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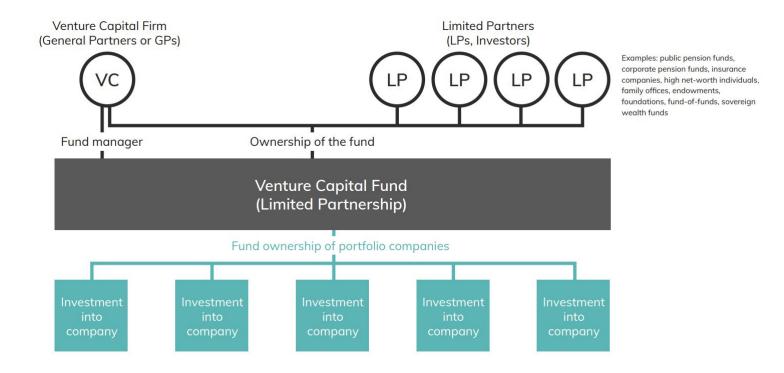
What Is Venture Capital?

Fundraising by a private company in exchange for equity.



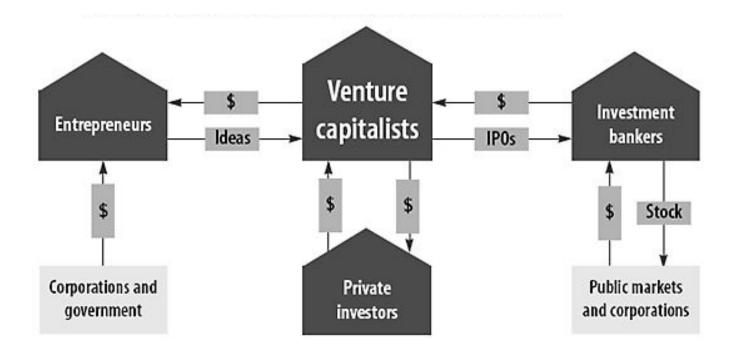


Traditional VC Fund Structure



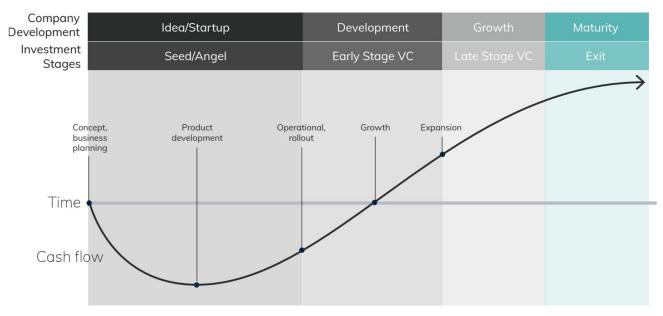


How the Venture Capital Industry Works





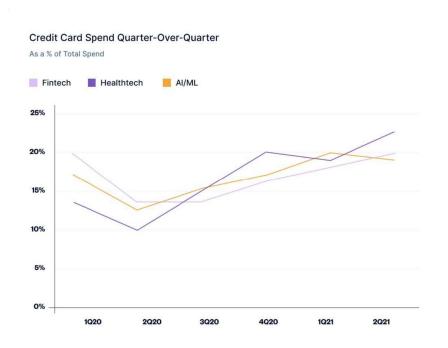
Venture Capital Plays a Vital Role in a Startup's Growth

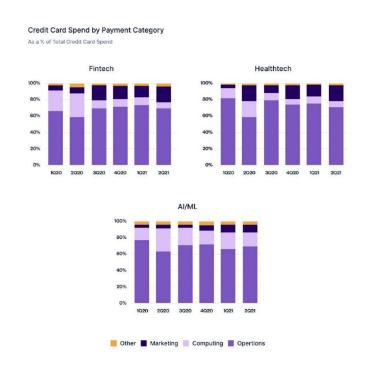


Sources of funding: VCs, angel investors, incubators, accelerators, strategic investors (corporate groups), growth equity investors, private equity firms, debt investors



VC Investments Help Finance Marketing, Operations, and Infrastructure Startup Credit Card Spend Ratios Increased Across Sectors; Marketing Spend Rises







