VC & PE QUÉBEC MARKET OVERVIEW // Q4 2020







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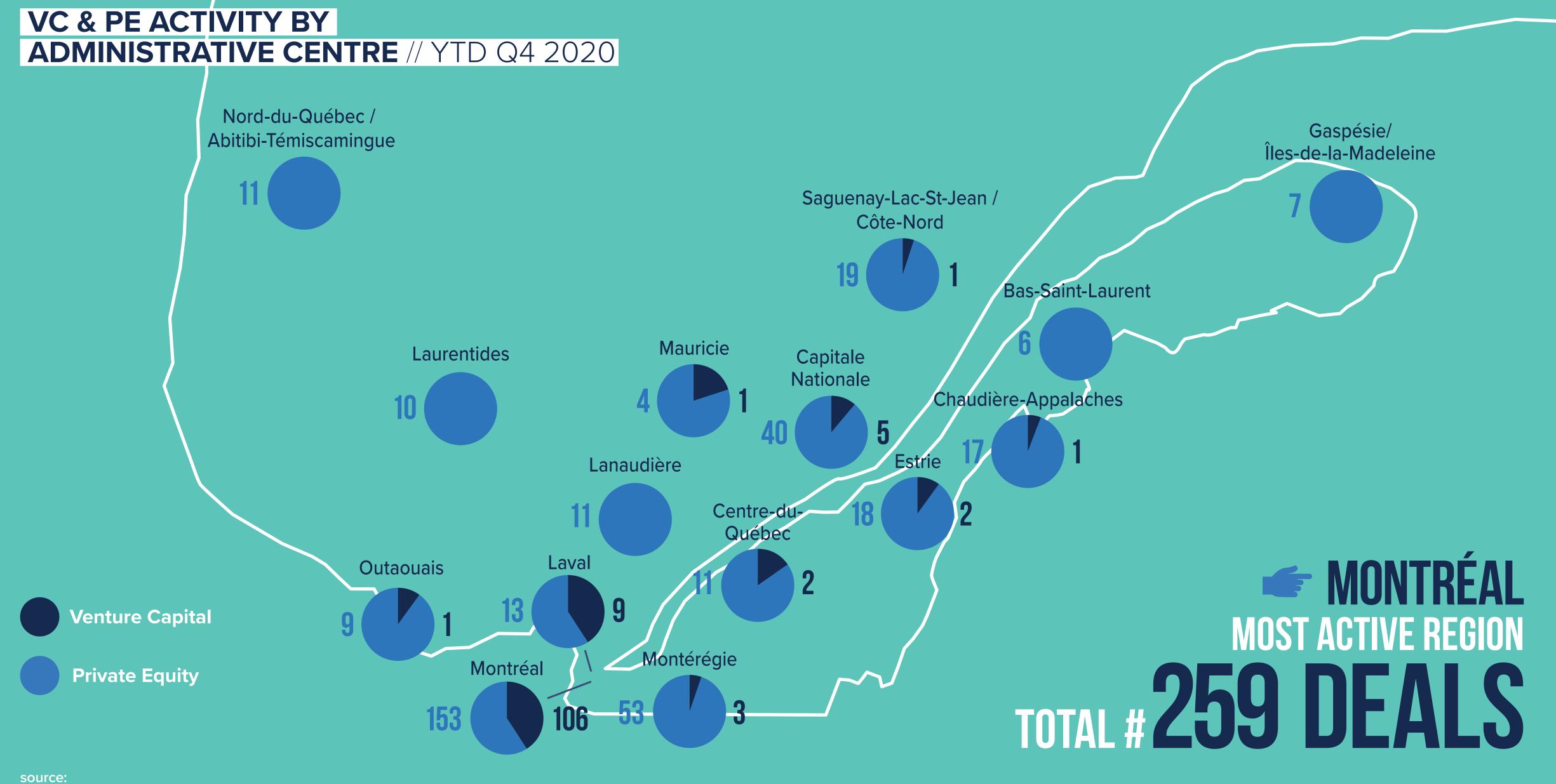


\$6.9B total

Private Equity















QUÉBEC VC INVESTMENT DROPS 33% YoY

Just over \$1B of VC was invested over 131 deals in Québec in 2020, which is 33% less than 2019 (CAD \$1.6B), and 16% less than the trailing five-year average across 2015-2019 (CAD \$1.2B).

There were 15 VC-backed exits in Québec in 2020. The most notable exit was Saint Laurent-Based **Repare Therapeutics** which debuted on the NASDAQ in Q2 for a total value of CAD \$1.5B. Previous investors in Repare were **Fonds de solidarité FTQ** and **Versant Ventures**, among others.

Venture Debt continues to grow in 2020 (CAD \$80M across 20 deals in 2020, vs CAD \$54M across 43 deals in 2019), but at a slower pace than in Ontario.

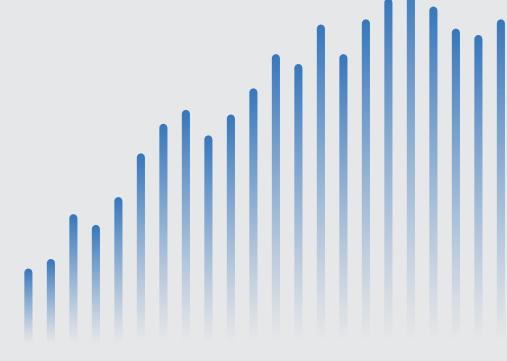




QUÉBEC VENTURE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS // YTD Q4 2020

