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Sentiment  
Funding  
Valuations  
Talent

## Navigating the downturn

# A global phenomenon

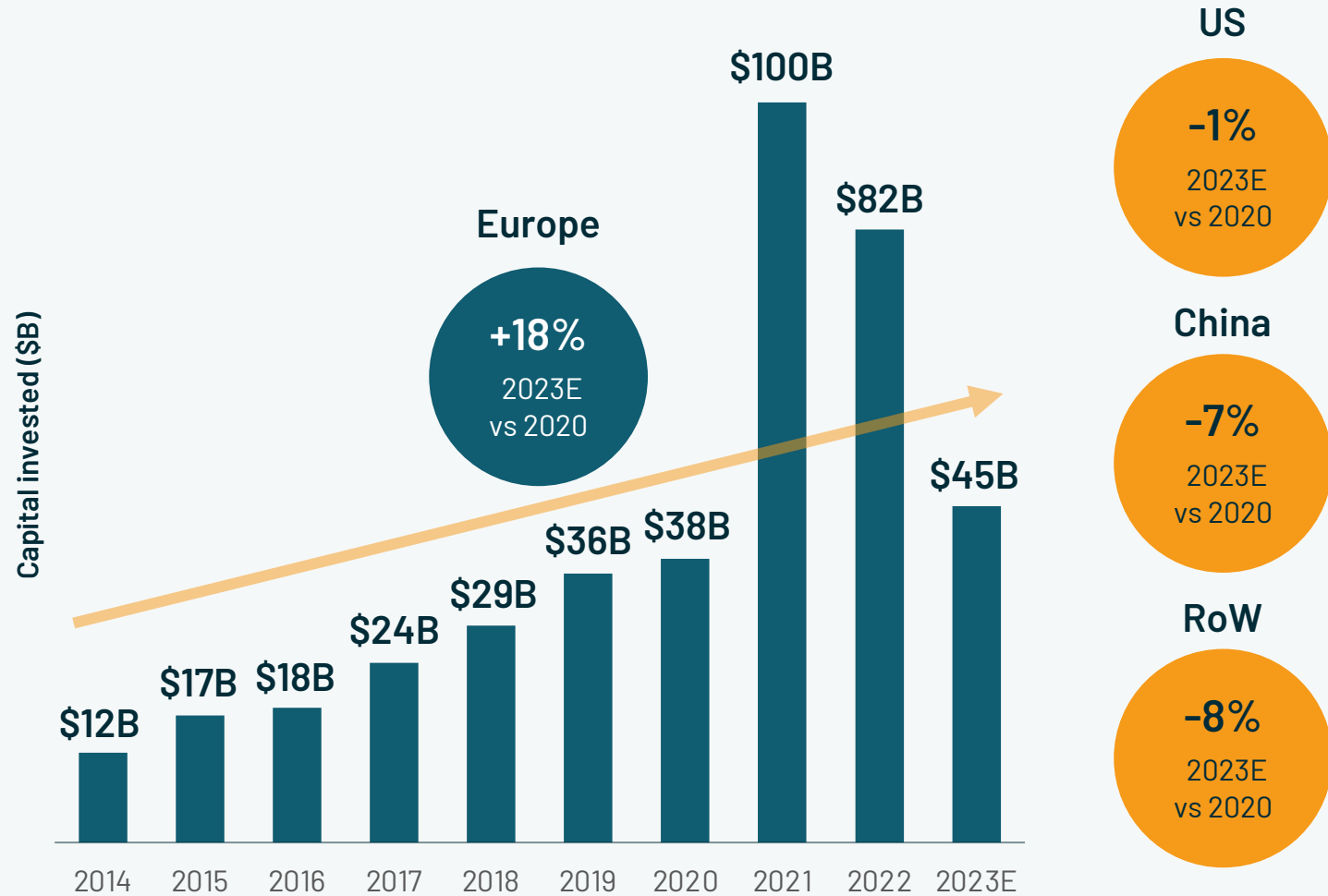
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Change in capital invested (%) by region, 2020 vs 2023



# Local capital needs to step up and step in

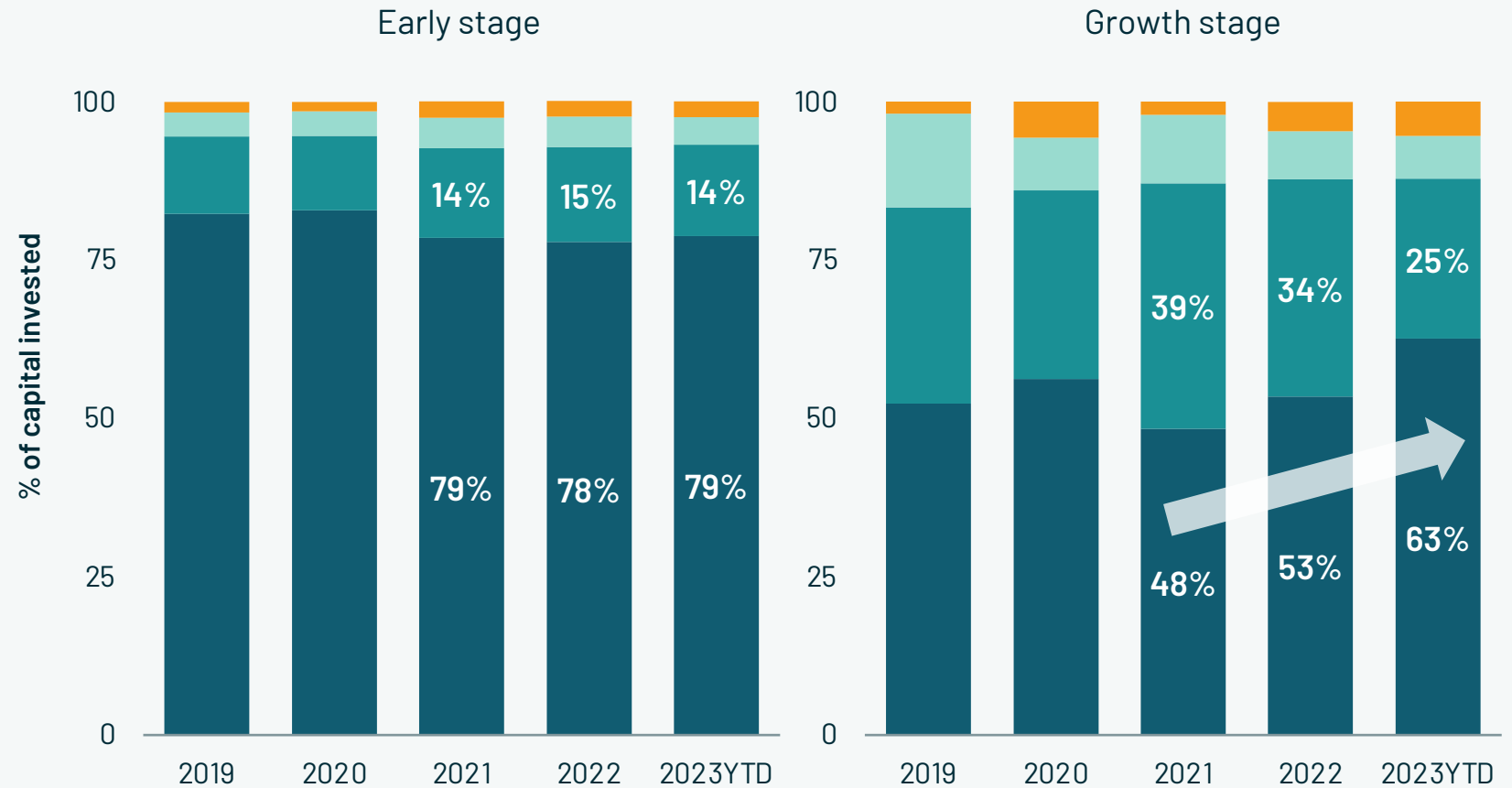
- Europe
- North America
- Asia
- RoW

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Capital invested in Europe by geographic source region (%), 2019 to 2023



# Europe's unwavering sentiment

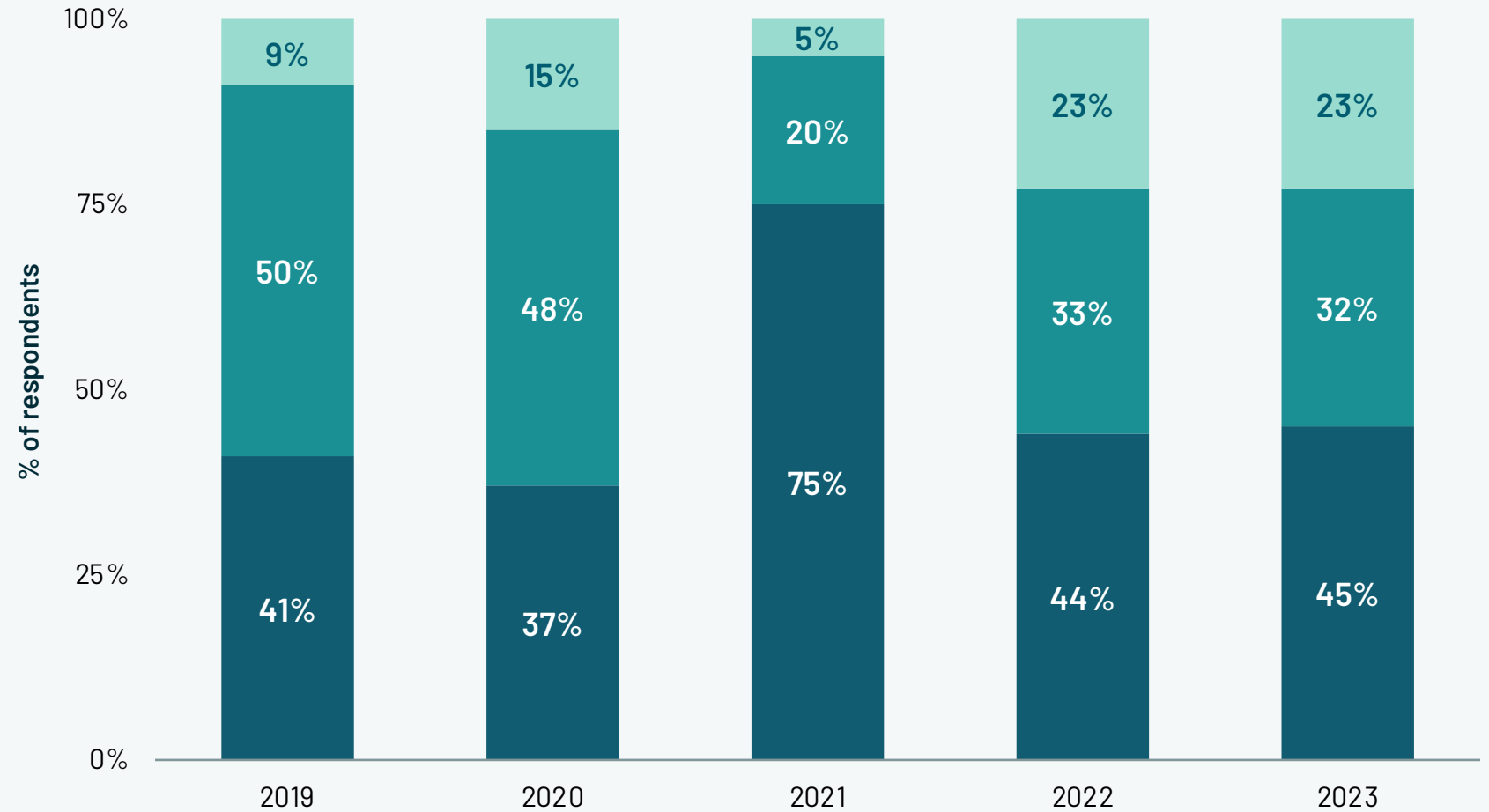
- More
- Same
- Less

Source: **STATE OF EUROPEAN TECH** Survey

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Compared to 12 months ago, are you more or less optimistic today about the future of European technology?



