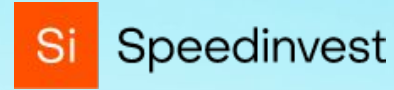


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# The future of marketplaces

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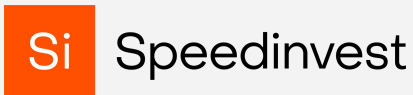
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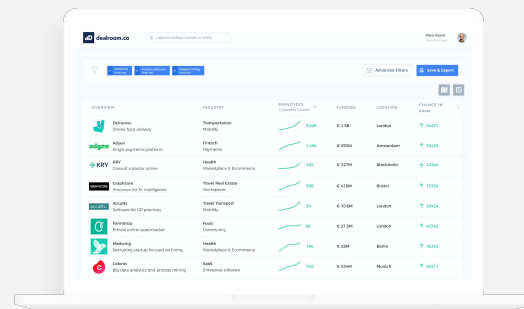
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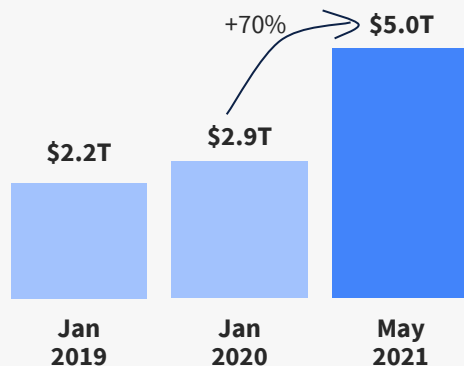


## Marketplace unicorns have grown 70% in value since Jan 2020 to more than \$5 trillion, outperforming tech overall.

Global online marketplaces (public companies and private unicorns) have seen their valuations grow 70% since Jan 2020 (50% for Nasdaq).

Fashion (+142% value), Food Delivery (+132%) and Digital Health (+120%) have been the highest performing segments in 2020/21.

### Valuation of marketplaces (public + unicorns)

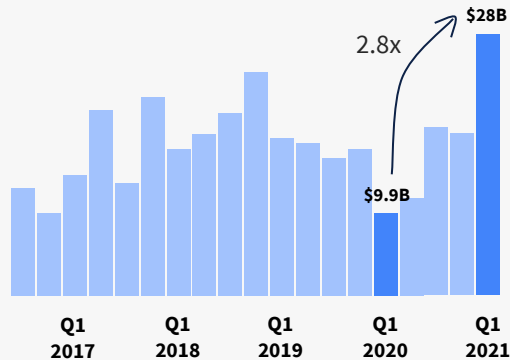


## Record investment for the most ambitious generation of marketplace startups ever.

Online marketplace startups continue to raise billions in funding, across every sector.

Q1 2021 investment tripled year on year to an all-time high of \$28B, with \$12B more already raised in the first 5 weeks of Q2.

### VC funding into marketplace startups



## New startups are building more vertically integrated models, to unlock lucrative new markets.

As of April 2021, more than 370 marketplace unicorns have been created globally, yet the future and models of online marketplaces continue to evolve.

Some of the largest consumer spending categories, like homes, cars and jobs went digital in 2000s, but only on the discovery side - through search and comparison sites.

With vertical integration, embedded finance, and increased consumer online penetration, these segments are about to be transformed by new models of “full stack” online marketplaces, unlocking huge new markets and growth opportunities.

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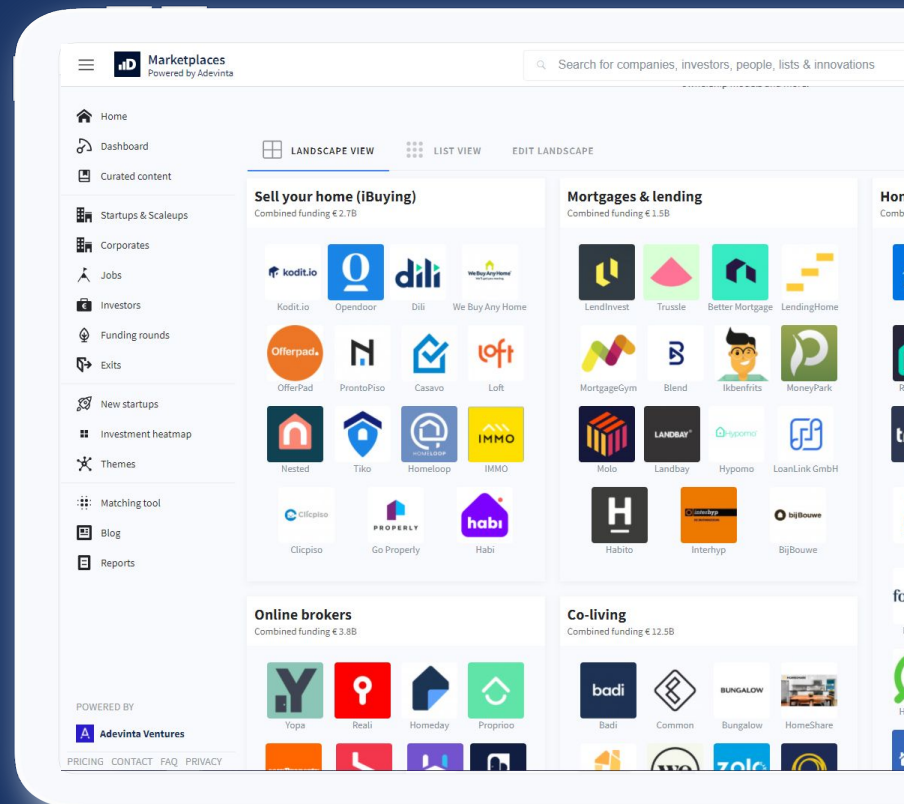
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# **The global acceleration of marketplaces**

# The role of online marketplaces has been amplified.

Back in June 2020, AdeVinta, Dealroom and Speedinvest [released](#) a report on marketplaces, during the early stages of Covid pandemic. One year later, it's time to take stock.

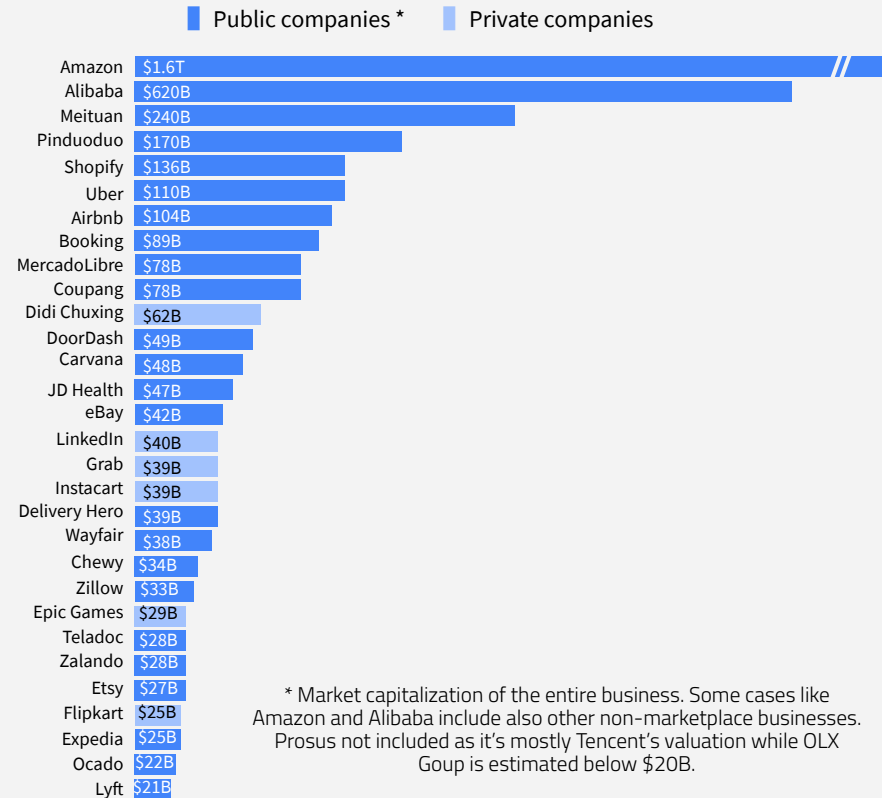
In the last ~15 months there's been a tech-driven bull market, the direction of which was anticipated by many, but the scale by few. The Nasdaq is up 50% since January 2020, now worth \$19 trillion.

In parallel, venture capital is seeing investment records smashed. Tech is now seen as safe asset. Low interest rates result in an abundance of risk seeking capital. But more fundamentally, accelerated digital adoption during the pandemic created tailwinds, resulting in companies beating expectations. And here, marketplaces have benefitted strongly; especially in areas like Food, Digital Health, and eCommerce.

As a result of this acceleration, there are now **30 known marketplaces worth \$20 billion or more**, with the world's top marketplaces (public companies and private unicorns) worth a combined \$5 trillion.

This report looks at which models are winning, where global growth is happening, and what trends are coming down the road.

