



## **Buyout & Growth in Finland 2022**

Statistics on fundraising, investments, and divestments



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## **EDC – European Data Cooperative**

The most comprehensive PE-database in Europe

97 Investors in Finland

3 700 in Europe

280 Funds in Finland

10 200 in Europe

2 203 Portfolio companies in Finland

83 000 in Europe

9 265 Transactions in Finland

308 000 in Europe

## **Private Equity (PE)**

### Startup

A young and innovative company that typically strives for rapid international growth with a scalable business model.

### **Venture Capital (VC)**

**Venture capital** investors invest in startups at different growth stages, becoming **minority owners** in their portfolio companies.

## Growth Company

A company with an established business, revenue, and potential to continue to grow. Revenue can range from a few million to hundreds of millions.

#### **Buyout & Growth**

**Buyout** investors target more established growth companies. The investments can be **majority or minority investments.** The minority investments are often called **growth** investments.



## Private Equity Investors by Stage

Typical investors by stage Cash flow Stock exchange Business angels, Venture capital **Buyout & Growth** FFF, crowdfunding Half of the new FiBAN: over 650 FVCA: 40 FVCA: 39 Members companies listed in companies companies persons Helsinki's Stock Exchange 2015-2022 were private-Average €20k €1.3m €7m equity backed investment IQM Examples SUPERMETRICS forenom JÄVLA SÅS Howspace KOTKAMILLS BOLAG Duunitori Growth stage



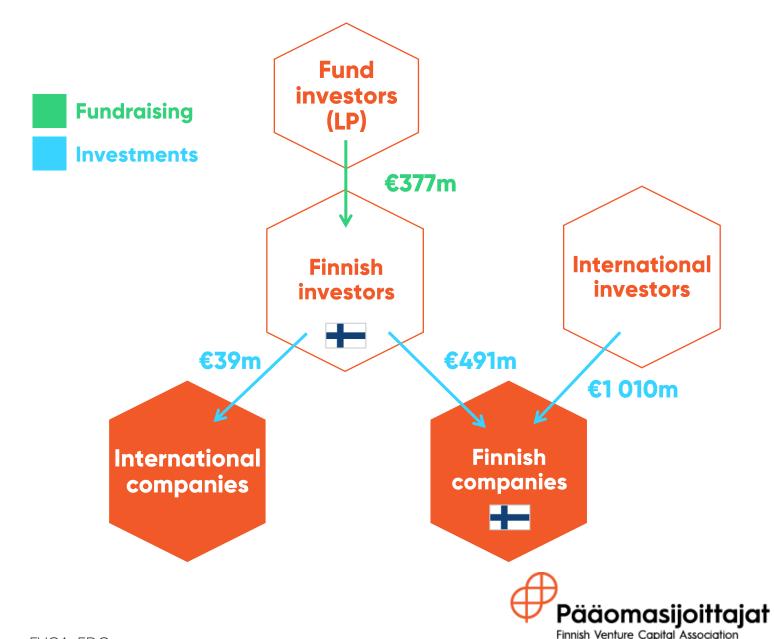
## **Buyout & Growth** 2022

#### €377m

Funds raised for future investments

#### €1.5bn

Total investments into Finnish companies



## Buyout & Growth 2022

Statistics in brief

- Finnish buyout and growth investors invested a total of €530m (+15 %) in 75 (-19 %) companies in Finland and abroad.
- After a record-breaking year 2021 a total of €377m (-70 %) of new funds were raised for future investments in 2022.
- Finnish buyout and growth investors exited 38 (-33 %) companies. Trade sale was the most common exit method.
- 86 (-7%) Finnish growth companies received a total of €1.5bn (+55%) in investments from Finnish and foreign buyout and growth investors.
- Of this amount, €1bn (+79 %) came from foreign investors and was invested in 18 Finnish companies (+6 %).
- Finnish and foreign buyout and growth investors exited from 39 (-33 %) Finnish companies.



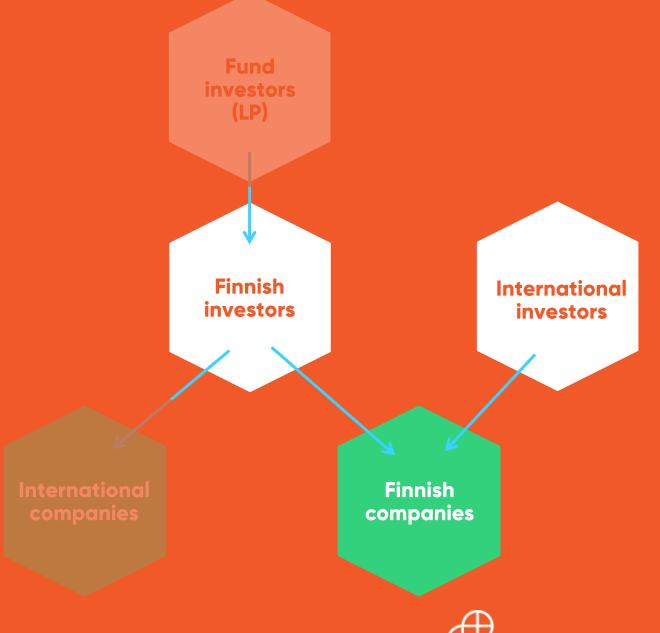
## **Market Statistics**

Domestic and foreign buyout & growth investors' activity in Finnish companies





## Investments





## One and a Half Billion Invested in Finnish Companies

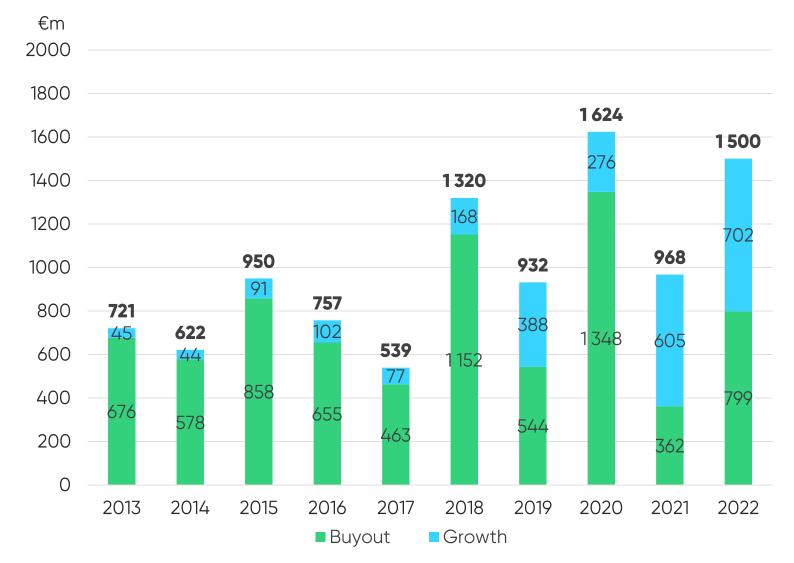
#### **€1.5bn** (+55 %)

