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Preface



Dear readers,

I am delighted to present a comprehensive overview of investments in India's financial services sector for the first half of the year 2024.

Between 2020 and H1 2024, Indian BFSI (Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance) companies attracted substantial investments totaling over ₹2.59 lakh crore. Notably, fintech companies accounted for more than half of this amount, underscoring their pivotal role in driving financial innovation.

Lending tech and fintech SaaS companies have been prominent recipients of investment. The sector saw 52 PE-VC investments worth ₹3,860 crore in H1 2024. These investments underscore the ongoing potential for growth and innovation in the fintech space.

However, the first half of 2024 has seen a downturn in investments across both BFSI and fintech sectors, reflecting broader industry trends. It is crucial for the industry stakeholders to navigate these dynamics thoughtfully, focusing on sustainable growth and developing localised solutions that cater to the diverse needs of the Indian market.

As we move forward, the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) remains committed to driving technological advancements that facilitate financial inclusion and resilience. Our goal is to mobilise the ecosystem towards more customer-centric solutions that address the financial needs of every Indian.

Keeping this in mind, we present this PE-VC report. We trust that the insights provided will encourage active engagement and collaboration in advancing this critical sector.

Warm regards,

Rajesh Bansal Chief Executive Officer Reserve Bank Innovation Hub



FINANCIAL SERVICES OVERVIEW

Private Equity - Venture Capital (PE-VC) investors have invested over ₹2.59 Lakh Crore in Indian BFSI (Banking, Financial Services and Insurance) companies between 2020 and H1 2024. Fintech companies grabbed over 54% of the value pie.

Overview — Historical Funding

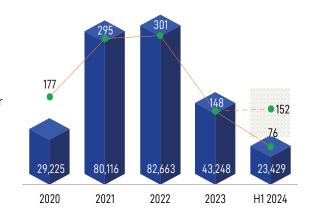
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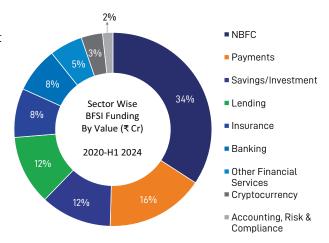
BFSI funding

- Indian BFSI companies attracted ₹2.59 Lakh Cr between 2020 and H1 2024 from PE-VC investors. (Note: For the purpose of this report, 'BFSI' investments include Fintech company investments as a subset).
- Within BFSI, NBFCs have attracted the most PE-VC funding in recent years. During the period spanning 2020 to H1 2024, Non-Banking Financial companies attracted ₹88,708 Cr across 162 deals. It was followed by payments-related companies, which attracted ₹41,797 Cr across 113 deals.
- BFSI companies attracted 76 PE-VC investments worth ₹23,429 Cr during H1 2024 (compared to ₹30,315 Cr in H1 2023).
- Investments in the BFSI and Fintech sectors showed a downward trend in the first half of the calender year 2024, aligning with the broader trajectory of the industry.
- Within BFSI, the Payments sector experienced the largest decline in funding during H1 2024 compared to the same period previous year, followed by Savings/Investment, and Lending sectors.

BFSI Investments







Overview — Historical Funding

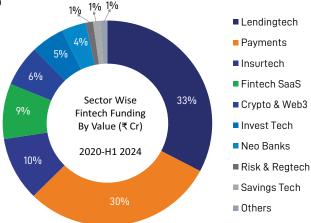
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Fintech funding

- Between 2020 and H1 2024, PE-VC investors invested almost ₹1.40 Lakh Cr in Indian fintech companies.
- Lending tech and Payment companies raised the most amount of funding during the period spanning 2020 to H1 2024, with ₹45,764 Cr (265 deals) and ₹41,597 Cr (112 deals), respectively.
- The fintech sector witnessed 52 PE-VC investments worth ₹3,860 Cr in H1 2024 (compared to ₹14,159 Cr in H1 2023).
- In the Fintech segment, Payments and Insurtech sectors saw the most significant decrease in funding, trailed by declines in Lending tech sector.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued a draft framework for a self-regulatory organization (SRO) for fintech companies, with the objective of establishing codes of conduct for its fintech members to foster transparency, fair competition, and consumer protection.
 Upon effective implementation, this initiative is poised to bolster investor confidence, paving the way for a surge in fintech funding in the foreseeable future.