Venture as an Asset Class

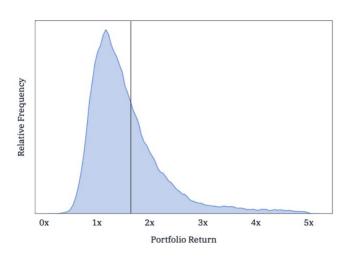
By owning equity before IPO, investors can:

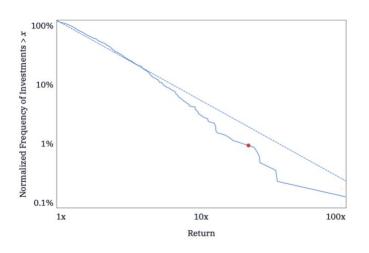
- → Add opportunity for greater **returns** by capturing rapid growth of company before public market debut (if successful).
 - ◆ For example, Facebook's first ~\$100 billion of market cap creation took place in private markets before its IPO.
- → Diversify away from publicly-traded asset classes to generate independent returns.
- → Feel a deeper sense of **connection** with a company by backing it from its early, high-risk stages.



The Power Law

Simply Put: a small percentage of investments have the greatest impact on outcomes.







Investing in Private vs Public Markets

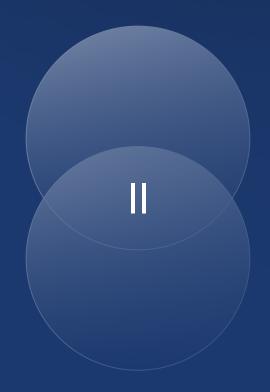
PRIVATE

- → Private confidential information for decision making
- → Multi-year time horizon
- → Narrow access to opportunities
- → Higher reward for higher risk
- → Minimal liquidity
- → Long-only
- → Mostly primary investments

PUBLIC

- → Material public information for decision making
- → Often focused on quarterly reporting
- → Widely available access
- → Lower reward for lower risk
- → Liquidity premium
- → Creativity & choice in implementation
- → Mostly secondary trading





Historical Context

- Examples of Venture Capital
 Returns
- Holding Periods
- Types of Exit Opportunities



Top 5 Most Valuable Unicorns 1H 2021

COMPANY	VALUATION	COUNTRY	CATEGORY			
ByteDance	\$140.0B	China	Mobile Software & Services			
stripe	\$95B	United States	Internet Software & Services			
SPACEX	\$74B	United States	Aerospace & Defense			
Klarna.	\$45.6B	Sweden	Internet Software & Services			
instacart	\$39B	United States	Food & Grocery			

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Top Venture Capital Returns

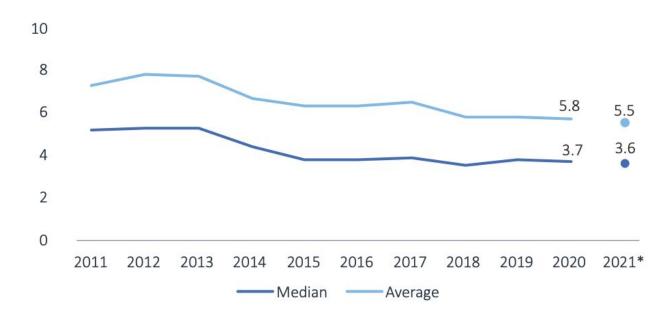
COMPANY	INVESTOR	INVESTED (\$)	OUTCOME (\$)	MOIC	
WhatsApp	Sequoia Capital	\$60 million	\$3 billion	50x	
Facebook	Accel	\$12.7 million	\$9 billion*	708x*	
GROUPON	NEA	\$4.8 million	\$2.5 billion	520x	
Terent.	Kleiner Perkins	\$8 million	\$2.1 billion	262x	
Snap	Lightspeed Venture Partners	\$8 million	\$2 billion	250x	

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^{*}Accel sold \$500M of their position in 2010.



