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Your Gateway to Gaming Investments: List of Industry-Focused Funds

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100+ Gaming-Focused Funds

In Q2'24, we introduced a major update to the [List of Industry-Focused Funds](#). We expanded the list with generalist investors providing capital to gaming startups.

Our patrons have access to [the expanded version](#) of the list, that contains more data on the funds' origin and specialization as well as LinkedIn profiles and emails.

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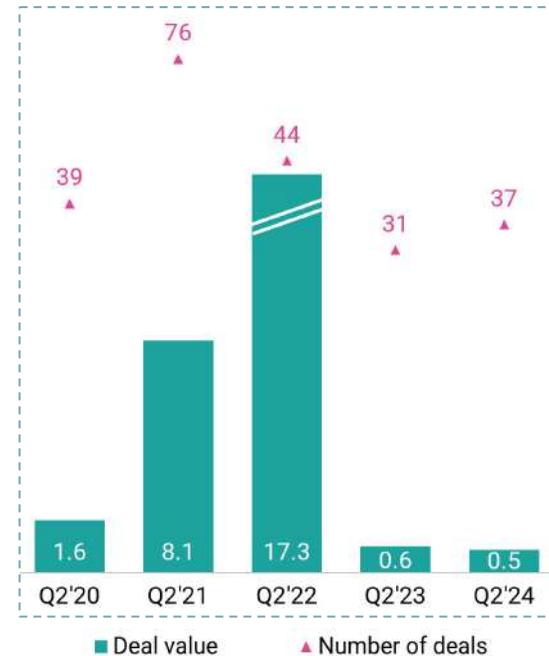
Quarterly YoY Performance

Steady increase in deal activity vs. previous “hangover” year

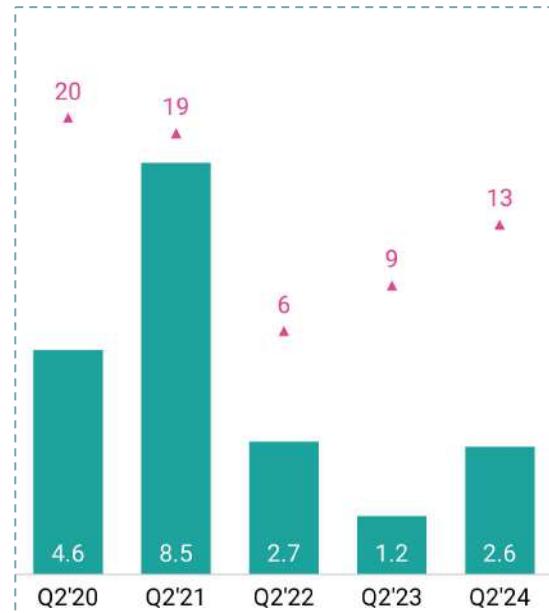
PRIVATE INVESTMENTS (in \$B)



MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS* (in \$B)



PUBLIC OFFERINGS (in \$B)



Note: some transactions do not disclose deal value but are counted for the total number of deals (e.g., Zephyr Mobile, FuturLab)

(*) closed transactions only (excl. announced, e.g., \$2.8B Keywords Studios acquisition)

