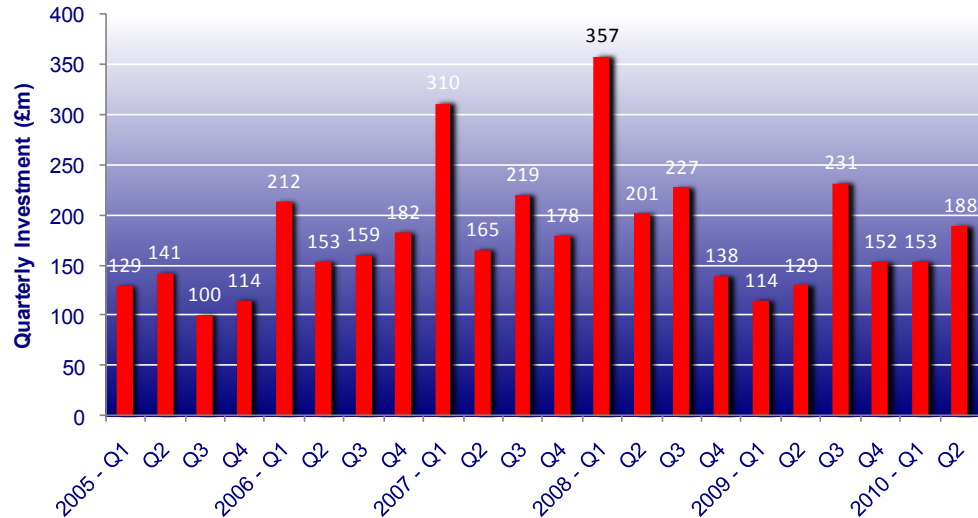
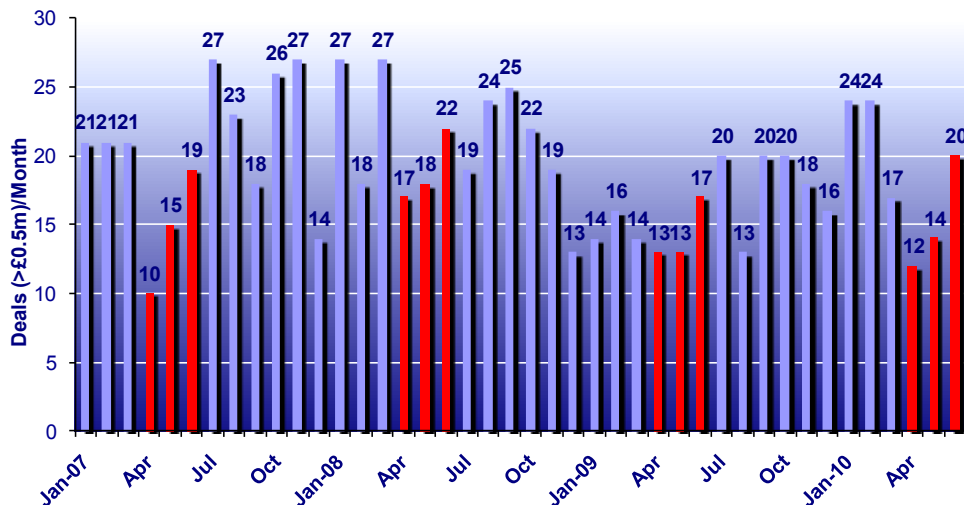


## VC Investment (£m) in UK/Irish Tech Companies



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- In the second quarter of 2010, **£188m** (£129m) was invested in...
- 46** deals (42) of over £0.5m by...
- 84** investors (61)
- Looking at the first of half of 2010, 111 companies (90) have received £341m (£244m)
- The busiest investors were Carbon Trust, Balderton Capital, Eden Ventures, Enterprise Ireland, Midven, Oxford Capital Partners and Scottish Enterprise
- Levels of syndication rose slightly with 67% (62%) of deals involving more than one investor
- Private investors participation in VC deals dropped to 20% (29%) - continuing the decline seen Q1
- The 10 biggest deals (with disclosed values) received 68% of funds invested, included:
 

- Icera	£31m
- InterResolve	£30m
- Hut Group	£14m
- Picochip	£14m
- Red Spider	£8m
- Nualight	£7m
- Huddle	£7m
- Aepona	£7m
- P2i	£6m
- PhosphonicS	£6m
- There were four primary areas of investment focus – Semi/Opto (£55m), Software (£30m), Cleantech (£23m) and Internet/Wireless Services (£18m). This represents a major change over Q1 when Semi/Opto companies received no investment. Software also enjoyed an uplift whereas Cleantech and Internet/Wireless Services both dropped significantly.
- 6 Semi/Opto companies received venture capital. The largest deals were Icera (£31m), Picochip (£14m) and Movidius (£5m).
- The Software sector performed well during Q2 with VCs investing in 9 companies. The largest Software deals were: Hut Group (£30m) and Aepona (£7m) – all other deals were less than £3m.
- The key Cleantech deals included: PhosphonicS (£6m), Green Biologics (£5m) and Navetas (£4m). Although the volume of completed was steady at 11, the capital invested in the sector dropped by 30% vs Q1.
- 11 Internet/Wireless Service companies received investment but only 2 got more than £2m – Huddle (£7m) and NewVoiceMedia (£4m). Investment in the sector dropped by 60% vs Q1
- VCs invested fairly evenly throughout the UK with London based tech businesses taking just 24% of VC money vs 44% in Q1. The Icera deal boosted the South West, but otherwise the Thames Valley, Ireland and the North followed London in both value and volume. Only 1 Cambridge tech business attracted significant VC funding in Q2, leaving the region at the bottom of our regional league table.