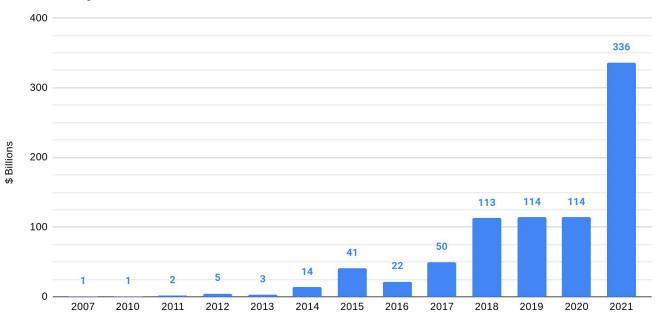
Nontraditional Investors' Holding Period Is Far Less Than First Investors





Most Unicorns Joined the Club Recently

Unicorns By Year Joined

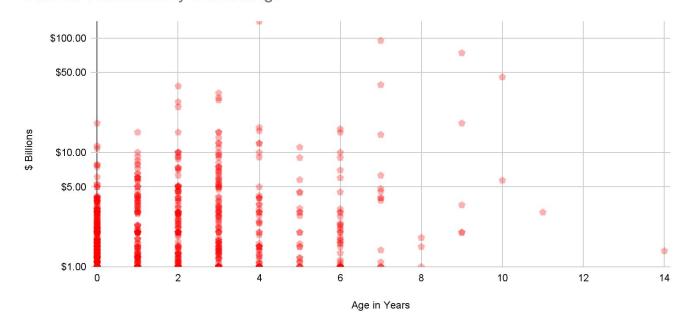




Peak Valuations Appear to Manifest After Unicorn Age 2.5

- As unicorns age, they go public and disappear from this chart.
- Companies
 reach peak
 valuations ~2.5
 years after
 becoming a
 unicorn.

