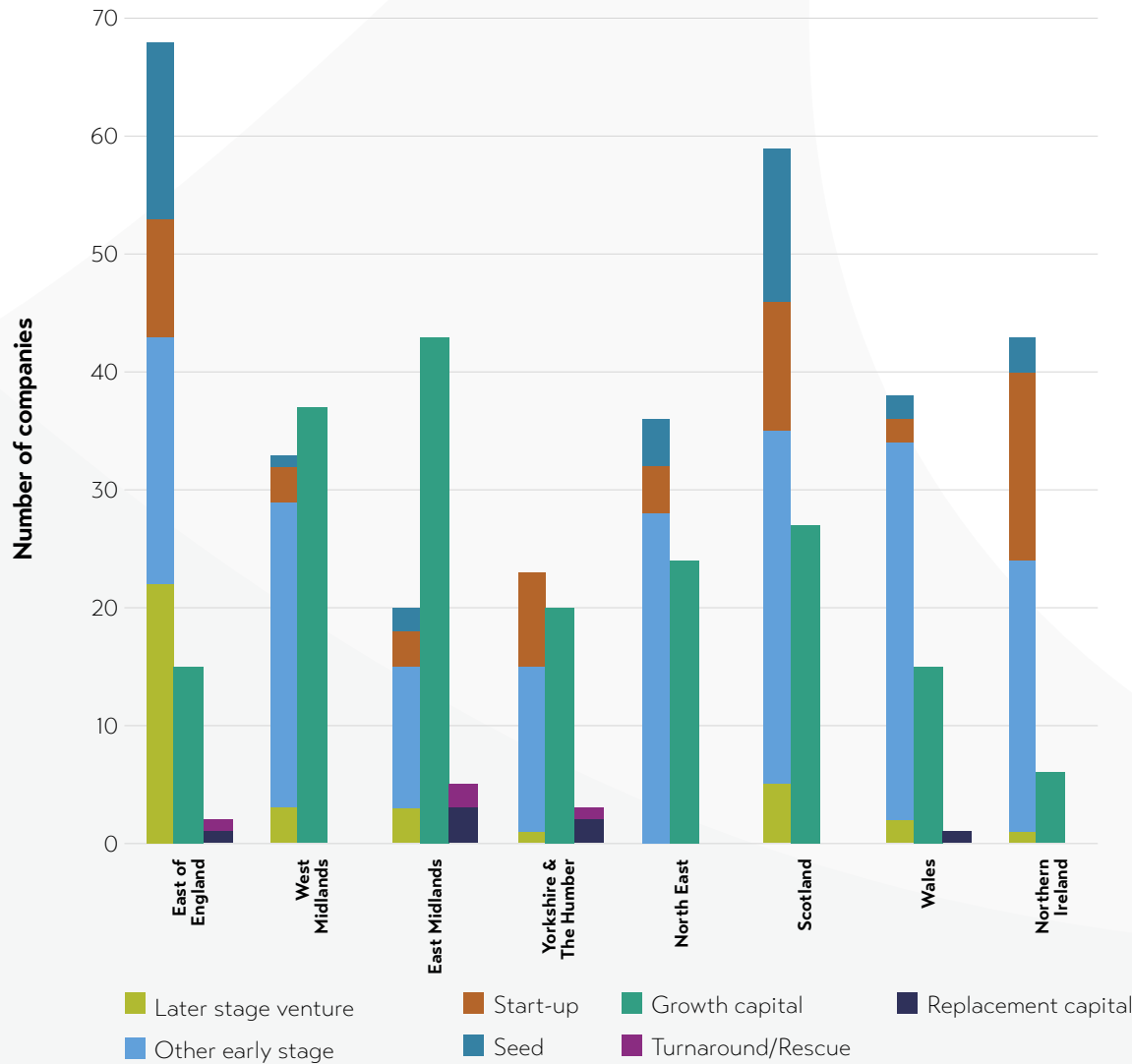
Investments by stage and regions

Figure 35. 2022 – Market Statistics – Number of Companies



Investments by stage and regions

Figure 36. 2022 – Market Statistics – Number of Companies



Divestments

Divestments statistics explained

The divestment dataset now includes the following categories of data:

- Divestment data provided by private equity and venture capital BVCA member firms.
- Divestment data provided by non-member private equity and venture capital firms to other national associations that are part of the European Data Cooperative.
- Divestment data of private equity and venture capital firms that was obtained from publicly available sources.

Industry statistics: figures relate to divestments undertaken by fund managers based in the UK, and to those undertaken through an overseas office where the UK office was the lead adviser, regardless of whether the divesting fund or portfolio company was UK or overseas based. Statistics include both partial and full divestments captured in the year.

Market statistics: figures relate to divestments from companies headquartered in the UK, regardless of whether the divesting fund or fund manager is UK or overseas based. Statistics include both partial and full divestments captured in the year.

Divestment amounts: (including write-offs) are recorded at cost (i.e. the total amount divested is equal to the total amount invested before).

The following funds are included in the statistics: private equity and venture capital funds making direct private equity and venture capital investments; mezzanine funds; infrastructure funds; co-investment funds; replacement capital funds and turnaround / rescue funds.

The following funds are excluded from the statistics: real estate funds, distressed debt funds, primary funds of funds and secondary funds of funds.

Please refer to the methodology section for further information.



Definitions: Types of divestment

Sale to management: The buyer of the company is its management team.

Public offering:

- **First divestment following flotation / initial public offering (IPO):** The sale or distribution of a private company's shares to the public for the first time by listing the company on the stock exchange.
- **Sale of quoted equity post flotation:** The sale of quoted shares only if connected to a former private equity investment, e.g. sale of quoted shares after a lockup period.

Repayment of preference shares, shareholder loans or mezzanine debt:

- Preference shares entitle the holder to a fixed dividend, whose payment takes priority over that of ordinary share dividends and return of capital.
- Shareholder loans are loans to the business from the equity holder. These would typically rank behind any third party financing but ahead of ordinary shares.
- Mezzanine debt is debt which may convert to equity under certain circumstances. This would typically rank behind any third party financing but ahead of ordinary shares.

If the private equity firm provided loans or bought preference shares in the company at the time of investment, then their repayment represents a decrease of the financial claim of the investor into the company, and hence a divestment.

Sale to another private equity and venture capital firm: The buyer of the portfolio company is a different private equity firm.

Sale to financial institution: A financial institution is an entity that provides financial services for its clients:

- **Depository Institutions:** deposit-taking institutions that accept and manage deposits and make loans, including banks, building societies, credit unions, trust companies, and mortgage loan companies.
- **Contractual Institutions:** Insurance companies and pension funds.
- Investment Institutions other than direct private equity firms.

Trade sale: The sale of a company to another company, typically one operating in similar or complementary lines of business.

Write-off: The value of the investment is eliminated and the return to investors may receive less than their initial investment.

Divestments at a glance

Figure 37. 2022 – Summary divestments statistics

- 619 UK companies were divested from in 2022 while 705 companies had a UK led divestment.
- By amount of former equity investments (divestments at cost), the total value exited reached £11.4bn or UK led divestments and £6.6bn for UK company divestments.
- The most prominent exit routes by amount at cost were sale to another private equity firm, trade sale and repayment of preference shares / loans or mezzanine for both UK led and UK company divestments.
- Buyout divestments that were UK led represented 77% of all exits by amount at cost and 27% by number of companies. Buyout divestments from UK companies reached 68 % by amount at cost and 22 % by number of companies.
- Growth capital divestments that were UK led represented 15% of all exits by amount at cost and 45% by number of companies. Growth capital divestments from UK companies reached 21 % by amount at cost and 48 % by number of companies.
- Venture capital divestments that were UK led represented 6% of all exits by amount at cost and 26% by number of companies. Venture capital divestments from UK companies reached 6 % by amount at cost and 27 % by number of companies.

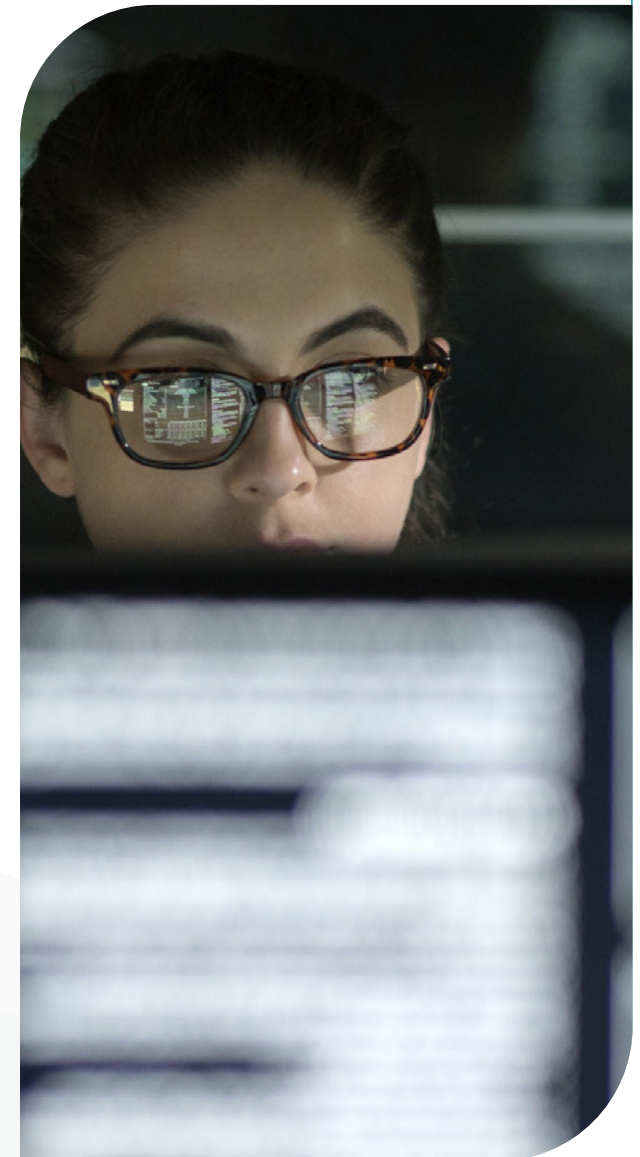
2022 – Industry statistics	All Private Equity ⁽²⁾	Buyout ⁽¹⁾	Growth ⁽¹⁾	Venture Capital ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽¹⁾
Amount	£11.35bn	£8.74bn	£1.74bn	£0.70bn	£0.16bn
No. of companies	705	196	327	188	17
No. of firms	137	72	47	54	11
No. of funds	311	138	99	110	16

2022 – Market statistics	All Private Equity ⁽²⁾	Buyout ⁽¹⁾	Growth ⁽¹⁾	Venture Capital ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽¹⁾
Amount	£6.58bn	£4.45bn	£1.35bn	£0.58bn	£0.20bn
No. of companies	619	144	310	174	17
No. of firms	143	63	43	68	11
No. of funds	287	105	96	120	16

