



- In 2018, **£57.3bn** (£15.6bn) was spent acquiring **283** (361) technology businesses in the UK and Ireland
- The 3 biggest transactions were
 - Comcast's acquisition of Sky for **£36.9bn**
 - Vantiv's acquisition of WorldPay for **£9.2bn**
 - Lliad/NJJ's acquisition of Eircom for **£2.7bn**
- **54%** of **ALL DEALS** were done by UK based acquirors, **33%** by North Americans, **19%** by Europeans, and the remaining **4%** by other countries.
- **57%** of **SMALL DEALS** (<£20m) were done by UK based acquirors, **25%** by North Americans, **11%** by Europeans, and the remaining **6%** by other countries.
- Just **18** (30) companies achieved a valuation of greater than £100m
- **45%** of transactions had a (disclosed) value of less than £20m
- Only **87** (98) deals involved a PE buyer