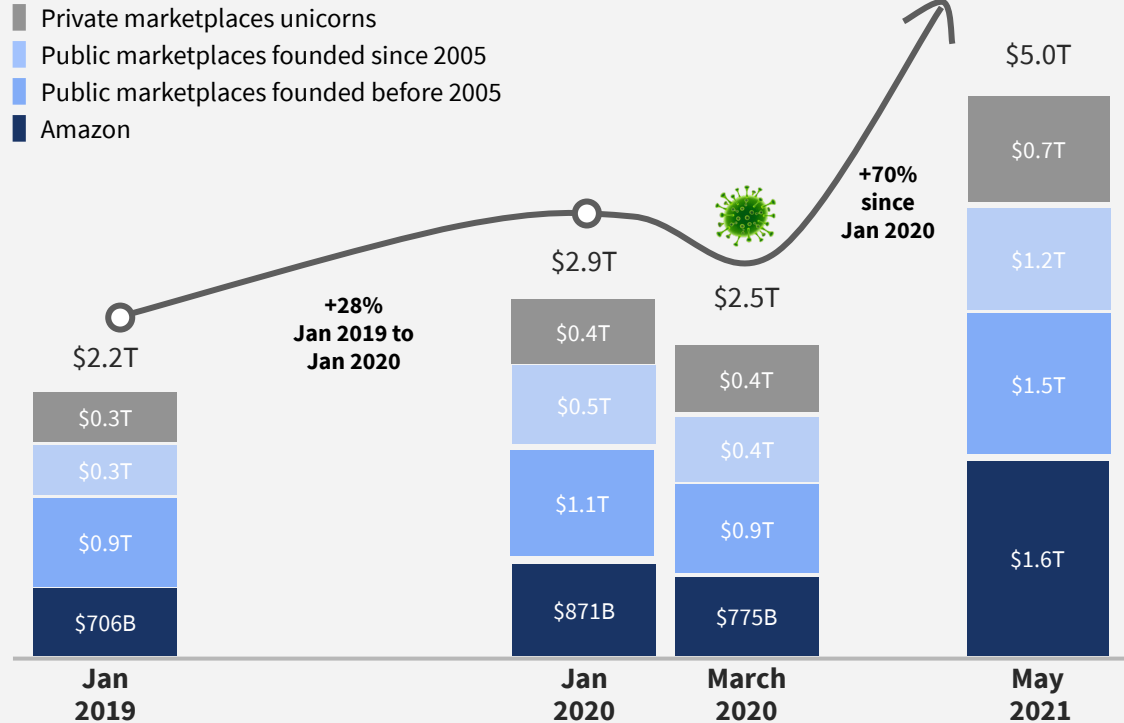
# The world's most valuable marketplaces



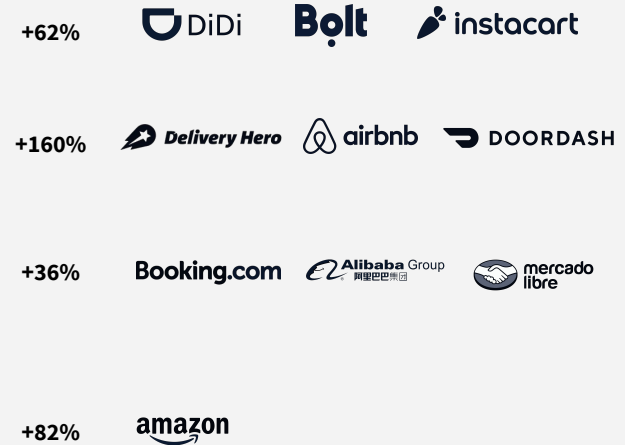
\* Market capitalization of the entire business. Some cases like Amazon and Alibaba include also other non-marketplace businesses. Prosus not included as it's mostly Tencent's valuation while OLX Goup is estimated below \$20B.

# Public and private unicorn marketplaces have accelerated, growing by 70% in value since Jan 2020 from \$2.9 to \$5.0 trillion, outpacing even the Nasdaq.

## Combined valuation of public and private unicorn marketplaces (\$B)

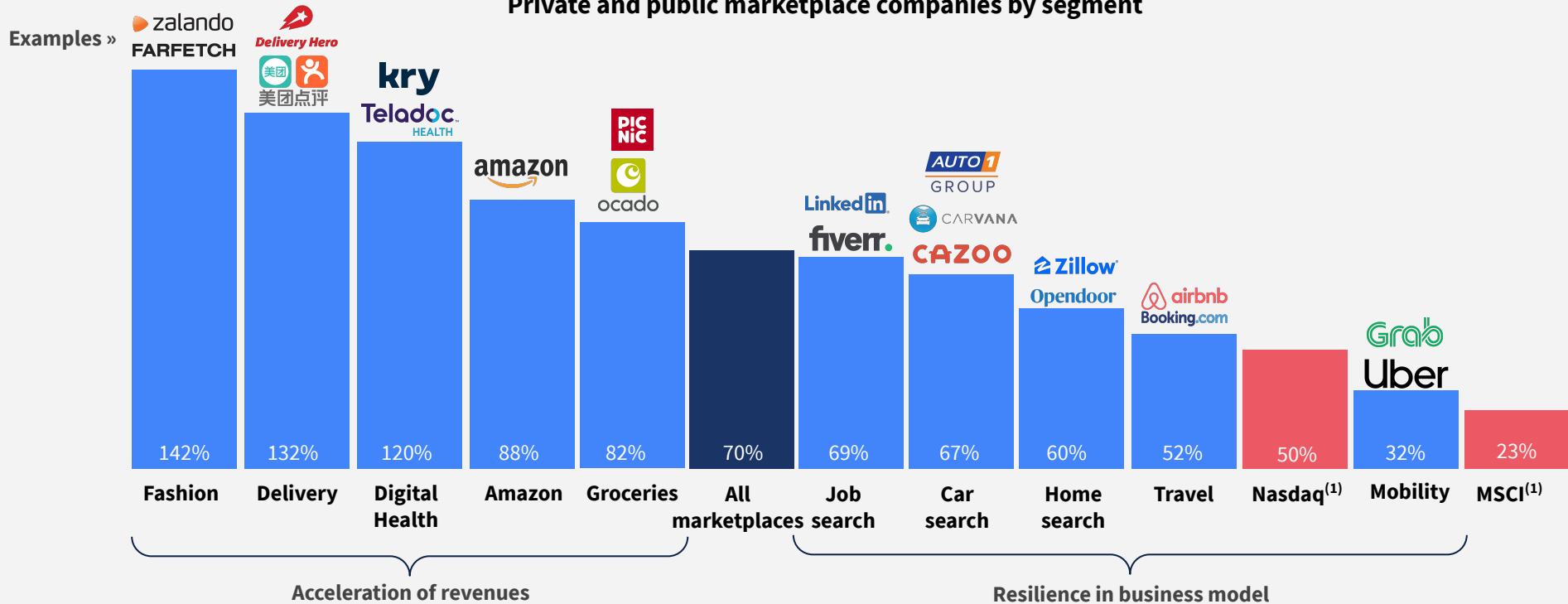


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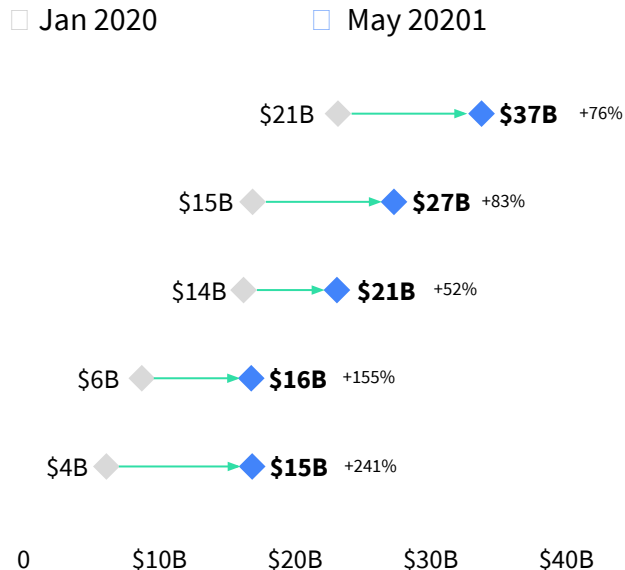
# Marketplaces also outperformed the wider tech sector, with food and grocery delivery, health and fashion driving this growth.

% valuation increase since Jan 2020 (\$B)  
Private and public marketplace companies by segment



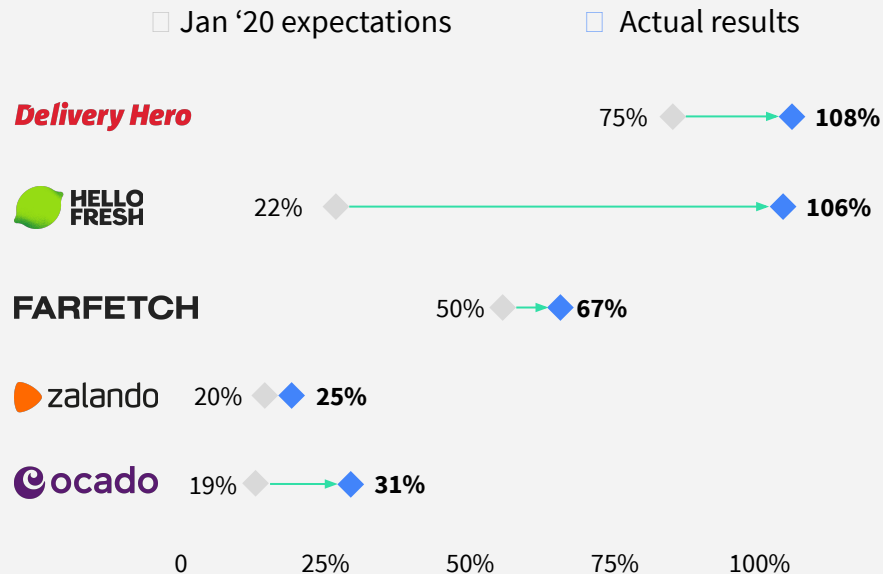
# Sharp increases in valuations and revenue multiples multiples ...