Note: (1) Relates to the initial investment stage of the company

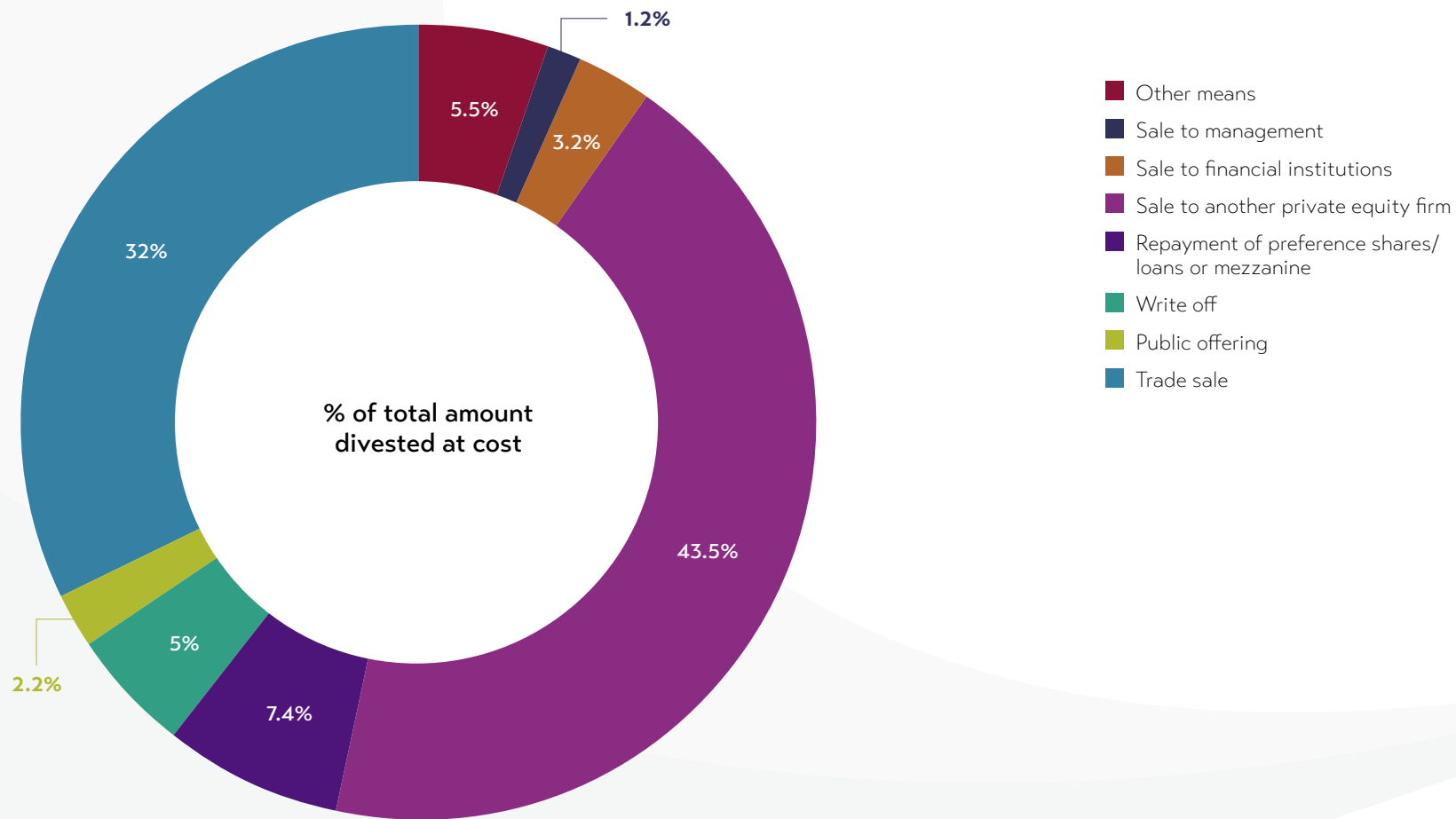
Note: (2) Refers to all private equity and venture capital

Note: Please refer to the appendix for further information



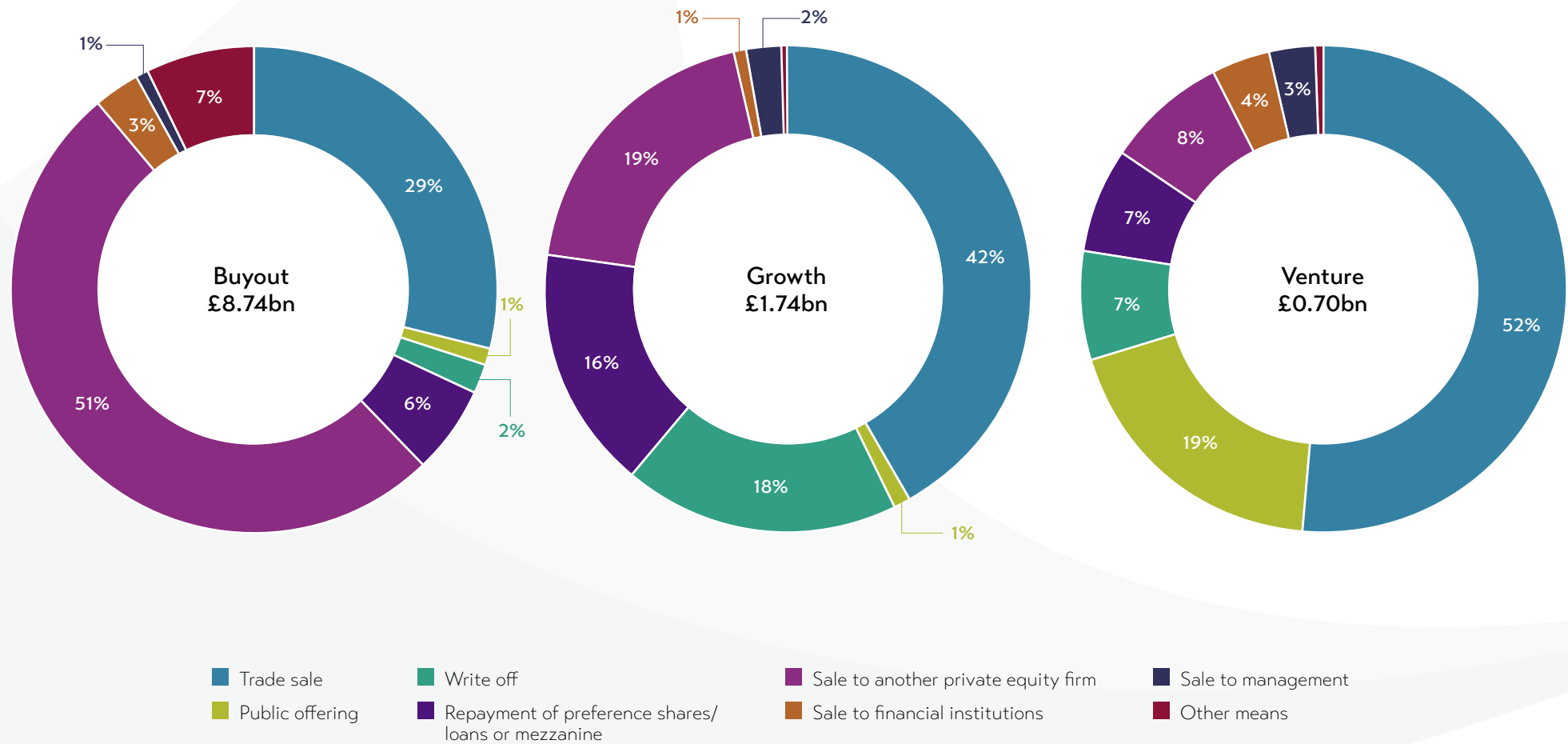
Divestments at a glance

Figure 38. 2022 – Industry statistics – % total amount divested at cost



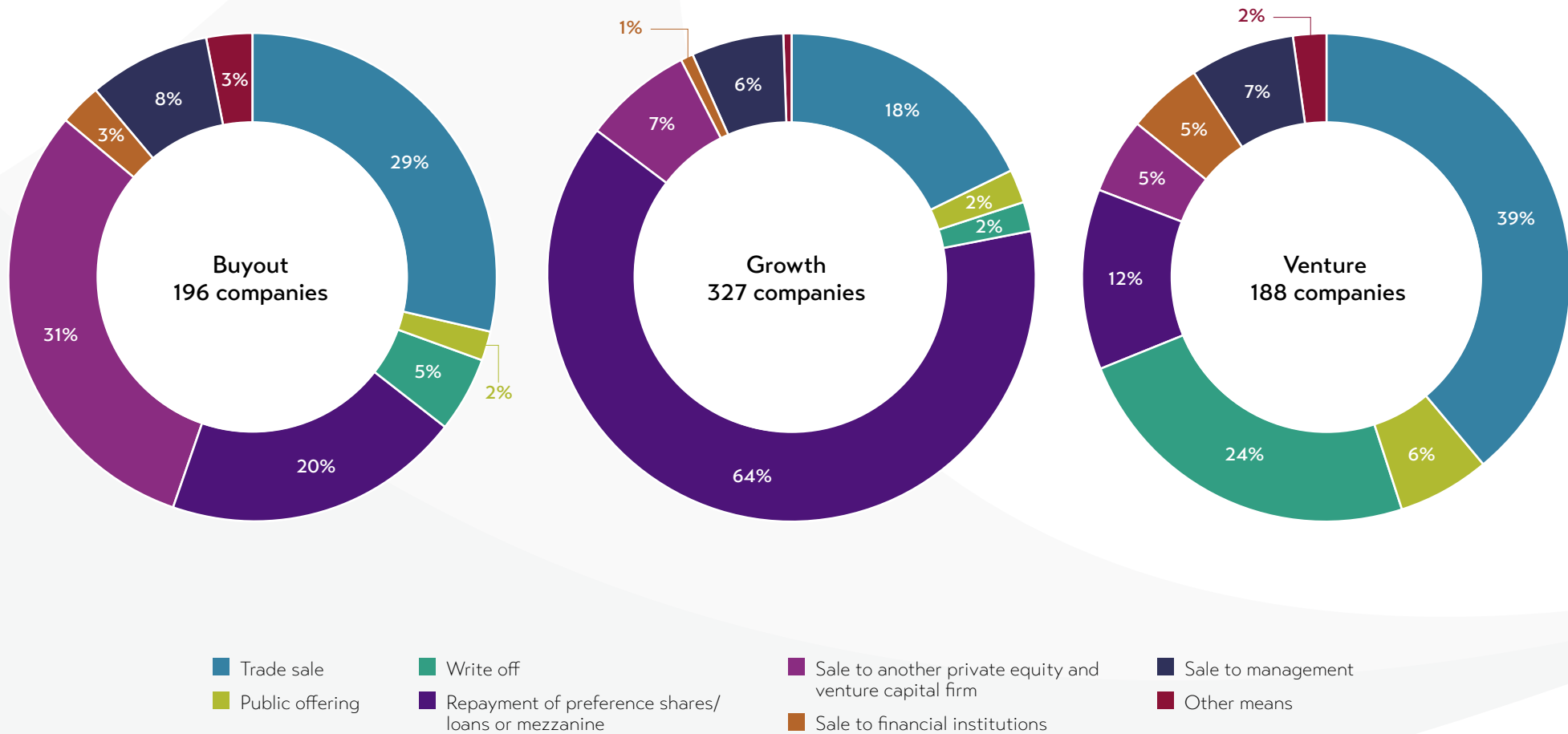
Divestments at cost by exit route – Buyout/Growth/Venture Capital