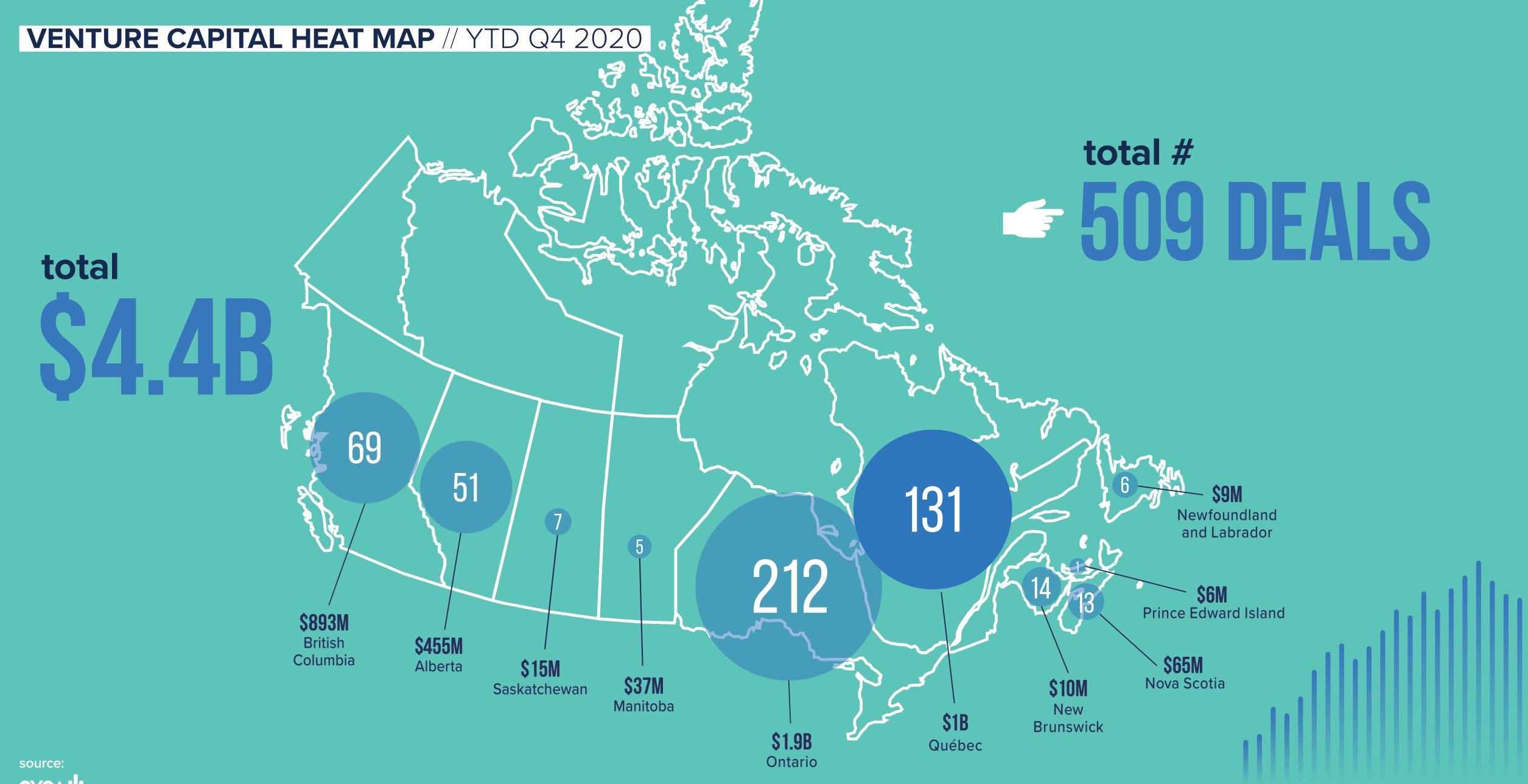
Key Findings

- The average deal size in Québec in 2020 was only CAD \$7.7M; the lowest YTD average deal size since 2016 (CAD \$5.9M).
- VC dollars invested by Sector:
 - Information, Communication & Technology: 46% (CAD \$459M over 61 deals)
 - Life Sciences: 33% (CAD \$329M over 30 deals)
 - Cleantech: 5% (CAD \$50M over 13 deals)
- **By Stage:**
 - Late stage: 48% (CAD \$486M over 21 deals)
 - Early stage: 42% (\$418M over 61 deals)
 - ► Seed stage: 7% (\$67M over 41 deals)
- VC Activity by Geography:
 - Ontario: 43 % of all VC dollars invested in Canada (CAD \$1,9B across 212 deals)
 - Québec : 23 % (CAD \$1B across 131 deals)
 - ▶ British Columbia: 20 % (CAD \$893M across 69 deals)





