Ascendant Corporate Finance

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- In Q1 2019, £1,582m (£1,261m) was invested in 252 (231) deals of over £0.5m by 294 (254) investors
- > The busiest investors were: Seedrs, Mercia, LCIF, CrowdCube, Parkwalk, Enterprise Ireland, LocalGlobe and Octopus Ventures
- > 67% (64%) of deals involved more than one investor
- > 53% of deals were less than £2m in value, these received 6% of money invested
- > Private investors participated in 28% (34%) of deals
- > Crowdfunding platforms financed 12% (11%) of deals
- US investors participated in 13% of deals, European investors in 15% and Corporate Investors in 17%
- > There have been three primary areas of investment focus Internet Services (£911m, 101 companies), Software (£404m, 94 companies) and Hardware (£266m, 57 companies).

Investment (£m) in Private UK/Irish Tech Companies



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> The 10 biggest deals (with disclosed values) received 47% (48%) of funds invested, were:

Oak North	£342n
Wejo	£80m
Starling Bank	£75m
GoCardless	£58m
Nutmeg	£45m
Tessian	£33m
Rapyd	£31m
Oxford PV	£31m
Poppulo	£27m
Featurespace	£25m

- The most active regions were London, Ireland and the South Westwhich were responsible for 58%, 11% and 8% of deals respectively. London's share of the VC money was 68% of the funds invested in the UK and Ireland.
- On a city by city basis, 144 London tech companies received VC, 13 in Dublin, 9 in Oxford and 10 in Cambridge.