Q2'24 in a Nutshell

Most notable transactions

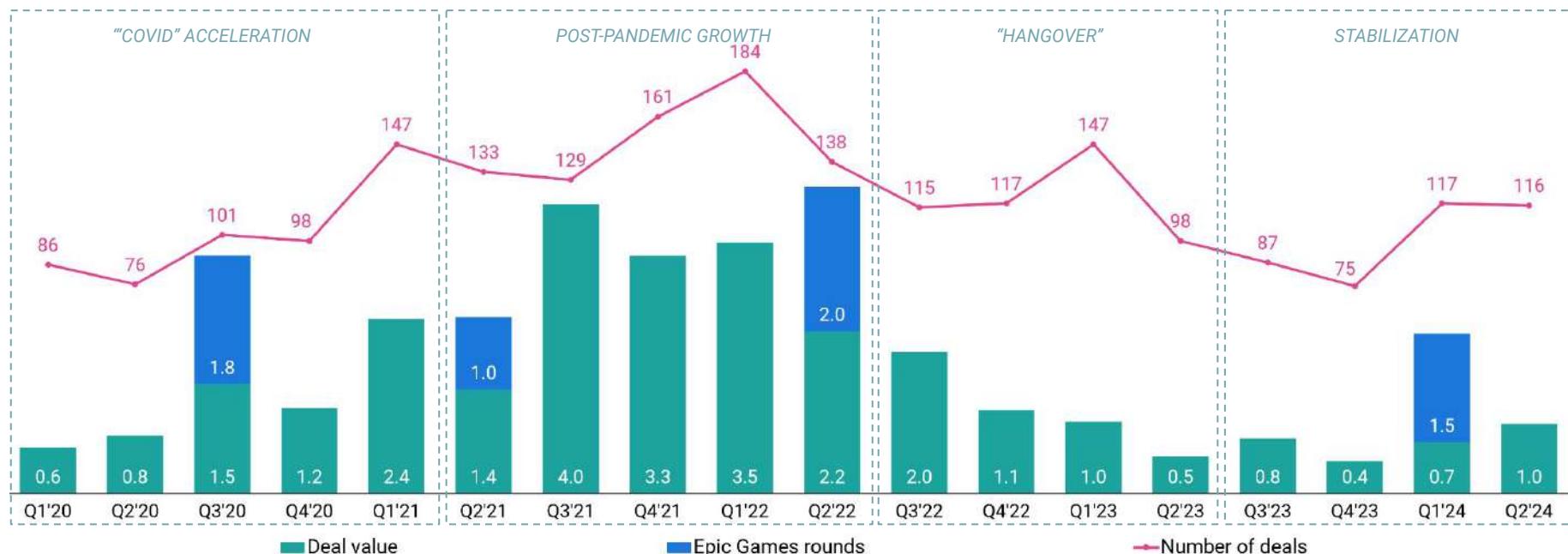
PRIVATE INVESTMENTS			MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS			PUBLIC OFFERINGS		
TARGET	LEAD INVESTORS	VALUE	TARGET	BUYER	VALUE	COMPANY	FIXED INCOME	VALUE
ZENTRY	animoca BRANDS	\$140m 	Keywords Studios	BPEA CPP Investments	\$2.8B	asmodee	\$964m	
KID	andreessen horowitz Lightspeed	\$45m 	Zephyr Mobile	tripledot	N.A.	T2 TAKE TWO INTERACTIVE	\$600m	
Bespoke Pixel	NOT DISCLOSED	\$25m 	gearbox software	T2 TAKE TWO INTERACTIVE	\$460m*	MTG	\$96m	
SPYKE	MOONACTIVE	\$50m 	SHIVER	Nintendo	N.A.	GameStop	\$933m	
RED ROVER	KRAFTON	\$15m 	PLARIUM	BIG FISH	N.A.	ANNOUNCED DEALS		
Keywords Studios deal announced in Q1'24 and officially closed in Q2'24			ARISTOCRAT		N.A.	MY.GAMES	investgame	

Note: (*) deal announced in Q1'24 and officially closed in Q2'24

Private Investments

Setting up new quarterly investment benchmark: \$1B across 116 rounds

PRIVATE INVESTMENTS: Corporate, VC & PE (in \$B)