Total amount of buyout and growth investments received by Finnish growth companies in 2022

#### €4.1bn

Total buyout and growth investments made between 2020-2022

#### **Buyout and Growth Investments into Finnish Companies**



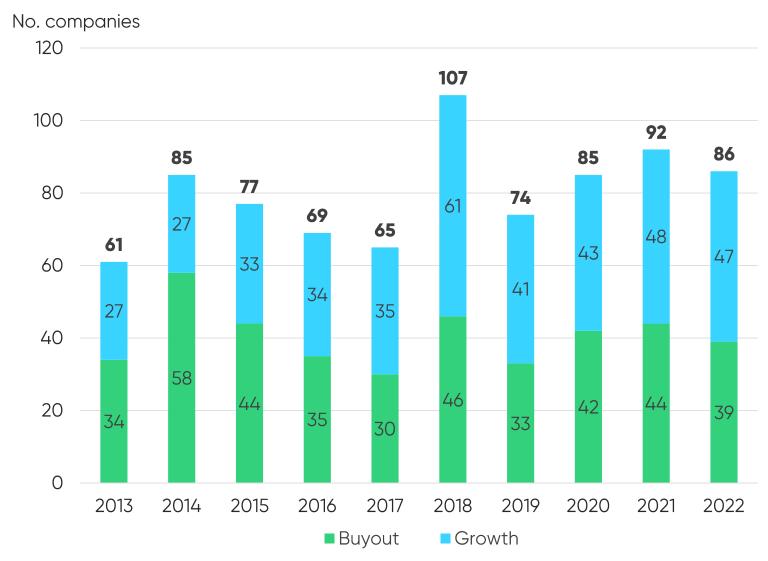


# More than 80 Companies Receive Buyout or Growth Investment Each Year

**86 companies** (-7 %) in Finland received buyout or growth investments in 2022

Despite the uncertain economic situation, the investment activity of buyout and growth investors continued at the same stable level as in the previous years

#### **Buyout and Growth Investments into Finnish Companies**





## **Examples of 2022 Buyout and Growth Investments**







Market-leading supply chain & retail planning platform



One of the leading staffing service companies in Finland

Yhteensä 1,5 Mrd€ Technical trade company with focus on small supplies used in construction and industry



Nordic leader in innovation consulting





Global leader in procurement analytics



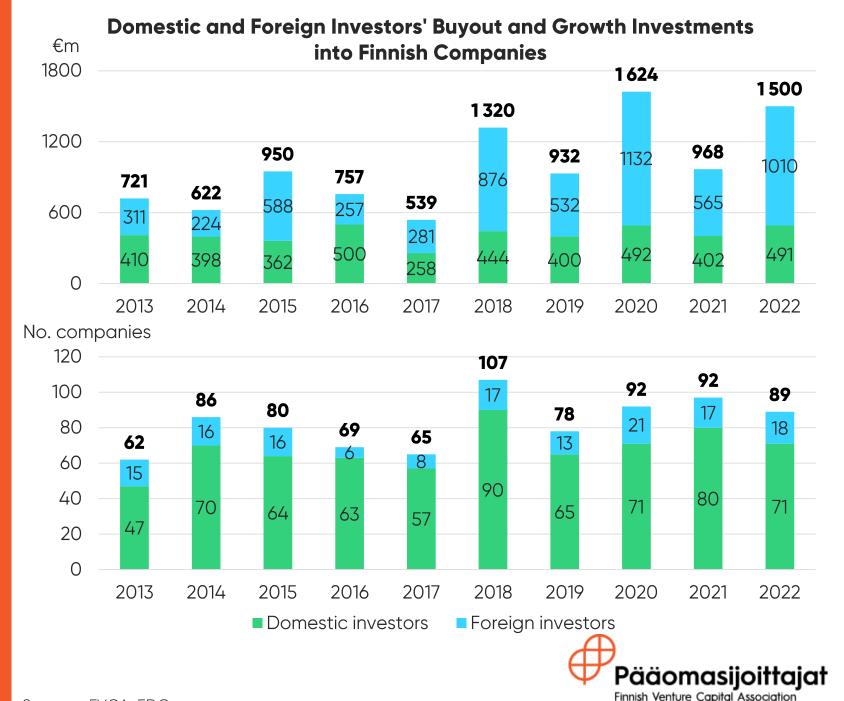
### Both Domestic and Foreign Investments Increased from the Previous Year

€491m (+22 %)

Domestic buyout and growth investors' investments into Finnish small and medium sized companies in 2022

#### **€1bn** (+79 %)

International investors are often involved especially in the largest buyout and growth investments which causes big variation in invested amount year by year



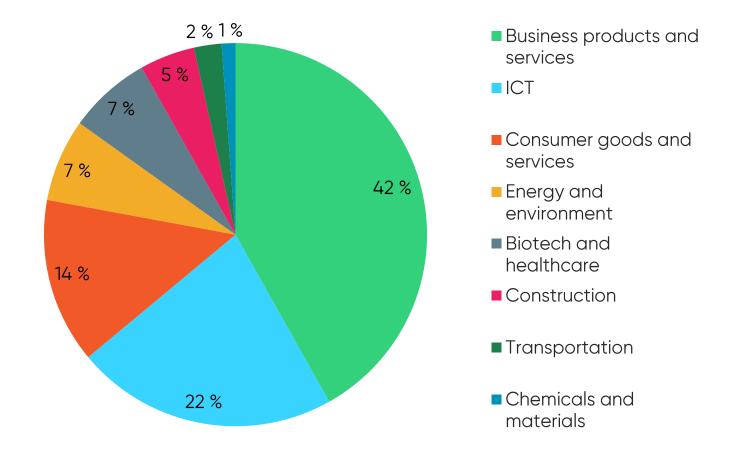
## Investments Made in Wide Range of Industries

#### 42%

of the companies that received buyout or growth investments were B2B product/service providers