Figure 39. 2022 – Industry statistics – % of amount



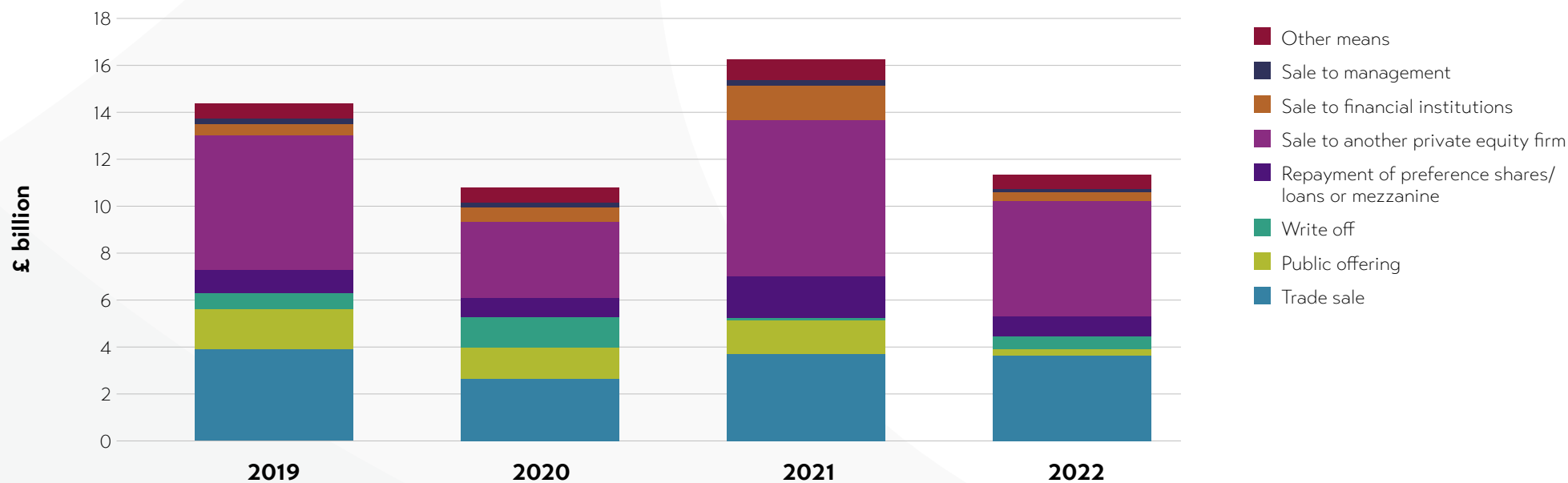
Divestments at cost by exit route – Buyout/Growth/Venture Capital

Figure 40. 2022 – Industry statistics – % of number of companies



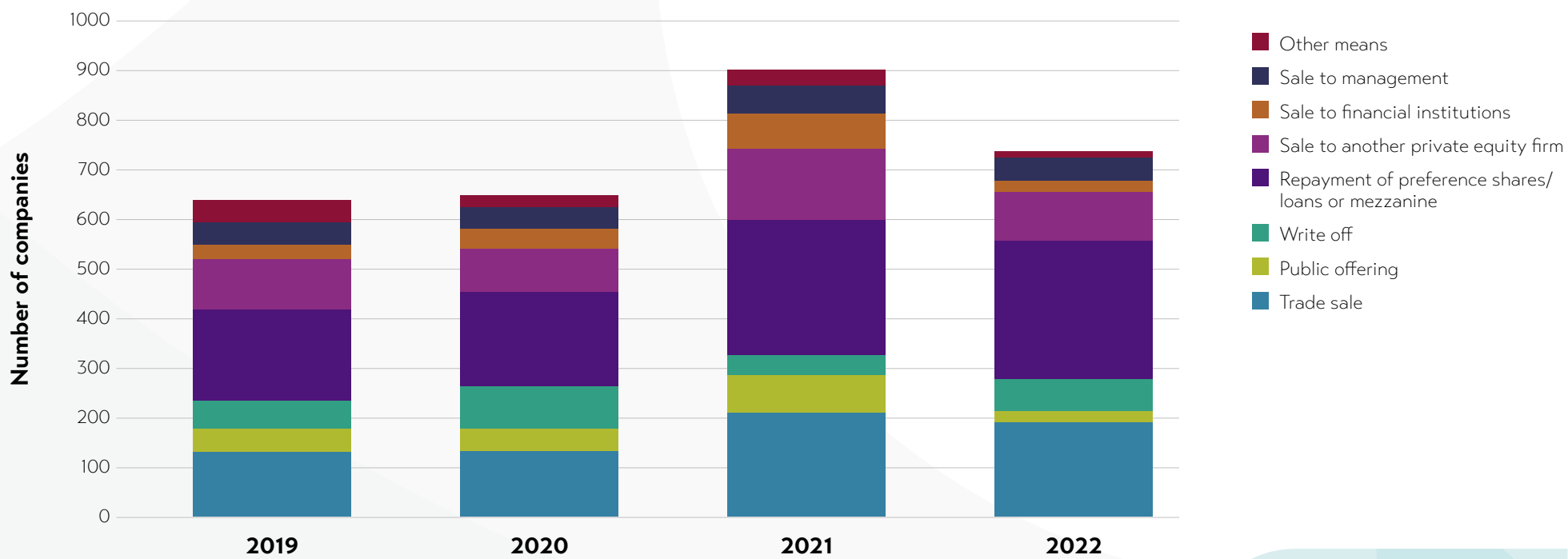
Divestments at cost by exit route

Figure 41. 2019–2022 – Industry statistics – Amount at cost



Divestments at cost by exit route

Figure 42. 2019–2022 – Industry statistics – Number of companies

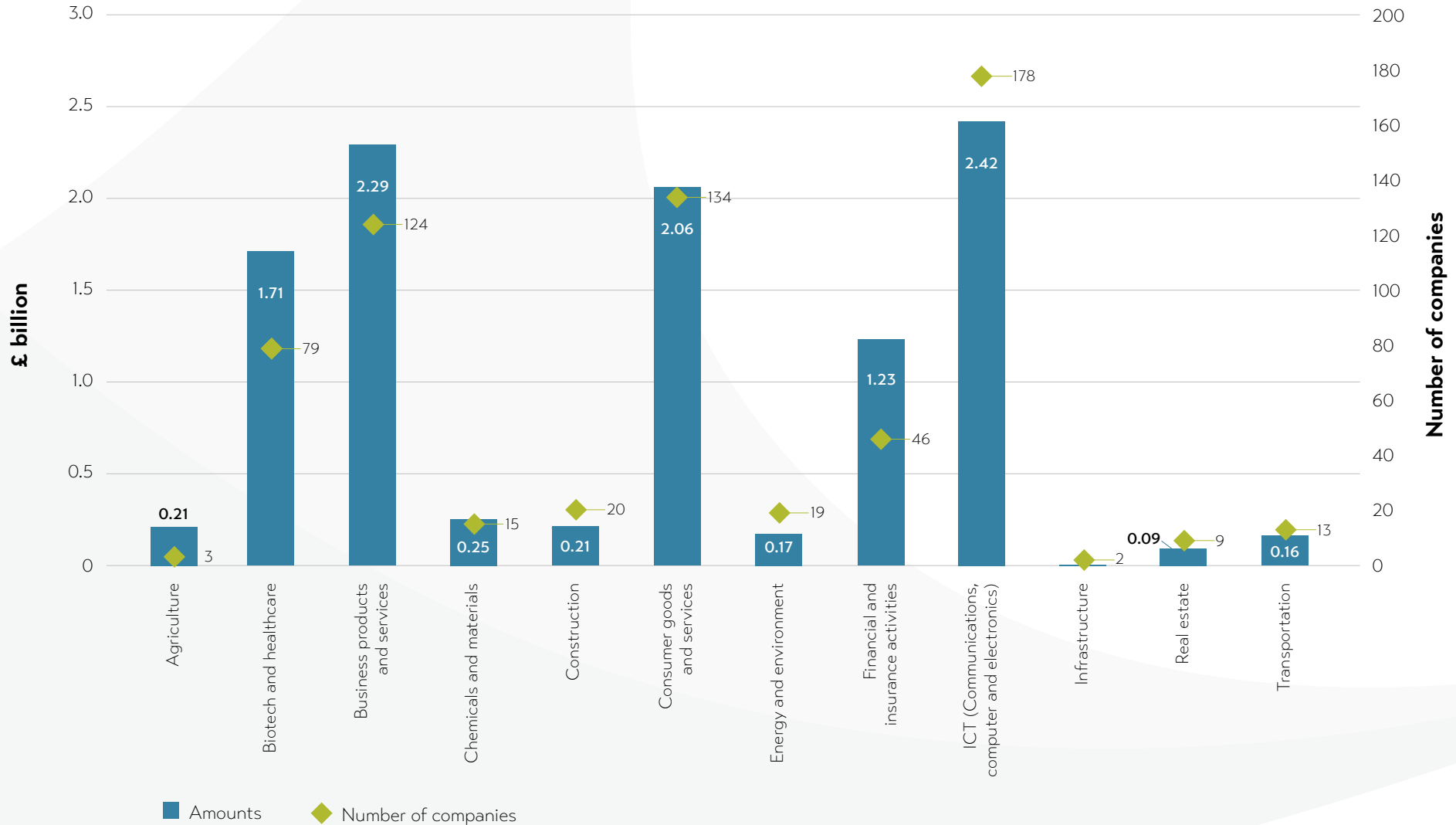


Note: The number of companies in some divestment categories and their subtotals add up to more than the total number of companies divested from. This is due to some companies being divested from by more than one method within the year.