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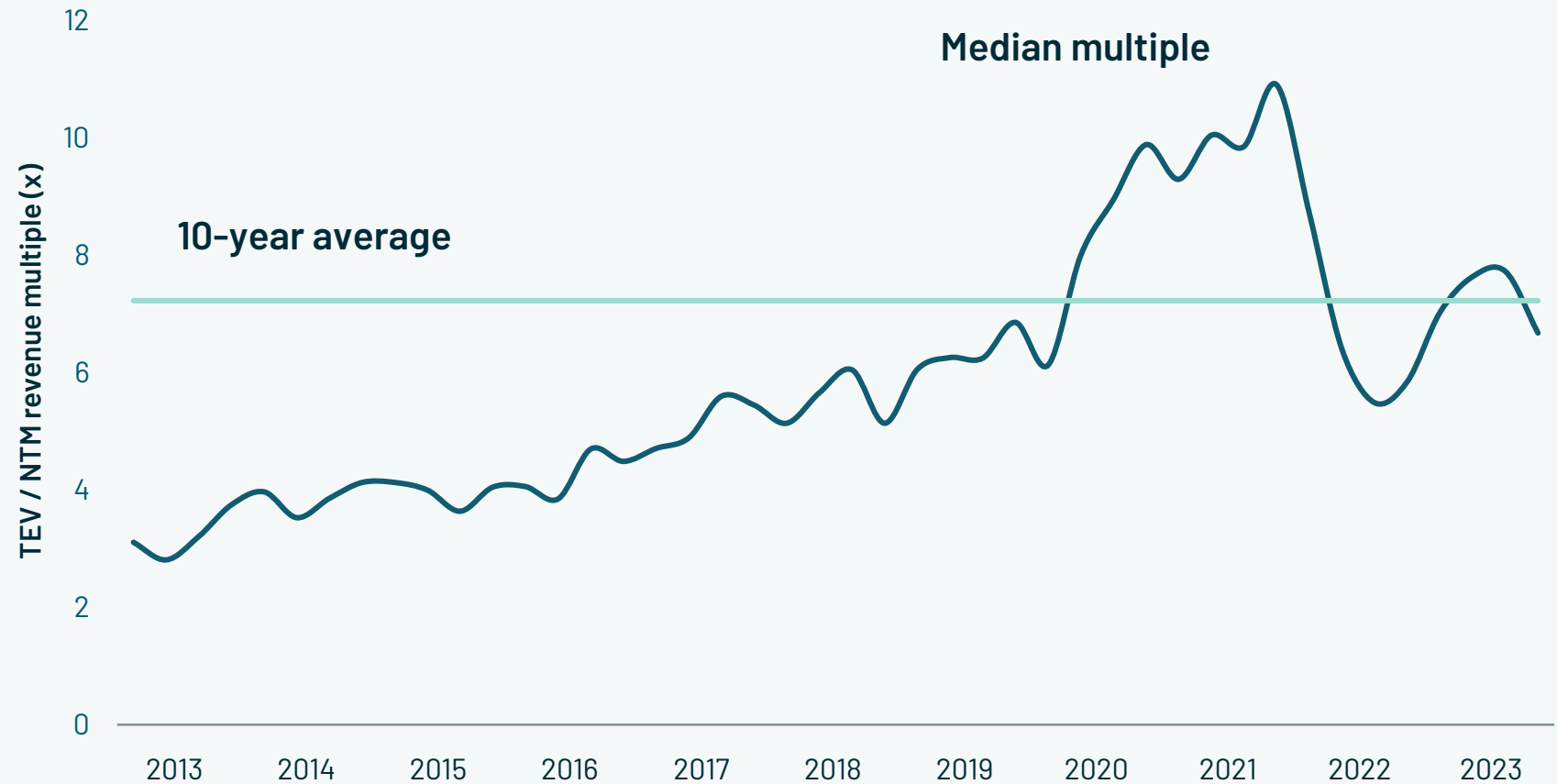
# Publicly-listed tech showing signs of recovery

Source: **S&P Global**

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NASDAQ-100 Technology Sector Index – Total enterprise value / NTM revenue multiple in time



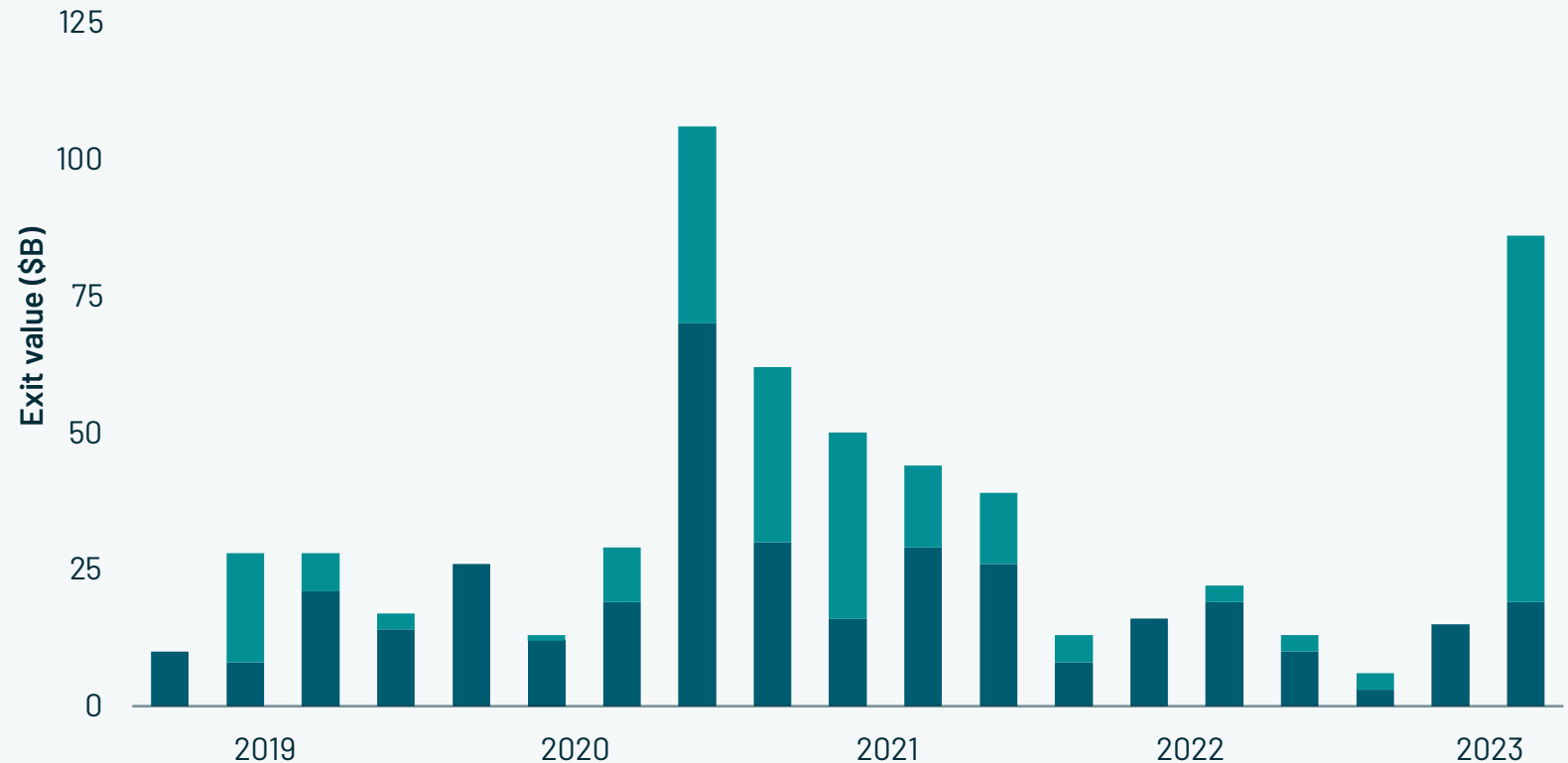
# Exit landscape stirs after extended quiet period

- M&A
- IPO

Source: **S&P Global**

**Notes:** S&P Capital IQ Platform, as of date 30 September 2023, for illustrative purposes only. 2023 figures extrapolated linearly based on year to date figures. Includes announced and completed M&A transactions only (excluding since terminated/withdrawn).