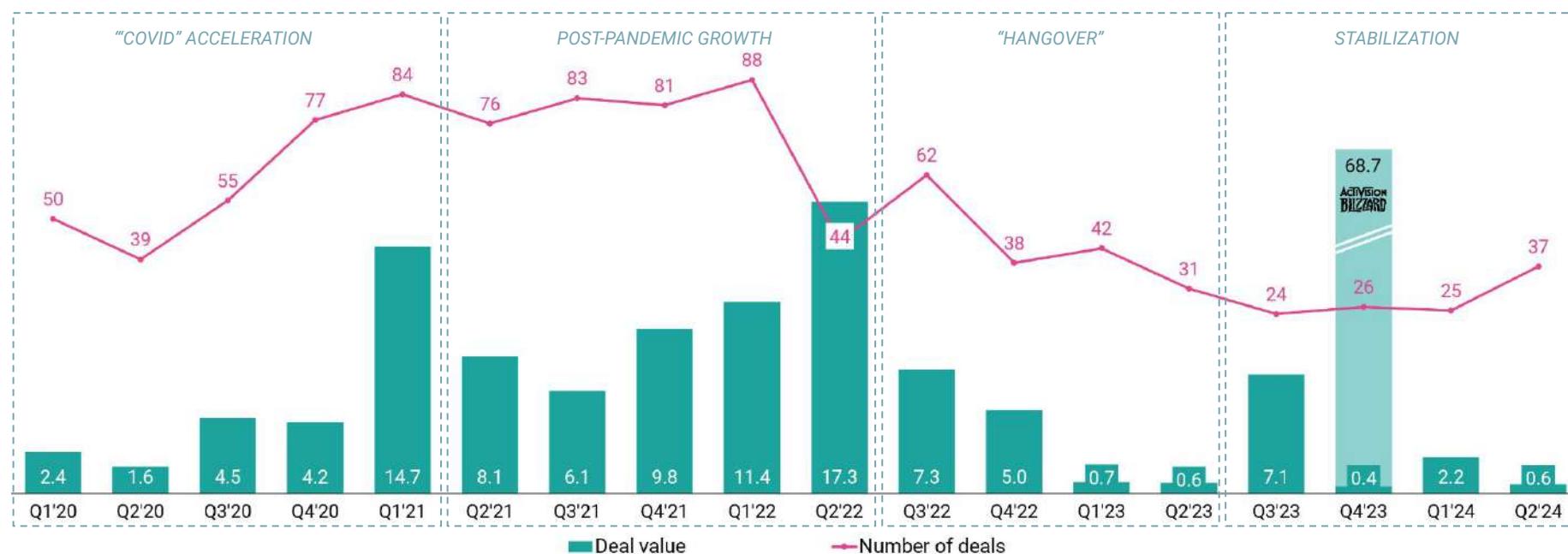


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Mergers & Acquisitions

Gradual recovery: Growing deal volume amidst fewer big announcements

M&As: Control & Minority (in \$B)