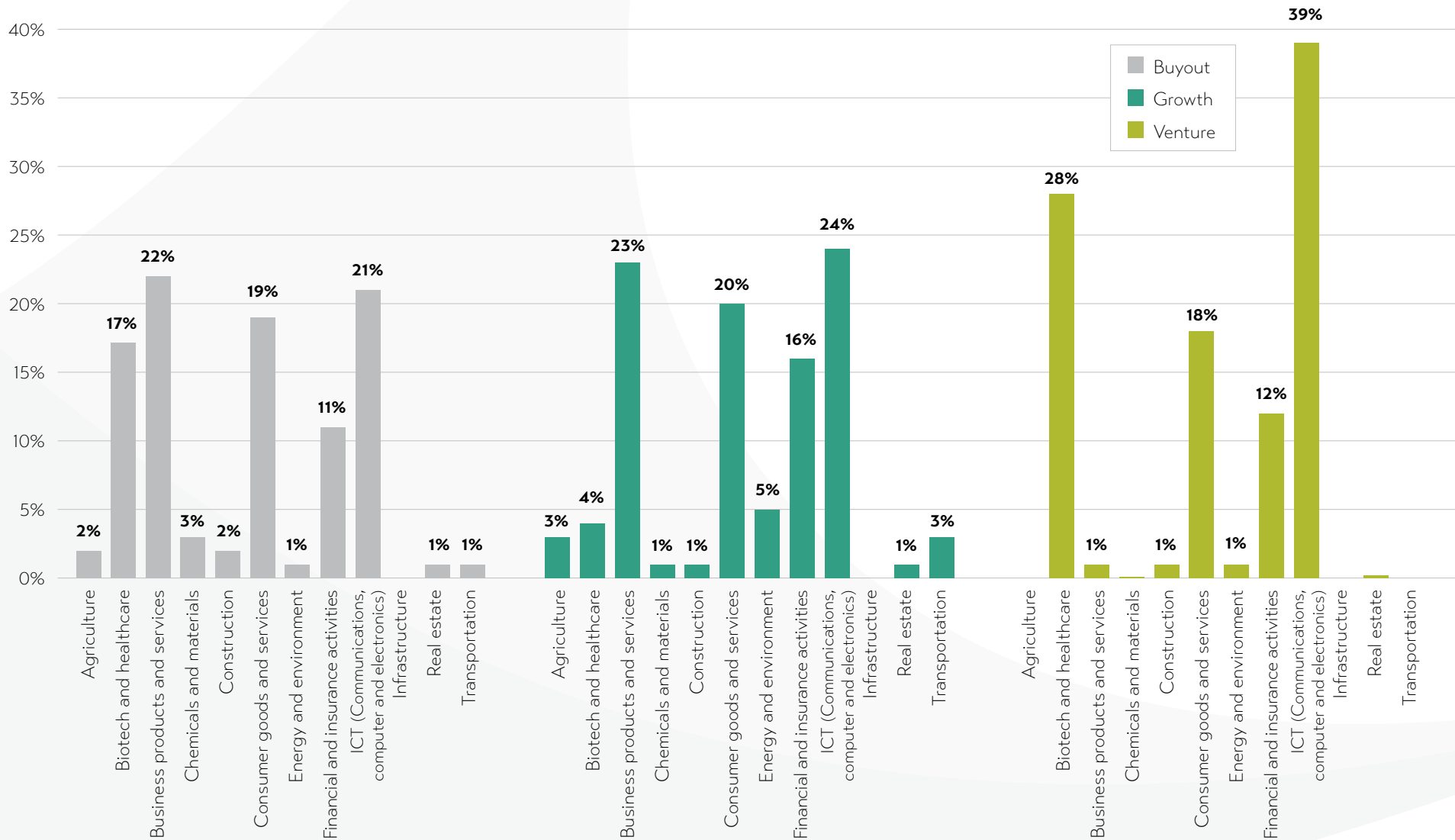
All PE and VC – Divestments at cost by sector

Figure 43. 2022 – Industry statistics – Amount and number of companies (excluding write off)



Divestments at cost by sector – Buyout/Growth/Venture Capital

Figure 44. 2022 – Industry statistics – % of amount (excluding write off)

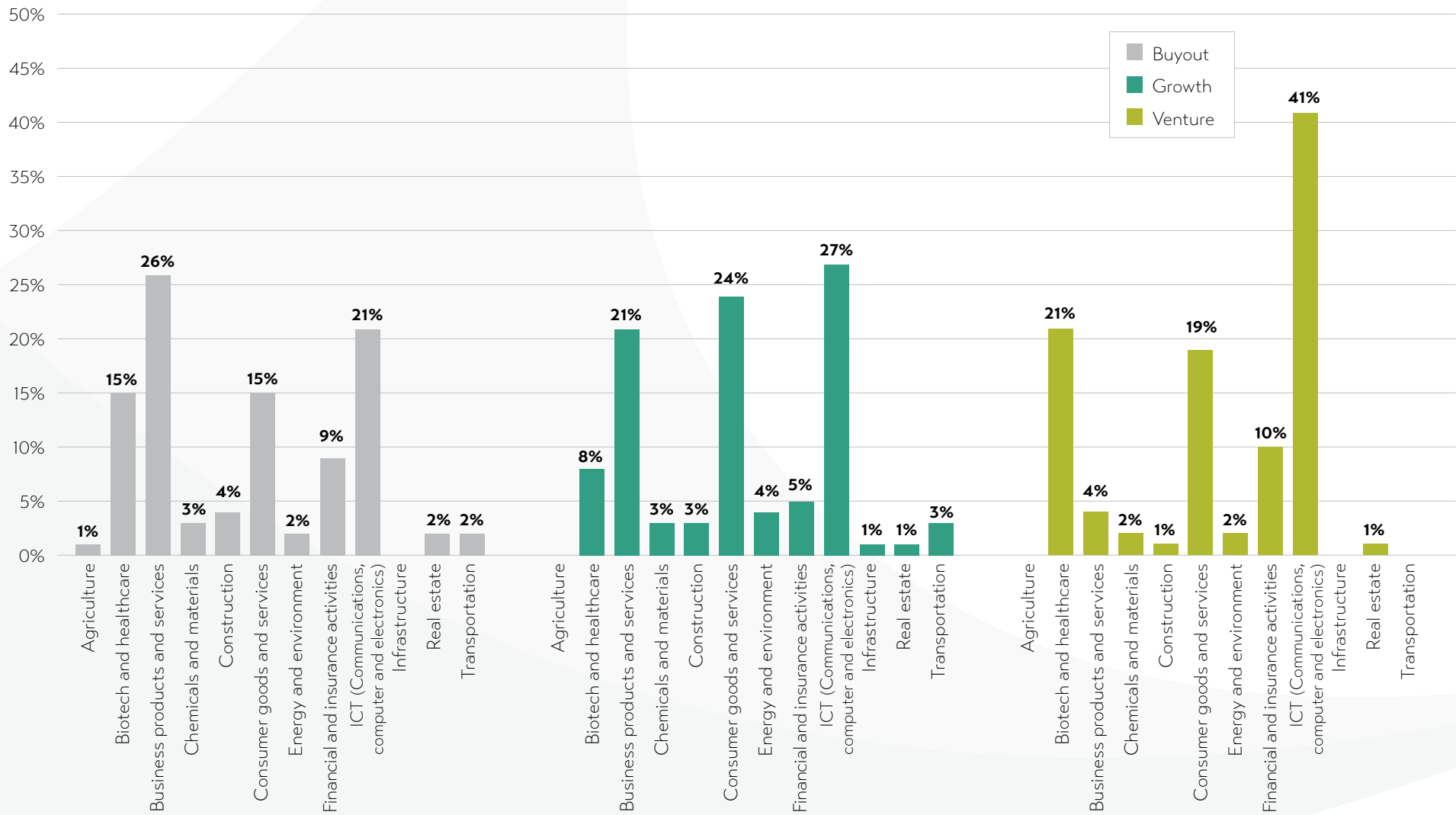


Note: Values below 0.5% are not shown



Divestments at cost by sector – Buyout/Growth/Venture Capital

Figure 45. 2022 – Industry statistics – % of companies (excluding write off)



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All PE and VC – Holding period analysis

Figure 46. 2022 – Industry statistics – average holding period by initial investment stage

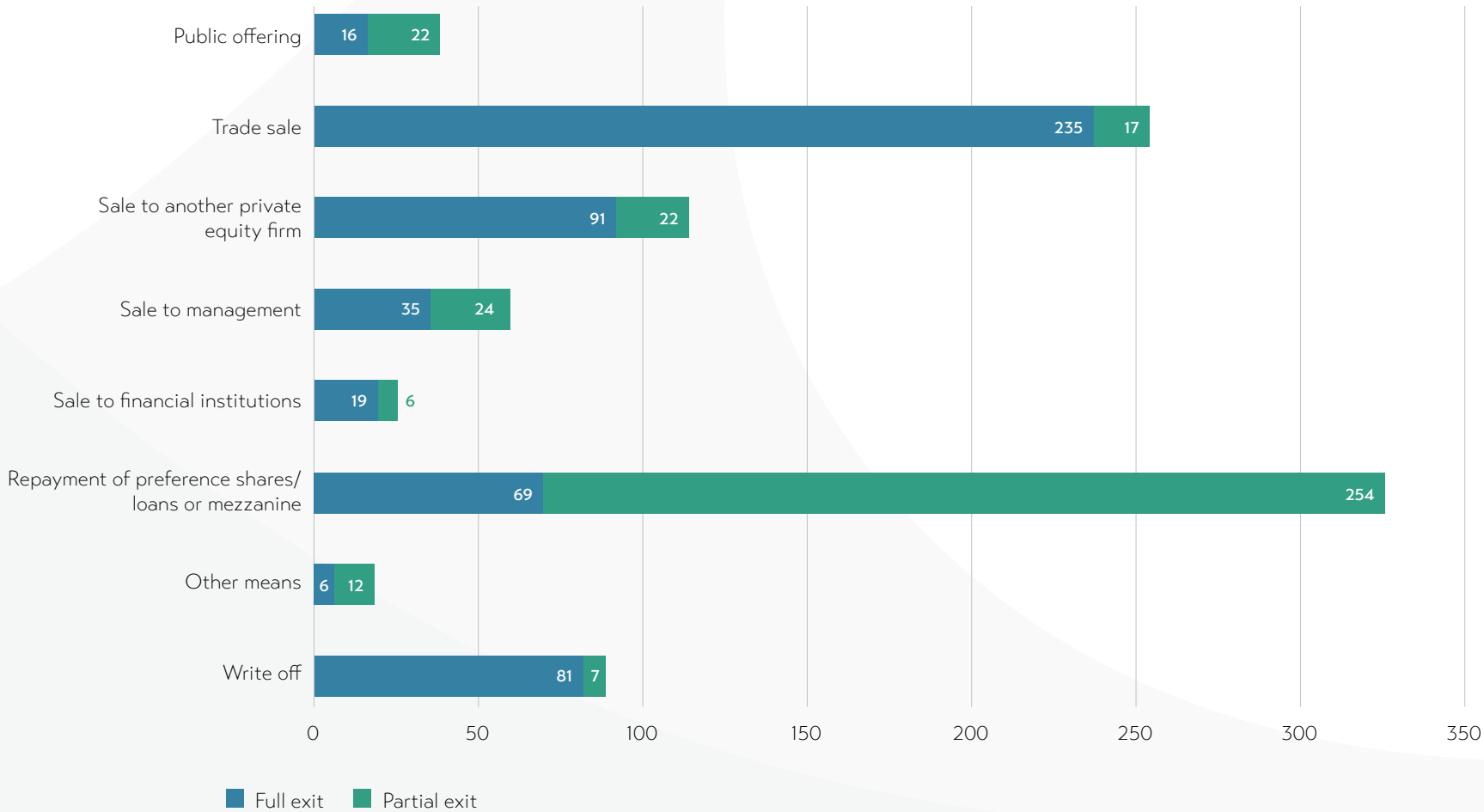


Note: Holding period is calculated by comparing the initial investment date to exit date for companies which have been fully exited from fund's portfolio by an investor