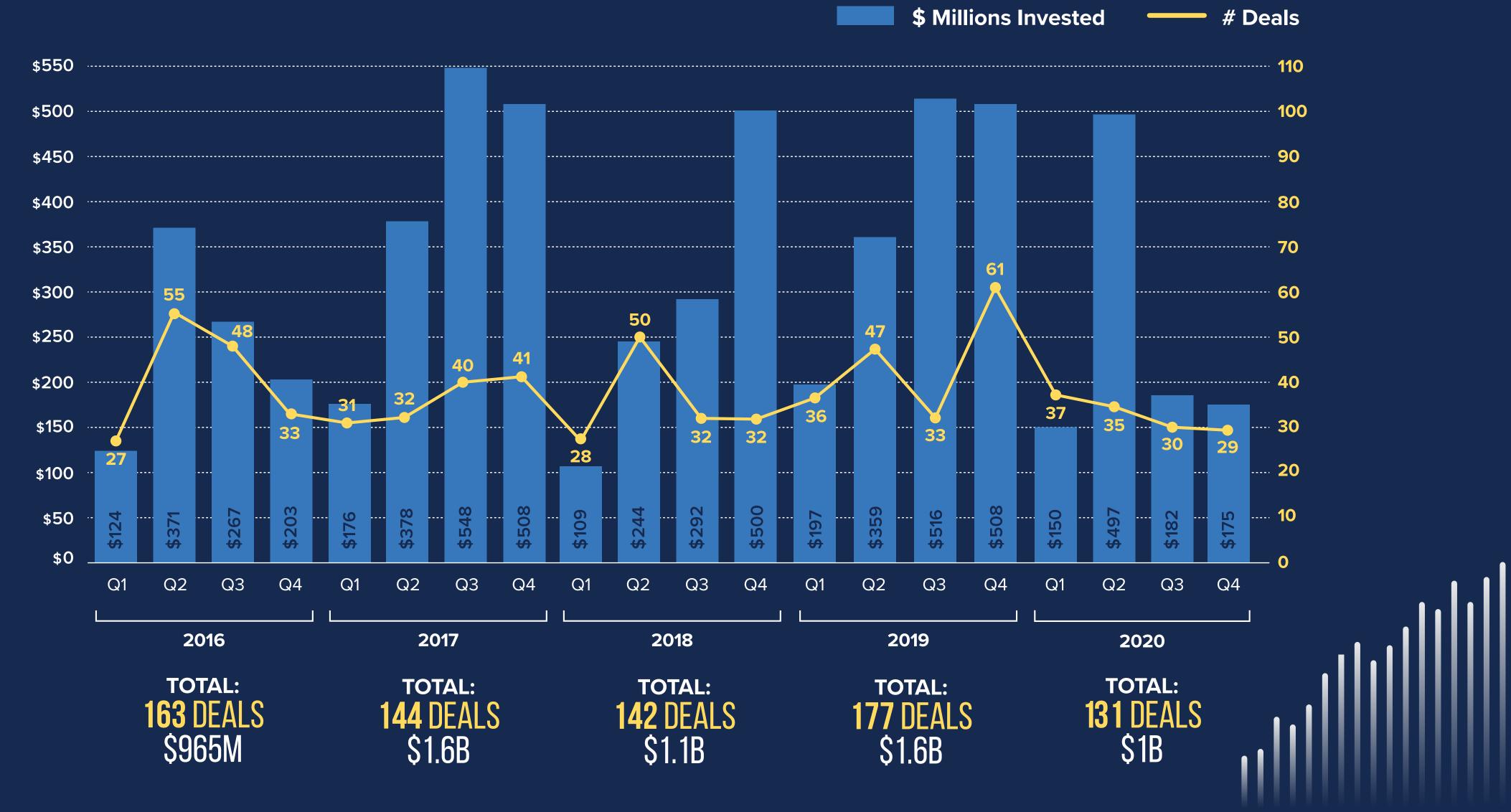








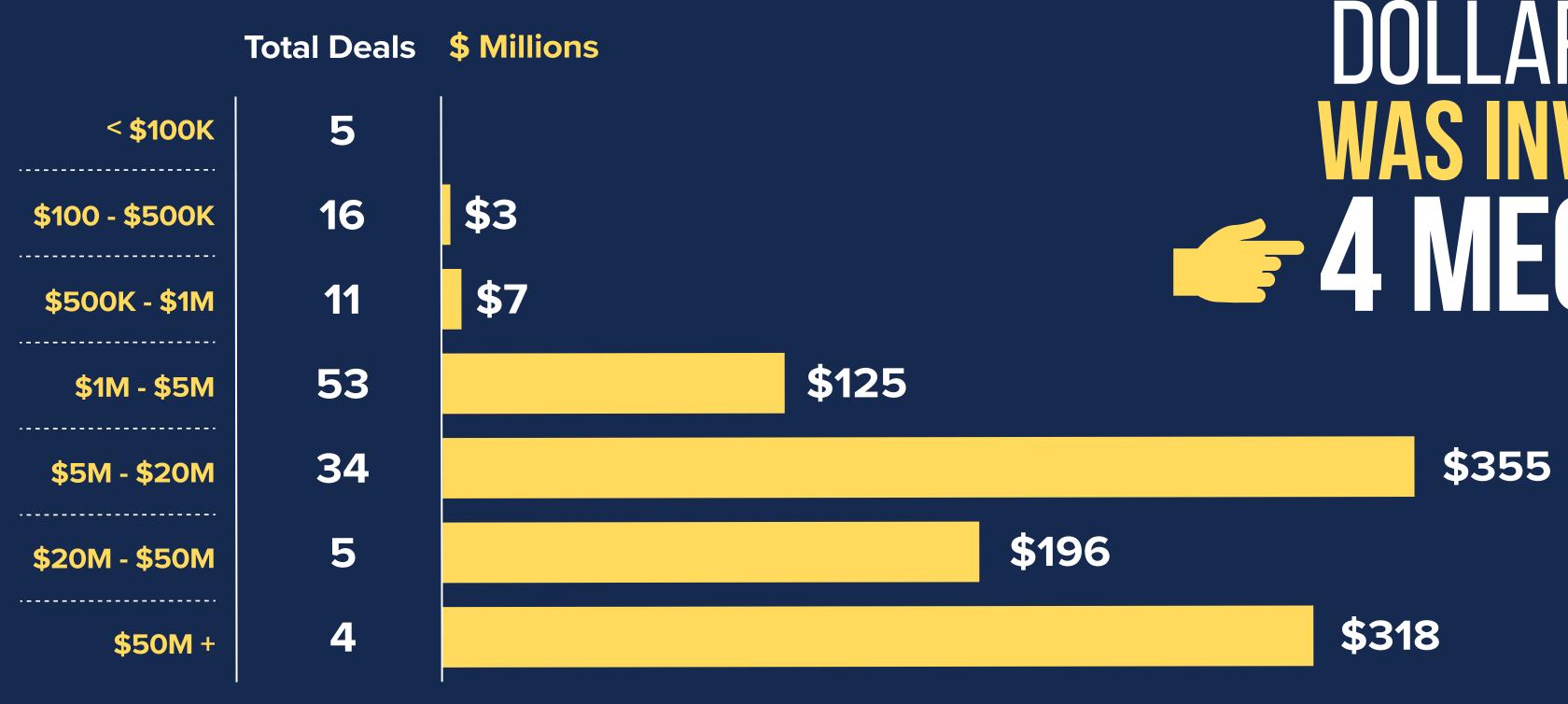
QUARTER-OVER-QUARTER VC INVESTMENT IN QUÉBEC







VC ACTIVITY BY DEAL SIZE // YTD Q4 2020

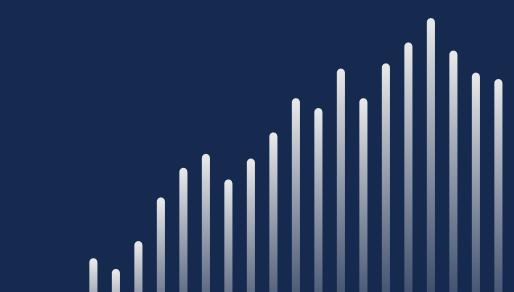


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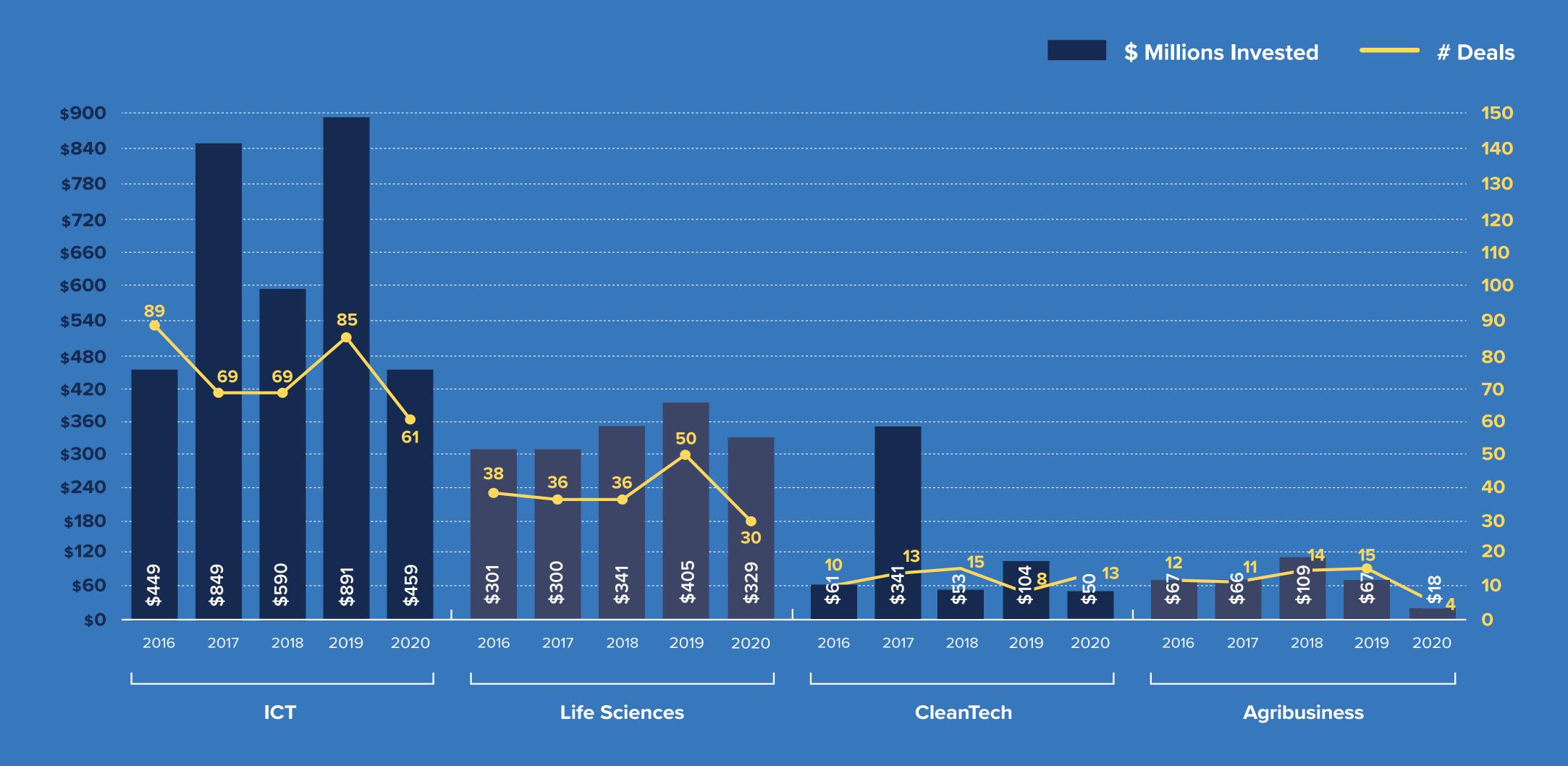




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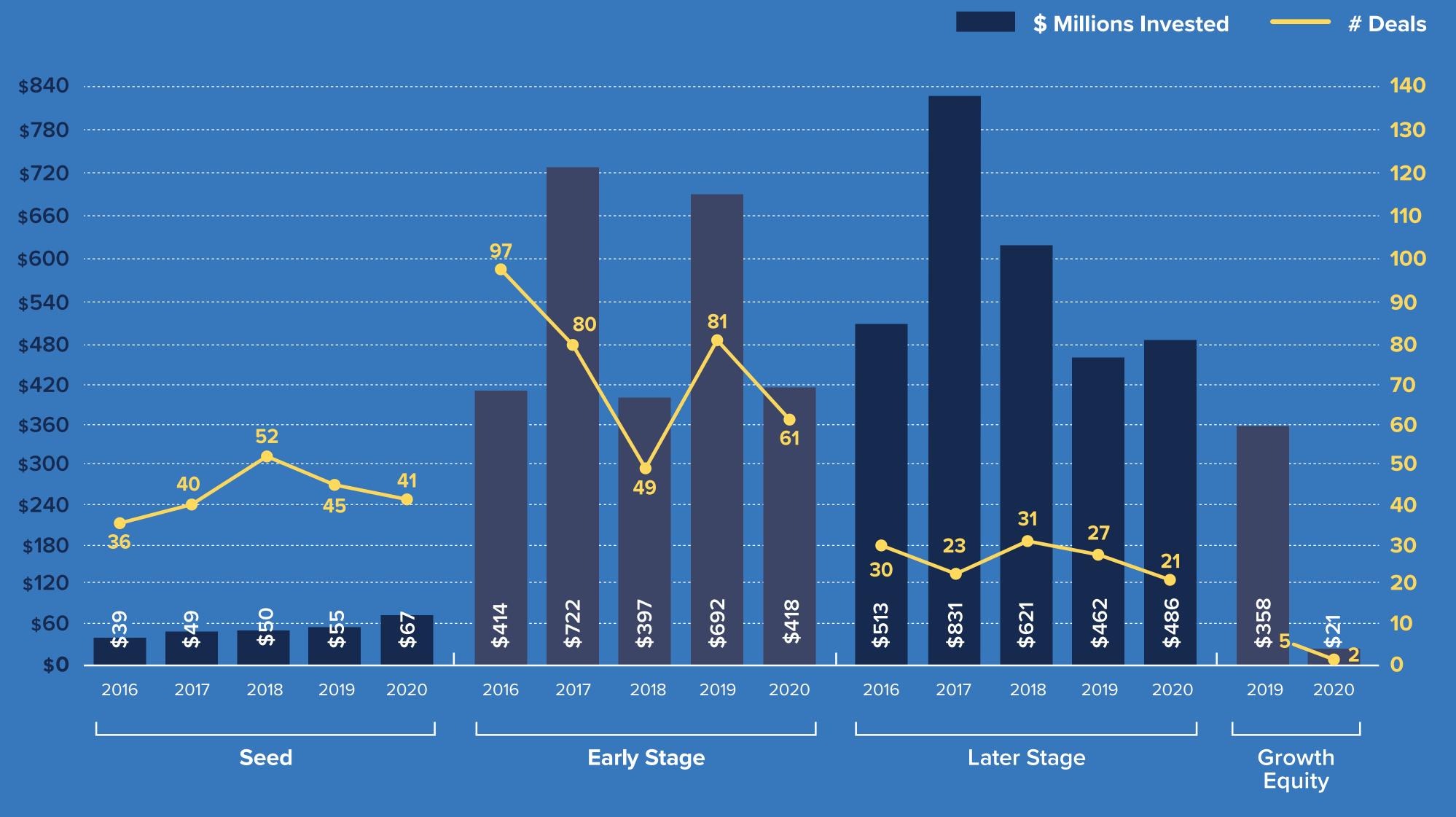
VC SECTOR BREAKDOWN // 2016 - YTD Q4 2020