Fintech Investments





Overview — Half Yearly Funding

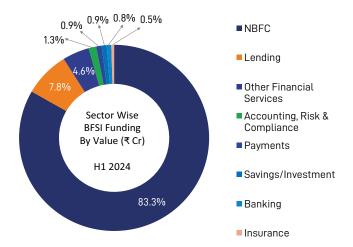
BFSI

BFSI Funding

- The BFSI industry has attracted 76 PE-VC investments worth ₹23,429 Cr during the half year ended June 2024 (H1 2024).
- H1 2024 investments are 81% higher than the ₹23,429 Cr invested in H2 2023 and 23% lower when compared to the ₹23,429 Cr invested in the same period last year.
- The number of deals in the latest half year grew 6% when compared to the previous half year (H2 2023), which had 72 deals, while H1 2023 saw 76 deals.
- The largest BFSI investment in H1 2024 was the ₹4,630 Cr buyout of Shriram Housing Finance by Warburg Pincus.
- NBFC companies raised the largest amount of funding during the half year (₹19,514 Cr), followed by Lending companies (₹1,829 Cr). Other Financial Services companies with ₹1,072 Cr were the next favourite designation.

BFSI Investments





Overview — Half Yearly Funding

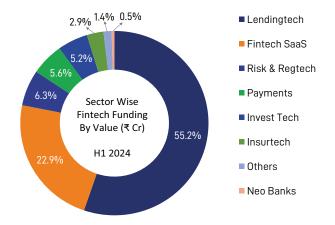
FINTECH

Fintech Funding

- The Fintech sector witnessed 52 PE-VC investments worth ₹3,860 Cr during the half year ended June 2024 (H1 2024).
- H1 2024 fintech investments are 43% lower than the ₹6,712 Cr invested in the immediate previous half year and 73% lower than the ₹14,159 Cr invested in the same half year in 2023.
- The number of fintech investments in the latest half year decreased by 5% compared to the immediate previous half year and a 12% decline from the 59 deals recorded in H1 2023.
- The ₹750 Cr investment in Fibe and ₹663 Cr investment in SaaS-based B2B fintech software company Perfios, were the largest fintech deals in H1 2024.
- Lending technology startups raised the largest amount of funding during the half year (attracting ₹2,133 Cr), followed by Fintech SaaS companies (₹883 Cr).

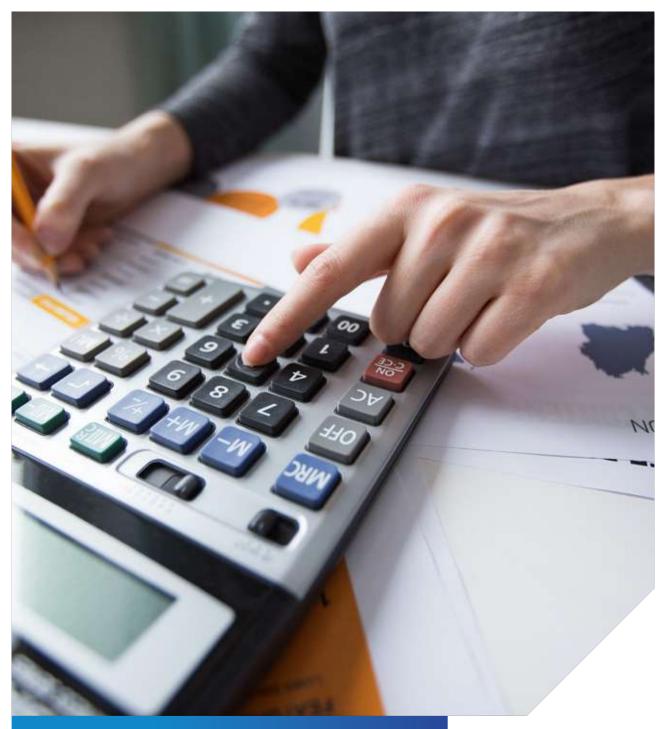
Fintech Investments







INVESTMENTS - FINANCIAL SERVICES



INVESTMENTS - BFSI

Other Financial Services, Accounting, Risk & Compliance and NBFC sectors witnessed a positive growth in value compared to H1 2023. The largest investment during the quarter was ₹4,630 Cr buyout of Shriram Housing Finance by Warburg Pincus.