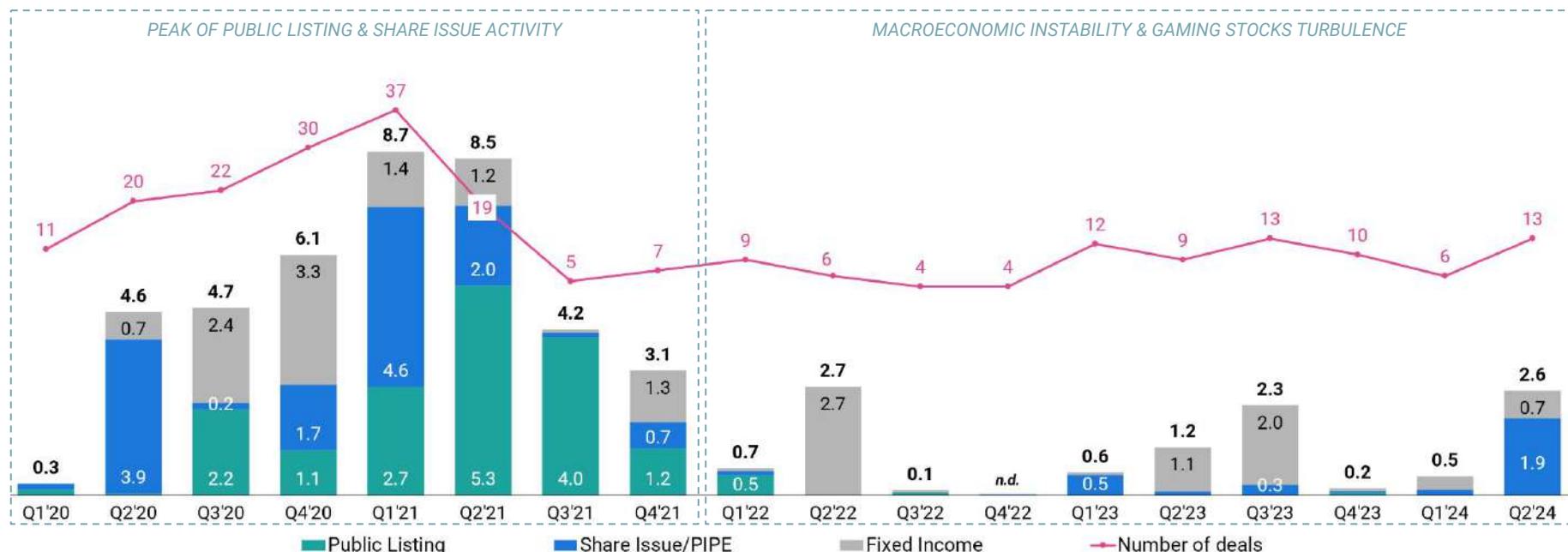


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Public Offerings

Listing activity remains muted; few PIPE & Fixed Income announcements

PUBLIC OFFERINGS: Listing, PIPE & FI (in \$B)



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Gaming

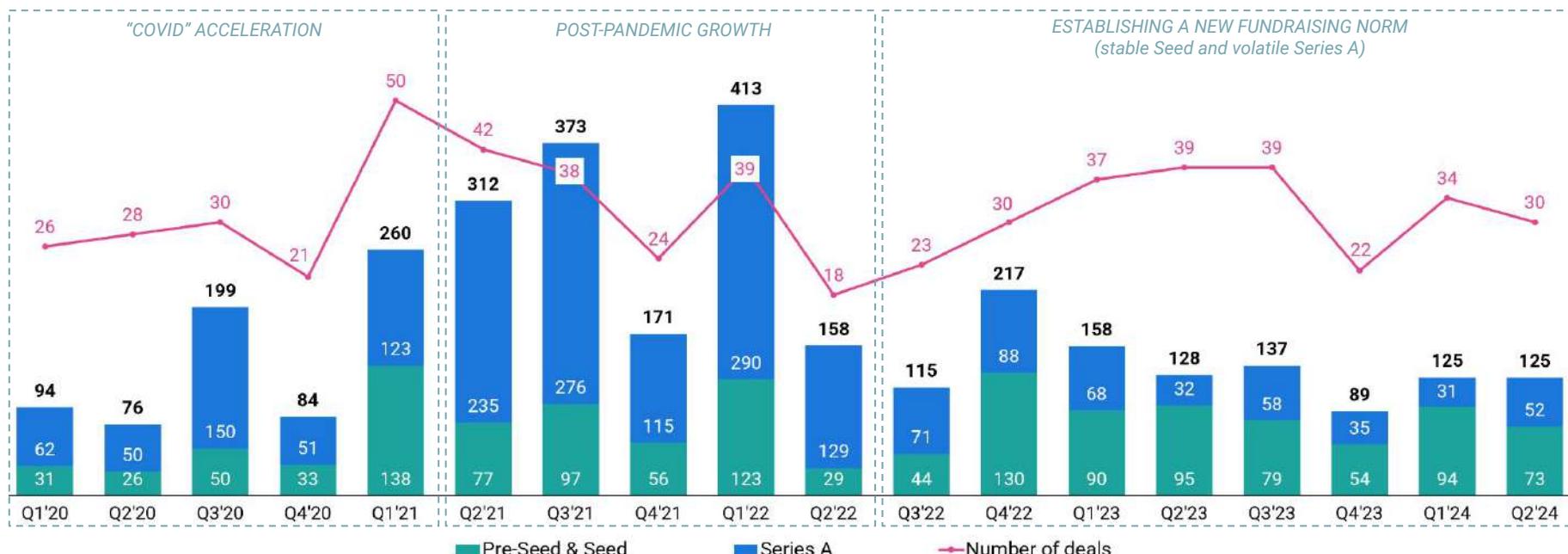
Deals with Targets represented
by video game publishers and/or developers