European tech M&A transaction value and tech IPO market cap at close of first trading day (\$B) by announcement quarter, 2019 to 2023



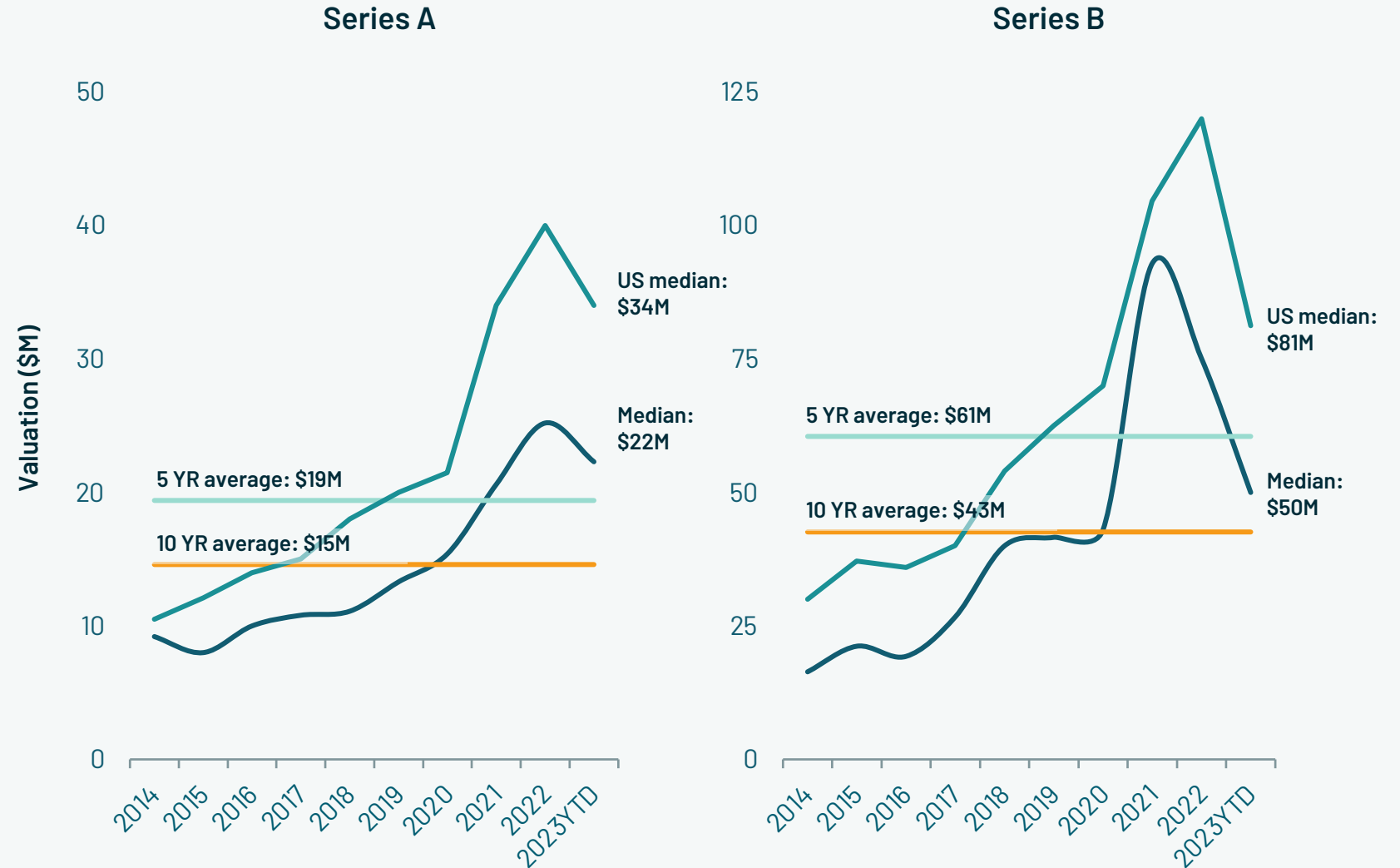
# Valuations back at 5 and 10 year averages

Source:  PitchBook

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Median pre-money valuation (\$M) by stage, 2014 to 2023



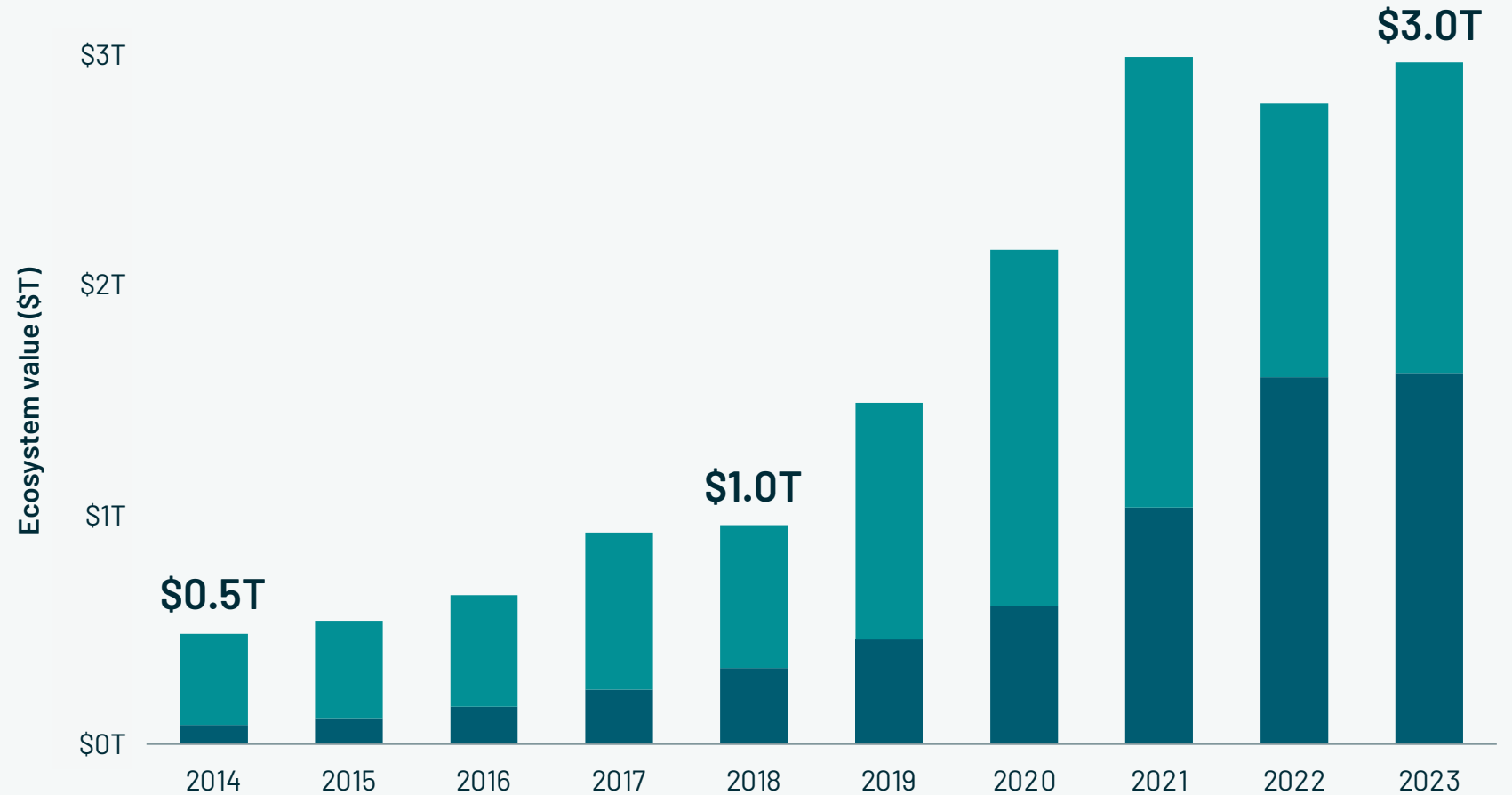
# Ecosystem regains value to \$3 trillion

- Private
- Public

Source: [S&P Global](#) [ID dealroom.co](#)

**Notes:** Private market data from Dealroom.co excludes the following: biotech, secondary transactions, debt, lending capital, and grants. Based on data up to 30 September 2023. Public markets data as per S&P Capital IQ Platform, as of date 31 October 2023, for illustrative purposes only.

Private and public markets ecosystem value (\$T), 2014 to 2023



# Beyond the slowdown, a funding equilibrium

- Early stage
- Growth stage

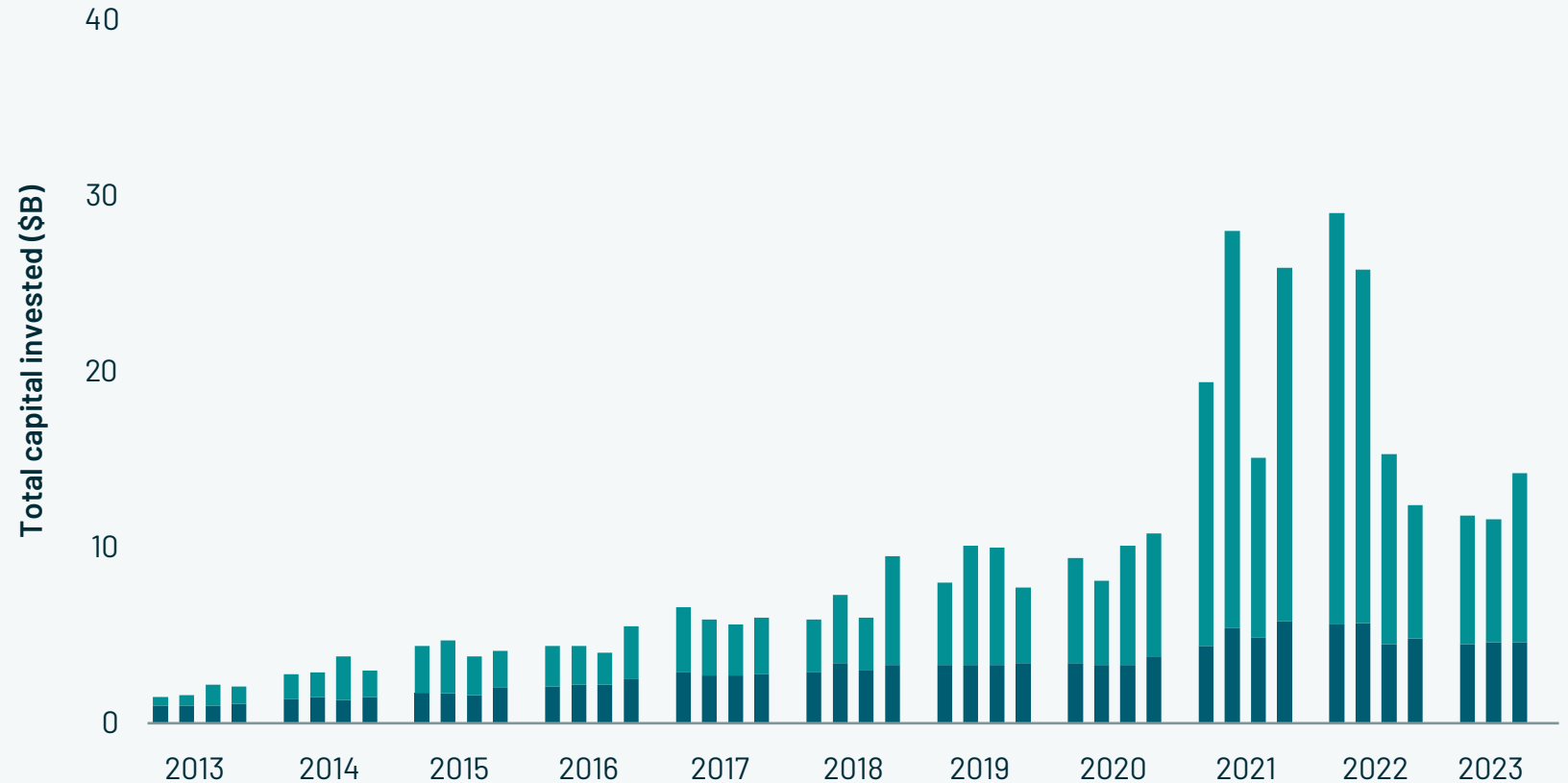
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Total capital invested (\$B) in Europe by stage and by quarter, 2014 to 2023