All PE and VC – Number of exits by type

Figure 47. 2022 – Industry statistics – Divestment method – by number of exit transactions

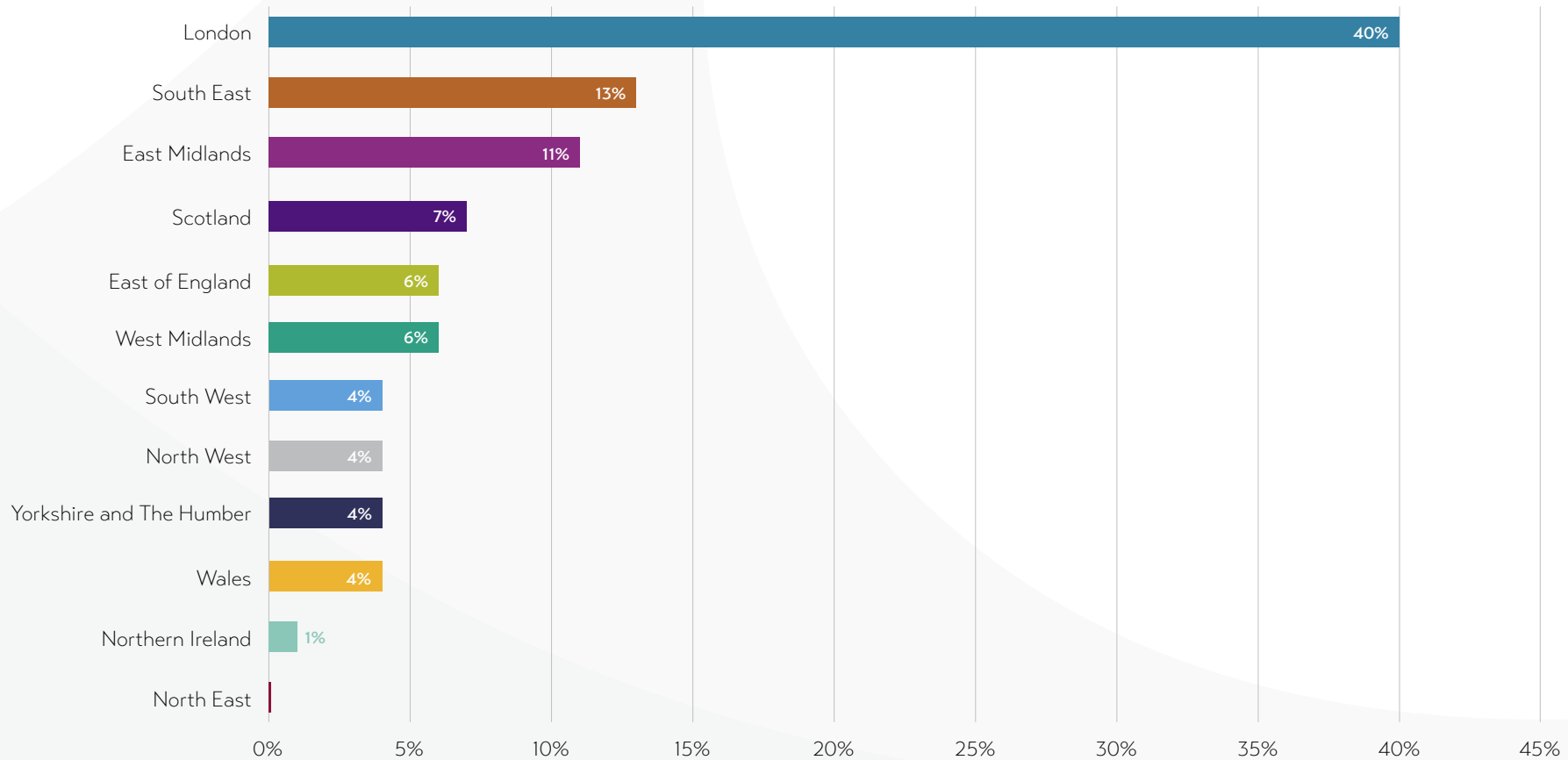


Note: A company may have been exited through more than one method in the year, hence a greater number of exit transactions than total companies divested from
 Note: The exit is related to the fund structure not to the fund manager. An exit from a portfolio company can be partial for one fund and full for another. A company that had both partial and full exit from a given fund in the year is only counted as a full exit



All PE and VC – Divestments at cost by region

Figure 48. 2022 – Market statistics – % of amount



Note: Values below 0.5% are not shown



Data Tables



Table 1a 2022 – Funds raised by source

Type of source	Amount raised						
	2022		2020		2019		
	£m	%	£m	%	£m	%	
Academic inst. / endowment funds / foundations	UK	430	0.6	138	0.4	474	0.9
	Overseas	2,148	3.1	1,004	2.7	964	1.7
	Unclassified	5	0	190	0.5	348	0.6
	Total	2,582	3.7	1,331	3.6	1,786	3.2
Banks	UK	264	0.4	191	0.5	266	0.5
	Overseas	1,720	2.5	587	1.6	1,173	2.1
	Unclassified	102	0.2	-	-	-	-
	Total	2,085	3	778	2.1	1,439	2.6
Capital markets & corporate investors	UK	120	0.2	559	1.5	1,465	2.7
	Overseas	810	1.2	1,020	2.8	447	0.8
	Unclassified	-	-	-	-	523	1
	Total	930	1.3	1,579	4.3	2,436	4.4
Family offices	UK	383	0.6	298	0.8	272	0.5
	Overseas	3,375	4.8	1,299	3.5	1,654	3
	Unclassified	58	0.1	11	0	8	0
	Total	3,816	5.4	1,608	4.4	1,935	3.5
Fund of funds	UK	972	1.4	469	1.3	2,062	3.7
	Overseas	4,761	6.8	3,832	10.4	3,313	6
	Unclassified	105	0.2	173	0.5	-	-
	Total	5,839	8.3	4,474	12.1	5,375	9.7



Table 1b 2022 – Funds raised by source

Type of source	Amount raised						
	2022		2021		2020		
	£m	%	£m	%	£m	%	
Government agencies	UK	75	0.1	412	1.1	191	0.4
	Overseas	261	0.4	660	1.8	667	1.2
	Total	336	0.5	1,072	2.9	858	1.6
Insurance companies	UK	254	0.4	39	0.1	225	0.4
	Overseas	5,954	8.5	1,832	5	3,023	5.5
	Unclassified	-	-	7	0	-	-
Total	6,208	8.9	1,878	5.1	3,248	5.9	
Other asset managers	UK	1,606	2.3	259	0.7	1,280	2.3
	Overseas	1,866	2.7	1,455	3.9	2,345	4.3
	Unclassified	-	-	6	0	-	-
Total	3,472	5	1,719	4.6	3,624	6.6	
Private pension funds	UK	1,676	2.4	110	0.3	496	0.9
	Overseas	3,824	5.5	2,212	6	3,358	6.1
	Unclassified	-	-	41	0.1	309	0.6
Total	5,450	7.8	2,363	6.4	4,164	7.5	
Public pension funds	UK	1,097	1.6	146	0.4	360	0.7
	Overseas	14,488	20.6	4,091	11.1	11,878	21.5
	Unclassified	-	-	-	-	431	0.8
Total	15,586	22.2	4,238	11.4	12,669	23	



Table 1c 2022 – Funds raised by source

Type of source	Amount raised						
	2022		2021		2020		
	£m	%	£m	%	£m	%	
Private individuals	UK	1,490	2.1	722	1.9	1,064	2
	Overseas	420	0.6	1,332	3.6	695	1.3
	Unclassified	-	-	112	0	8	0
	Total	1,910	2.7	2,166	5.8	1,767	3.3
Sovereign wealth funds	UK	-	-	-	-	26	0.05
	Overseas	10,165	14.5	2,093	5.7	5,033	9.1
	Unclassified	-	-	30	0.1	-	-
	Total	10,165	14.5	2,123	5.7	5,059	9.2
Others	UK	1,844	2.6	810	2.2	384	0.7
	Overseas	702	1	292	0.8	359	0.7
	Unclassified	9,212	13.1	10,599	29	10,094	18.3
	Total	11,757	16.8	11,701	31.6	10,837	19.6
Total UK		10,213	14.6	4,154	11.2	8,566	15.5
Total Overseas		50,491	71.9	21,708	58.6	34,910	63.2
Total Unclassified		9,481	13.5	11,170	30.2	11,722	21.2
Grand total		70,185	100	37,031	100	55,198	100

Note: UK includes Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands and Isle of Man

Note: Private individuals includes GP commitments



Table 2a 2022 – Funds raised by country

Country	Amount raised	
	2022	
	£m	%
UK*	10,213	15
Belgium	198	0
Denmark	450	1
Finland	1,288	2
France	1,425	2
Germany	3,021	4
Ireland	80	0
Italy	540	1
Luxembourg	795	1
Netherlands	2,202	3
Spain	249	0
Sweden	814	1
Switzerland	1,353	2
Rest of Europe	1,630	2
United States	16,996	24
Canada	3,279	5
Bahamas	0	0
Barbados	0	0
Asia Pacific	10,643	15
Middle East & Africa	4,748	7
Central & South America	777	1
Unclassified	9,481	14
Total	70,185	100

Note: UK includes Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands and Isle of Man