## Market cap (€B)



# ... driven by accelerated growth, driven by accelerated digital adoption.

## 2020 revenue growth (€B)

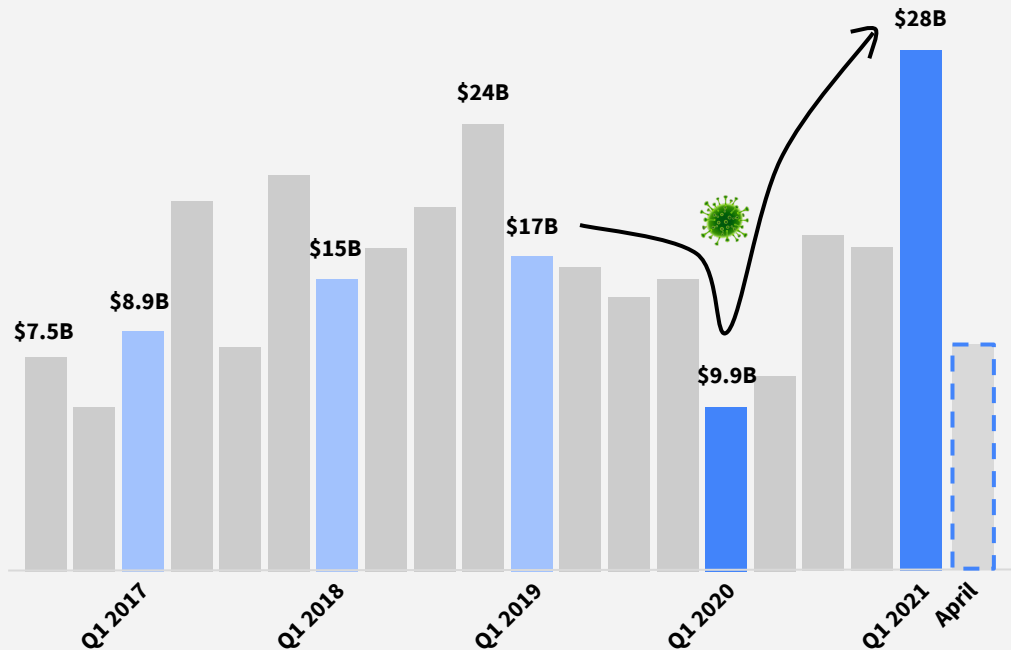


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## **Record venture capital investment**

Similar trends were also seen in the private markets, with venture capital in Q1 2021 smashing the all-time investment record, and growing nearly 3x over Q1 2020.

Global VC investment in marketplaces



Majority of deals are full-stack models, logistics and last-mile delivery.

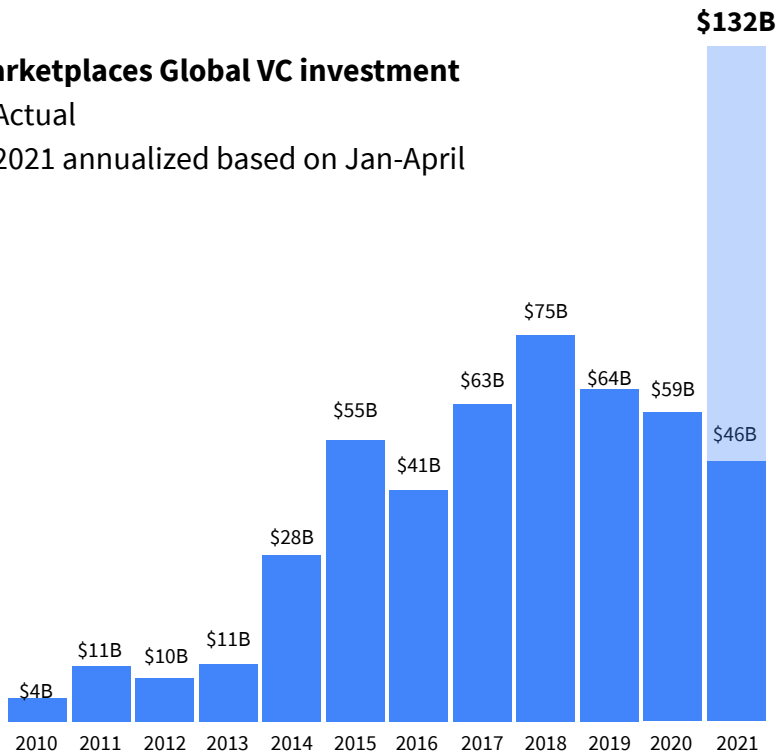
 \$528M	 \$530M	 \$290M
 \$460M	 \$1.2B	 \$425M
 \$400M	 \$800M	 \$300M
 \$160M	 \$312M	 \$82M



**At the current pace, 2021 investment into marketplaces would more than double from \$59B to \$132B.**

### Marketplaces Global VC investment

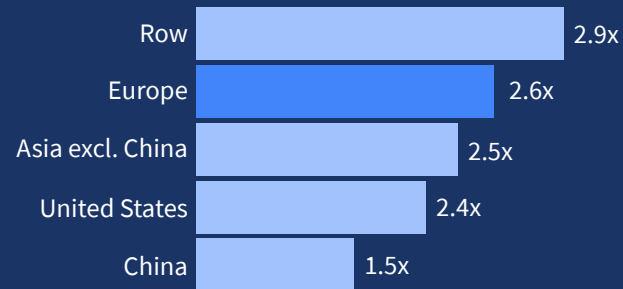
■ Actual  
■ 2021 annualized based on Jan-April



Source: Dealroom.co.

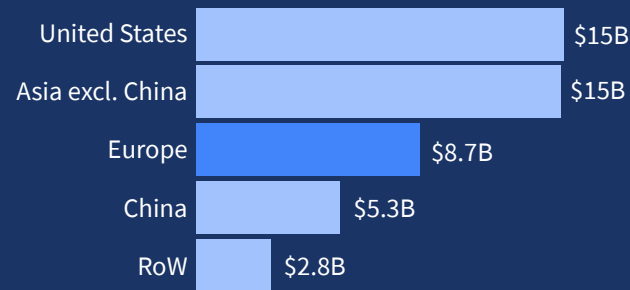
### VC investment in marketplaces by destination \*

Jan-May 2021 vs Jan-May 2020



### 2021 VC investment by destination \*

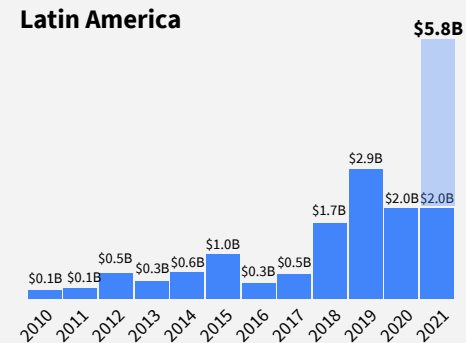
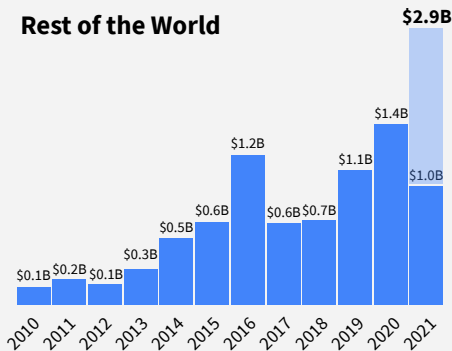
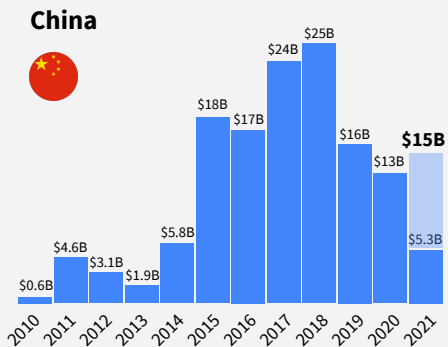
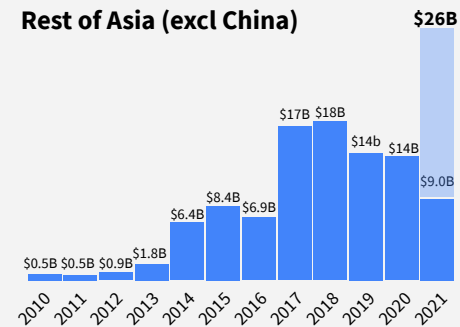
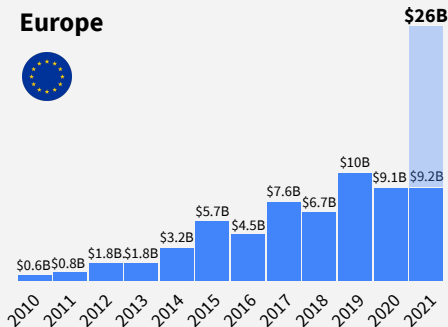
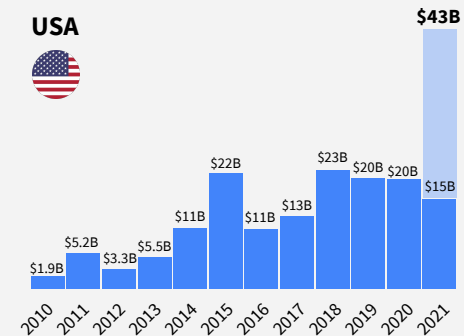
Jan-May 2021



\* including primary capital raised via SPAC private placement.

# Nearly all regions are seeing rapid growth in VC investment into marketplaces.

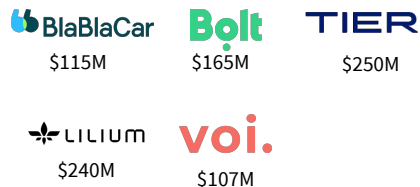
Marketplaces VC investment by destination | 2021 annualized based on Jan-April



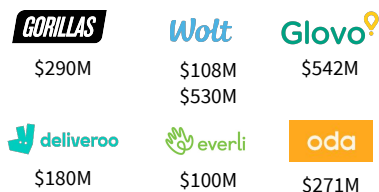
# In Europe super-rounds picked up after Q1 2020.