# Some progress, but needle not moving perceptively yet

- At founding
- Pre-Seed
- Seed
- Series as
- Series B and beyond

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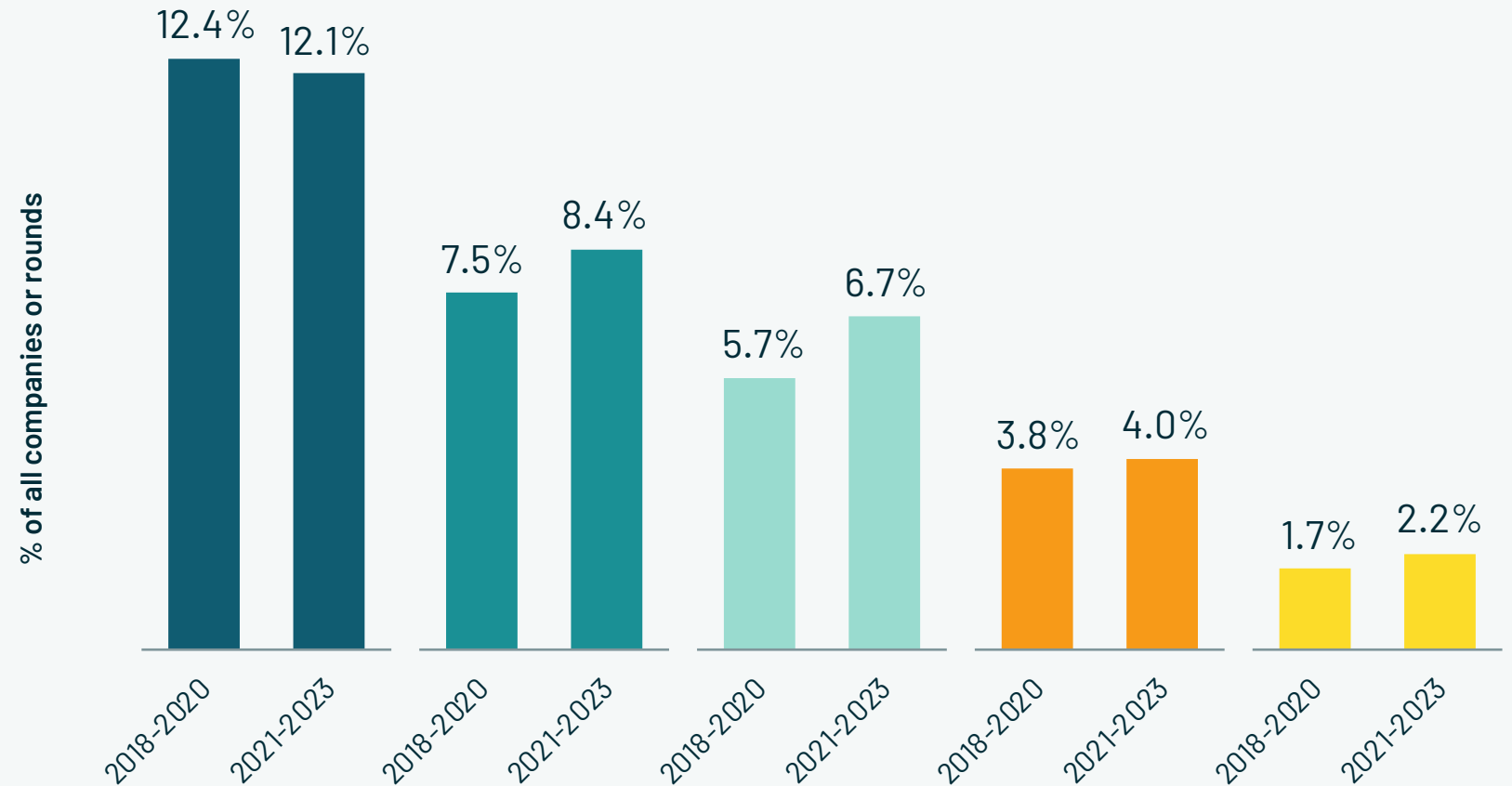
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Share of total count (%) captured by women-only founding teams by company stage



# Layoffs have peaked

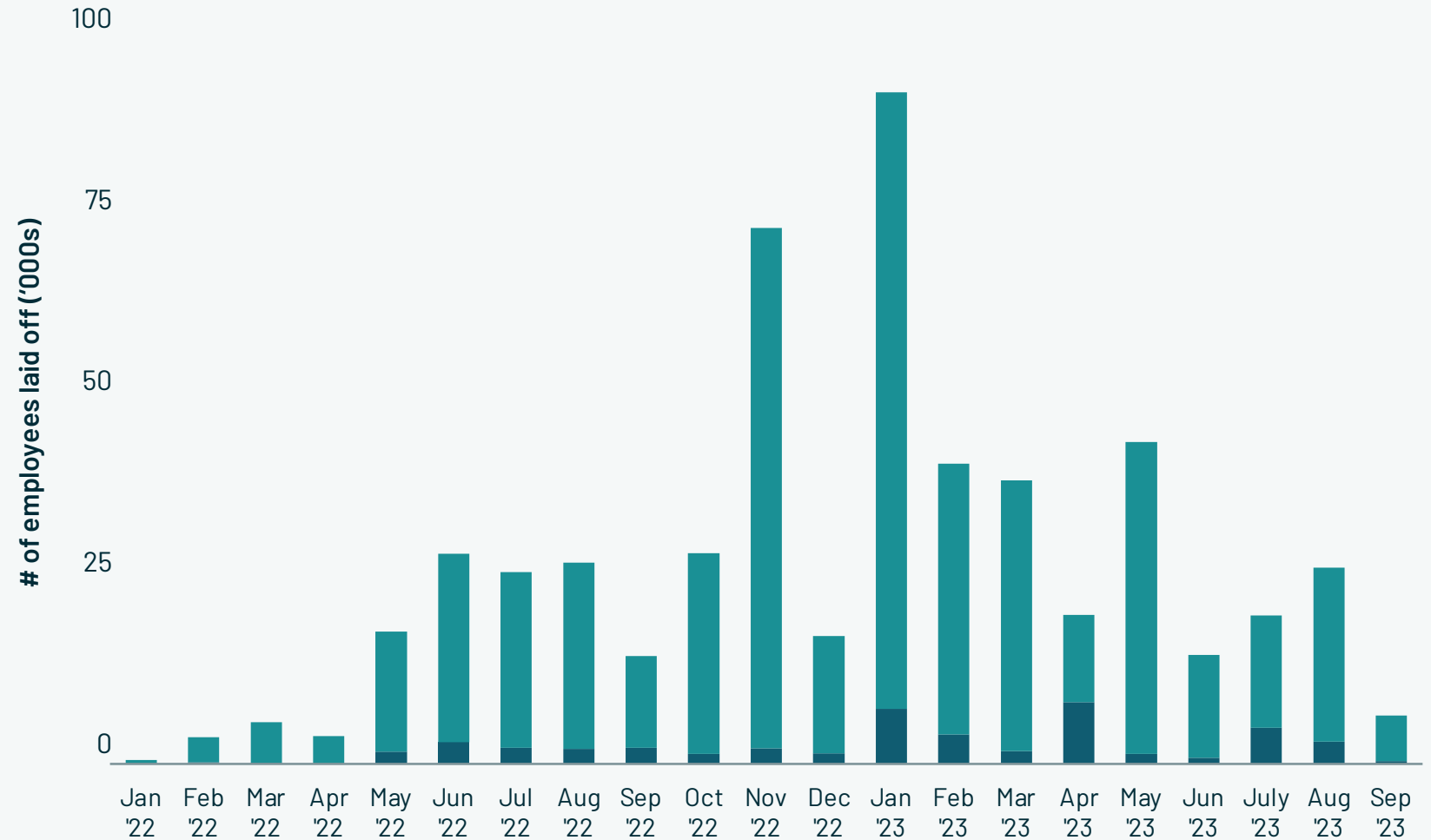
- RoW
- Europe

Source: **LAYOFFS TRACKER**

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Number of tech employee layoffs announced per month, Jan 2022 to Sep 2023