VC Early-stage Gaming

Navigating new quarterly fundraising norms

EARLY-STAGE VC: Gaming Studios (in \$M)

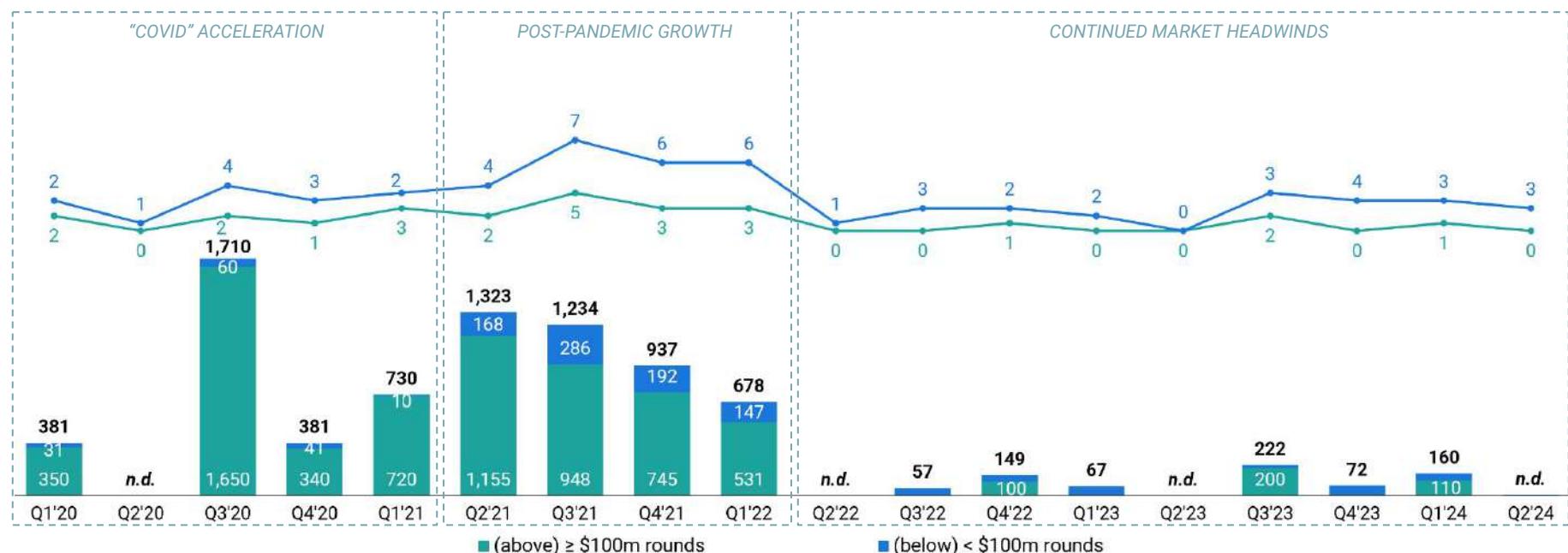


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VC & PE Late-stage Gaming

Continued sluggish deal-making activity

LATE-STAGE VC & PE: Gaming Studios (in \$M)



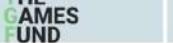
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Most Active Early-stage Gaming VC Funds