Select rounds above \$50M since January 2020

## Mobility



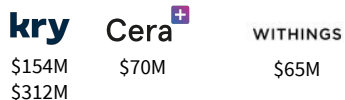
## Meal and grocery delivery



## Clothes and Accessories



## Digital health



## Education



## Travel



## Lending



## Horizontal



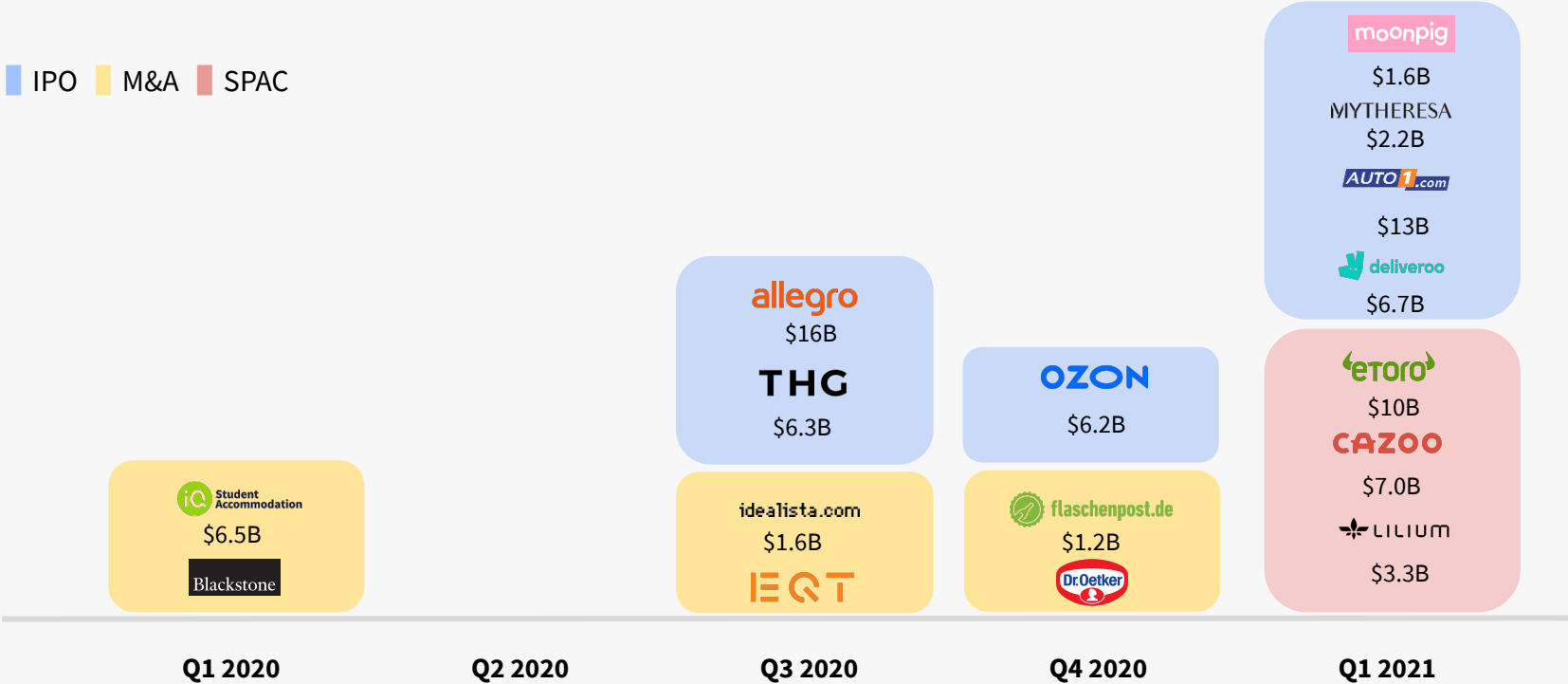
## Home search



# There have been several billion dollar marketplace exits for investors, via IPO, M&A, and SPACs.

## M&A and IPOs of European marketplaces

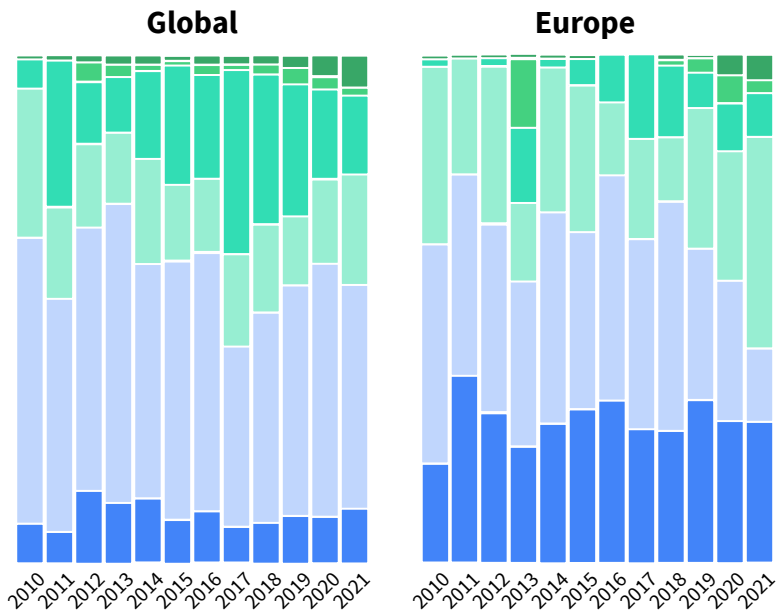
IPO M&A SPAC



## Venture capital has become more global, especially more flows from USA and Asia into European marketplaces.

Venture capital amount invested from

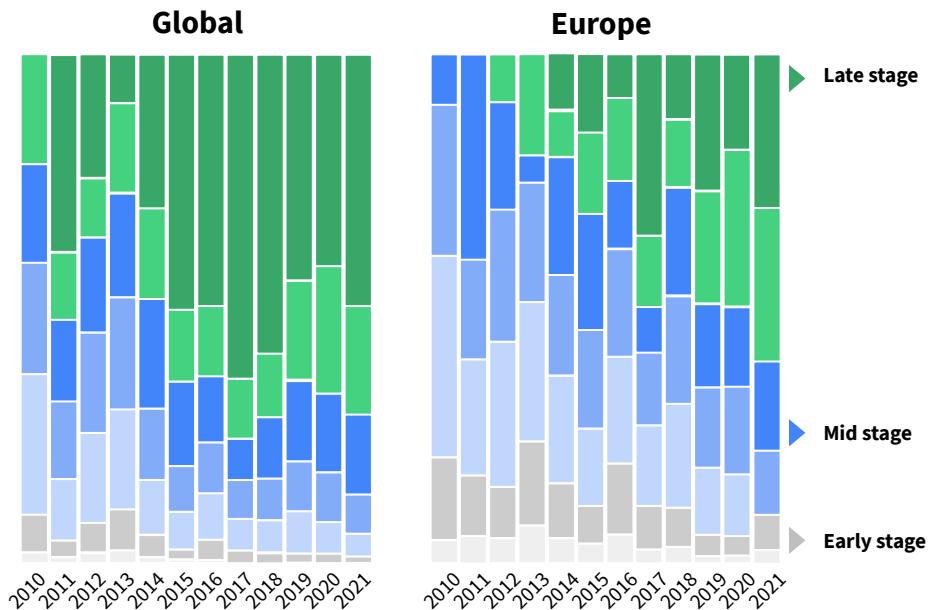
- Europe
- Domestic
- USA
- Asia
- RoW
- Unknown HQ



## Globally and in Europe, venture is trending towards bigger rounds. Europe is still slightly behind the curve in terms of super rounds.

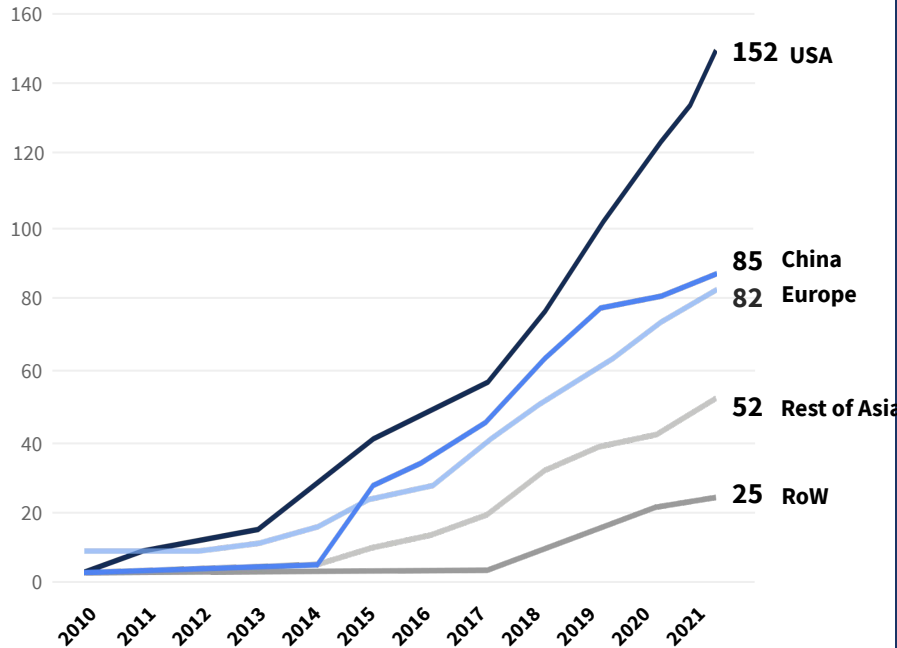
Number of VC rounds in marketplaces

- \$0-1m
- \$1-4m
- \$4-15m
- \$15-40m
- \$40-100m
- \$100-250m
- \$250m

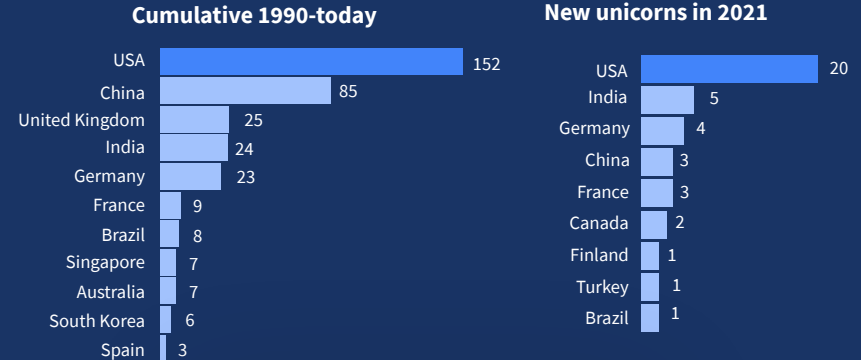
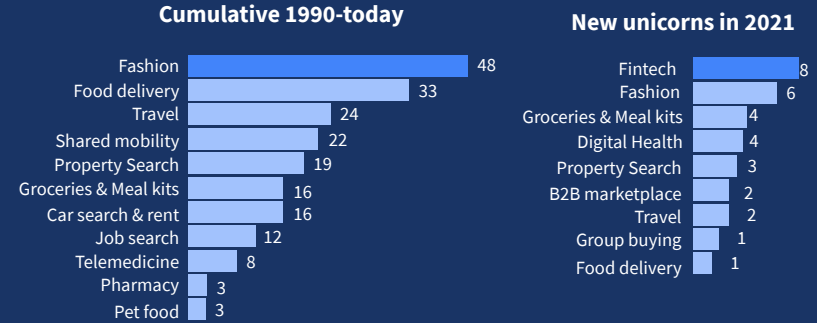