Investments — BFSI

TOP 10 INVESTMENTS

Company	Sector	Investors	Amount (₹ Cr)	Date
Shriram Housing Finance	NBFC - Housing Finance	Warburg Pincus	4,630	May-24
Svatantra Microfin	Microfinance	Multiples PE, Advent International	1,930	Mar-24
IIFL Finance	Financial Services	Fairfax Holdings	1,271	May-24
Ugro Capital	NBFC	Samena Capital, Others	1,265	Jun-24
Kogta Financial	NBFC	Ontario Teachers Pension Plan (OTPP)	1,230	Jun-24
Avanse Financial Services	NBFC - Education Loans	Mubadala Investment, Avendus PE, Kotak Investment Advisors	1,100	Mar-24
Fibe	Consumer Lending	Amara Partners, Trifecta Capital, TR Capital, TPG Growth, Chiratae Ventures, Norwest, Eight Roads Ventures, Others	750	May-24
Sitara	NBFC - Home Loans	HDFC Bank, Arpwood Partners, Oikocredit, Abler Nordic, Omidyar Network, Others	705	May-24
Perfios Software	Enterprise Software - Credit Assessment	Ontario Teachers Pension Plan (OTPP)	663	Mar-24
Ummeed Housing Finance	NBFC - Home Loans	Mirae Asset Global Investments, A91 Partners, Anicut Capital, Norwest, Others	630	Jun-24

Investments — BFSI

TOP SUB SECTORS

NBFC

- NBFCs (auto finance, education loans, SME & MSME loans, vehicle loans, personal loans)
- Housing finance companies
- Microfinance institutions

The largest investment was the ₹4,630 Cr buyout of Shriram Housing Finance (by Warburg Pincus), followed by ₹1,930 Cr in Svatantra Microfin.



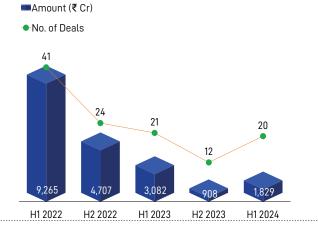
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Online Lending

- Loan marketplaces (personal, education, MSME, electric vehicles, supply chain financing, agri & gold loans)
- Lending Software

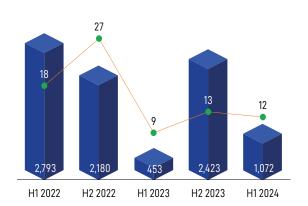
Largest investment in this sub sector was ₹750 Cr raised by Fibe (previously known as EarlySalary), a startup offering personal, health care and edtech loans.



Other Financial Services

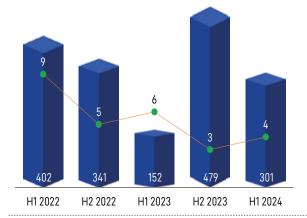
 Data analytics, depository, financial modelling software, APIs, advisory services and programming tools

Most significant investment in this sub sector was ₹663 Cr, raised by fintech SaaS startup, Perfios Software.



■Amount (₹ Cr)

No. of Deals

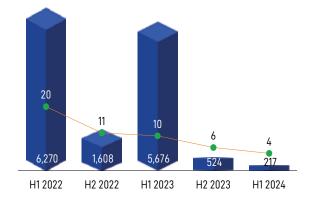


Accounting, Risk & Compliance

 Software (Identity, Document Storage & Verification Services, Authentication, Accounts Receivable Management, Digital Will and Fraud Detection)

The largest investment during the quarter was ₹223 Cr in online fraud detection and identity platform IDfy by Elev8 Venture Partners, Tenacity Ventures and KB Investment.

- ■Amount (₹ Cr)
- No. of Deals

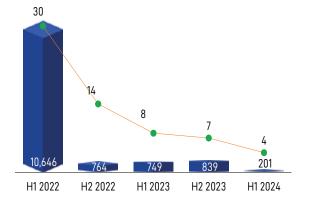


Payments

 Payment Gateway, PaaS, Billing Solution and Credit Card Rewards

Digital payments startup Mswipe Technologies raised the largest investment of ₹165 Cr from Alpha Wave Global and Other investors in H1 2024.