ICT attracts the second most buyout and growth investments

## Buyout and Growth Investments into Finnish Companies by Industry in 2022



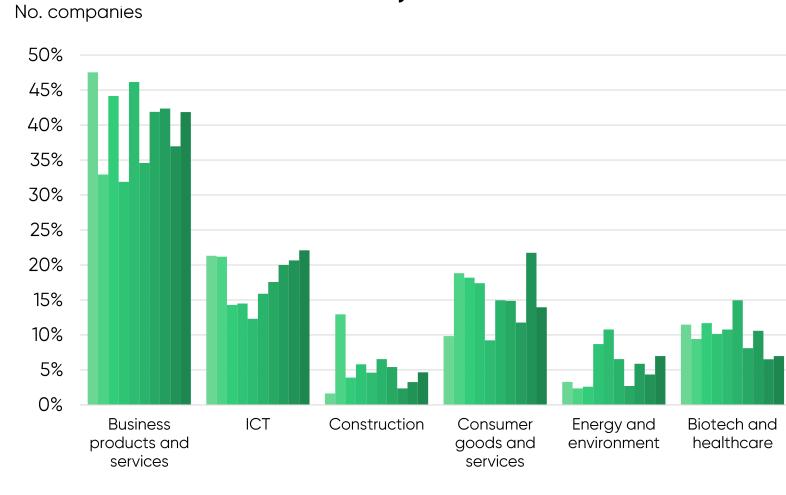


## Investments in ICT Sector Are Rising

Investments in tech companies and companies providing B2B goods and services have increased during the past years

ICT includes e.g., IT-services, software, applications, communication and computer technology and electronics

## Buyout and Growth Investments into Finnish Companies by Industry in 2022



■ 2013 ■ 2014 ■ 2015 ■ 2016 ■ 2017 ■ 2018 ■ 2019 ■ 2020 ■ 2021

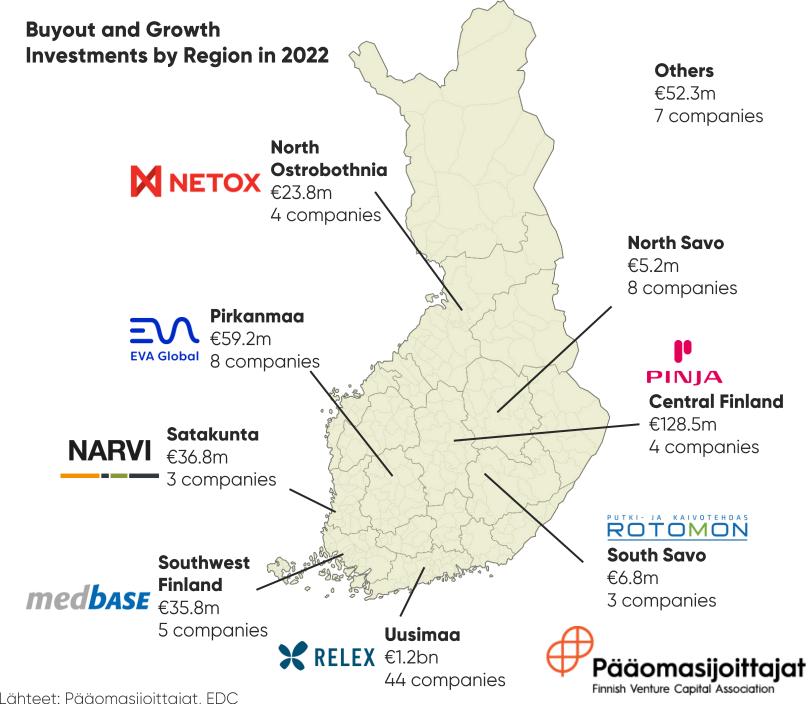


### **Buyout and Growth** Investments All **Around Finland**

#### €1.2bn

The majority of private equity investments are made in companies based in Uusimaa, but target companies can be found all around Finland

Central Finland received the second-highest amount of buyout and growth investments, while Pirkanmaa received the third-highest amount



Lähteet: Pääomasijoittajat, EDC

## **Divestments**



## Successful Exits by Buyout and Growth Investors Decreased from the Peak Year 2021

**39** companies (-33 %)

The number of successful exits fell from 2021

When the growth plan for the company is completed the investor sells their shares to a new owner and the company moves to the next growth phase

## Succesful Buyout and Growth Divestments of Finnish Companies





## **Examples of 2022 Divestments**



renta



Pioneer in intuitive healthcare technology and industrial design



Leading property wellbeing specialist in the Nordics Total of 39 successful divestments in 2022

Market-leading Finnish provider of cooling and heating services



MV pitäs ehk muuttaa järkevämmäks

Finnish specialist in ventilation, clean indoor air and cooling





ALD thin film
coating
technology with
unmatched
expertise in the
field

Pääomasijoittajat Finnish Venture Capital Association

### Divestment by Trade Sale was the Most Common Exit Route

#### 18 companies

The most popular exit method was a trade sale

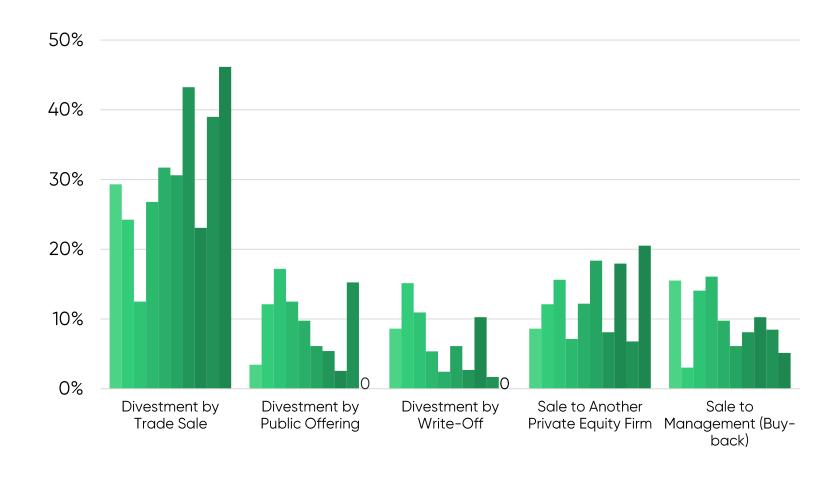
#### O divestments by write-off

Despite economic uncertainty in recent years, write-offs have remained at a low level