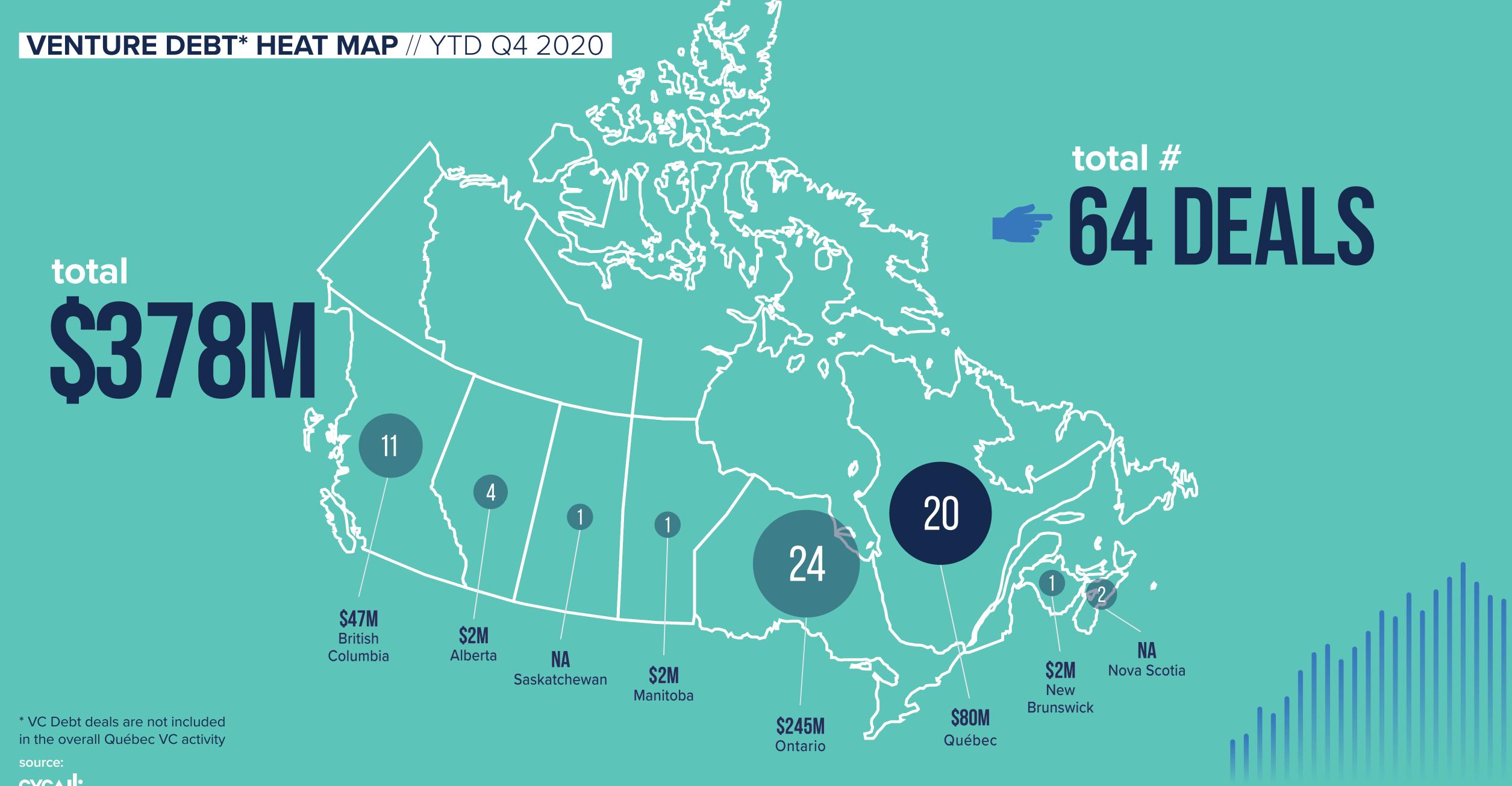


VC STAGE BREAKDOWN // 2016 - YTD Q4 2020













TOP DISCLOSED QUÉBEC VC DEALS // YTD Q4 2020

COMPANY NAME	ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE	DISCLOSED INVESTORS	SECTOR	\$MIL
HOPPER	MONTRÉAL	INOVIA CAPITAL, WESTCAP, BDC CAPITAL, INVESTISSEMENT QUEBEC, CAISSE DE DÉPÔT ET PLACEMENT DU QUÉBEC (CDPQ), OMERS VENTURES	ICT	\$98
VENTUS THERAPEUTICS	MONTRÉAL	GV MANAGEMENT COMPANY, L.L.C., VERSANT VENTURES	LIFE SCIENCES	\$85
WORKJAM INC	MONTRÉAL	INOVIA CAPITAL, FONDS DE SOLIDARITÉ FTQ, CLARIDGE, LERER HIPPEAU, BLUMBERG CAPITAL, HARMONY PARTNERS	ICT	\$71
ALAYACARE	MONTRÉAL	INOVIA CAPITAL, CAISSE DE DÉPÔT ET PLACEMENT DU QUÉBEC (CDPQ), FONDS INNOVEXPORT, INVESTISSEMENT QUEBEC, DESJARDINS CAPITAL	LIFE SCIENCES	\$48
DIALOGUE TECHNOLOGIES INC	MONTRÉAL	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL INC., CAISSE DE DÉPÔT ET PLACEMENT DU QUÉBEC (CDPQ), WHITE STAR CAPITAL INC., HV HOLTZBRINCK VENTURES, WALTER CAPITAL PARTNERS INC.	LIFE SCIENCES	\$43
GHGSAT	MONTRÉAL	SCHLUMBERGER LIMITED, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BANK OF CANADA, INVESTISSEMENT QUEBEC, FONDS DE SOLIDARITE FTQ, SPACE ANGELS	ICT	\$40
VENTION	MONTRÉAL	BAIN CAPITAL LLC, WHITESTAR CAPITAL, GEORGIAN PARTNERS	INDUSTRIAL & MANUFACTURING	\$38
GOSECURE INC	MONTRÉAL	YALETOWN PARTNERS INC, BMO BANK OF MONTREAL, SAP	ICT	\$28
GOSECURE INC	MONTRÉAL	W INVESTMENTS GROUP	ICT	\$18
FLINKS	MONTRÉAL	NAVENTURES, PANACHE VENTURES, LUGE CAPITAL, INTACT FINANCIAL CORPORATION, BDC CAPITAL	ICT	\$16

There were 5 undisclosed deals totaling \$135M that were not included in this list.