# There's been an explosion of marketplace unicorns globally.

## Marketplace companies reaching \$1B valuations



## Marketplace unicorns and \$1B+ exits

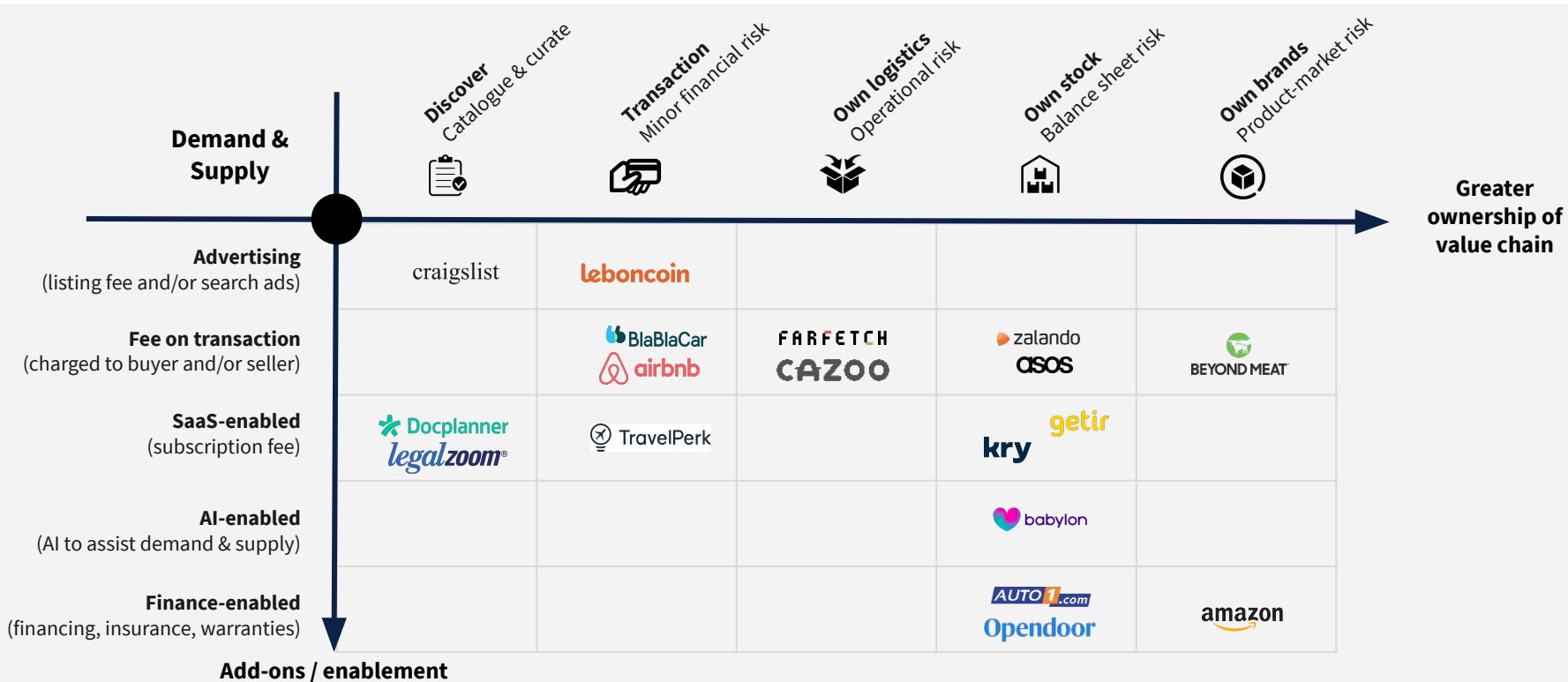


[View all marketplace unicorns](#)

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## Vertical integration and enablement

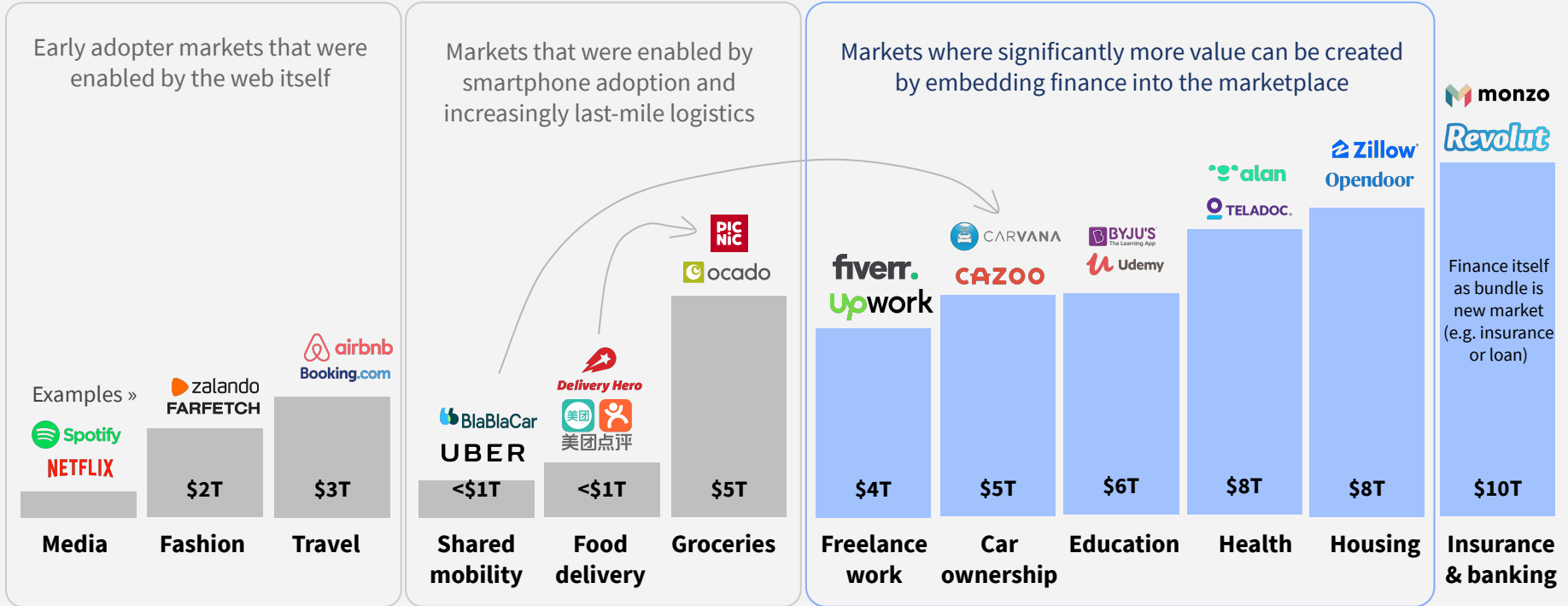
# Innovation essentially happens into two directions: greater ownership of the value chain and enablement with other products.










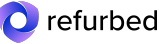









# Marketplaces are going after bigger and bigger markets, enabled by new models. Embedded finance is another “virtual last mile” to unlock much larger markets.

## Global consumer market size \*



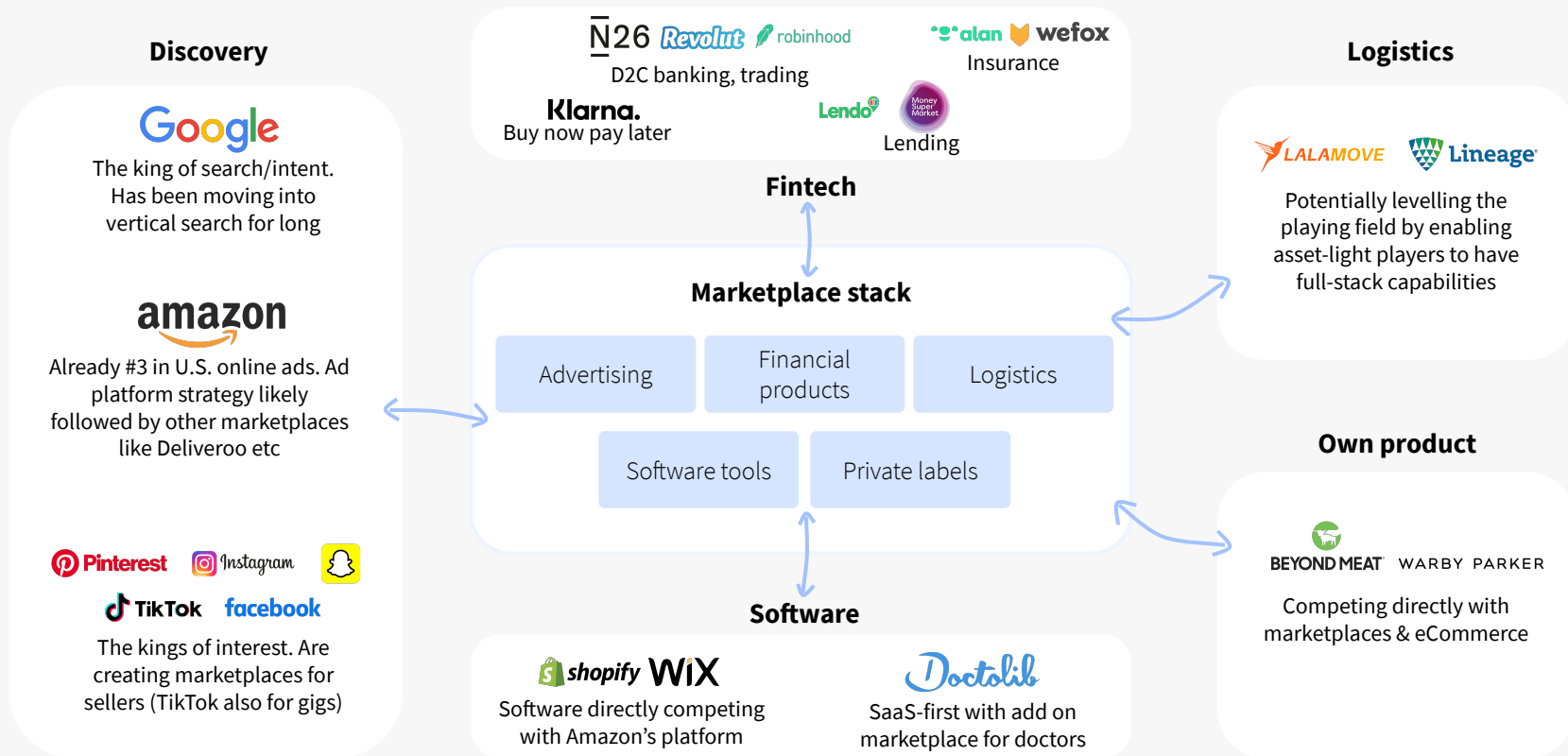
# What's next: launching a series of reports, exploring new marketplace models starting with fintech enabled marketplaces. Stay tuned!