There were no exits through IPOs in 2022

#### **Buyout and Growth Investors' Exits from Finnish Companies**

No. companies





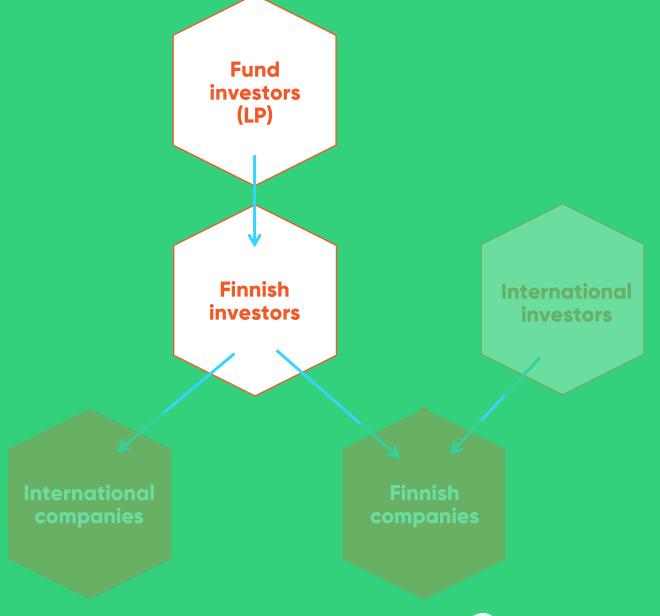




Finnish buyout & growth investors' activity in Finland and abroad



## Fundraising





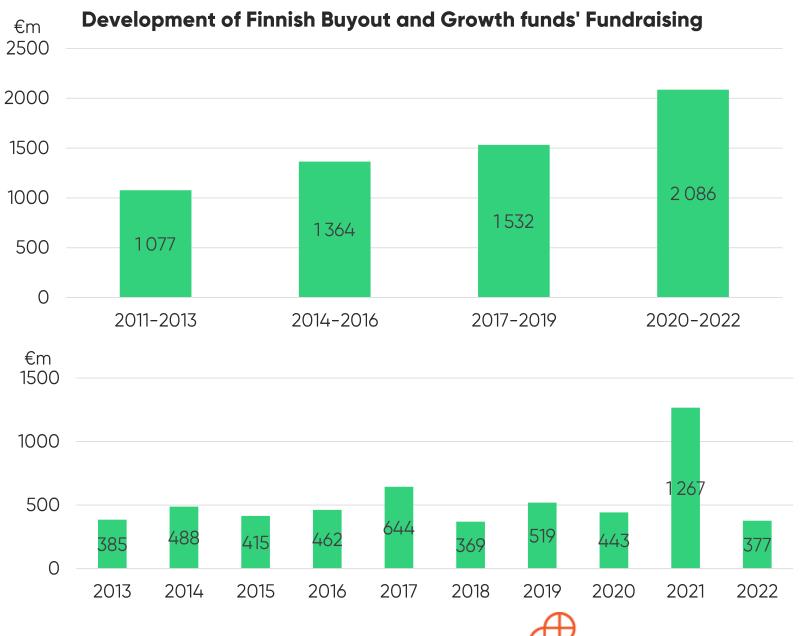
### Fundraising has Developed Positively

**€2.1bn** (+36 %)

Fundraising by Finnish buyout and growth investors in 2020-2022

Fundraising has almost doubled in the last ten years

Raised funds will be invested in Finnish small and medium sized companies in the upcoming years to boost the companies' growth





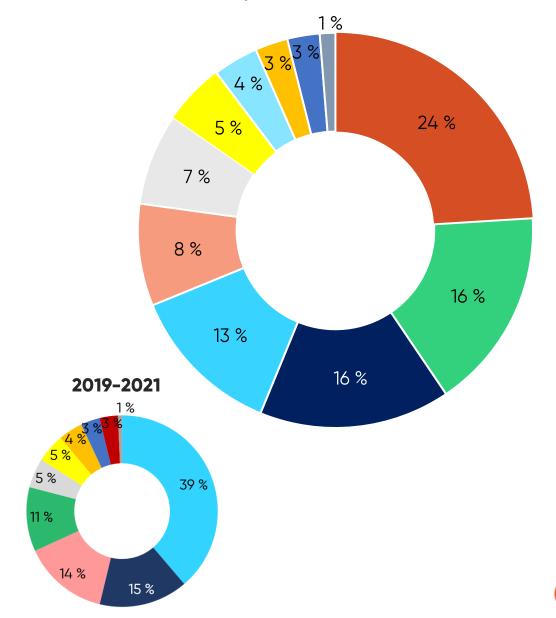
## Finnish Buyout and Growth Funds have Diverse Group of Investors

24 %

of raised funds in 2022 came from other asset managers

In the long run, the largest group of investors has been pension funds

#### Finnish Buyout and Growth funds' Investors in 2022



- Other asset managers
- Public sector
- Family offices
- Pension funds
- Fund of funds
- Insurance companies
- Others
- Academic institutions
- Foundations
- Corporate investors
- Unclassified

Pääomasijoittajat

Finnish Venture Capital Association

## New Finnish Buyout and Growth Funds 2017-2022

2017

VAA KA

€225m, 3rd fund

sentica

€192.7m, 5th fund

CapMan

€97m, 1st growthfund

**FOLMER** 

€62m, 2nd fund

2018

SAARI

PARTNERS

€42m, 1st fund

2019

CapMan

€190m, 11th buyout-fund

DevCo

€180m, 3rd fund

JUURI

€125m, 2nd fund

**EVOLVER** 

€50m, 1st fund

2020

S

SPONSOR CAPITAL

€202m, 5th fund

Verso

€100m, 3rd fund

CapMan

€85m, 2nd growth-fund

Bocap

€70m, 3rd fund

2021

INTERA

€335m, 4th fund

DevCo

€260m, 4th fund

VAAKA

€250m, 4th fund

MB

€173m, 6th fund

KORONA INVEST

€80m, 4th fund

CapMan

€77m, 1st special situations-fund

2022

**TAALERI** 

Bioteollisuus €120m, 1st growth-fund

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MANDATUM ASSET MANAGEMENT — € M.

2nd growth-fund

% Voland

€80m, 1st growth- fund

SAĤRI

€60m, 2nd fund

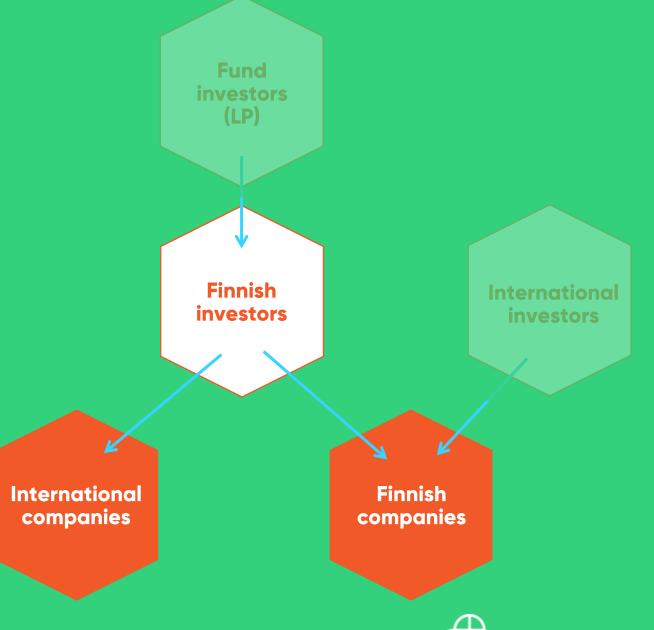
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2nd growth-fund