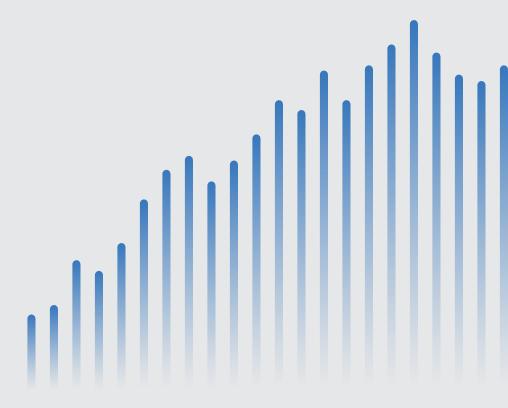




TOP DISCLOSED VC EXITS IN QUÉBEC // YTD Q4 2020

SELLER	COMPANY	BUYER	SECTOR	\$MIL
FONDS DE SOLIDARITÉ FTQ, VERSANT VENTURES, COWEN HEALTHCARE INVESTMENTS, ORBIMED, REDMILE, BVF PARTNERS, LOGOS CAPITAL, MPM CAPITAL, AMPLITUDE VENTURES	REPARE THERAPEUTICS	IPO	LIFE SCIENCES	\$1,522
SAMSUNG VENTURE INVESTMENT CORPORATION	MOBEEWAVE	M&A	ICT	\$134

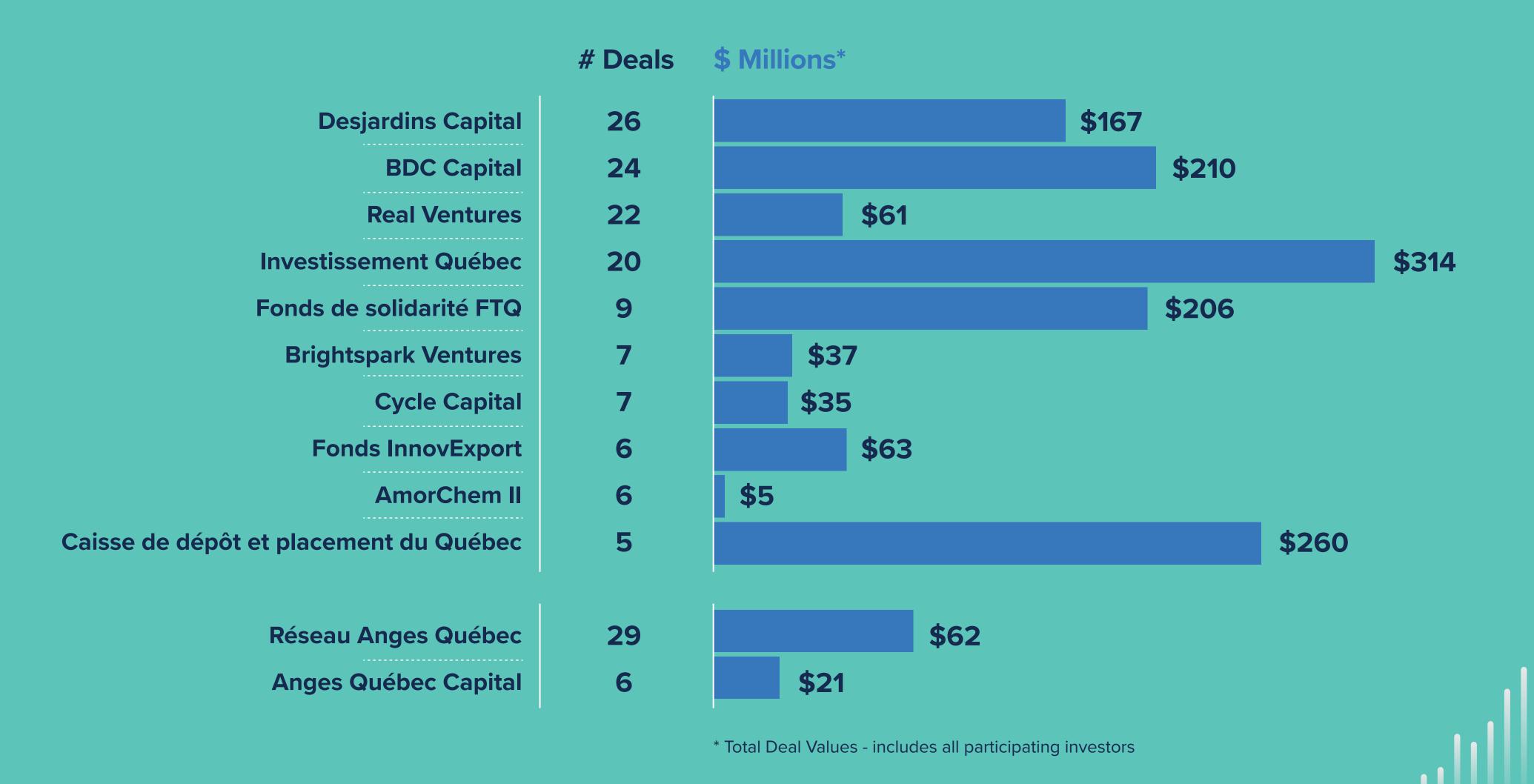
There were 13 undisclosed M&A exits totalling \$2M that were not included in this list.







MOST ACTIVE VC INVESTORS IN QUÉBEC // YTD Q4 2020







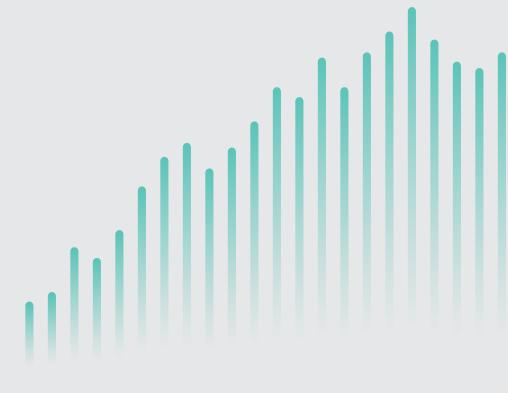


FOREWORD

QUÉBEC CAPTURES ALMOST HALF OF ALL PE INVESTMENT IN CANADA

In PE, CAD \$6.9B was invested over 386 deals in Québec in 2020, which was 29% lower than the amount invested in 2019 (but 16% higher for the number of deals in 2019, CAD \$9.7B over 332 deals), but only 6% lower than the five-year average across 2015-2019 in dollars invested (CAD \$7.3B). The province also captured the most PE investment compared to other Canadian provinces with 49% of all PE dollars invested in Quebec.

The most notable PE-backed exit in Québec in 2020 was **Nuvei's** IPO on the TSX for a total market capitalization of CAD \$4.6B, backed by **Novacap Management, Fonds de solidarité FTQ,** and **Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec.**