LTM activity in Seed & Series A rounds

VC Funds: Ranked by Number of Deals				
# Rank	Venture Capital Fund	# Deals (lead)	# Deals (total)	Notable Investments
1	 BITKRAFT	10	18	<i>Stoke Games, Infinite Canvas</i>
2	 aloz Games	7	16	<i>k-ID, Yellow</i>
3	 SSU GAME VENTURES	7	13	<i>FuzzyBot, Chamo Games</i>
4	 THE GAMES FUND	7	10	<i>Juicy Button Games, Roar Games</i>
5	 GEM Capital	7	9	<i>Order of Meta, Weappy</i>
6	 Transcend.	4	5	<i>Brain Jar Games, Midsummer</i>
7	 Griffin Gaming Partners	2	6	<i>Forge, ForthStar, Neon Machine</i>
8	 KONVOY	2	6	<i>k-ID, Pok Kok, Ixana</i>
9	 MAKERS FUND	2	5	<i>Noodle Cat, Beef Noodle Studios</i>
10	 HIRO CAPITAL	2	5	<i>Noodle Cat, Frameplay</i>

weights 60% 40%

VC Funds: Ranked by Deals Value (in \$M)				
# Rank	Venture Capital Fund	Value \$M (lead)	Value \$M (total)	Notable Investments
1	 aloz Games	\$84	\$124	<i>k-ID, Yellow</i>
2	 BITKRAFT	\$54	\$146	<i>Stoke Games, Infinite Canvas</i>
3	 Lightspeed	\$76	\$76	<i>k-ID, Gardens</i>
4	 Transcend.	\$20	\$51	<i>Brain Jar Games, Midsummer</i>
5	 HIRO CAPITAL	\$17	\$47	<i>Noodle Cat, Frameplay</i>
6	 MAKERS FUND	\$14	\$50	<i>Noodle Cat, Beef Noodle Studios</i>
7	 THE GAMES FUND	\$14	\$41	<i>Juicy Button Games, Roar Games</i>
8	 KONVOY	\$5	\$68	<i>k-ID, Pok Kok, Ixana</i>
9	 SSU GAME VENTURES	\$17	\$23	<i>FuzzyBot, Chamo Games</i>
10	 GEM Capital	\$12	\$39	<i>Order of Meta, Weappy</i>

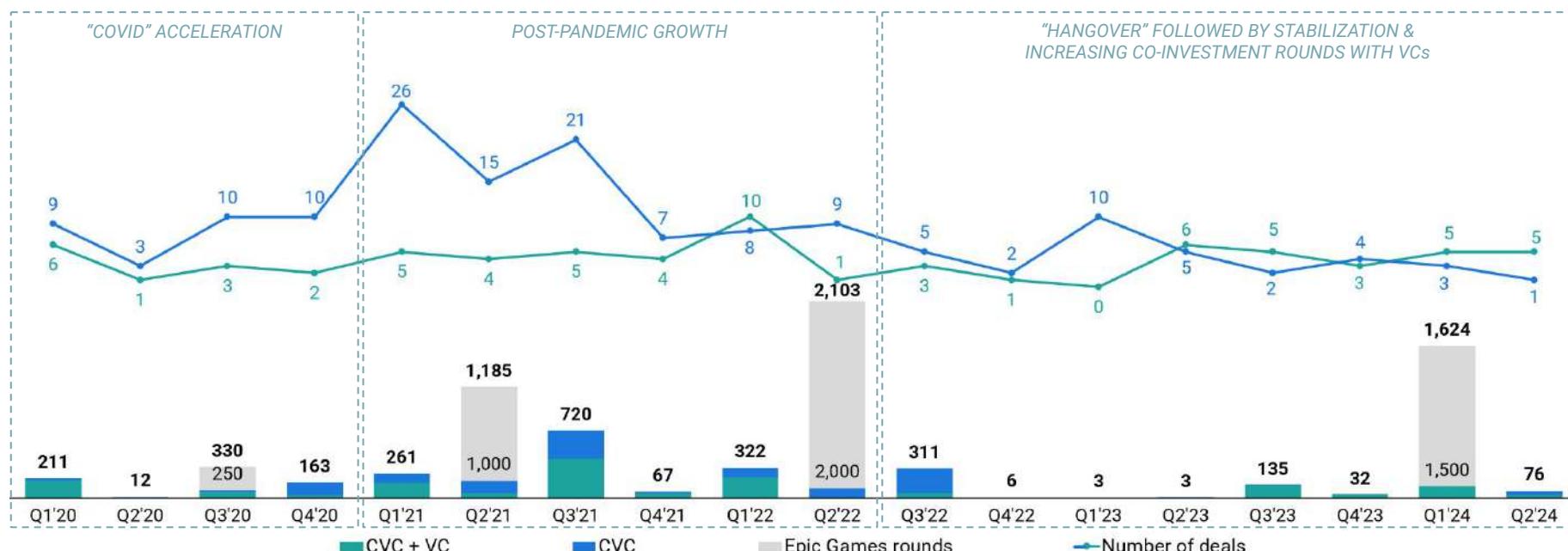
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Note: (*) weighted average ranking system (see p. 18); (**) based on investments in Gaming and Platform&Tech