Fintech-enabled marketplaces	B2B Marketplaces	Responsible consumption	New homeownership models	Regulated services
<p> <b>kodit.io</b> Online real estate brokerage making instant cash offers.</p> <p> <b>CAZOO</b> Online car retailer that offers instant buying, insurance and subscription.</p> <p> <b>AGRO.CLUB</b> Marketplaces for agriculture inputs.</p>	<p> <b>CONVOY</b> Connecting shippers with carriers online.</p> <p> <b>Choco</b> Connecting restaurants with suppliers online.</p> <p> <b>YardLink</b> A marketplace for construction equipment.</p>	<p> <b>FoodMaven</b> Prevents waste by selling high-quality local, imperfect and oversupplied food.</p> <p> <b>refurbed</b> Refurbished electronics marketplace.</p> <p> <b>Otrium</b> Sell excess clothes &amp; footwear inventory.</p>	<p> <b>Divvy</b> Rent your future home while you save for a down payment.</p> <p> <b>FLEQ</b> Co-own your home with option to increase equity ownership over time.</p> <p> <b>VIRGIL</b> Co-invests with home buyers.</p>	<p> <b>MEDWING</b> Hire and retain staff in the healthcare industry.</p> <p> <b>workrise</b> Training and job placement in heavy industries (construction, oil &amp; gas, defense and energy)</p> <p> <b>.planetly</b> Compliance and carbon management platform.</p>

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## **Appendix: learn more about marketplaces**

# The broader marketplace & ecommerce ecosystem is increasingly connected.



# What is a marketplace? What is a “full-stack” marketplace?

	Demand	Customer acquisition	Listings	Transaction incl. payment	Logistics & software tools	Own inventory	Production	Supply
Traditional marketplace								
	Listings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Asset light, profitable</li> <li>□ Low revenue per user</li> </ul>	 					Homes, cars, jobs, horizontal
New age marketplace	Transactional marketplaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Still asset light, higher take-rate</li> <li>□ Possible long-term strategic disadvantage</li> </ul>	    					Travel, delivery, freelance
	Full-stack marketplace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Control over user-experience</li> <li>□ Operational risk, requires market density</li> </ul>	     					On-demand services
Competing B2C models	Market maker (iBuying)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Create new supply, verify quality</li> <li>□ Capital intensity &amp; risk, requires homogenous market</li> </ul>	 	  		Temporary trade on the books		Homes, cars, jobs, products
	eCommerce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Same-day delivery of goods, control over user experience</li> <li>□ High capital intensity, low margins</li> </ul>		  	 			Fashion, groceries
	Direct-to-consumer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Own entire product identity / experience / sometimes with physical stores</li> <li>□ High capital intensity, limited assortment</li> </ul>			  	  		Cosmetics, food, banking, wellness, lifestyle, eyewear

# Where are we in the evolution of marketplaces?

The first generation of online marketplaces translated town squares and bulletin boards into eBay and Craigslist. A recognisable online migration.

But marketplaces have evolved more in the last 20 years than in the previous 200.

Newer models like Uber and Cazoo have actually made the "marketplace" less visible to the consumer, reducing transaction complexity.

With every iteration, the overarching trend has been to remove friction and unlock new markets. In doing so, marketplaces are becoming more "full-stack", vertically integrating from shop front and transaction to delivery and aftercare.

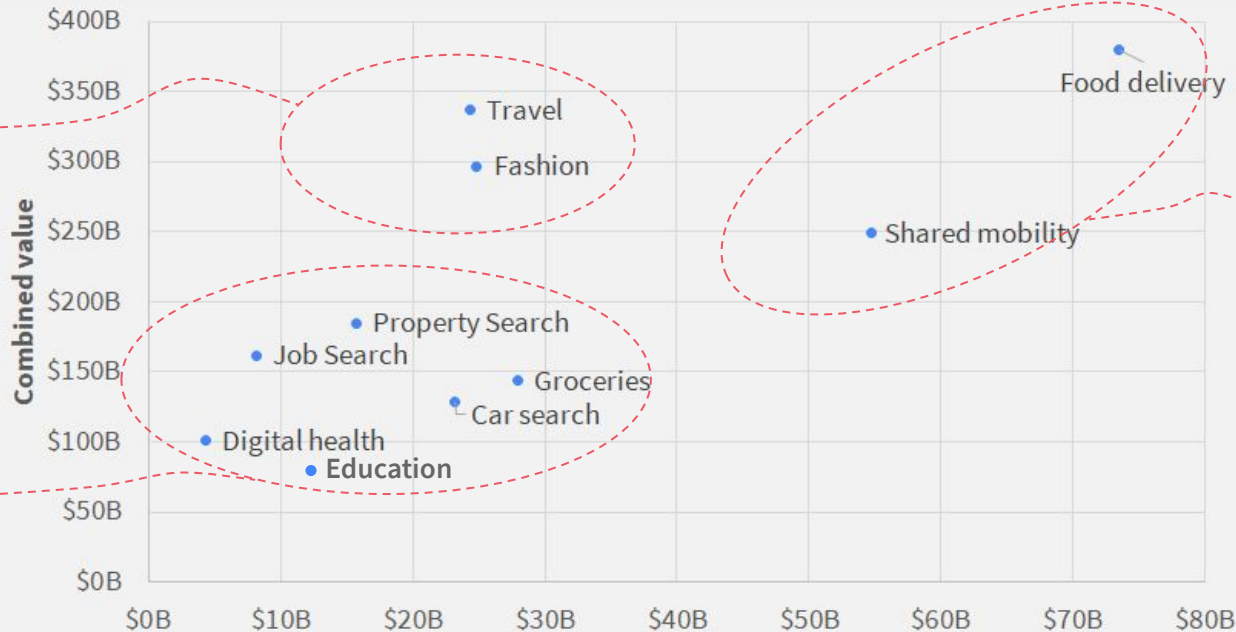
While asset light models like Craigslist have proved resilient with the defensibility of high liquidity, full-stack scale efficiencies, combined with an abundance of cheap capital, have led to a rise in asset heavy models in recent years.

<b>New models</b>						<b>New models?</b>
<b>Managed marketplaces</b>						
<b>On-demand</b>						
<b>Transactional</b>						
<b>Vertical specialists</b>						
<b>Supply aggregators</b>						
	<b>1990s</b>	<b>2000s</b>	<b>2005-2010</b>	<b>2010-2015</b>	<b>2015-2018</b>	<b>2019+</b>

# Different segments are at vastly different stages of development, and can broadly be split into three categories.

Travel and fashion were digitally enabled by the web itself, thus more asset-light and more capital efficient. Farfetch is innovating with new logistics model.

Jobs, cars and properties 1.0 was about search. 2.0 is about taking a bigger role in the transaction through embedded finance. Digital health and groceries are the next big markets.



Heavily invested and also competitive, especially meal delivery.

VC invested since 2015

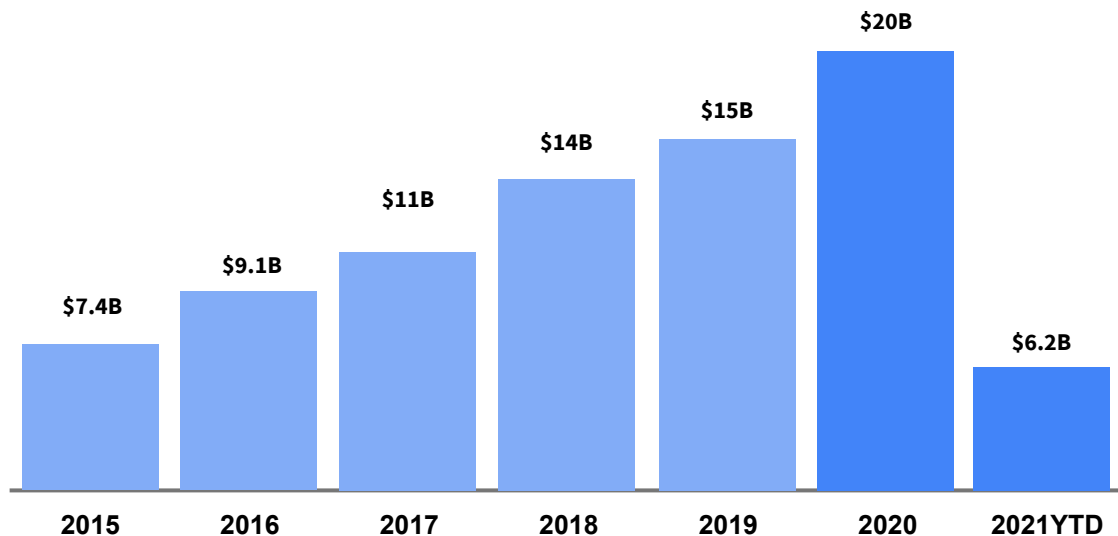
# Abundance of venture capital emboldens asset-heavier marketplaces to take bigger bets.