## Investments





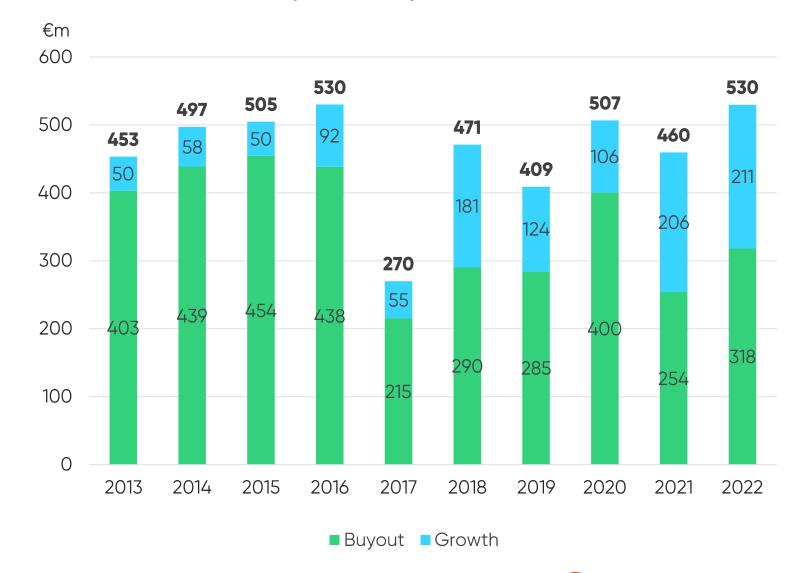
# Finnish Buyout and Growth Investors Invested Over €500m

€530m (+15 %)

The total amount invested by Finnish buyout and growth investors in domestic and foreign companies in 2022

The amount invested in 2022 has reached the same level as the previous peak year in 2016

#### **Investments by Finnish Buyout and Growth Investors**

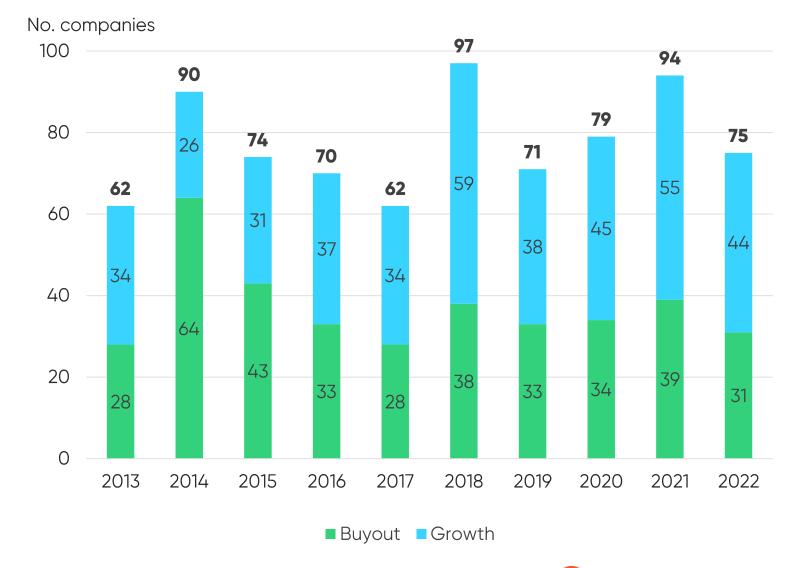




# Around 80 Companies Receive an Investment Each Year

**75 companies** (-20 %) received an investment from a Finnish buyout or growth investor in 2022

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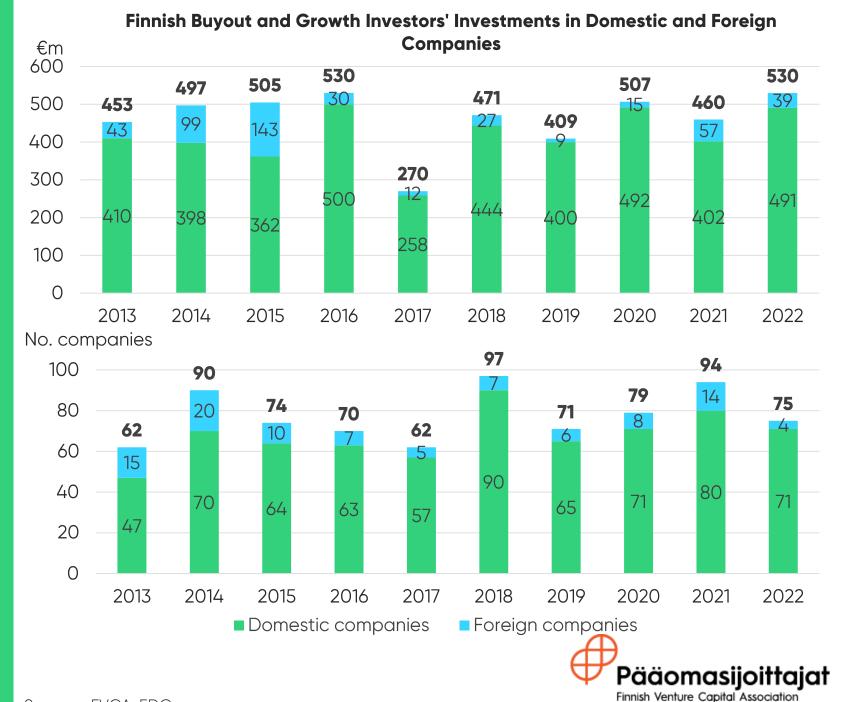




## Finnish Buyout and Growth Investors Invest Mainly in Finnish Companies

#### **Over 90 %**

of Finnish buyout and growth investors' investments were made in Finnish companies in 2022