Unicorn Valuations By Unicorn Age



Types of Exit Opportunities



IV Secondary Sale

II SPAC

V Strategic M&A

III Direct Listing

VI Financial M&A





VC Data and Insights

- Record Capital Inflow
- Record Number of Unicorns
- Record Number of Exits

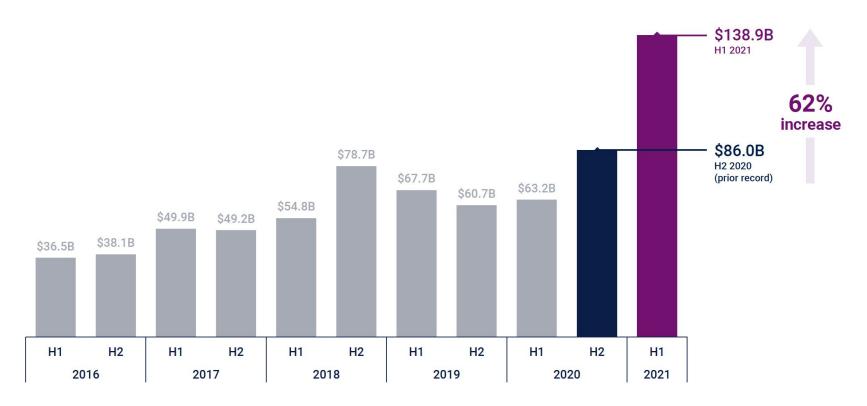


Total Global Funding Experiences 157% YoY Increase



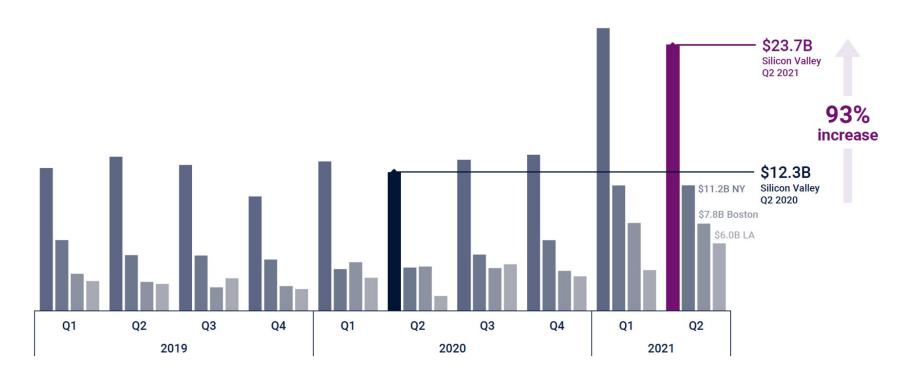


US-based Startups Show Massive Half-Year Funding Increase

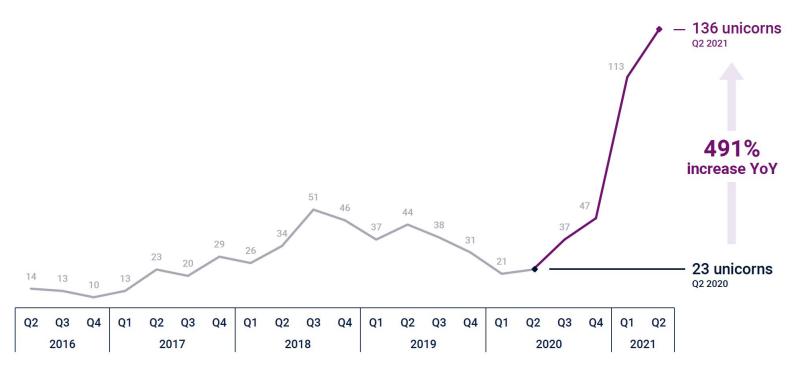




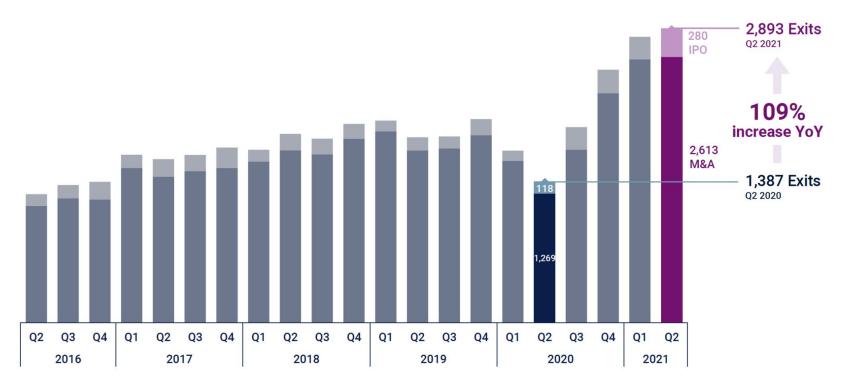
Silicon Valley Sees Second Consecutive \$20B+ Quarter



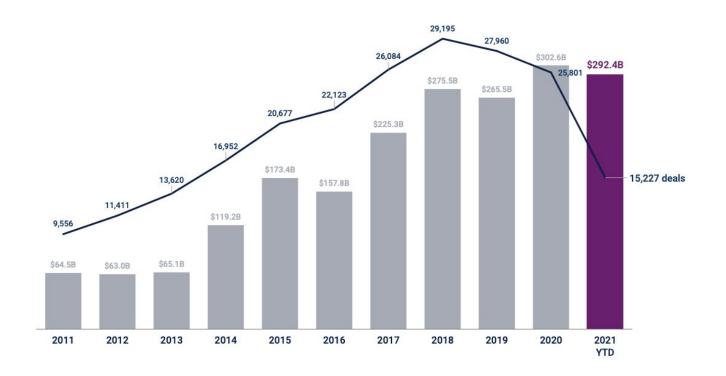
Record Number of Unicorns (\$1B+ valuation)



Record Number Exits (IPO or M&A)



Funding For 1st Half of 2021 Nears 2020 Total

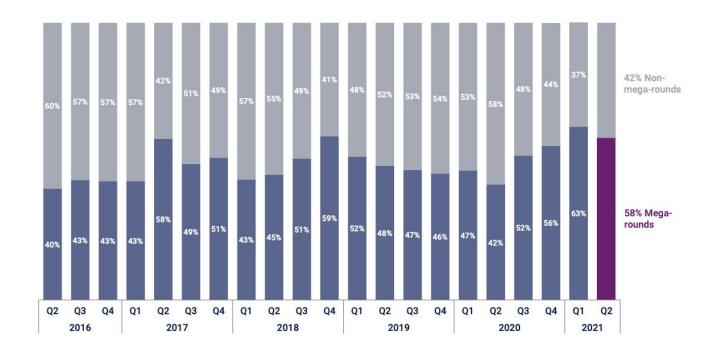


Record Number of \$100M+ "Mega Rounds"