# Tech continues to draw in talent

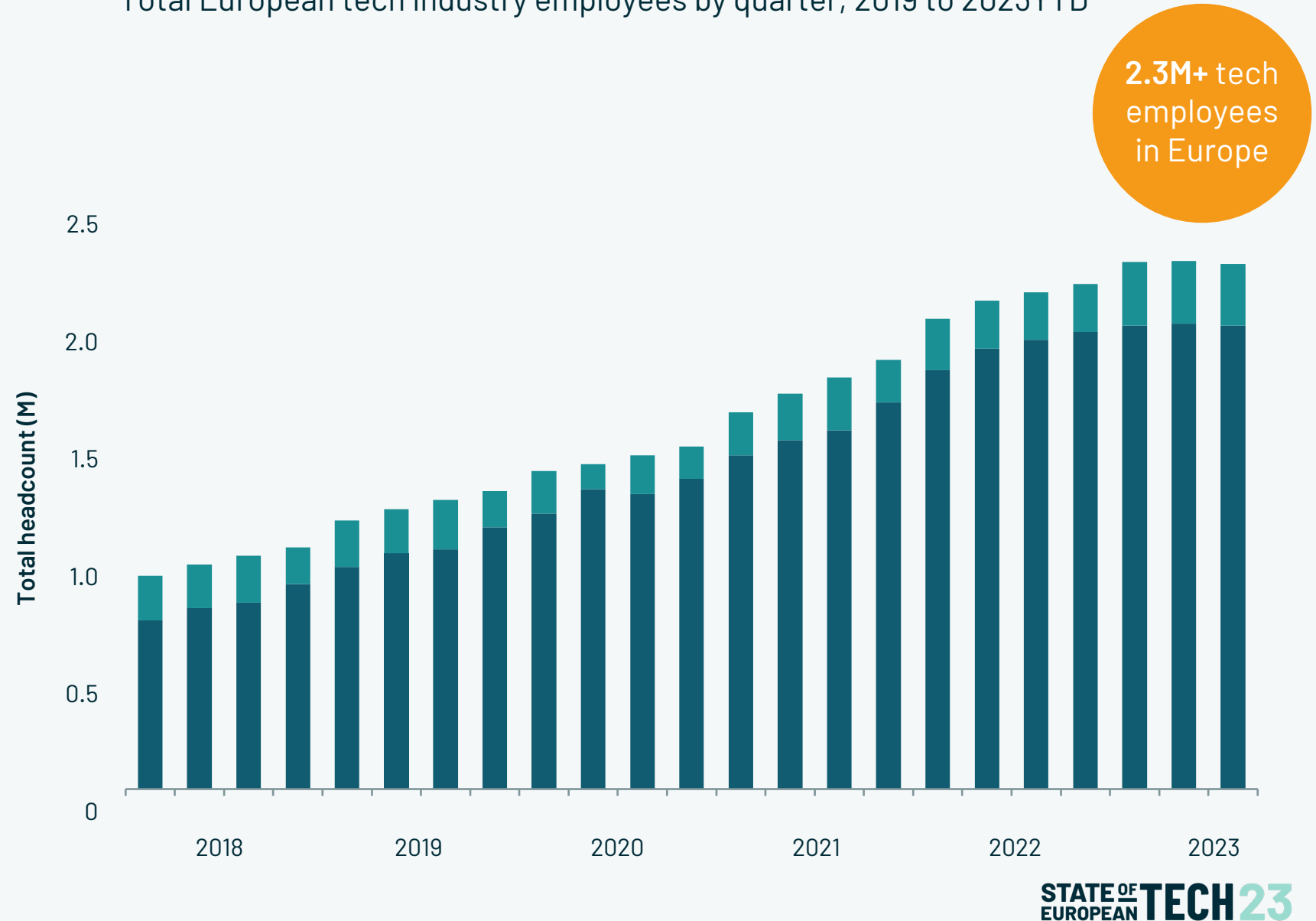
- New non-tech joiners
- Headcount (excl. new non-tech joiners)

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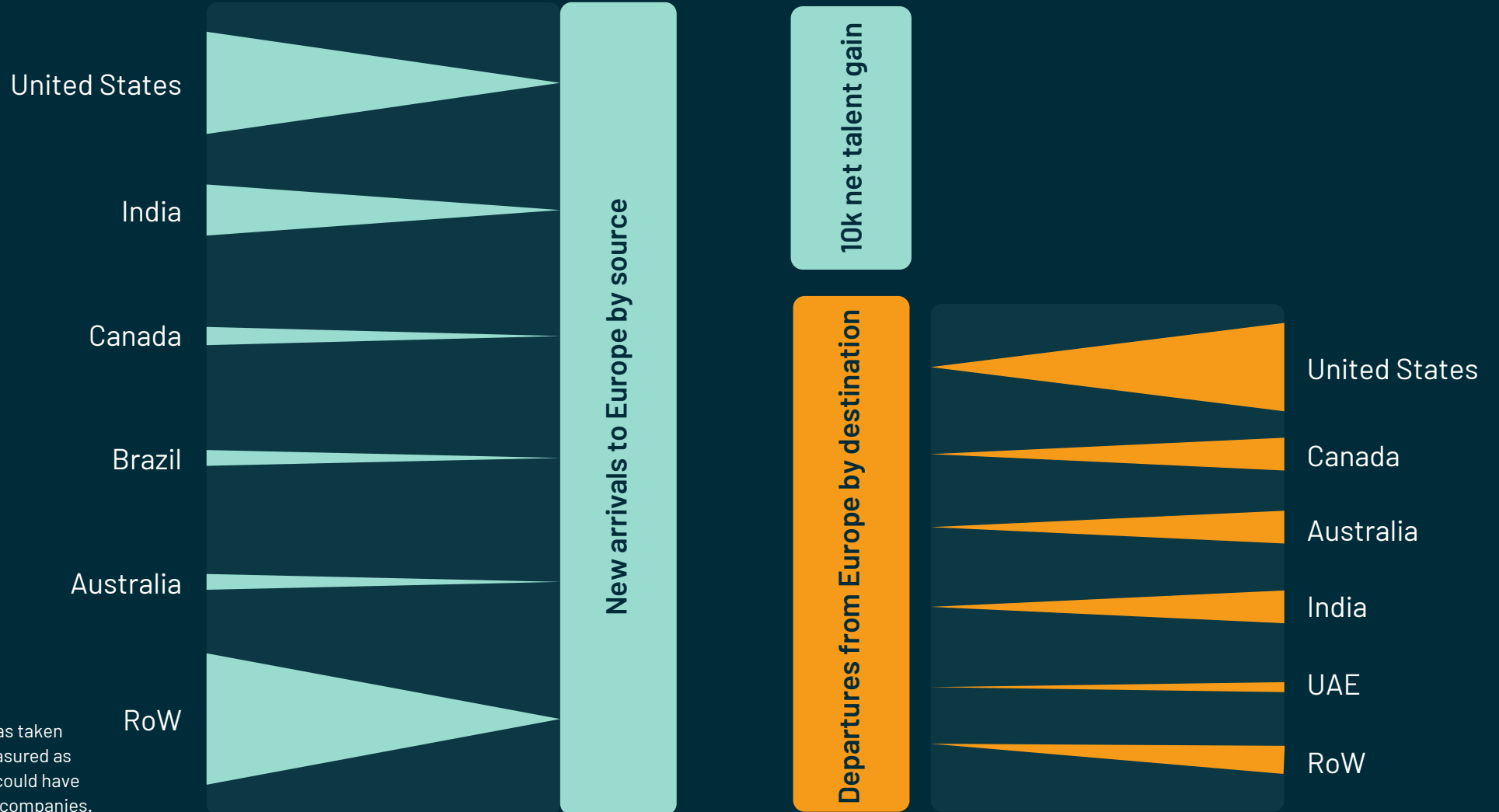
**Notes:** To adjust for lags in reporting, we compare snapshots of data at different points in time, which allows us to estimate future growth of current figures by extrapolating differences between time points. Data is as of 20 September 2023, thus Q3 is incomplete.

Total European tech industry employees by quarter, 2019 to 2023YTD



# Europe winning over international talent

Global tech employee arrivals to and departures from Europe, 2023



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**Notes:** Data for 2023 only, where an arrival has taken place on or after 1 January 2023. Arrivals measured as employees joining tech companies only, but could have previously worked at either non-tech or tech companies. Data is as of 20 September 2023.

# 02

New startup formation

Thematic trends

Funding innovation

Embracing risk

## The imperative of backing innovation

# Europe outpacing US in new tech startup formation

- Europe repeat founders
- Europe first-time founders
- US repeat founders
- US first-time founders

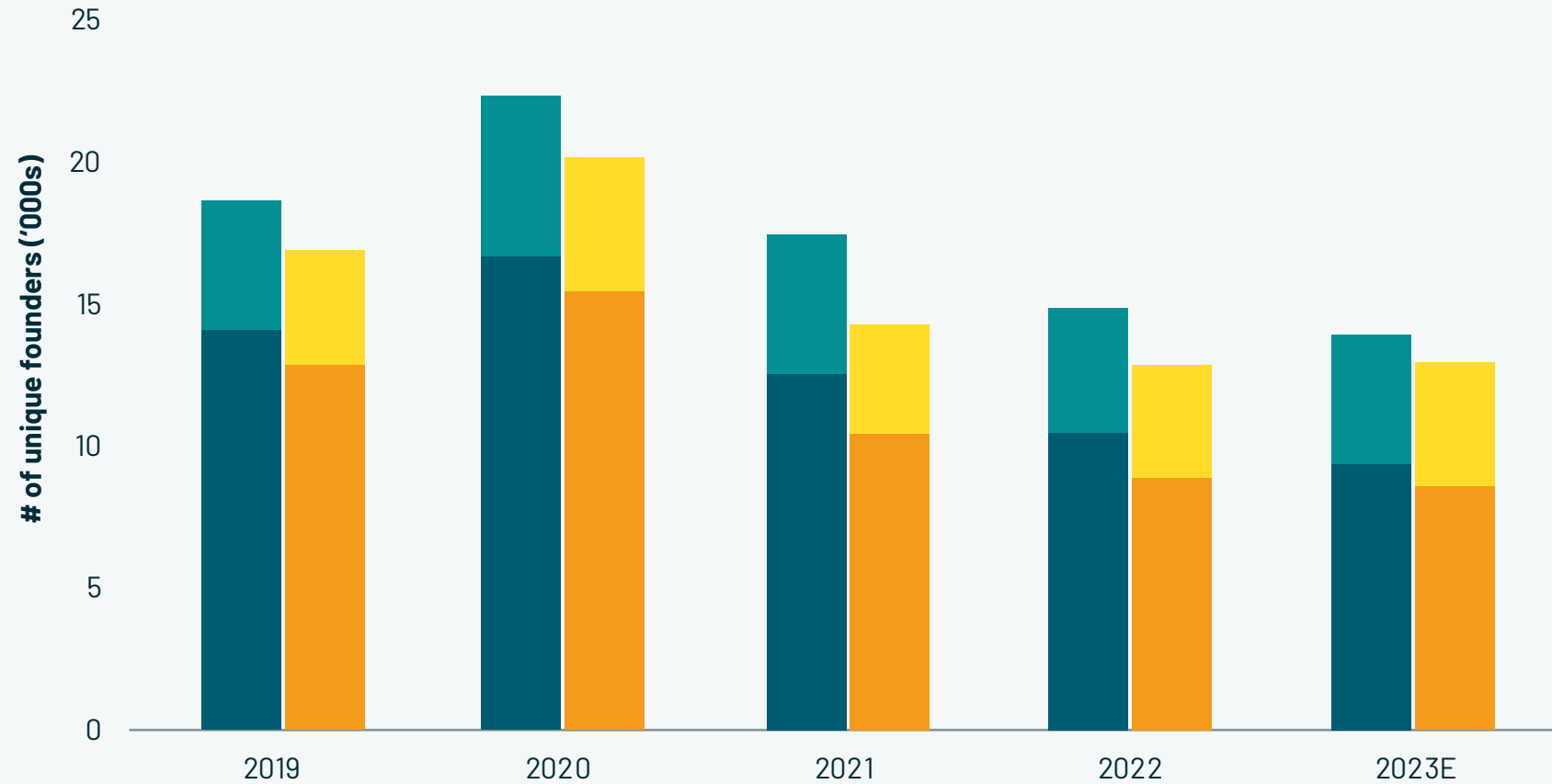
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Number of unique founders starting companies, 2019 to 2023