Asset-lighter			Asset-heavier	
Takeaway.com	Delivery Hero	Food delivery	deliveroo	DOORDASH
Avito	coches.net	Used cars	AUTO1.com	CAZOO CARVANA
FREE NOW		Mobility	UBER	TIER
fubo TV	YouTube	Media	NETFLIX	Spotify
Money Super Market	Lendo	Banking	Revolut	monzo N26
Docplanner		Healthcare	KRY	
fotocasa		Housing	Opendoor	kodit.io
Booking.com	airbnb	Travel	OYO	SONDER
InfoJobs	upwork	Jobs	MEDWING	Lambda
Vinted	depop	Second-hand fashion	RENT THE RUNWAY	GOAT



# Record amounts of dry powder in Europe, including mega funds with focus on marketplaces.

## Fundraising by European venture capital investors



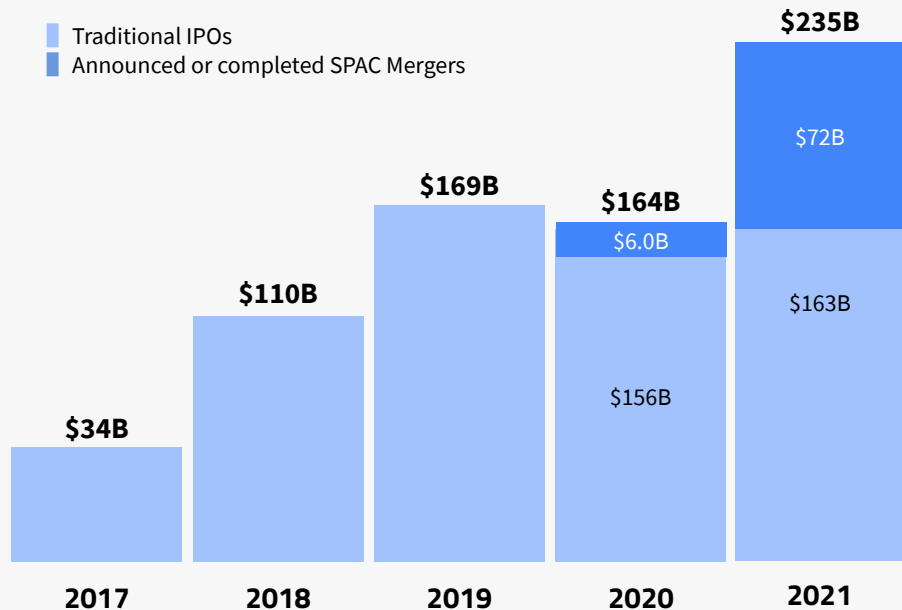
## Select new funds in 2020 and 2021

 Speedinvest \$230M	 SAMAIPATA \$110M	 Point Nine THE ANGEL VC \$110M
 LocalGlobe \$159M	 STRIDE \$144M	 MOONFIRE \$60M
 endeit \$304M	 TARGET GLOBAL \$330M	 HIGHLAND EUROPE \$770M
 felix CAPITAL \$300M	 HV CAPITAL \$620M	 octopus ventures \$136M

[View all new funds](#)

# Public marketplaces and IPOs are hot.

## Aggregate Enterprise Value of IPOs and SPACs

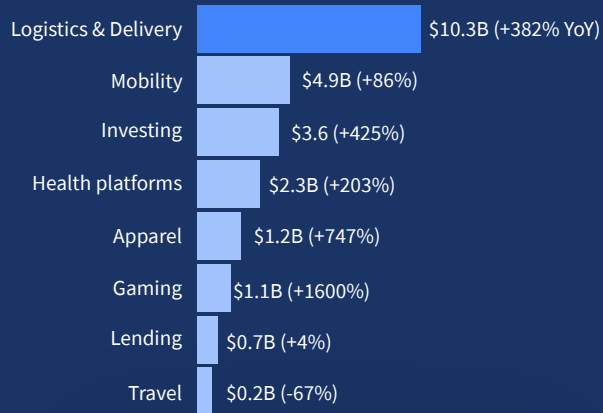


## IPOs & SPACs of marketplaces

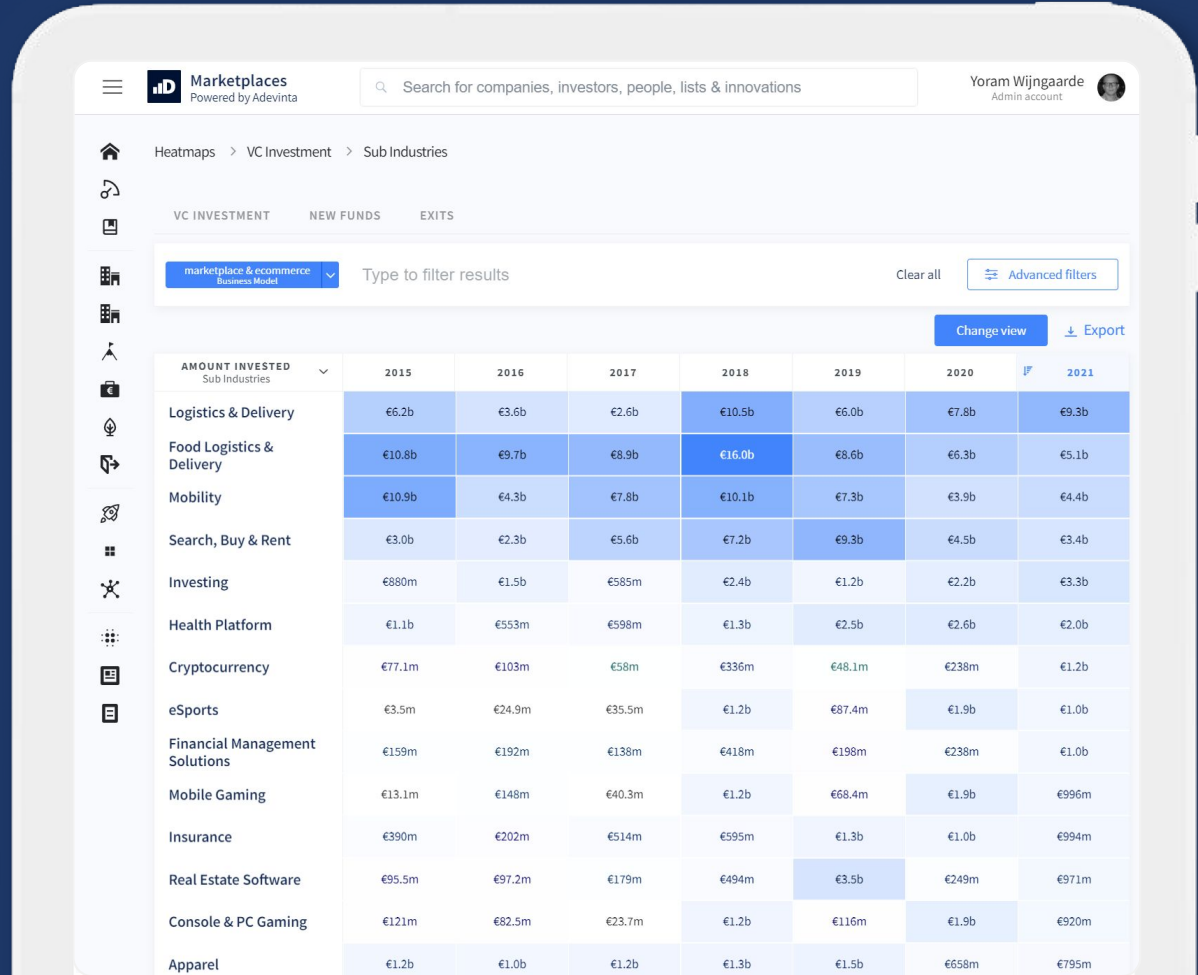
<b>Deliveroo</b>	IPO	\$6.7B	Mar 2021
<b>Auto1</b>	IPO	\$12B	Feb 2021
<b>Wish</b>	IPO	\$8B	Dec 2020
<b>Allegro</b>	IPO	\$16B	Sep 2020
<b>Coupang</b>	IPO	\$78B	Mar 2021
<b>GoodRx</b>	IPO	\$15B	Sep 2020
<b>GoHealth</b>	IPO	\$4B	Jul 2020
<b>Hims &amp; Hers</b>	SPAC	\$2B	Jan 2021
<b>Airbnb</b>	IPO	\$106B	Dec 2020
<b>DoorDash</b>	IPO	\$49B	Dec 2020
<b>Cazoo</b>	SPAC	\$7.0B	Mar 2021
<b>Grab</b>	SPAC	\$39.6B	Apr 2021
<b>TalkSpace</b>	SPAC	\$1.4B	Jan 2021
<b>Lilium</b>	SPAC	\$3.3B	Mar 2021

# Venture capital investment into Marketplaces by segment.

## Venture capital Jan-April 2021

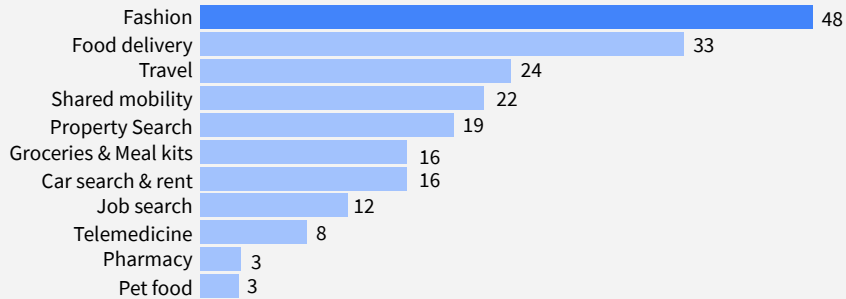


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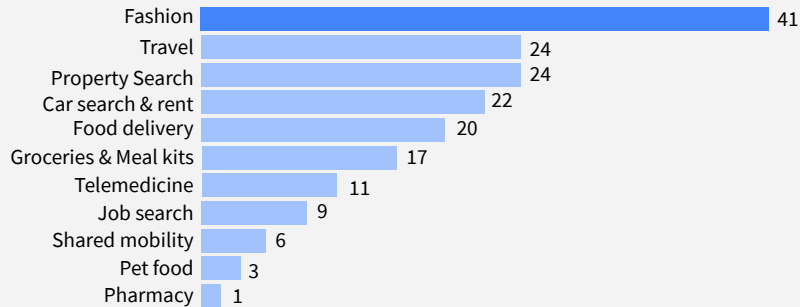