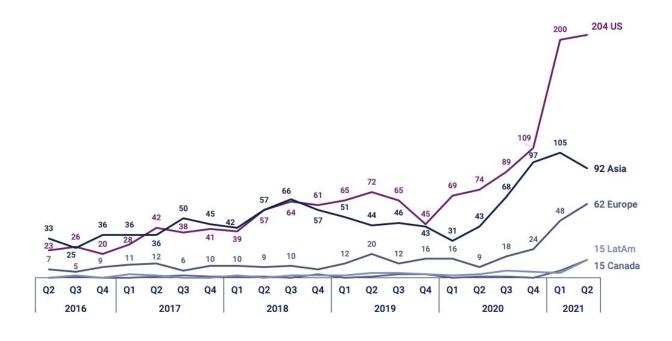


Mega-rounds Account for Nearly 60% of Dollars Invested Globally





Mega-rounds (\$100M+) Funded By Major Markets



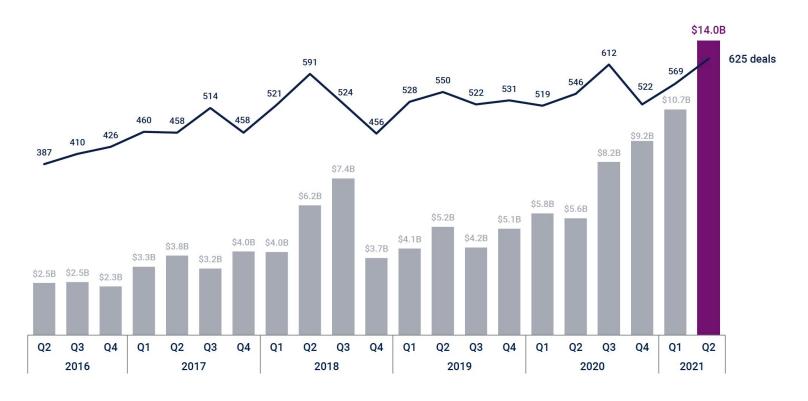


Cybersecurity Clocks \$13B in Funding for 2021 YTD





Digital Health Funding More Than Doubled Year-over-Year





VC Financings Focused on Artificial Intelligence Startups Hits Half-Year Record of \$31B



E-Commerce Quarterly Record of \$16.3B



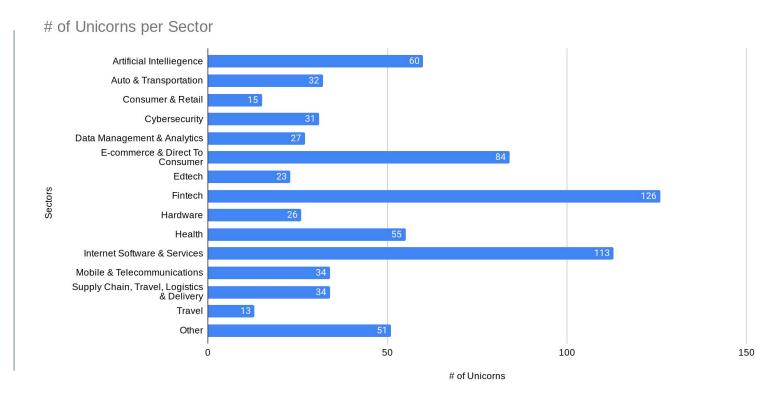
Fintech Sees Back-to-Back Quarterly Records in 2021





