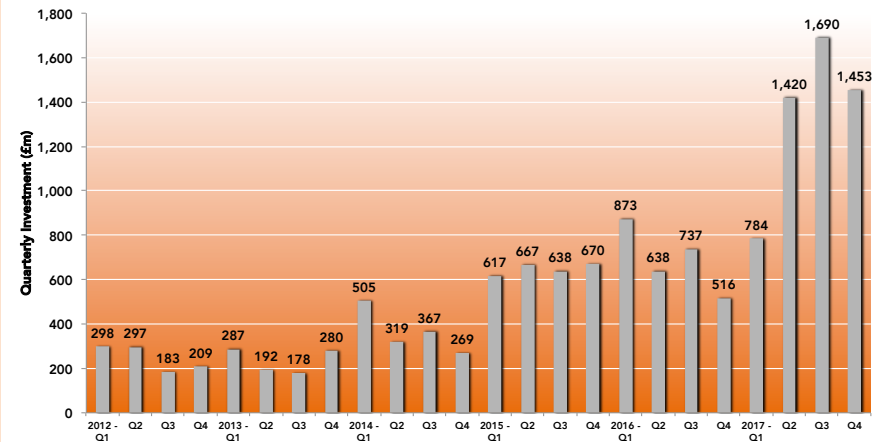


- > In 2017, **£5.3bn** (£2.8bn) was invested in **809** (649) deals of over £0.5m
- > In Q4, **223** (191) companies received **£1.5bn** (£0.5bn)
- > The largest deal ever done in the UK/Ireland – Improbable (£389m) – was completed in May.
- > The busiest investors were: CrowdCube, Parkwalk, Seedrs, Mercia, Local Globe, LCIF, Scottish Investment Bank and Enterprise Ireland
- > **57%** (60%) of deals were less than **£2m** in value, these received **7%** (12%) of money invested
- > Private investors participated in **40%** (39%) of deals and Crowdfunding platforms financed **12%** (11%) of deals
- > US investors participated in **9%** (7%) of deals, European investors in **9%** (7%) and Corporate Investors in **21%** (16%)
- > There were **712** (538) active investment groups but **71%** (68%) of these only completed a single transaction
- > There have been three primary areas of investment focus – Internet Services (**£3.2bn**, **426 companies**), Software (**£1.2bn**, **195 companies**), and Hardware (**£1bn**, **188 companies**).

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- > The 10 biggest deals (with disclosed values) received **34%** of funds invested, were:

Improbable	£389m
Farfetch	£311m
Deliveroo	£283m
Acorn Oaknorth	£251m (* 2 transactions)
Lightsource	£150m
Neyber	£98m
Secret Escapes	£83m
Funding Circle	£83m
Atom Bank	£83m
Tandem	£80m

- > The most active regions were London and Ireland which were responsible for **58%** and **12%** of deals respectively. London's share of the VC money was **73%** of the funds invested in the UK and Ireland.

- > On a city by city basis, **472** London tech companies received investment, **63** in Dublin, **32** in Edinburgh, **20** in Cambridge, **16** in Oxford. All other cities or towns had less than 15 deals.

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