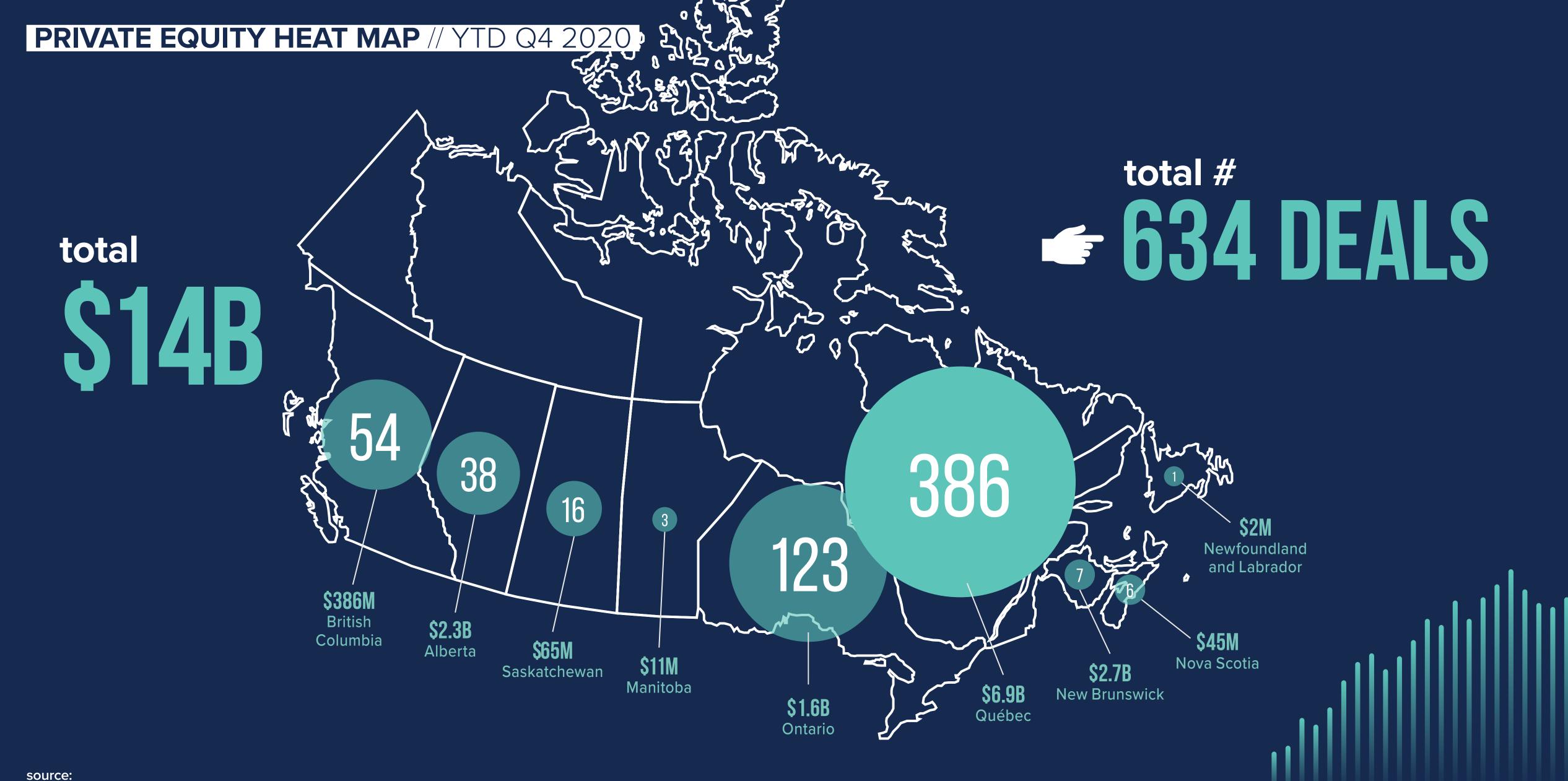
QUÉBEC PRIVATE EQUITY HIGHLIGHTS // YTD Q4 2020

Key Findings

- **PE** dollars invested by Sector:
 - Consumer & Retail: 21% (CAD \$1.4B across 37 deals)
 - Industrial & Manufacturing: 19% (CAD \$1.3B across 96 deals)
 - Energy: 13% (CAD \$915M across 5 deals)
- PE activity by georgraphy:
 - Québec : 49 % of all PE dollars invested (CAD \$6,9B across 386 deals)
 - New-Brunswick : 19 % (CAD \$2,7B across 7 deals)
 - Alberta: 16 % (CAD \$2,3B across 38 deals)
 - Ontario : 11% (CAD \$1,6B across 123 deals)