# Talent is flowing to the hardest problems

- Net new-tech joiners
- New joiners from within tech

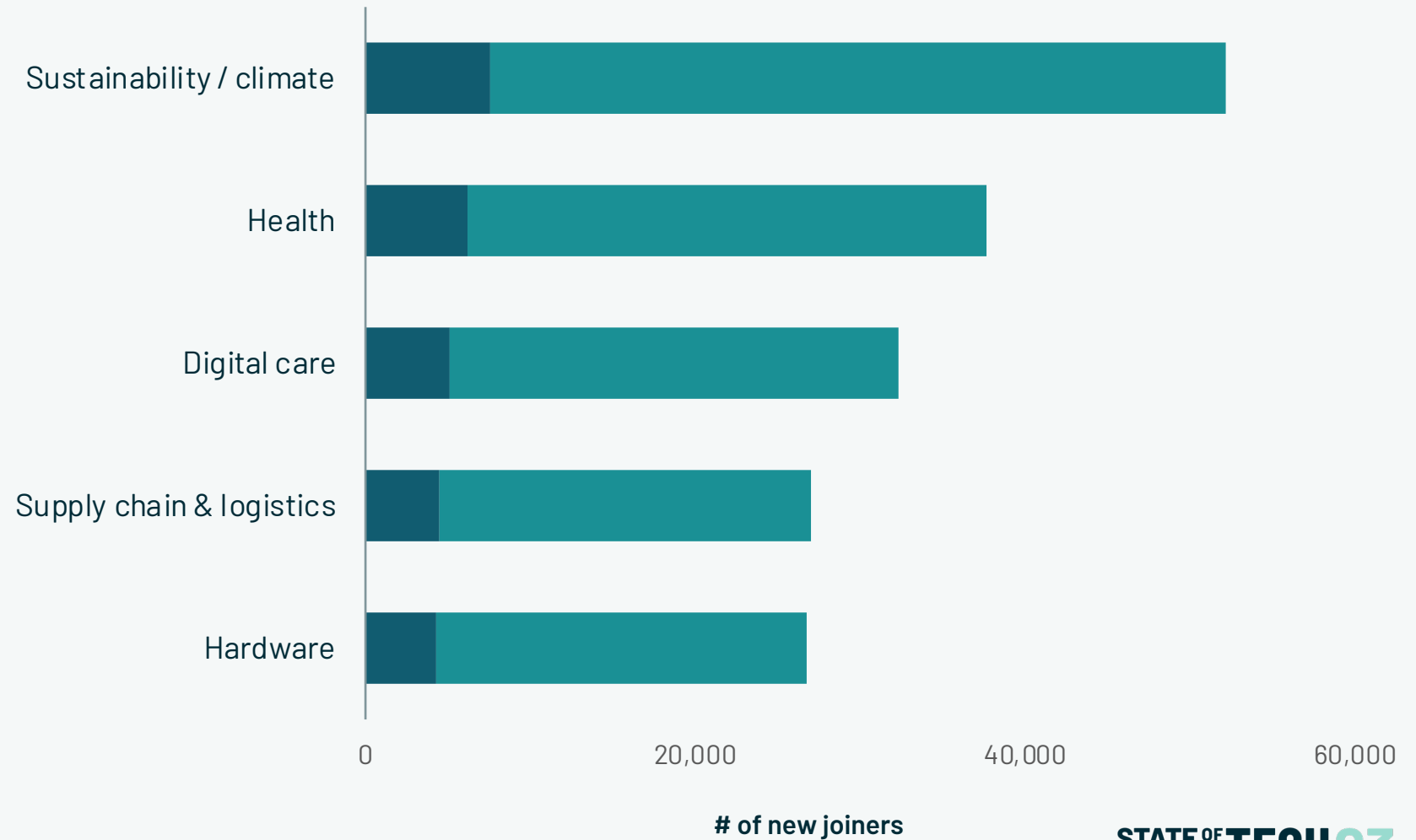
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Top 5 themes by number of new joiners, by type, 2023



# Climate tech dominates overall capital flows

- Transportation
- Food & Drinks
- Education
- Wholesale & Retail
- Warehousing & Manufacturing
- Social, Arts, Entertainment & Recreation
- Digital Infrastructure
- Finance & Insurance
- Enabling Technologies
- Health
- Software
- Carbon & energy

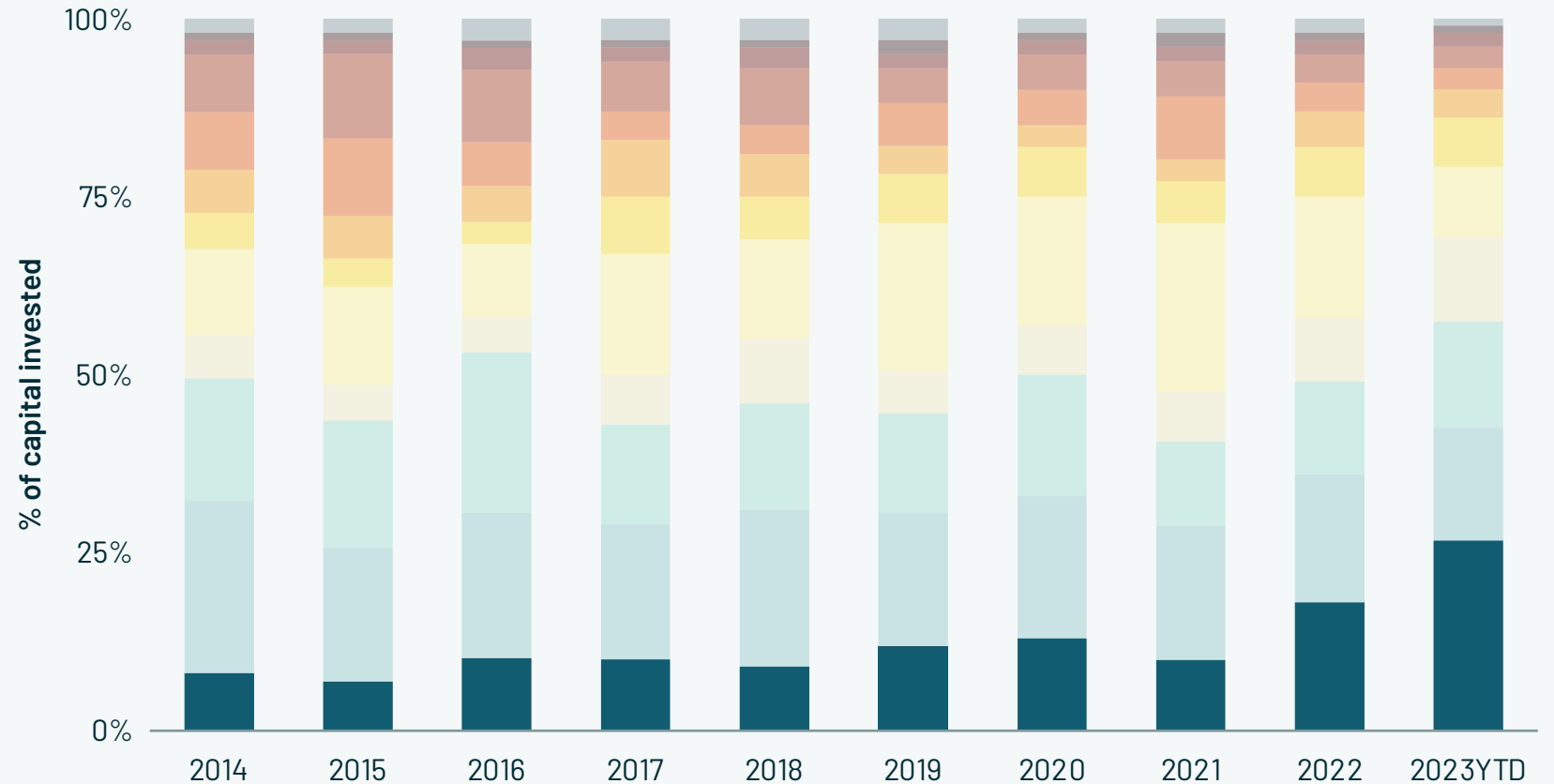
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Distribution of capital invested by sector (%), 2014 to 2023


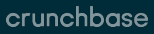


# AI takes over at Seed

Top themes at Seed in 2023 by capital invested



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# Investors betting big on AI

## Europe

- \$250M - \$1B
- \$100 - 250M

## US

- \$1B+
- \$250M - \$1B
- \$100 - 250M

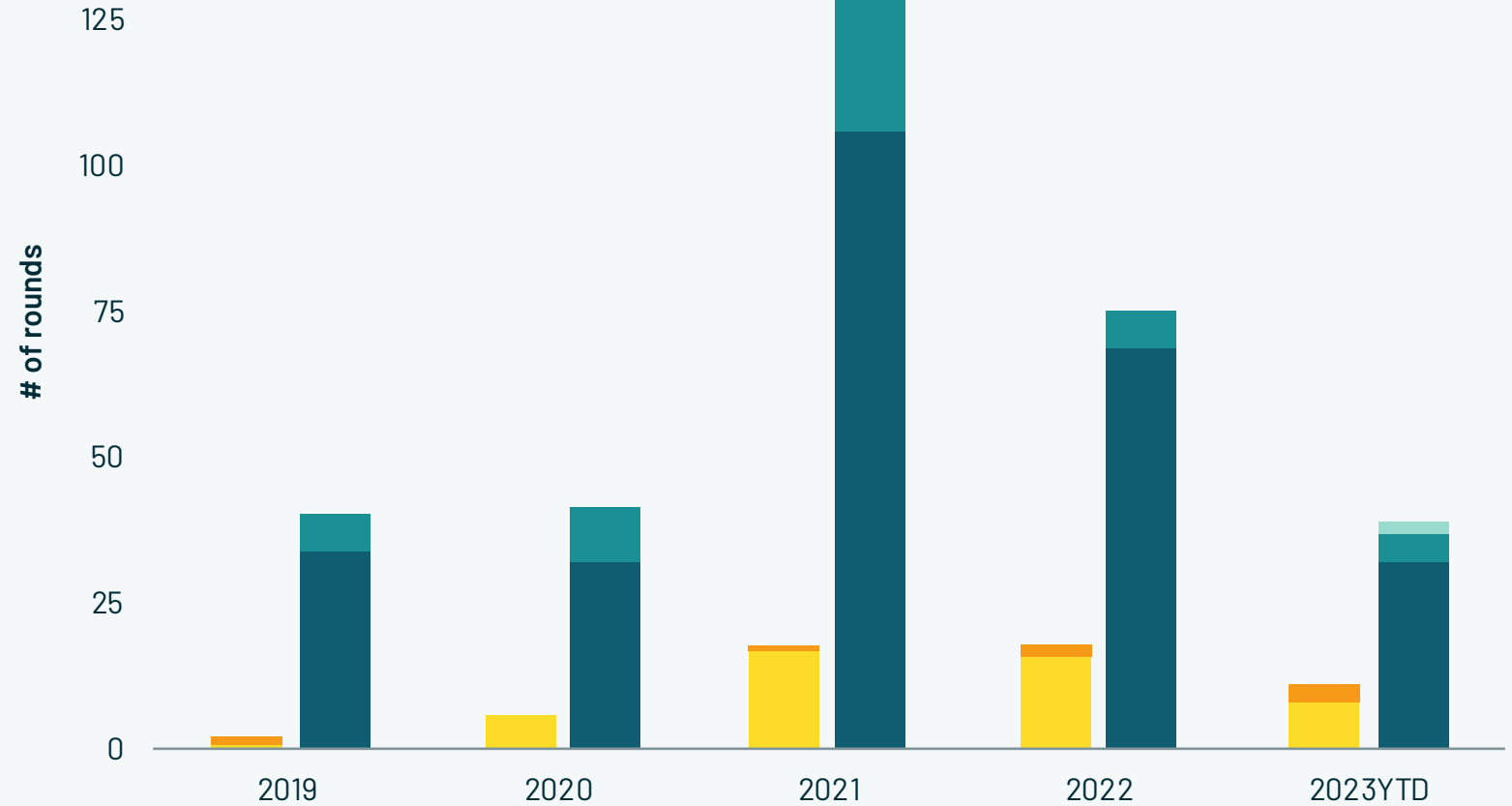
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Number of \$100M+ rounds in AI, 2014 to 2023