## Divestments



# Successful Divestments by Finnish Buyout and Growth Investors

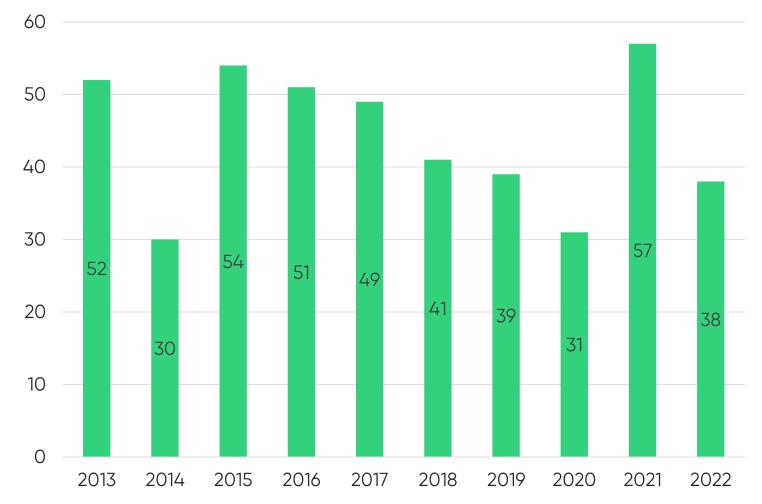
**38** companies (-33 %)

were divested successfully in 2022 by Finnish buyout and growth investors

The profits from the exits are distributed to fund investors, such as Finnish pension funds

#### Successful exits by Finnish Buyout and Growth Investors





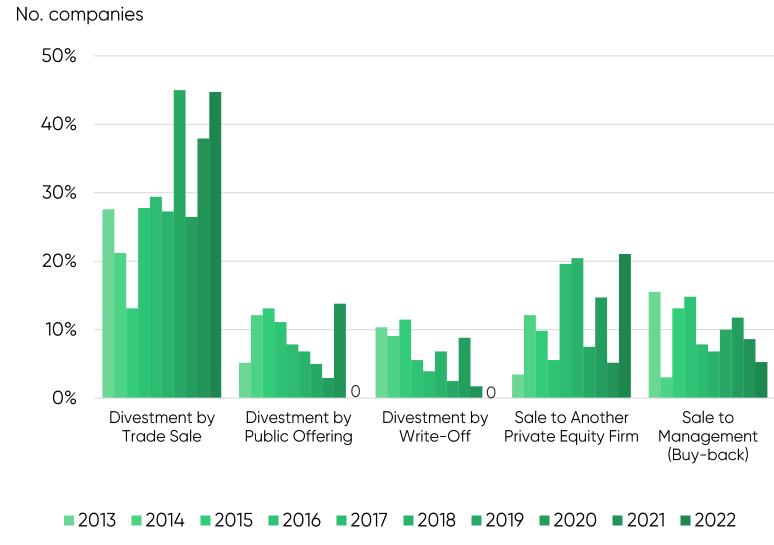


# Trade Sale Was the Most Common Exit Route

The most prominent exit methods in 2022 were trade sale (17 companies) and sale to another private equity firm (8 companies)

There were no divestments by write-off or IPO in 2022

#### Finnish Buyout and Growth Investors' Exits by Type





# Summary of Finnish Venture Capital and Private Equity Statistics

Venture capital, growth & buyout 2022



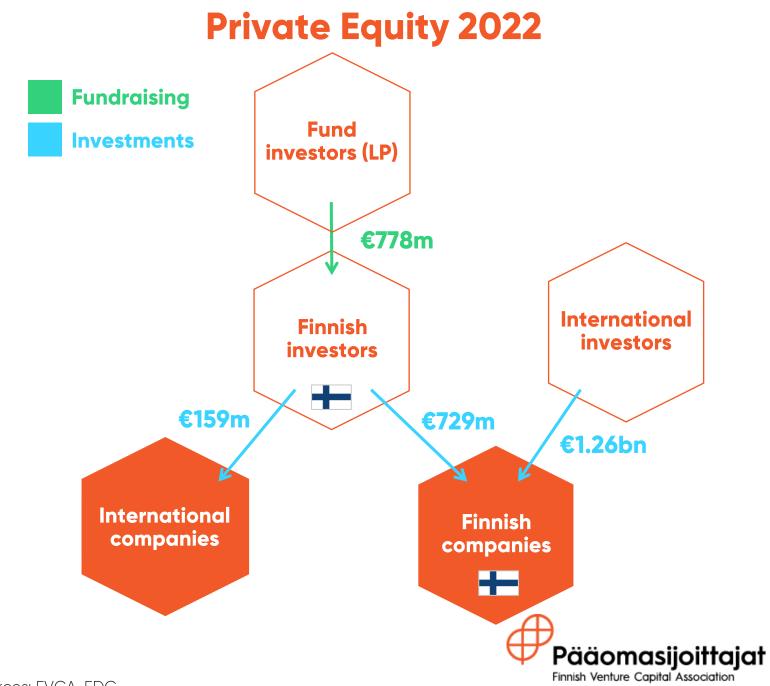
## All Private Equity (PE) 2022

#### €778m

Funds raised into private equity funds for future investments

#### €2.0bn

Total amount of investments in Finnish companies



### Private Equity Investors 2022

Venture capital, growth and buyout statistics in brief

- Finnish private equity (PE) investors invested a total of €888m (+18 %) into 347 (+2 %) domestic and foreign startups and growth companies.
- A total of 263 (-3 %) Finnish startups and growth companies received €2.0bn (+42 %) in investments
- Foreign private equity investors invested €1.3bn (+53 %) into 51 (-4 %) Finnish companies.
- Finnish private equity investors exited 82 portfolio companies (-20 %).
- Finnish private equity investors have raised €778m (-49%) in new funds, which will be invested in startups and growth companies in the coming years