Table 2b 2021 – Funds raised by country

Country	Amount raised	
	2021	
	£m	%
UK*	4,154	11
Belgium	161	0
Denmark	225	1
Finland	170	0
France	252	1
Germany	282	1
Ireland	110	0
Italy	72	0
Luxembourg	907	2
Netherlands	690	2
Spain	191	1
Sweden	53	0
Switzerland	976	3
Rest of Europe	3,247	9
United States	6,649	18
Canada	1,273	3
Bahamas	2	0
Barbados	4	0
Asia Pacific	5,596	15
Middle East & Africa	505	1
Central & South America	342	1
Unclassified	11,170	30
Total	37,031	100

Note: UK includes Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands and Isle of Man



Table 2c 2020 – Funds raised by country

Country	Amount raised	
	2020	
	£m	%
UK*	8,566	16
Belgium	110	0
Denmark	358	1
Finland	246	0
France	811	1
Germany	1,089	2
Ireland	50	0
Italy	284	1
Luxembourg	717	1
Netherlands	1,014	2
Spain	174	0
Sweden	433	1
Switzerland	1,454	3
Rest of Europe	1,702	3
United States	13,935	25
Canada	1,888	3
Bahamas	0	0
Barbados	3	0
Asia Pacific	9,104	16
Middle East & Africa	619	1
Central & South America	917	2
Unclassified	11,722	21
Total	55,197	100

Note: UK includes Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands and Isle of Man



Table 3a Industry statistics – Investment by country

Country	Number of companies			% of companies			Amount invested (£m)			% amount invested		
	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020
UK	1,337	1,562	1,529	69	64	71	22,750	26,868	14,224	49	44	38
US	110	229	153	6	9	7	2,045	5,336	4,107	4	9	11
Europe	448	581	430	23	24	20	21,169	26,421	17,757	45	44	48
Rest of the world	49	85	55	3	3	3	892	2,028	1,237	2	3	3
Total	1,944	2,457	2,167	100	100	100	46,855	60,652	37,325	100	100	100

Table 3b Industry statistics – 2022 Quarterly investment by country

Country	Number of companies					% of companies					Amount invested (£m)					% amount invested				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
UK	398	402	341	402	1543	26	26	22	26	100	5,652	6,263	6,311	4,524	22,750	25	28	28	20	100
US	39	28	24	24	115	34	24	21	21	100	400	110	370	1,165	2,045	20	5	18	57	100
Europe	132	135	109	123	499	26	27	22	25	100	5,178	4,856	6,498	4,636	21,169	25	23	31	22	100
Rest of the world	14	13	14	9	50	28	26	28	18	100	463	226	167	36	892	52	25	19	4	100
Total	583	578	488	558	2,207	26	26	22	25	100	11,694	11,456	13,345	10,360	46,855	25	24	29	22	100

Note: The number of companies in some quarters and their subtotals add up to more than the total number of companies invested in. This is due to some companies receiving more than one investment within the year at different quarters.



Table 4 Industry statistics – Overseas investment by investment stage

Investment stage	Number of companies			% of companies			Amount invested (£m)			% of amount invested		
	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020
Seed	73	126	65	12	13	10	104	136	63	0	0	0
Start-up	60	132	71	10	14	11	247	425	210	1	1	1
Other early stage	150	192	135	24	20	21	1,092	1,018	691	5	3	3
Later stage venture	73	115	83	12	12	12	1,528	2,619	935	6	8	4
Bridge equity financing	6	5		1	1		20	25		0	0	
Total venture capital	362	570	354	59	61	54	2,991	4,222	1,898	12	13	8
Growth capital	122	197	157	20	21	24	4,215	8,018	2,645	18	24	11
Total growth capital	122	197	157	20	21	24	4,215	8,018	2,645	18	24	11
MBO/MBI	82	103	88	13	11	13	10,136	12,504	11,682	42	37	51
Secondary buyout	20	33	17	3	4	3	5,257	4,045	4,449	22	12	19
PIPE	2	5	6	0	1	1	38	522	412	0	2	2
Public to private	2	4	2	0	0	0	655	1,458	950	3	4	4
Add-on/bolt-on/build-up acquisition	18	21	22	3	2	3	400	461	457	2	1	2
Infrastructure	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	264	0	0	1	0
Total buyout	124	168	135	20	18	20	16,485	19,254	17,950	69	57	78
Refinancing bank debt		0			0			0			0	0
Replacement capital	6	4	9	1	0	1	405	2,290	214	2	7	1
Turnaround/Rescue	2	0	3	0	0	0	9	0	394	0	0	2
Total other stages	8	4	12	1	0	1	414	2,290	608	2	7	3
Total	607	895	638	100	100	100	24,106	33,784	23,102	100	100	100

Note: The number of companies in some investment stage categories and their subtotals add up to more than the total number of companies invested in. This is due to some companies receiving more than one investment within the year at different investment stages.

Note: Some investment stages have been amalgamated where there are instances of single deals, in order to preserve confidentiality.



Table 5 Market Statistics – UK investment by investment stage

Investment stage	Number of companies			% of companies			Amount invested (£m)			% of amount invested		
	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020
Seed	262	233	263	16	12	14	331	283	203	1	1	1
Start-up	203	243	228	12	13	12	664	563	345	2	2	2
Other early stage	410	433	428	25	22	23	1,332	1,217	1,174	5	3	6
Later stage venture	118	153	149	7	8	8	1,039	2,611	1,222	4	7	6
Bridge equity financing	14	17	22	1	1	1	9	20	56	0	0	0
Total venture capital	1,007	1,079	1,090	61	56	59	3,375	4,693	3,000	12	13	15
Growth capital	415	536	502	25	28	27	5,234	8,845	4,115	19	24	21
Total growth capital	415	536	502	25	28	27	5,234	8,845	4,115	19	24	21
MBO/MBI	137	188	140	8	10	8	11,183	14,333	7,653	41	40	39
Secondary buyout	26	56	24	2	3	1	4,837	6,214	1,276	18	17	7
PIPE	4	3	5	0	0	0	1,878	95	134	7	0	1
Public to private		5	6		0	0		1,034	2,221		3	11
Add-on/bolt-on/build-up acquisition	25	43	36	2	2	2	524	678	764	2	2	4
Infrastructure	9	5		1	0		68	54		0	0	
Total buyout	201	300	211	12	16	12	18,490	22,407	12,047	67	62	61
Refinancing bank debt	0	17	6	0	1	0	0	107	171	0	0	1
Replacement capital	17		15	1		1	376		179	1		1
Turnaround/Rescue	10	9	12	1	1	1	29	72	97	0	0	0
Total other stages	27	26	33	2	1	2	405	179	447	1	1	2
Total	1,578	1,784	1,710	100	100	100	27,503	36,124	19,609	100	100	100

Note: The number of companies in some investment stage categories and their subtotals add up to more than the total number of companies invested in. This is due to some companies receiving more than one investment within the year at different investment stages.

Note: Some investment stages have been amalgamated where there are instances of single deals, in order to preserve confidentiality.



Table 6 2022 Market statistics – MBOs/MBIs by investment size (UK)

Size	Number of companies		Amount invested	
	Number	%	£m	%
Small (<£10m)	40	29	139	1
Mid-sized (£10m - £100m)	72	53	2,394	21
Large (£100m - £300m)	13	9	2,011	18
Mega (>£300m)	12	9	6,640	59
Total	137	100	11,183	100

Note: Size bandings are based on the amount of equity invested by private equity and venture capital firms in the database, not the total transaction size.

Table 7 Market statistics – Average amount invested by stage (UK)

Investment stage	Amount invested, £000s		
	2022	2021	2020
Seed	1,263	1,212	771
Start-up	3,272	2,316	1,513
Other early stage	3,248	2,810	2,744
Later stage venture	8,801	17,065	8,204
Bridge equity financing	674	1,188	2,537
Total venture capital	3,351	4,350	2,752
Growth capital	12,612	16,502	8,197
Total growth capital	12,612	16,502	8,197
MBO/MBI	81,630	76,239	54,662
Secondary buyout	186,042	110,966	53,167
PIPE	469,584	31,724	26,836
Public to private		206,708	370,102
Add-on/bolt-on/build-up acquisition	20,953	15,761	21,215
Infrastructure	7,500	10,728	
Total buyout	91,990	74,690	57,096
Refinancing bank debt	0		28,536
Replacement capital	22,104	6,315	11,900
Turnaround/Rescue	2,898	7,994	8,110
Total other stages	14,990	6,896	13,547
Total	17,429	20,260	11,468

Note: Some investment stages have been amalgamated where there are instances of single deals, in order to preserve confidentiality.



Table 8 Market statistics – Investment by industry sector (UK)

Industry sector	Number of companies			% of companies			Amount invested (£m)			% of amount invested		
	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020
Agriculture	10	8	10	1	0	1	31	35	73	0	0	0
Biotech and healthcare	273	280	260	17	16	15	3,679	5,552	2,868	13	15	15
Business products and services	214	205	166	14	11	10	5,218	4,933	2,379	19	14	12
Chemicals and materials	23	27	24	1	2	1	143	109	125	1	0	1
Construction	16	18	15	1	1	1	141	346	25	1	1	0
Consumer goods and services	220	284	281	14	16	16	3,679	8,616	3,168	13	24	16
Energy and environment	79	73	66	5	4	4	627	1,924	463	2	5	2
Financial and insurance activities	112	143	101	7	8	6	3,696	5,337	1,761	13	15	9
ICT (Communications, computer and electronics)	581	690	731	37	39	43	9,871	8,812	8,478	36	24	43
Infrastructure	3	8	10	0	0	1	96	19	3	0	0	0
Real estate	19	20	16	1	1	1	48	187	110	0	1	1
Transportation	24	28	28	2	2	2	266	256	157	1	1	1
Unknown	4	0	2	0	0	0	9	0	1	0	0	0
Total	1,578	1,784	1,710	100	100	100	27,503	36,124	19,609	100	100	100



Table 9 Market statistics – Investment by region (UK)

Regions	Number of companies			% of companies			Amount invested (£m)			% of amount invested		
	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020
London	705	746	683	45	42	40	15,480	14,384	9,821	56	40	50
South East	130	192	196	8	11	11	1,909	5,058	3,191	7	14	16
South West	55	74	67	3	4	4	740	2,353	1,032	3	7	5
East of England	94	107	108	6	6	6	887	2,681	444	3	7	2
West Midlands	83	79	90	5	4	5	1,529	919	1,194	6	3	6
East Midlands	85	94	56	5	5	3	3,793	1,912	459	14	5	2
Yorkshire and The Humber	53	63	76	3	4	4	344	3,329	545	1	9	3
North West	98	153	112	6	9	7	904	2,587	1,629	3	7	8
North East	62	71	104	4	4	6	559	510	201	2	1	1
Scotland	96	106	104	6	6	6	605	1,044	364	2	3	2
Wales	58	44	63	4	2	4	584	853	270	2	2	1
Northern Ireland	50	42	45	3	2	3	112	268	174	0	1	1
Other (1)	4	9	4	0	1	0	13	219	283	0	1	1
Unknown	5	4	2	0	0	0	41	6	2	0	0	0
Total	1,578	1,784	1,710	100	100	100	27,503	36,124	19,609	100	100	100