# Europe has more AI talent than US

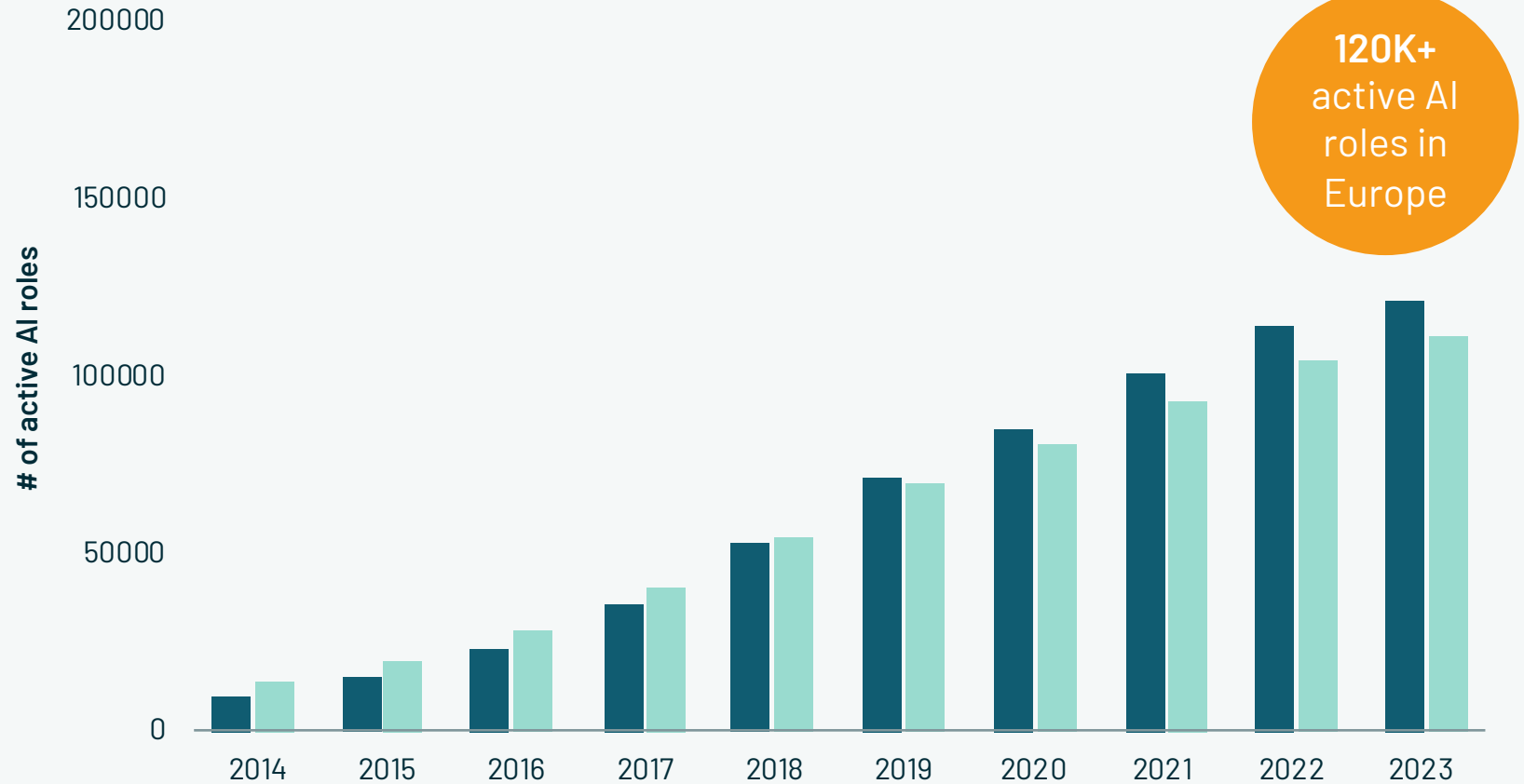
- Europe
- United States

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**Notes:** 2023 is extrapolated based on data as of 20 September 2023. Data consists of all companies, including non-tech. To track the development of people working in AI roles over time, we filter the universe of roles to those with the most common job titles in the field, e.g. AI Researcher, ML Engineer, as well as key phrases in job titles like 'Deep/Reinforcement Learning'. Based on our experiences and understanding of the current work/tools of data scientists, we include these in our definition of an AI/ML role.

Number of active AI roles by region, 2014 to 2023



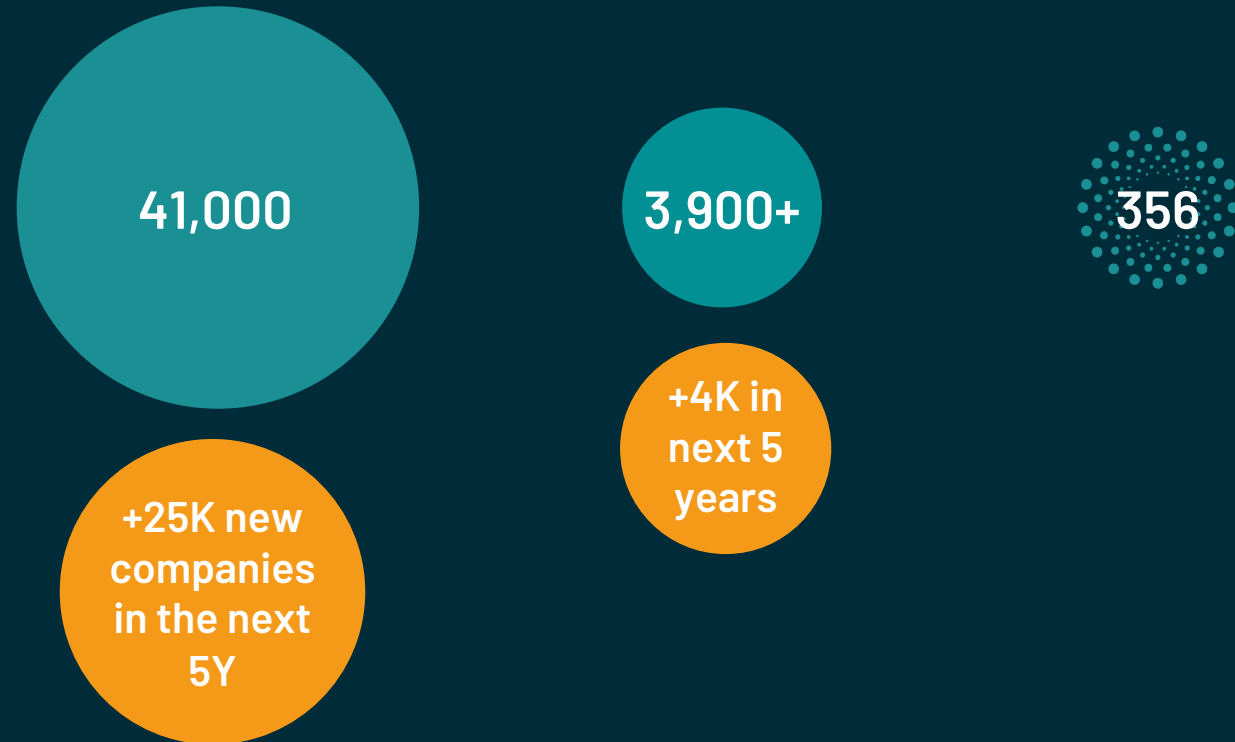
# Meteoric rise of tech entrepreneurship

Count of venture-backed European startups by stage

Early stage companies



Growth stage companies

\$1B+ companies



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# US startups benefit from greater access to capital