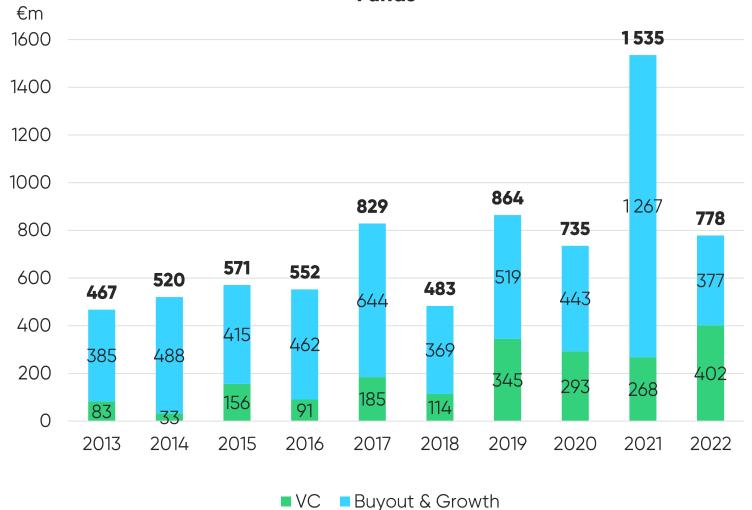


# Fundraising by Finnish VC and PE Funds Came Down after Peak Year 2021

#### €778m

of funds raised for Finnish venture capital and private equity funds in 2022

## Fundraising of Finnish Venture Capital and Private Equity Funds





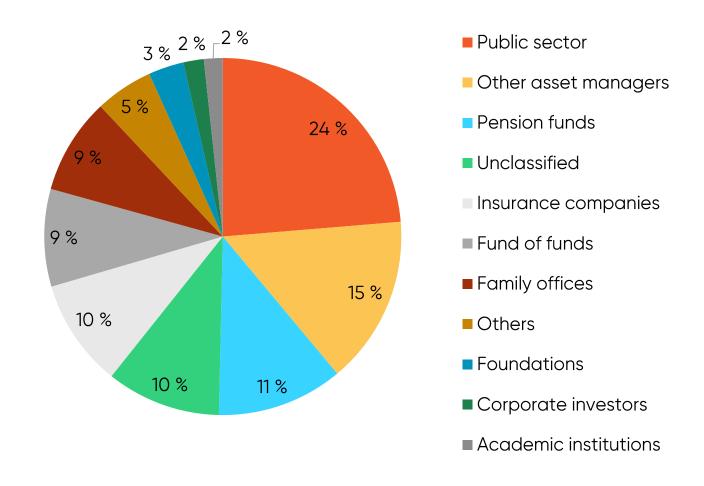
## Finnish VC and PE Funds Have a Diverse Investor Base

#### 24%

The most capital was raised from public sector in 2022

Second largest amount of capital was raised from other asset managers followed by pension funds

#### Finnish Venture Capital and Private Equity Funds' Investors in 2022



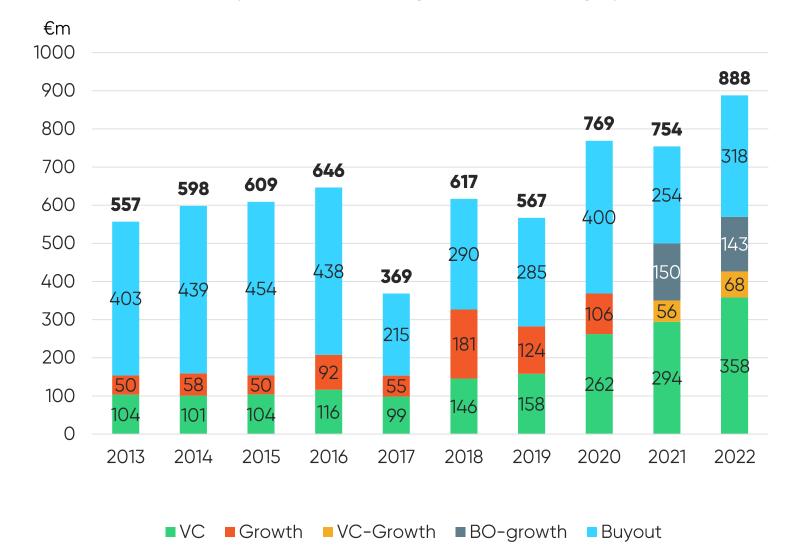


# Investments by Finnish VC and PE Investors to New AllTime High

€888m (+18 %)