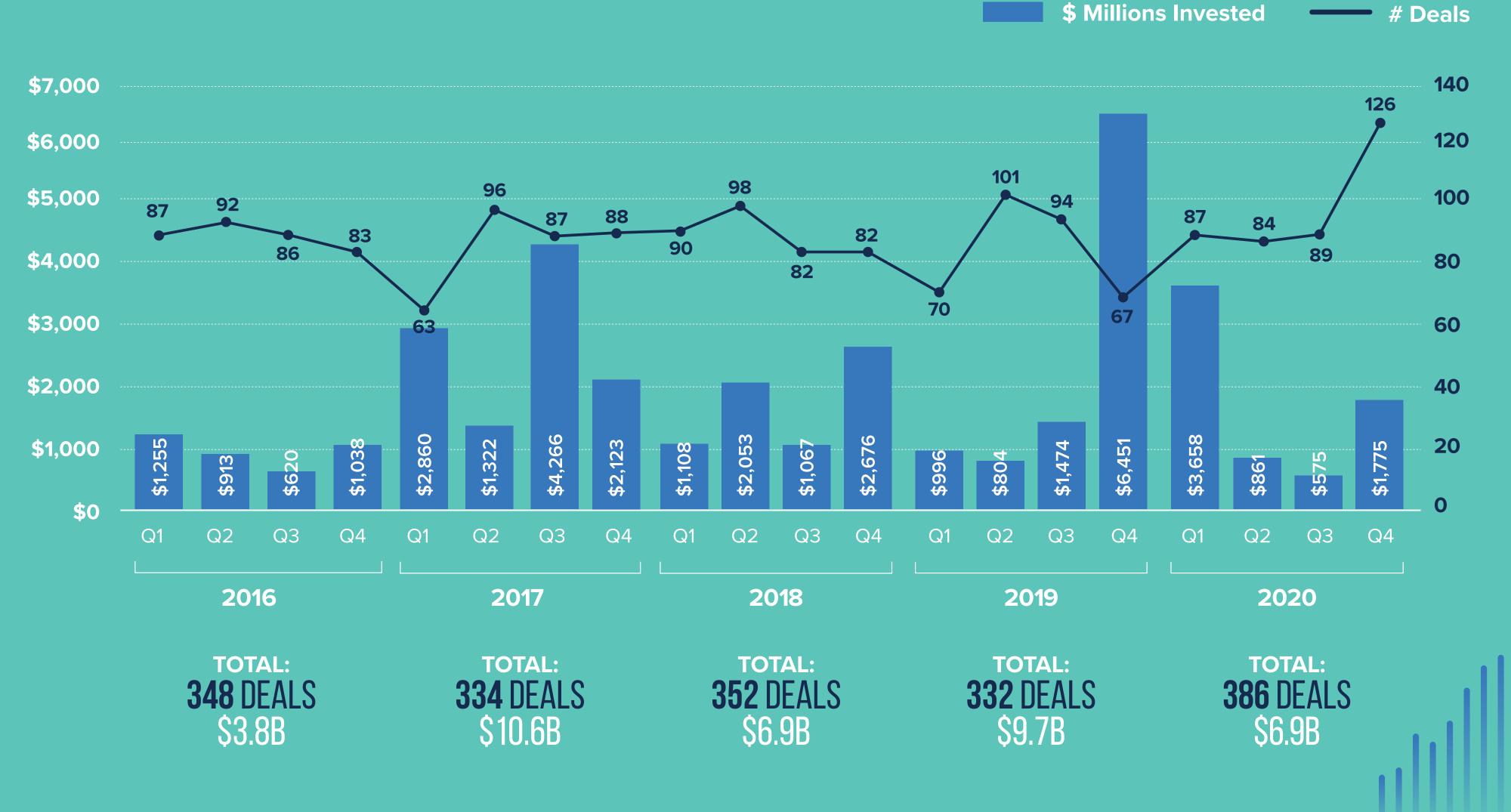








QUARTER-OVER-QUARTER PE INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

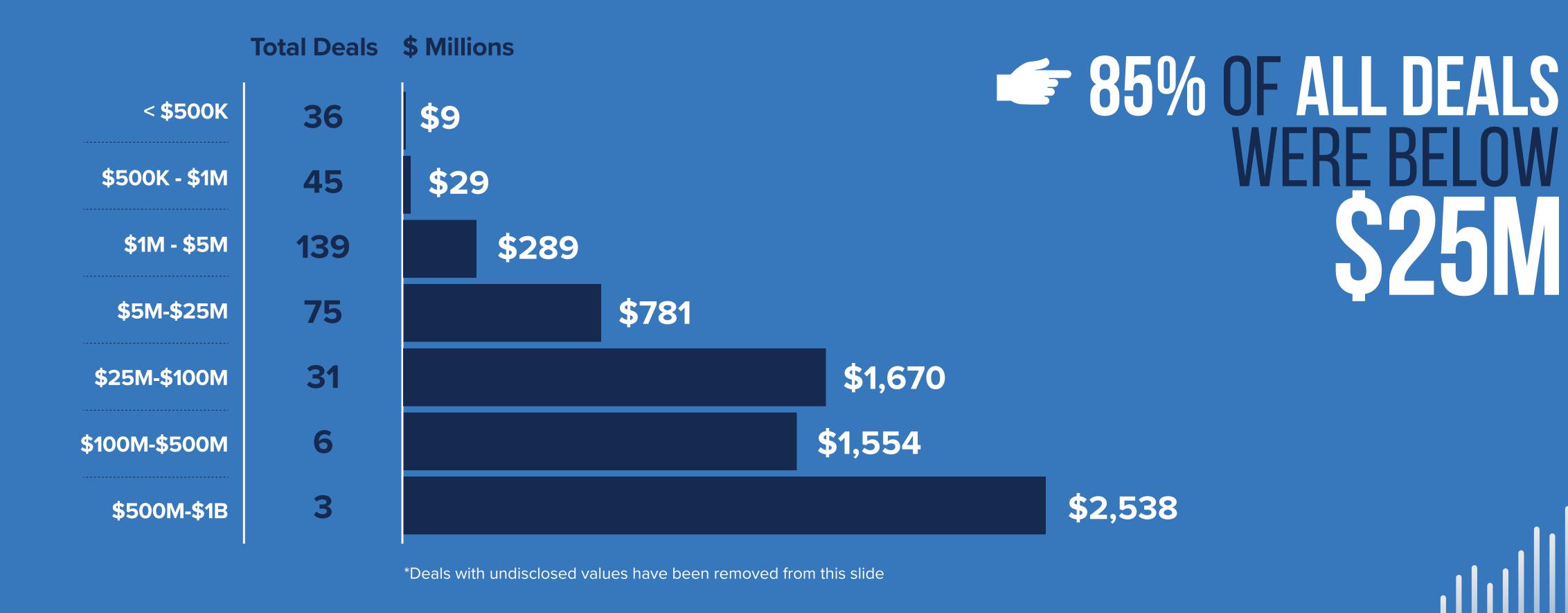


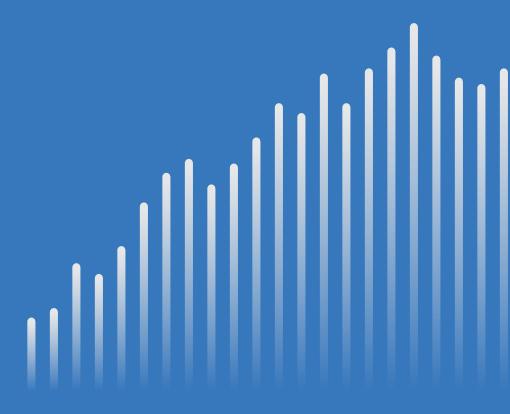


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PE ACTIVITY BY DEAL SIZE // YTD Q4 2020