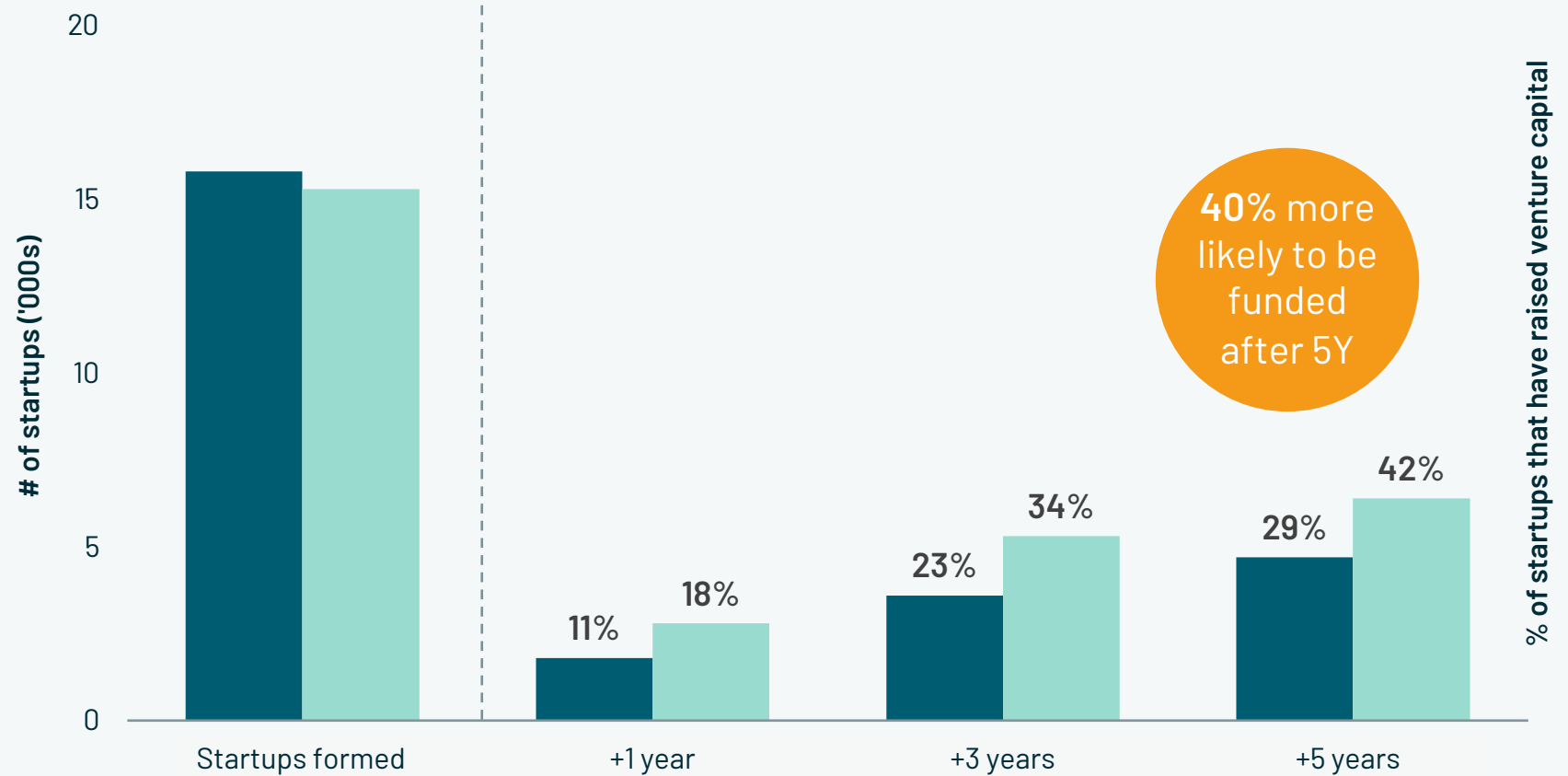
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Share of tech startups that raise venture capital by region and time since founding



40% more likely to be funded after 5Y

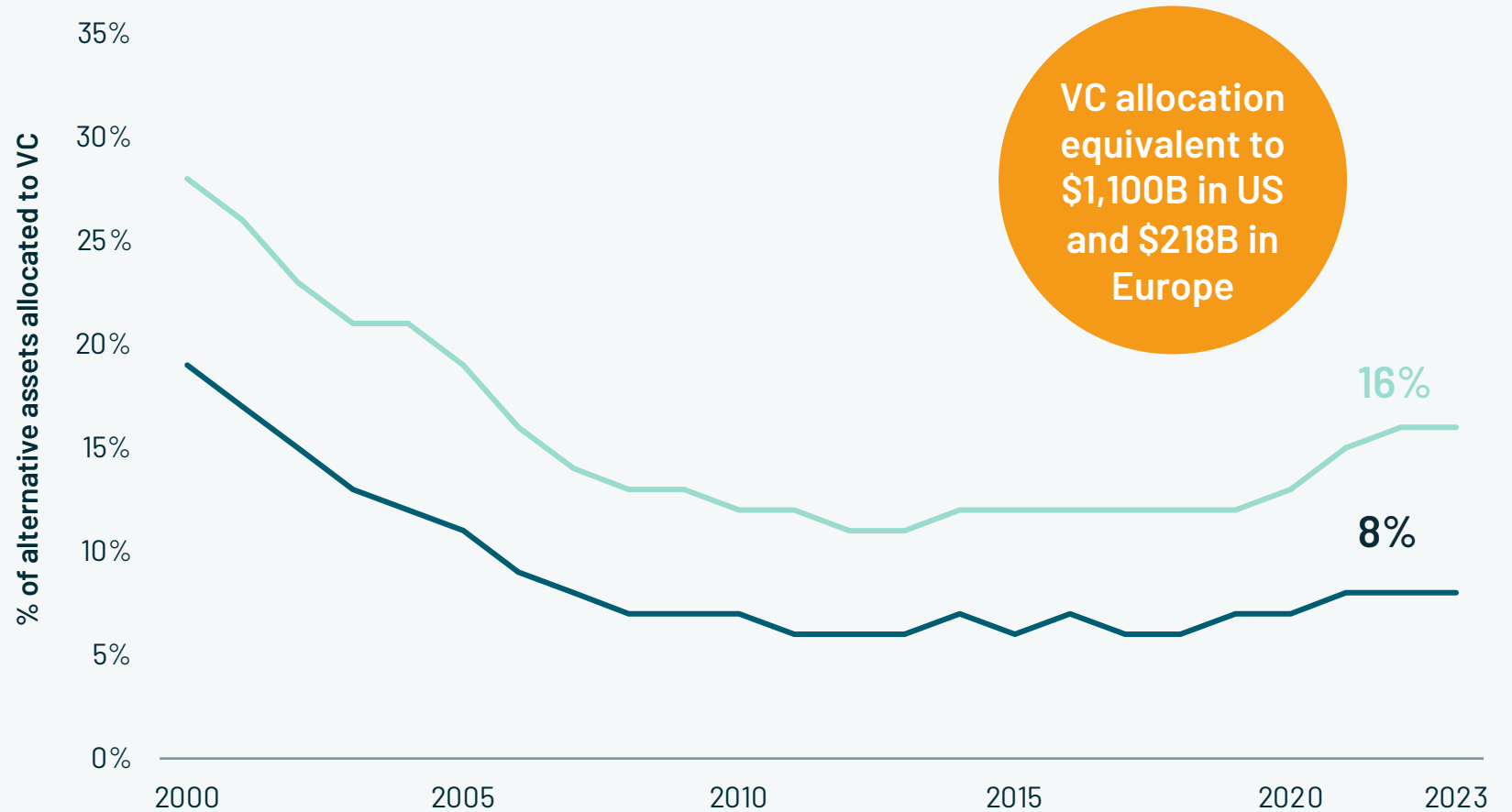
# European asset managers underweight in VC versus US asset managers

- Europe
- United States

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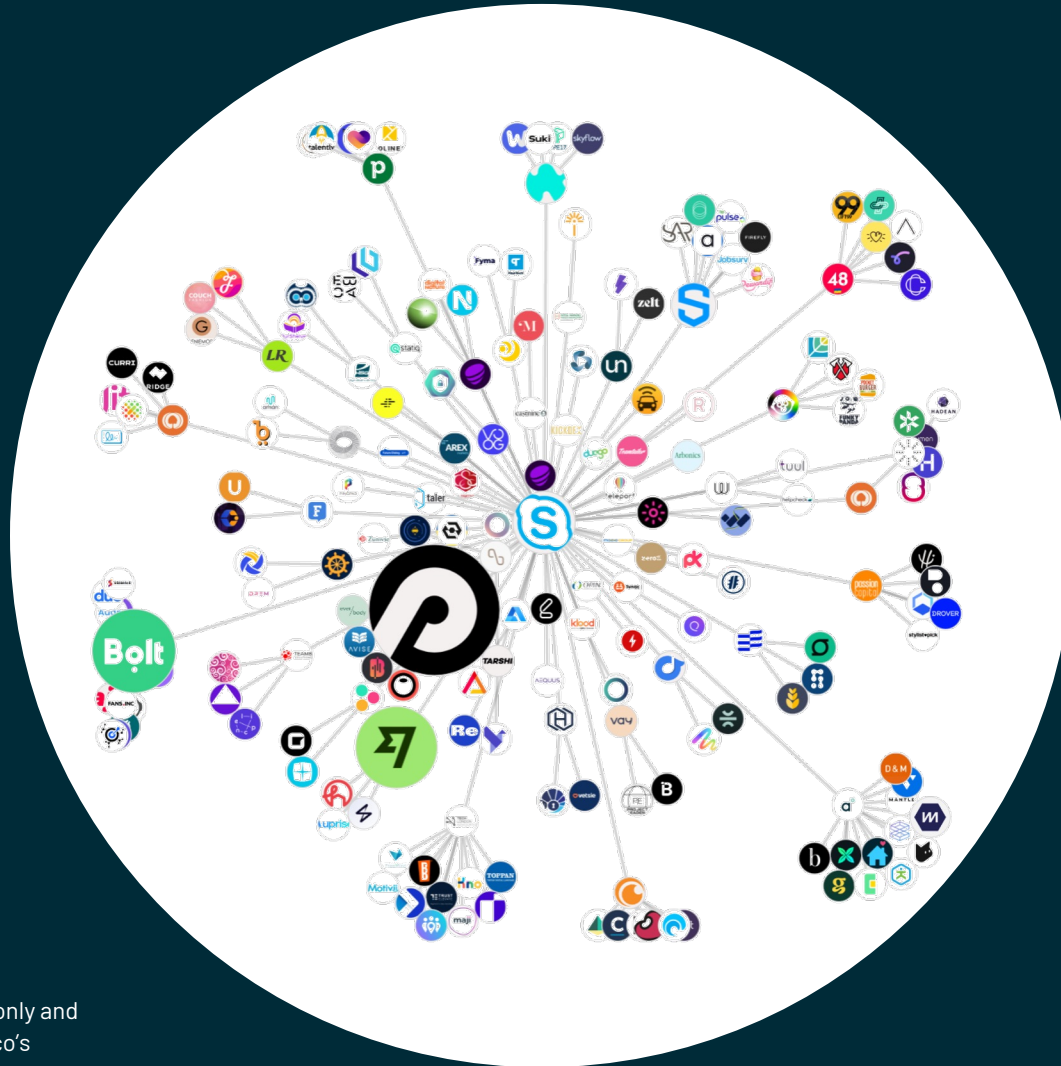
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Share of AUM by alternative asset class based on manager HQ region, 2000 to 2023



VC allocation equivalent to \$1,100B in US and \$218B in Europe

# The Skype network effect



950  
companies

50  
countries

65K  
employees

\$3T  
ecosystem  
value

Source: **atomico**

**Notes:** Based on public LinkedIn profiles only and companies defined as "tech" as per Atomico's proprietary taxonomy model. Nodes' size represent total capital raised by companies, VC funds are not sized according to their AuM.

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