Note: (1) Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Gibraltar, Bermuda and British Virgin Islands



Table 10 Market statistics – Investment stage analysis by region (UK) – Number of companies

Regions	Venture capital						Growth capital						Buyout						Other stages					
	Number			%			Number			%			Number			%			Number			%		
	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020
London	530	520	474	55	53	47	120	155	143	29	29	29	64	98	75	32	34	36	7	9	12	26	35	38
South East	61	73	90	6	7	9	39	83	78	9	16	16	29	41	27	15	14	13	5	4	4	19	15	13
South West	28	31	28	3	3	3	19	27	29	5	5	6	7	16	10	4	5	5	1		2	4		6
East of England	65	71	90	7	7	9	15	18	13	4	3	3	13	19	6	7	7	3	2	2		7	8	
West Midlands	32	42	29	3	4	3	37	25	46	9	5	9	14	12	13	7	4	6	0	2	3	0		9
East Midlands	19	22	15	2	2	1	43	54	33	10	10	7	18	15	8	9	5	4	5	3	3	19	12	9
Yorkshire and The Humber	23	24	32	2	2	3	20	22	28	5	4	6	7	16	16	4	5	8	3	2	0	11	8	0
North West	31	43	34	3	4	3	48	74	53	12	14	11	16	34	23	8	12	11	3	3	4	11	12	13
North East	36	35	69	4	4	7	24	33	30	6	6	6	4	6	7	2	2	3	0	0	2	0	0	6
Scotland	57	64	66	6	6	7	27	25	29	7	5	6	15	16	11	8	5	5	1	3		4	12	
Wales	38	25	40	4	3	4	15	13	16	4	2	3	8	7	7	4	2	3		0	2		0	
Northern Ireland	42	32	39	4	3	4	6	4	3	1	1	1	2	7	2	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	6
Other (1)	2	3	3	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	4	3		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	968	988	1,009	100	100	100	415	535	501	100	100	100	198	291	207	100	100	100	27	26	32	100	100	100

Note: (1) Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Gibraltar, Bermuda and British Virgin Islands

Note: The number of companies in some investment stage categories and their subtotals add up to more than the total number of companies invested in. This is due to some companies receiving more than one investment within the year at different investment stages.

Note: Some regions have been amalgamated where there are instances of single deals, in order to preserve confidentiality.



Table 11 Market statistics – Investment stage analysis by region (UK) – Amount invested

Regions	Venture capital						Growth capital						Buyout						Other stages					
	Amount (£m)			%			Amount (£m)			%			Amount (£m)			%			Amount (£m)			%		
	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020
London	2,303	3,310	2,080	68	71	69	3,696	4,714	2,209	71	53	54	9,225	6,246	5,323	50	28	44	256	114	209	63	64	47
South East	316	309	233	9	7	8	151	788	349	3	9	8	1,384	3,917	2,470	7	17	21	58	45	139	14	25	31
South West	75	93	118	2	2	4	102	967	206	2	11	5	545	1,293	705	3	6	6	19		7	5		2
East of England	307	348	244	9	7	8	68	330	35	1	4	1	505	2,003	161	3	9	1	6	0		2	0	
West Midlands	28	247	29	1	5	1	422	288	564	8	3	14	1,079	384	591	6	2	5	0	0	10	0	0	2
East Midlands	28	33	17	1	1	1	90	114	106	2	1	3	3,633	1,765	336	20	8	3	42	0	0	10	0	0
Yorkshire and The Humber	17	33	34	0	1	1	99	140	80	2	2	2	225	3,156	430	1	14	4	4	1	0	1	0	0
North West	82	111	102	2	2	3	207	836	250	4	9	6	596	1,628	1,219	3	7	10	19	12	58	5	7	13
North East	28	20	47	1	0	2	49	63	18	1	1	0	482	427	115	3	2	1	0	0	24	0	0	5
Scotland	132	121	60	4	3	2	136	108	132	3	1	3	338	808	170	2	4	1	0	7		0	4	
Wales	32	11	17	1	0	1	185	459	154	4	5	4	367	384	99	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland	18	18	12	1	0	0	21	3	10	0	0	0	72	247	151	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (1)	6	42	6	0	1	0	7	29	2	0	0	0	37	148	278	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	4	0		0	0		0	6	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	3,375	4,693	3,000	100	100	100	5,234	8,845	4,115	100	100	100	18,490	22,407	12,047	100	100	100	405	179	447	100	100	100

Note: (1) Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Gibraltar, Bermuda and British Virgin Islands



Table 12 2022 Market statistics – Industry sector analysis by region (UK) - Number of companies

Regions	Consumer goods and services		Business products and services		Financial and insurance activities		ICT (Communications, computer and electronics)		Biotech and healthcare	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
London	92	42	77	36	84	75	309	53	92	34
South East	23	10	14	7	7	6	35	6	35	13
South West	15	7	10	5	2	2	15	3	6	2
East of England	5	2	10	5	0	0	27	5	33	12
West Midlands	15	7	21	10	2	2	16	3	13	5
East Midlands	9	4	23	11			25	4	14	5
Yorkshire and The Humber	10	5	9	4	2	2	23	4	5	2
North West	12	5	20	9	0	0	35	6	22	8
North East	12	5	8	4	7	6	27	5	9	3
Scotland	9	4	12	6			24	4	19	7
Wales	9	4	5	2	7	6	23	4	11	4
Northern Ireland	8	4	5	2	0	0	18	3	13	5
Other (1)	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
Unknown			0	0			2	0	2	1
Total	220	100	214	100	112	100	581	100	273	100

Note: (1) Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Gibraltar, Bermuda and British Virgin Islands

Note: Some regions have been amalgamated where there are instances of single deals, in order to preserve confidentiality



Table 13 2022 Market statistics – Industry sector analysis by region (UK) – Amount invested

Regions	Consumer goods and services		Business products and services		Financial and insurance activities		ICT (Communications, computer and electronics)		Biotech and healthcare	
	Amount (£m)	%	Amount (£m)	%	Amount (£m)	%	Amount (£m)	%	Amount (£m)	%
London	2,582	70	3,001	58	2,482	67	5,535	56	1,302	35
South East	371	10	364	7	608	16	281	3	167	5
South West	94	3	57	1	2	0	68	1	472	13
East of England	11	0	95	2	0	0	420	4	192	5
West Midlands	287	8	235	5	43	1	44	0	900	24
East Midlands	9	0	413	8			3,088	31	201	5
Yorkshire and The Humber	88	2	30	1	26	1	86	1	54	1
North West	88	2	335	6	0	0	210	2	227	6
North East	36	1	7	0	529	14	17	0	25	1
Scotland	84	2	128	2			94	1	52	1
Wales	10	0	478	9	3	0	14	0	77	2
Northern Ireland	16	0	73	1	0	0	5	0	8	0
Other (1)	3	0	0	0	3	0	7	0	0	0
Unknown			0	0			3	0	4	0
Total	3,679	100	5,218	100	3,696	100	9,871	100	3,679	100

Note: (1) Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Gibraltar, Bermuda and British Virgin Islands



Table 14 Market statistics – Divestments at cost by exit route

Type of divestment	Amount divested			% of amount divested			Number of divestments			% of number of divestments			Number of companies			% of number of companies		
	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020
Trade sale	2,139	2,571	1,276	32	34	23	272	260	181	26	21	23	160	174	108	25	23	20
Public offering	143	430	715	2	6	13	53	169	75	5	14	13	16	47	33	2	6	6
Write off	356	100	893	5	1	16	99	54	113	10	4	16	61	39	75	9	5	14
Repayment of preference shares/ loans or mezzanine	869	1,316	613	13	17	11	426	420	268	41	34	11	277	258	180	42	34	33
Sale to another private equity firm	2,270	2,172	1,390	34	28	25	87	130	91	8	11	25	69	107	63	11	14	12
Sale to financial institutions	170	631	367	3	8	7	16	98	63	2	8	7	15	57	34	2	8	6
Sale to management	100	147	124	2	2	2	72	71	46	7	6	2	43	47	33	7	6	6
Other means	535	299	129	8	4	2	14	30	41	1	2	2	12	23	20	2	3	4
Total	6,583	7,666	5,507	100	100	100	1,039	1,232	878	100	100	100	653	752	546	100	100	100

Note: The number of companies in some divestment categories and their subtotals add up to more than the total number of companies divested from. This is due to some companies being divested from by more than one method within the year.



Table 15 Market statistics – Divestments at cost by sector

Type of divestment	Amount divested			% of amount divested			Number of companies			% of number of companies		
	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020	2022	2021	2020
Agriculture	36	64	5	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0
Biotech and healthcare	1,045	877	925	16	11	17	74	88	75	12	12	14
Business products and services	1,426	1,545	590	22	20	11	119	115	70	19	16	13
Chemicals and materials	52	47	3	1	1	0	14	10	7	2	1	1
Construction	214	235	105	3	3	2	21	21	15	3	3	3
Consumer goods and services	1,022	2,003	1,259	16	26	23	120	154	117	19	22	22
Energy and environment	258	177	42	4	2	1	26	29	23	4	4	4
Financial and insurance activities	928	865	590	14	11	11	39	46	38	6	7	7
ICT (Communications, computer and electronics)	1,482	1,723	1,299	23	22	24	184	212	166	30	30	31
Infrastructure	0	6	53	0	0	1	2	4	3	0	1	1
Real estate	42	36	36	1	0	1	8	6	5	1	1	1
Transportation	77	88	601	1	1	11	11	19	11	2	3	2
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1
Total	6,583	7,666	5,507	100	100	100	619	706	534	100	100	100



Methodology and data sources

Data sources

The BVCA collects data from members on an annual basis covering fundraising, investments and divestments in each calendar year. In 2022, the BVCA took the decision to widen the scope of captured activity to monitor wider market trends more accurately. The activity dataset now includes the following categories of data:

- Activity data provided by private equity and venture capital BVCA member firms.
- Activity data provided by non-member private equity and venture capital firms to other national associations that are part of the European Data Cooperative ('EDC'). Further information about the EDC can be found later in this report.
- Activity data of private equity and venture capital firms that was obtained from publicly available sources.

The BVCA alongside together with other national associations have supplemented data provided by members and used estimates where appropriate.

Survey eligibility

All BVCA members who hold General Partner membership and are primarily based in the UK are required to complete the investment activity survey. To be included in the current year survey, a firm had to be a full GP member of the BVCA as at 1 January 2023.

Number of BVCA member respondents and year on year comparability

For the 2022 survey we received responses from 187 members out of a total eligible pool of 254 members, a response rate of 74%. For comparison, in the 2021 survey we received a response from 202 members out of a total of 269 who were eligible (75% response rate).