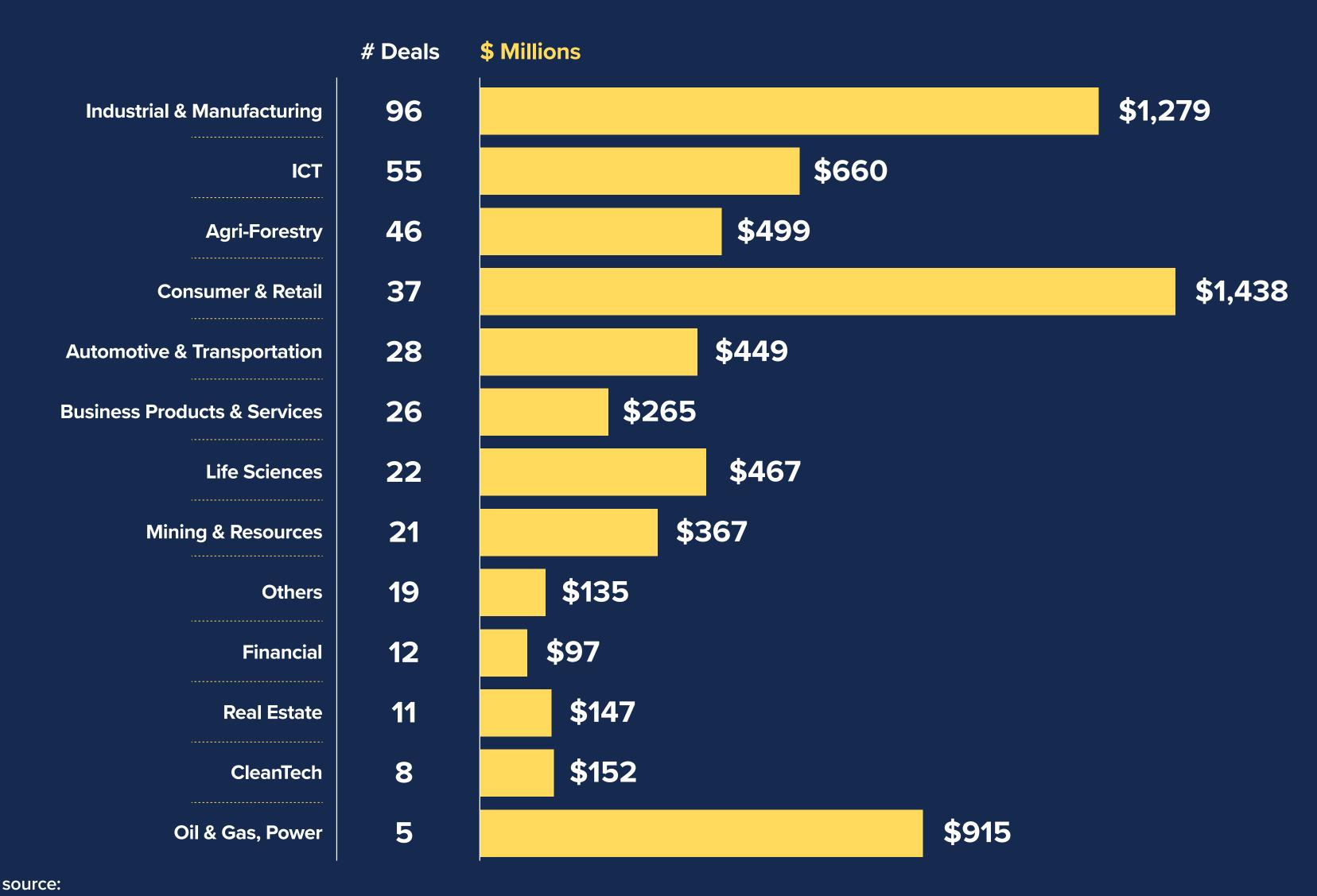




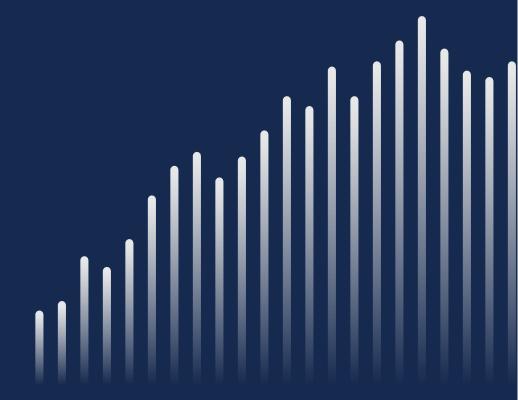




PE SECTOR BREAKDOWN // YTD Q4 2020











TOP DISCLOSED QUÉBEC PE DEALS // YTD Q4 2020

COMPANY NAME	ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE	DISCLOSED INVESTORS	SECTOR	\$ MIL
CANAM GROUP INC	CHAUDIÈRE-APPALACHES	CAISSE DE DÉPÔT ET PLACEMENT DU QUÉBEC, FONDS DE SOLIDARITÉ FTQ	INDUSTRIAL & MANUFACTURING	\$840
EDDYFI NDT INC.	CENTRE-DU-QUÉBEC	CAISSE DE DÉPÔT ET PLACEMENT DU QUÉBEC, INVESTISSEMENT QUEBEC, NOVACAP MANAGEMENT INC	OIL & GAS, POWER	\$600
BESTAR	MONTRÉAL	NOVACAP MANAGEMENT INC, DESJARDINS CAPITAL, FONDS DE SOLIDARITÉ FTQ	CONSUMER & RETAIL	\$344
CAE	MONTRÉAL	CAISSE DE DÉPÔT ET PLACEMENT DU QUÉBEC	AUTOMOTIVE & TRANSPORTATION	\$150
SOLLIO COOPERATIVE GROUP	MONTRÉAL	FONDS DE SOLIDARITÉ FTQ, CAISSE DE DÉPÔT ET PLACEMENT DU QUÉBEC, FONDACTION, RABOBANK CAPITAL	AGRI-FORESTRY	\$150
ENERKEM	MONTRÉAL	FONDS DU DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE	CLEANTECH	\$80
XNRGY CLIMATE SYSTEMS	MONTÉRÉGIE	TOYOTA AI VENTURES, LLC., MILLENNIUM NEW HORIZONS, GRISHIN ROBOTICS INC	INDUSTRIAL & MANUFACTURING	\$75
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL ENTERTAINMENT GROUP	MONTRÉAL	TPG CAPITAL LP, FOSUN INTERNATIONAL LIMITED, CAISSE DE DÉPÔT ET PLACEMENT DU QUÉBEC	OTHERS	\$70
WSP GLOBAL INC.	MONTRÉAL	CAISSE DE DÉPÔT ET PLACEMENT DU QUÉBEC, CANADA PENSION PLAN INVESTMENT BOARD (CPPIB)	INDUSTRIAL & MANUFACTURING	\$64
LCI EDUCATION NETWORK	MONTRÉAL	CAISSE DE DÉPÔT ET PLACEMENT DU QUÉBEC	CONSUMER & RETAIL	\$27

There were 11 additional undisclosed deals in Quebec-based companies totalling over \$2.6B that were not included in this list

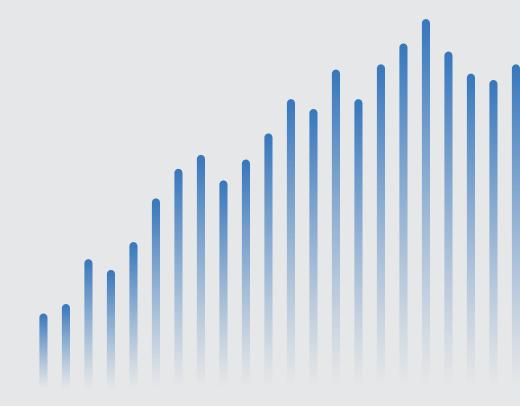




TOP DISCLOSED PE EXITS IN QUÉBEC // YTD Q4 2020

SELLER	COMPANY	BUYER	\$MIL
NOVACAP MANAGEMENT, FONDS DE SOLIDARITÉ FTQ, CAISSE DE DÉPÔT ET PLACEMENT DU QUÉBEC	NUVEI	IPO ON TSX	\$4,620
NOVACAP MANAGEMENT	INTELERAD	HG CAPITAL	\$347

^{*} There were 50 undisclosed exits from Quebec-based companies totalling over \$226M that were not included in this list







MOST ACTIVE PE INVESTORS IN QUÉBEC // YTD Q4 2020



29 **Fondaction BDC Capital** 29 27 **Investissement Québec** 17 Caisse de depot et placement du Québec 8 **Investissement Québec** 7 **Novacap Management** 6 **Export Development Canada**

\$530 \$183 \$3,054 \$3,322 \$265 \$1,774 \$106





Total deal values – includes all participating investors

CVCA METHODOLOGY // VENTURE CAPITAL

VENTURE CAPITAL DATA:

Verified completed equity, quasi-equity venture capital and venture debt deals only (non-equity or project-based government funding, pharmaceutical development deals, venture capital-backed acquisitions, and angel financing are not included)

VC DEVELOPMENT STAC	VC DEVELOPMENT STAGES	
VENTURE DEBT	SHORT-TO-MEDIUM TERM, NON-DILUTIVE DEBT INSTRUMENT WITH NO EQUITY RIDER.	
SEED STAGE	COMPANY HAS A CONCEPT OR PRODUCT UNDER DEVELOPMENT, BUT IS PROBABLY NOT FULLY OPERATIONAL.	
EARLY STAGE	COMPANY HAS A PRODUCT OR SERVICE IN TESTING OR PILOT PRODUCTION. IN SOME CASES, THE PRODUCT MAY BE COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE.	
LATER STAGE	PRODUCT OR SERVICE IN PRODUCTION AND COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE. COMPANY IS GENERATING ON-GOING REVENUE, BUT NOT NECESSARILY, PROFITABLE.	
GROWTH	SIGNIFICANT MINORITY INVESTMENT TO DRIVE GROWTH AND SCALE WHICH CAN BE COMBINED WITH A SECONDARY TRANSACTION TO FACILITATE LIQUIDITY FOR EXISTING VC INVESTORS	

VC SECTORS	
ICT	COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE AND SERVICES, INTERNET SOFTWARE OR SERVICES, ECOMMERCE, ELECTRONIC & SEMICONDUCTOR, MOBILE AND TELECOM TECHNOLOGIES AND SERVICES.
LIFE SCIENCES	BIOTECH, MEDICAL DEVICES, PHARMACEUTICALS, EHEALTH, HEALTHCARE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, AND OTHER MEDICAL RELATED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.
CLEANTECH	ENERGY AND FUEL TECHNOLOGIES, EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION, RENEWAL ENERGY, ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES AND OTHER ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.
AGRIBUSINESS	TRADITIONAL AND ADVANCED AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGIES AND SERVICES









CVCA METHODOLOGY // PRIVATE EQUITY

PRIVATE EQUITY DATA:

Dataset includes only completed private equity deals (announced but yet to be completed deals are not included)

PE DEAL TYPE	
BUYOUT	INVESTMENT FOR THE CONTROL OF A PORTFOLIO COMPANY, INCLUDING PLATFORM CREATION, SECONDARY BUYOUT
GROWTH	SIGNIFICANT MINORITY INVESTMENT INTO A PORTFOLIO COMPANY, THROUGH NEW CAPITAL INFUSION AND RECAPITALIZATION
ADD-ON	CORPORATE ACQUISITIONS BY MAJORITY CONTROLLED PE BACKED PORTFOLIO COMPANIES
DEBT	DEBT INVESTMENT INTO PORTFOLIO COMPANIES
INFRASTRUCTURE	INVESTMENTS INTO DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS BUT PE DOES NOT OWN THE UNDERLYING ASSETS

PE SECTORS	
AGRI-FORESTRY	AGRICULTURE, FOODS AND FORESTRY
AUTOMOTIVE & TRANSPORTATION	TRANSPORTATION, LOGISTICS AND RELATED SERVICES
BUSINESS PRODUCTS & SERVICES	BUSINESS PRODUCTS AND SERVICES
CLEANTECH	ENERGY AND FUEL TECHNOLOGIES, EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION, RENEWAL ENERGY, ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES AND OTHER ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES





CVCA METHODOLOGY // PRIVATE EQUITY

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PE SECTORS	
CONSUMER & RETAIL	CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, BRICK AND MORTAR RETAIL
FINANCIAL	FINANCIAL SERVICES
ICT	COMPUTER HARDWARE/SOFTWARE & SERVICES, INTERNET SOFTWARE & SERVICES, ECOMMERCE, ELECTRONIC & SEMICONDUCTOR, MOBILE & TELECOM AND SERVICES
INDUSTRIAL & MANUFACTURING	EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL MANUFACTURING
LIFE SCIENCES	BIOTECH, MEDICAL DEVICES, PHARMACEUTICALS, EHEALTH, HEALTHCARE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, AND OTHER MEDICAL RELATED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES
MINING & RESOURCES	NON OIL AND GAS NATURAL RESOURCES
OIL & GAS, POWER	OIL & GAS, POWER AND UTILITIES
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