Corporate Gaming

CVC increases co-investment activity with gaming VCs

CORPORATE VC: Gaming Studios (in \$M)



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Gaming Investments Q2'24

Closed VC & Corporate deals by targets geo

NORTH AMERICA

Early-stage VC: 29 deals, \$162m
Late-stage VC: 7 deals, \$239m
Corporate: 1 deal

WESTERN EUROPE

Early-stage VC: 27 deals, \$109m

MENA

Early-stage VC: 7 deals, \$7m
Late-stage VC: 1 deal, \$50m

ASIA

Early-stage VC: 28 deals, \$320m
Late-stage VC: 1 deal
Corporate: 3 deals

AFRICA

Early-stage VC: 1 deal, \$2m

Gaming Market Update

Deals with targets represented by video game publishers and
developers on PC, Console, or Mobile platforms

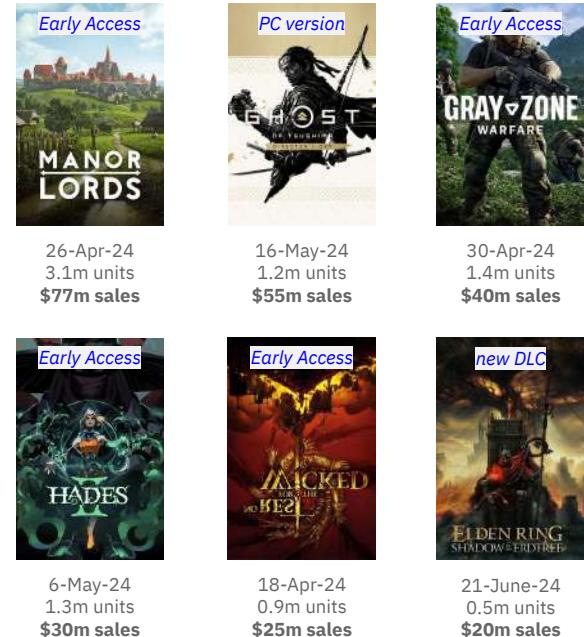


Steam full-game sales show continued growth (+27% YoY in Q2'24) driven by a strong AA/Indie catalog

Steam gross full game revenue¹ and peak online users activity (in \$B)



Top-6 Releases by Gross Sales in Q2'24



Note: (1) total gross revenue from game sales (excluding microtransactions)

Source: [VG Insights](#)

Mobile gaming market in Q2'24

Asia: the primary source of hit titles

Mobile Market: IAP Revenue* (in \$B)



Note: (*) total revenue from in-app purchases across mobile games genres;

Source: [AppMagic](#)

APP MAGIC

Top-6 New Releases by IAP Net Revenue in Q2'24

Dungeon & Fighter: Origin



Action RPG

19-May-24
5.4m installs
[\\$227m Revenue Dashboard](#)

Wuthering Waves



Action RPG

17-May-24
10.8m installs
[\\$61m Revenue Dashboard](#)

Gakuen Idolmaster



Idol Simulator
15-May-24
0.9m installs
[\\$35m Revenue Dashboard](#)

Squad Busters



Brawl

29-May-24
36.3m installs
[\\$25m Revenue Dashboard](#)