Members that provided data in 2023 but have not formally submitted the survey on the EDC have their activity included in the dataset and are counted towards the overall number of respondents. Members that already provided 2022 activity last year but did not participate in 2023 have their activity included in the dataset but are excluded from the overall number of respondents. Members that haven't provided any information on their 2022 activity are excluded from overall number of respondents, Their activity was supplemented from publicly available sources where possible.

Historical data between 2019 and 2021 has been restated in this report to reflect changes in methodology and cannot be directly compared to the figures published in previous reports.

Checks and quality controls

The EDC data collection system allows data providers to review information prior to submission, and our members can see their prior year submissions.

The BVCA research team will process any amendments that are required to prior year data which have been flagged by members.

The BVCA research team reviews all BVCA member submissions for completeness and query any obvious errors, however we do not independently verify the data submitted as this is frequently not in the public domain. We also include information from third party sources that cannot be independently verified. As a result, the BVCA cannot guarantee the ultimate accuracy of the data and therefore BVCA does not accept responsibility for any decision made or action taken based on the information provided in this report.



Methodology and data sources continued

Industry sector definitions

The classification of individual company investments by industry and subsector is based on statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community (NACE) code. A detailed breakdown is provided later in this report.

Currency conversion

Where investment information was collected in currencies other than Pounds Sterling on the EDC platform, the amounts were converted into Sterling using mid-market exchange rates on the date of transaction.

Confidentiality

All data received is treated with the utmost confidentiality. Data is published in an aggregated and anonymised form only.

Transparency and access to data

The BVCA is committed to transparency and making the data we collect easily accessible to the public in a usable form, subject to the confidentiality requirements previously mentioned.

In addition, we have made the numbers behind the charts available in Excel for ease of analysis which can be found [\[here\]](#). No underlying data relating to individual firms or transactions is made available, purely the aggregated figures. We hope this report will continue to be a valuable data source for researchers and others with an interest in private equity and venture capital.



Methodology: Explanatory notes

Investments

The number of companies in some investment stage categories and their subtotals add up to more than the total number of companies invested in. This is due to some companies receiving more than one investment within the year at different investment stages.

The number of firms in some investment stage categories and their subtotals add up to more than the total number of all private equity firms. This is due to some firms investing in companies at different investment stages within the year.

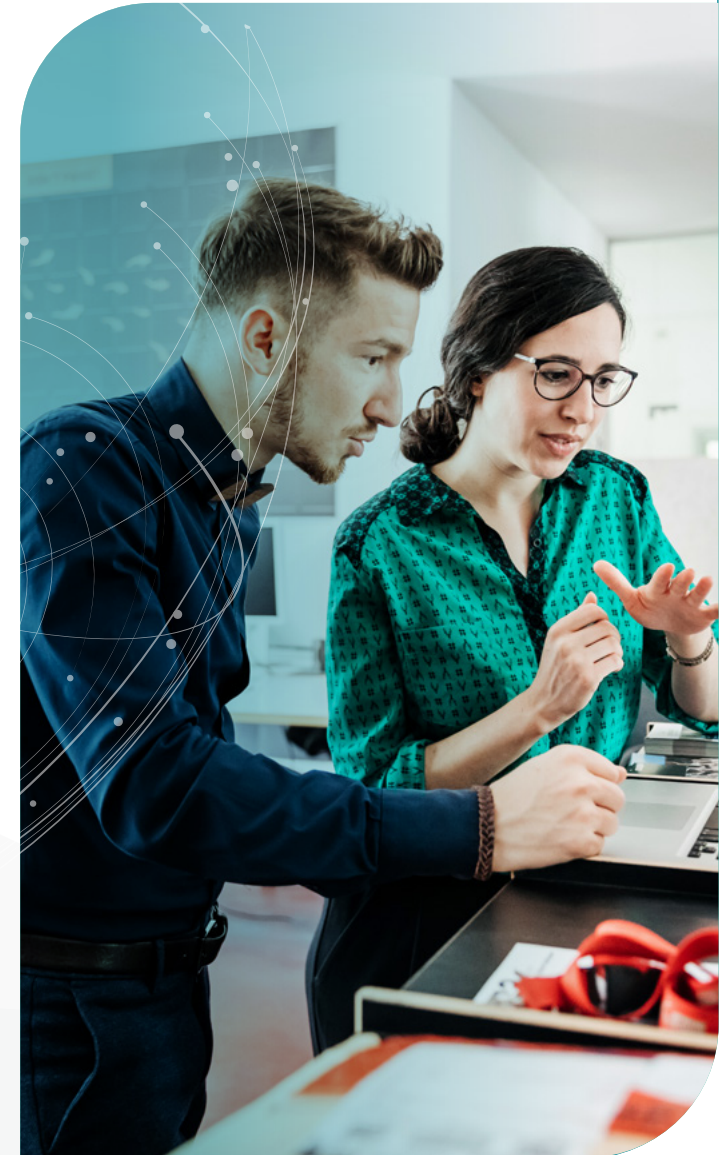
The number of funds in some investment stage categories and their subtotals add up to more than the total number of all private equity funds. This is due to some funds investing in companies at different investment stages within the year.

Divestments

The number of companies in initial investment stage categories and their subtotals add up to more than the total number of companies divested from. This is due to some companies receiving more than one investment at different investment stages.

The number of firms in initial investment stage categories and their subtotals add up to more than the total number of all private equity firms that divested from their portfolio. This is due to some firms divesting from multiple companies at different initial stages of investment.

The number of funds in initial investment stage categories and their subtotals add up to more than the total amount of all private equity funds that divested from their portfolio. This is due to some funds divesting from multiple companies at different initial stages of investment.



Data collection platform: European Data Cooperative

- Since 2011, the BVCA has supported the European Data Cooperative (EDC), working with Invest Europe, AFIC, AIFI and 20 other private equity and venture capital associations across Europe to develop a single system for collecting data.
- A standardised methodology supports the creation of pan-European statistics that are comparable across different countries and regions. This ensures that the most comprehensive insight of UK's private equity and venture capital industry is available to inform fund managers, institutional investors, policymakers, regulators and other stakeholders.
- The platform is jointly owned, operated and open to all private equity and venture capital associations across Europe. A separate legal entity (EDC GmbH) was set up in which all associations are shareholders.
- Statistics derived from the EDC platform are reported in aggregate to ensure anonymity.

The EDC database brings together:

627
Firms

1123
Funds

2769
Portfolio Companies



Definitions: Types of private equity firms

The term private equity is generally used in Europe to cover the industry as a whole, including both buyouts and venture capital. Private equity describes equity investments in unquoted companies, often accompanied by the provision of loans and other capital bearing an equity type risk.

Types of private equity firms

Independents: These can either be firms, funds or investment trusts, either publicly listed or private, which raise their capital from external sources. An example of an independent private equity firm is KKR.

Captives: These organisations invest their own money, and/or manage or invest funds on behalf of a parent organisation. In the latter case, the private equity firm would be a wholly owned subsidiary or division of the parent, usually a financial institution. An example of a captive private equity firm is Lloyds Development Capital (LDC).

Semi-captives: These organisations invest funds on behalf of a parent company, or their own funds, in addition to investing funds raised within the last five years from external sources.

This study captures the activity private equity and venture capital firms within all of these categories.



UK nations and regions

The UK regions (formerly known as Government offices for the regions) are used throughout this report to classify the location of individual company investments by location of company head office.. The composition of regions is listed below:

North East

Cleveland
Durham
Northumberland
Tyne and Wear

East Midlands

Derbyshire
Leicestershire
Lincolnshire
Northamptonshire
Nottinghamshire

South East

Berkshire
Buckinghamshire
East Sussex
Hampshire
Isle of Wight
Kent
Oxfordshire
Surrey
West Sussex

North West

Cumbria
Cheshire
Greater Manchester
Lancashire
Merseyside

West Midlands

Hereford and Worcester
Shropshire
Staffordshire
Warwickshire
West Midlands
London

Yorkshire and The Humber

Humberside
North Yorkshire
South Yorkshire
West Yorkshire

East of England

Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Essex
Hertfordshire
Norfolk
Suffolk

South West

Avon
Cornwall
Devon
Dorset
Gloucestershire
Somerset
Wiltshire

Wales

Northern Ireland

Scotland



Definitions: Industry classifications

Main business sector	Subsector 1	Subsector 2	
Agriculture	Agriculture	Crop cultivation	
		Forestry, logging and related services	
		Fishing, hunting and animal husbandry	
		Mixed farming	
Business products and services	Business products	Industrial measurement, sensing and control equipment	
	Business services	Business and industrial products	
Chemicals and materials	Materials	Manufacturing: other	
		Business and industrial services	
		Materials	
		Coal and metal ores	
	Chemicals	Plastic	
		Textile fibres	
	Chemical and materials: other	Specialty chemicals	
		Organic chemicals	
	ICT (Communications, computer and electronics)	Online platforms	Chemical and materials: other
			Chemical and materials: services
Online platforms			
Software		Application software	
		Systems software	
		Software: other	
Computer hardware		Computer hardware	
Computer services		Data management services	
	Computer: retail/ wholesale and repair activities		
Telecom hardware	Communications equipment		
Telecom services	Telecom carriers		
	Broadcasting, publications and content providers		
	Communications: retail/ wholesale and repair activities		



Definitions: Industry classifications

Main business sector	Subsector 1	Subsector 2
Construction	Construction	Construction materials Construction: related activities
Consumer goods and services	Consumer products manufacturing	Food and beverages Fashion industry Household articles Household furniture Other consumer products manufacturing
	Consumer related services	Restaurants, food services Art galleries and related services Educational and training products/services Public services (excl. education) Hospitality, sports and entertainment facilities Consumer services: other
	Consumer products retailing	Retail of food and beverages Retail of fashion products Retail of household articles Other consumer products retailing
Energy and environment	Energy	Gas and Oil Hydroelectricity Alternative energy Energy related products and equipment Energy related services Energy: other
	Environment	Sorting, recycling and processing of waste Environmental services: other (pollution measurement, noise abatement services, nature and landscape protection services ...)



Definitions: Industry classifications

Main business sector	Subsector 1	Subsector 2
Financial and insurance activities	Financial institutions and services	Banks
		Insurance
		Financial services: other
Real estate	Real Estate	Real Estate
Healthcare and biotech	Biotechnology	Biotechnology laboratories and services
		Biotechnology products and equipment
	Healthcare	Healthcare institutions and services
		Pharmaceuticals and drug delivery
		Medical devices and supplies
Transportation	Transportation: services	Medical equipment
		Healthcare: other
		Logistics services
	Transportation: manufacturing	Courier services
		Means of transport: repair and maintenance
		Means of transport: manufacturing

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