of investments made by Finnish VC and PE investors in 2022

#### **Investments by Finnish Venture Capital and Private Equity Investors**



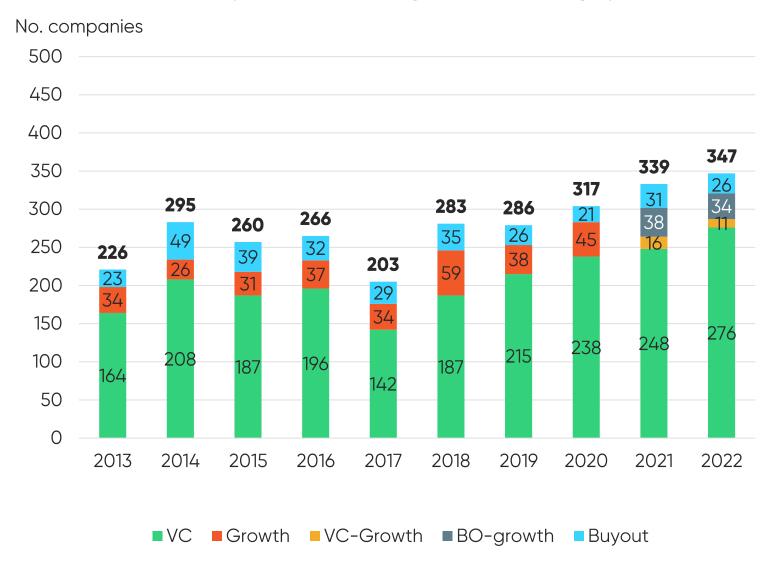


## Finnish VC and PE Investors Invested in Record Number of Companies

**347** companies (+2 %)

received investments from Finnish VC and PE investors in 2022

#### **Investments by Finnish Venture Capital and Private Equity Investors**



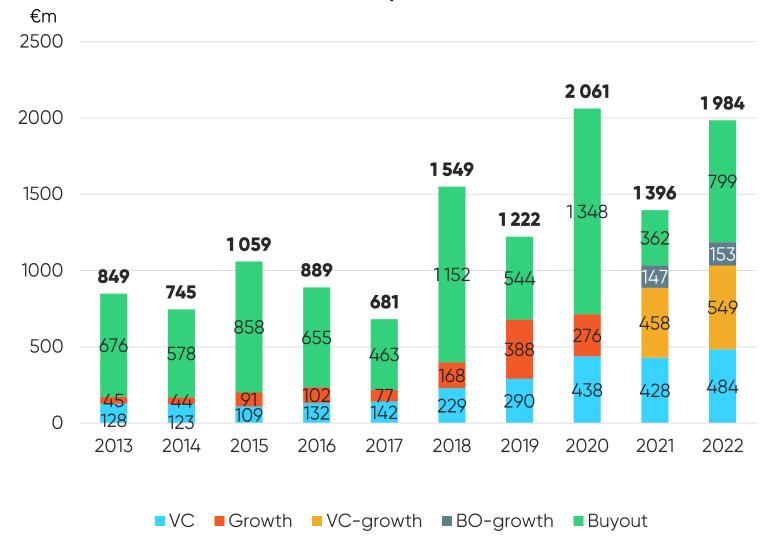


# Almost Two Billion Euros Invested in Finnish Companies by VC and PE Investors

**€2.0bn** (+42 %)

Finnish and international investments in Finnish startups and growth companies

## Venture Capital and Private Equity Investments into Finnish Companies



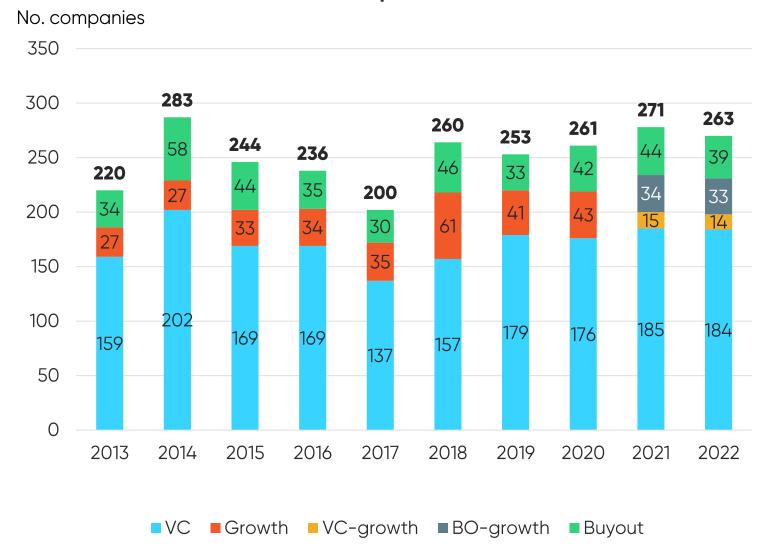


# Around 260 Finnish Companies Receive VC or PE Investment Annually

#### **263** companies (-3 %)

The number of Finnish startups and growth companies receiving international investments has remained stable

## Venture Capital and Private Equity Investments into Finnish Companies





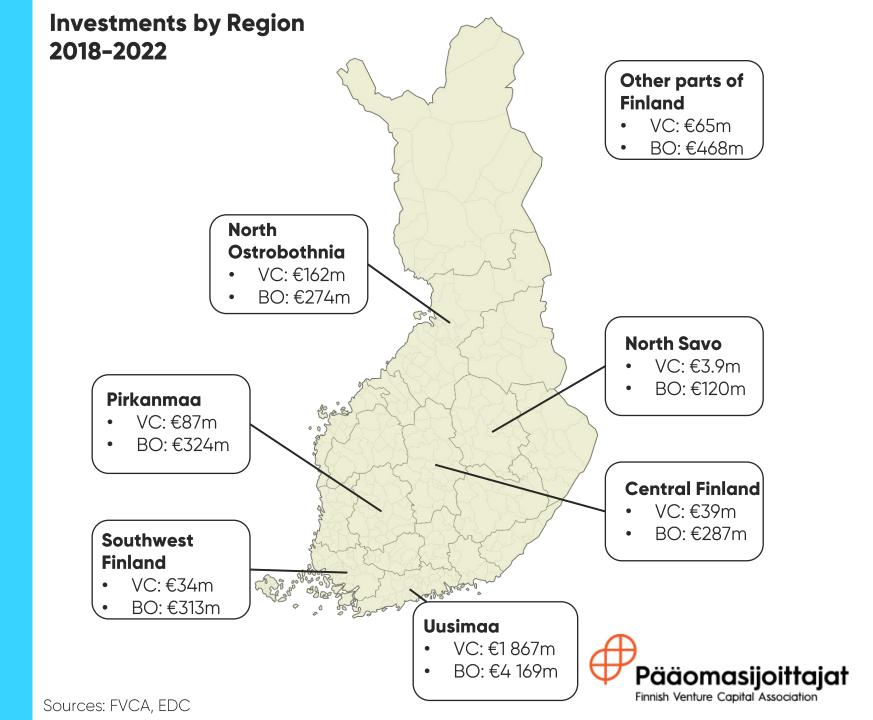
## Investments Across Finland

#### €8.2bn

Total amount of investments made into Finnish companies between 2018-2022

The most venture capital investments after Uusimaa were made to companies in North Ostrobothnia and Pirkanmaa

Apart from Uusimaa, the most of buyout investments were made to companies in Pirkanmaa and Southwest Finland



## Methodology





# National Private Equity Associations Cooperating With EDC

AFIC, France AIFI, Italy ASCRI, Spain BVA, Belgium BVCA, United Kingdom BVK, Germany CVCA, Czech Republic DVCA, Denmark FVCA, Finland NVCA, Norway NVP, Netherlands PSIK, Poland SECA, Switzerland SEEPEA, Romania and Bulgaria SVCA, Sweden Invest Europe, Europe

The statistics describing the Finnish private equity industry are based on information received from European Data Cooperative (EDC) private equity database

- A fully functional, centralised non-commercial pan-European private equity database
- With its own staff, internal resources and webportal
- Information is collected via an online survey and complemented with public sources of information
- Figures are updated continuously and are therefore subject to change

**Note**: The statistics include only VC/PE firms' (including evergreens and captives) investments. Syndicate and direct investments made by several other investors, e.g. LP co-investors, individuals, entrepreneurs, business angels, management, corporates, funds-of-funds, other asset managers and/or financial institutions, are not included in FVCA's statistics. However, they may form a notable part of the venture market.



## Methodology

Investment and divestment statistics are aggregated via two methods – industry statistics and market statistics

#### **Industry statistics**

- By country of private equity firm's office
- Here: Domestic and foreign investments/divestments made by the Finnish offices of private equity firms

#### **Market statistics**

- By the location of the portfolio company
- Here: Investments/divestments in/from Finnish portfolio companies
   made by domestic and foreign private equity firms

Successful exits are excluding the write-offs. Write-offs are shown in the slides about the share of different types of divestments.

**Note**: The aggregated figures may not always sum up to totals due to rounding.

For more information about the methodology, please contact the Finnish Venture Capital Association (FVCA).

## **Definitions**

VENTURE  Investments in companies in their early development stage	Seed	Seed
	Start-up	Start-up, Other early stage
	Later stage venture	Early growth, Transition stage
BUYOUT	Growth	Later growth
A transaction financed by a mix of debt and equity, in which a business, a business unit or a company is acquired	Rescue/Turnaround	Rescue/Turnaround
	Replacement capital	Secondary purchase/Replacement capital, Refinancing bank debt
	Buyouts	Management buyout (MBO), Management buy-in (MBI), Public to private, Other PIPE, Other leverage buyout



## **NEW**

Growth investments are separated by stage for 2021–2022

- For the first time, the statistics include growth investments in startups ("VC-growth" and "BO-growth") to provide a more comprehensive overview of the development of the Finnish startup and growth company ecosystem
- VC-growth-stage describes later-stage investments in start-up companies
- **BO-growth-stage** describes investments (usually a minority) in established companies
- A more detailed analysis of the growth investments will be included in the next report