## Fashion is the leading segment, by the number of unicorns and \$1B exits as well as future unicorns.

### Cumulative number of unicorns and \$1B exits



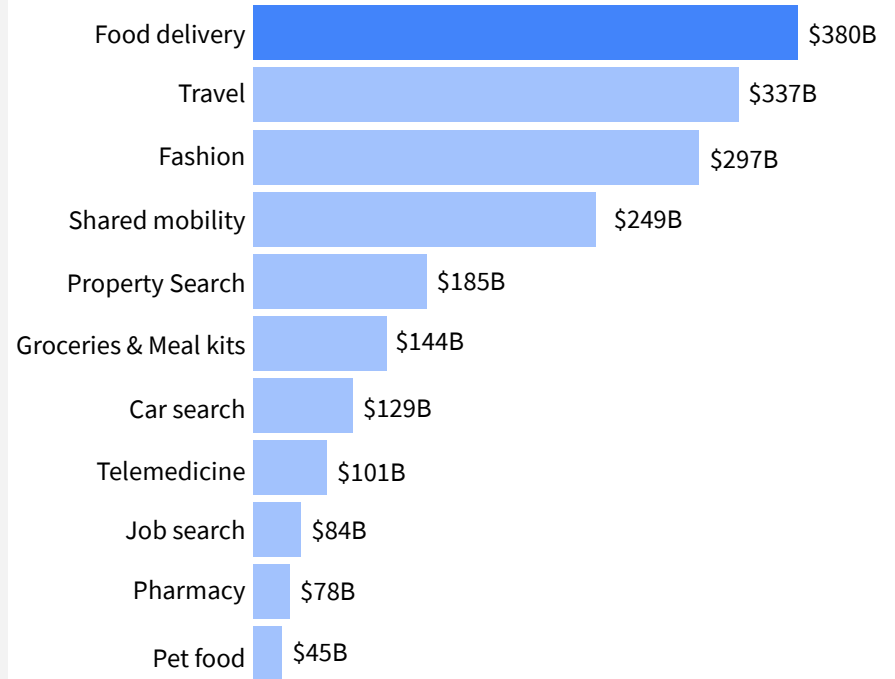
### Cumulative number of future unicorns



Source: Dealroom.co

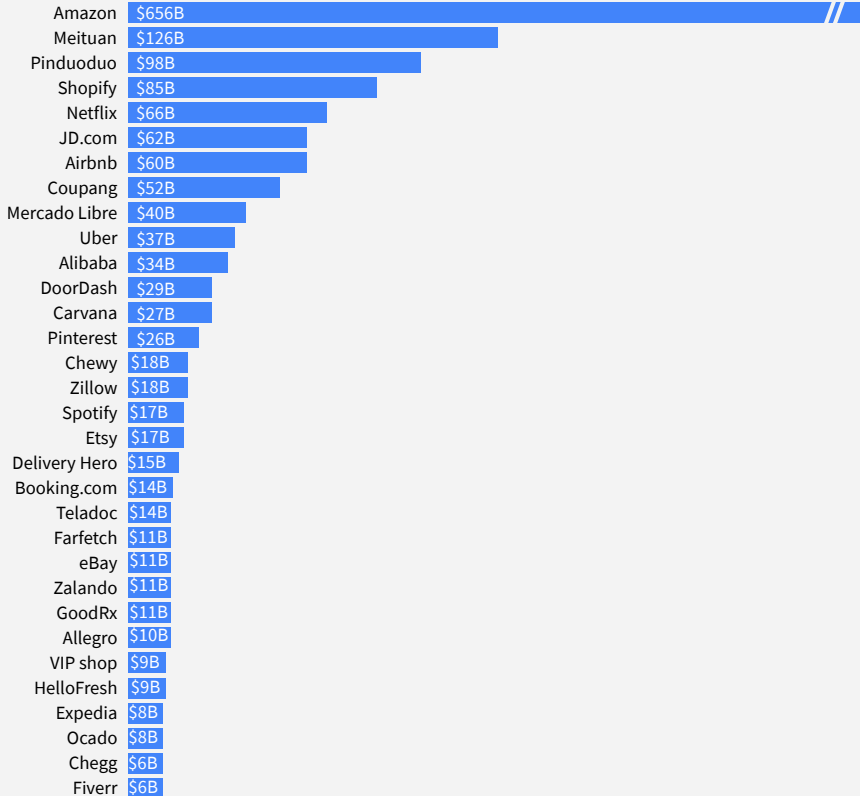
## Food delivery and travel are the largest segments, by combined enterprise value

### Cumulative value of unicorns and \$1B exits



# The biggest growers by absolute.

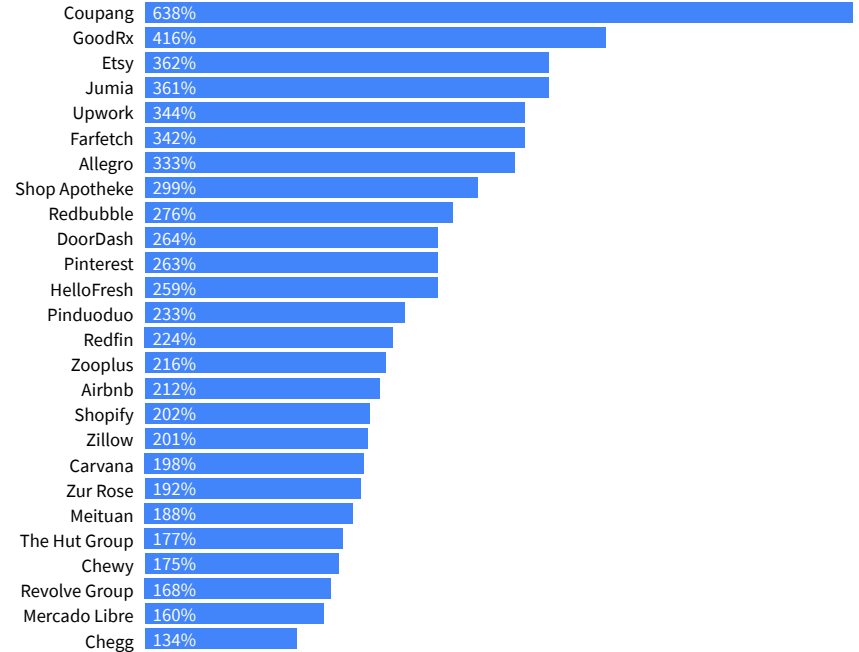
## Market capitalization absolute growth since January 2020



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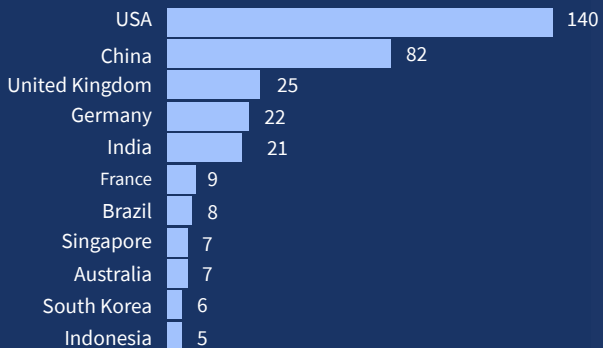
# The fastest growers, relative.

## Market capitalization relative growth since January 2020



# 370+ marketplace unicorns, with a combined value of \$5.0 trillion

Number of Unicorns and \$1B+ exits by country



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<b>Epic Games</b> ★❤️ Cutting-edge games and cross-platform	B2C gaming exports console & pc gaming mobile gaming	mobile app virtual reality subscription commission marketplace & ecommerce	4,863	1991	€26.1b	€4.0b		
<b>The Zebra</b> ★ An auto insurance comparison engine	B2C fintech insurance	marketplace & ecommerce	283	Jan 2012	€909m	€229m		
<b>Better Mortgage</b> ★❤️ A direct lender dedicated to providing	B2C fintech real estate mortgages & lending	commission marketplace & ecommerce	5,031	2016	€5.5b	€368m		
<b>StockX</b> ★❤️ A marketplace for buying and selling	B2C fashion home living accessories apparel footwear	commission marketplace & ecommerce	910	2016	€3.5b	€450m		
<b>Patreon</b> ★❤️ A creator-founded membership platf	B2C music media streaming content production	subscription marketplace & ecommerce	557	May 2013	€3.6b	€320m		
<b>Dingdong Maicai</b> An e-commerce platform for fresh veg	B2C food food logistics & delivery	mobile app commission marketplace & ecommerce	-	2014	€3.2b	€909m		
<b>Groww</b> ★ A simple demat and stock trading app	B2B, B2C fintech investing	mobile app marketplace & ecommerce	289	2017	€909m	€129m		
<b>Grab</b> ★❤️ Ride-hailing platform that offers bo	B2C food transportation logistics & delivery mobility	mobile app commission marketplace & ecommerce	33k	Jun 2012	€36.0b	€12.3b		

# Methodology

## Definition of marketplace

Marketplace in this report is a digital platform connecting buyers and sellers. Various models are listed on page 23.

## Venture capital investment

Investment numbers refer to venture capital investment rounds such as seed, series A, B, C, etc and growth equity rounds. It excludes debt or other non-equity funding, lending capital, grants and ICOs.

Buyouts, M&A, secondary rounds, and IPOs are treated as exits and not included in funding data.

Investment rounds are sourced from public reports including press releases, news, filings and verified user-submitted information.

Data as of date of this report.

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