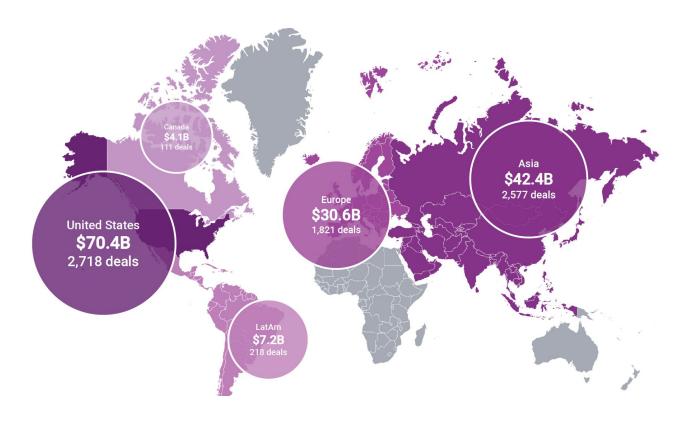
Global Unicorn Club - Sector Breakdown

728 Unicorns



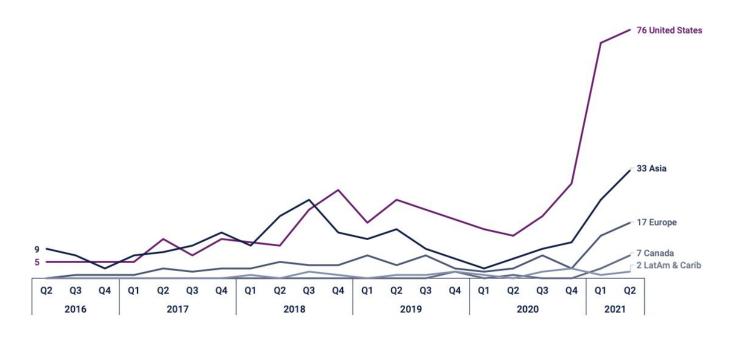


Global Distribution of Investment (USD)



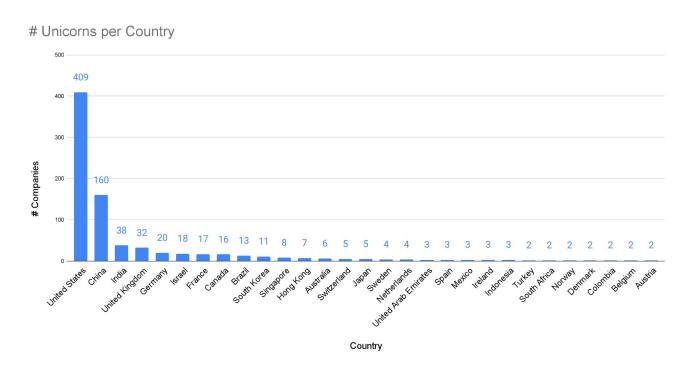


Amount of Unicorns "Birthed" By Major Markets





Unicorns per Country: America Remains #1





US as a % of Global VC Fundraising by Year

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Global Capital Raised (\$B)	\$51.0	\$26.0	\$35.5	\$48.9	\$45.8	\$37.6	\$56.7	\$81.3	\$89.0	\$94.8	\$124.5	\$92.8	\$111.8
US Capital Raised (\$B)	\$31.9	\$13.2	\$19.6	\$24.3	\$25.0	\$20.7	\$36.4	\$40.0	\$46.0	\$40.9	\$68.4	\$57.2	\$74.5
Global Capital Raised (#)	444	359	415	494	527	530	749	838	938	986	995	825	604
US Capital Raised (#)	196	128	157	180	239	266	408	477	525	530	608	527	339
US as % of Global (\$)	62.6%	50.8%	55.2%	49.7%	54.6%	55.1%	64.2%	49.2%	51.7%	43.2%	55.0%	61.7%	66.6%
US as % of Global (#)	44.1%	35.7%	37.8%	36.4%	45.4%	50.2%	54.5%	56.9%	56.0%	53.8%	61.1%	63.9%	56.1%

Source: NVCA 2021 Yearbook, Data provided by PitchBook

Summary

- Venture capital is crucial for allowing startups to grow by financing their marketing, operations, and infrastructure costs. It also gives investors the opportunity to aim for high return on invested capital and contribute to making a societal change from company formation.
- 2021 was a record year for venture capital based on number unicorns, exits, IPOs, mega rounds, and global funding.
- Fintech, Digital Healthcare, AI, Cybersecurity, and E-Commerce all saw record funding this year (2021).
- The United States continues to hold the largest number of unicorns to date, continuing for the last several years. China is the next most abundant, followed by India in third.
- Venture capital often requires longer holding periods and greater friction in the investment process, but can offer higher reward than public market alternatives. Many top-tier venture capitalists consider themselves as "business builders & partners" or "making partnerships with founders to change the future" as opposed to simply being "financiers".

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