Three Kingdoms: Strategize the World



4X Strategy

10-Jun-24
1.2m installs
[\\$23m Revenue Dashboard](#)

Journey to the West: Brush Painted Westward



Team Battler

14-May-24
1.6m installs
[\\$12m Revenue Dashboard](#)

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Our portfolio:



STARSHIP TROOPERS: EXTERMINATION

Platform: PS5, Xbox X/S
Genre: Co-Op FPS | Launch: October 11, 2024



MANDRAGORA

Platform: PC, PS5, Xbox X/S
Genre: 2.5D action-RPG | Launch: 2024



BLASTBRIGADE

Platform: PC, PS4, PS5, Xbox X/S, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch | Genre: 2D Metroidvania | Re-Launch: June 2024



PATHFINDER: KINGMAKER

Platform: PC, PS4, Xbox One
Genre: CRPG | Re-Launch: June 2024



NIKODERIKO – The Magical World

Platform: PS5, Xbox X/S, Nintendo Switch, PC
Genre: Adventure Platformer | Launch: 2024

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What we give to the partners:

Dedicated team of publishing experts

Publishing playbook to boost product monetization

ROI efficient User Acquisition at scale

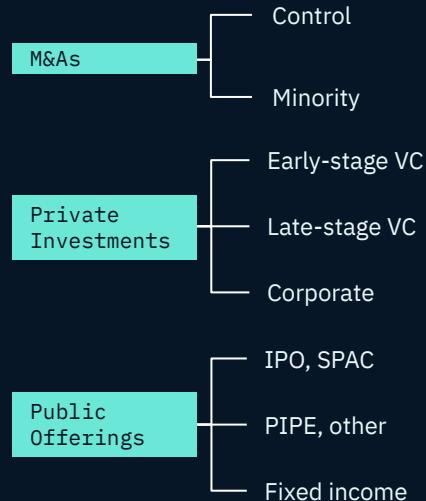
Marketing ROI and product analytics solutions

Business development

Methodology & Glossary

InvestGame tracks closed transactions (unless otherwise noted) in the Video Games industry, with target companies having core business operations related to the Video Games market. We do not track pure gambling, betting, and non-gaming blockchain/web3 companies.

Deal Types Overview



Deal Type Terms Glossary

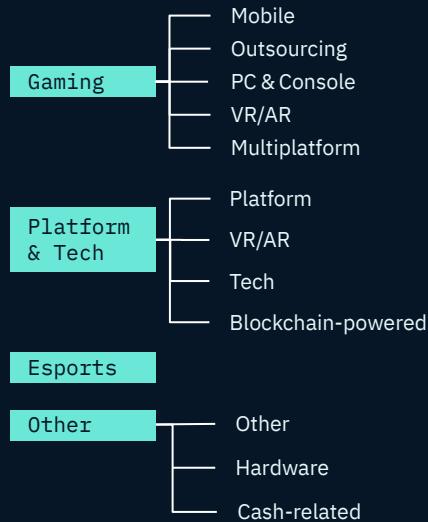
- Control M&As — mergers and acquisitions resulting in the change of control (50%+ ownership)
- Minority M&As — sale of a minority stake in the business
- Early-stage VC — pre-Seed, Seed, and Series A rounds with a lead VC fund
- Late-stage VC — Series B, Series C, and later-lettered venture rounds
- Corporate Investments — investments with a lead investor being a strategic/CVCs
- IPOs — the process of a company going public, including IPOs, SPACs, and direct listings
- PIPE, other — private investment in public equity, direct share issue, and other transactions with publicly traded stock
- Fixed income — debt-related instrument with fixed payments and interest payments

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Target's Sector Overview



VC Ratings Calculation

Typically, funds do not publicly disclose their individual participation in financing rounds. Therefore, we do not track the exact investment amounts by each fund; instead, we consider the entire round size in our ranking calculations. Our priority lies in the total number and value of the deals a fund participates in while also emphasizing the value and count of deals where the fund takes a leading role.

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