- ■Amount (₹ Cr)
- No. of Deals



Savings/Investment

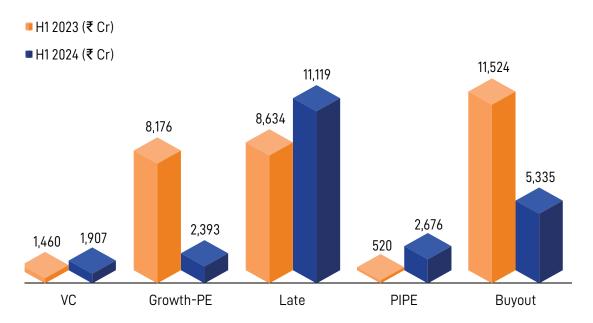
 Micro-savings, digital gold, trading & mutual fund investing platforms, and fractional property ownership

Alternative investment platform startup Grip Invest raised the largest funding of ₹83 Cr from LC Nueva, SiriusOne Capital, Stride Ventures, Multiply Ventures, Anicut Capital, AdvantEdge Partners, VH Capital and Others.

Investments — BFSI

INVESTMENTS BY STAGE & DEAL SIZE

Investments by stage



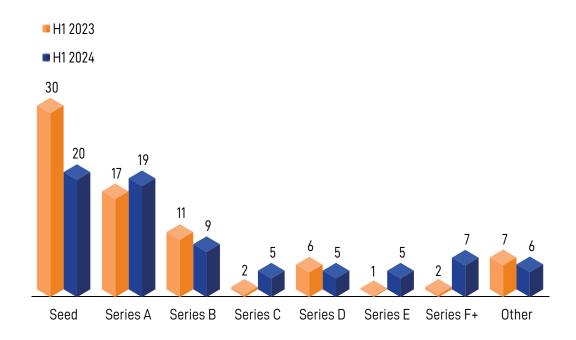
Note: Please refer to the appendix for definitions of stage of funding



Investments — BFSI

INVESTMENTS BY ROUND & REGION

Investments by round - No. of deals



Investments by region - Amount (₹ Cr) - H1 2024



Top Cities

Cities	Amount (₹ Cr)
Mumbai & Pune	12,308
Chennai	5,214
Delhi NCR	2,345
Jaipur	1,439
Bangalore	1,402



INVESTMENTS - FINTECH

The value of investments in Risk & Regtech, Fintech SaaS and Invest Tech shown a positive growth in H1 2024 compared to the same period previous year.

Fibe and Perfios raised the largest fintech investments of ₹750 Cr and ₹663 Cr, respectively, followed by IDfy with ₹223 Cr in the latest H1.

Investments — Fintech

TOP 10 INVESTMENTS

Company	Sector	Investors	Amount (₹ Cr)	Date
Fibe	Consumer Loans	Amara Partners, Trifecta Capital, TR Capital, TPG Growth, Chiratae Ventures, Norwest, Eight Roads Ventures, Others	750	May-24
Perfios Software	Enterprise Software - Credit Assessment	Ontario Teachers Pension Plan (OTPP)	663	Mar-24
IDfy	Identity Verification	Elev8 Venture Partners, Tenacity Ventures, KB Investment	223	Apr-24
Mswipe Technologies	Payments - PoS	Alpha Wave Global, Others	165	Feb-24
Samunnati	Agri Fintech	Blue Earth Capital	133	Jun-24
Home Credit	Consumer Loans	Premjilnvest, Others	132	May-24
Rupeek	Digital Lending - Gold Loans	Claypond Capital, Elevation Capital, Others	125	Jun-24
FinAGG	B2B - Supply Chain Finance	Prime Venture Partners, BlueOrchard, SIDBI VC, Tata Capital, Others	91	Jan-24
Ecofy	EV Loans	FMO	90	Jan-24
OTO Capital	Vehicle Loans	GMO Venture Partners, Prime Venture Partners, Z47, Others	83	Jan-24

Lendingtech

Investments — Fintech

TOP SECTORS

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H1 2023

H2 2023

■Amount (₹ Cr) • No. of Deals

H1 2024

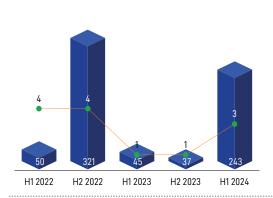
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Risk & Regtech

H2 2022

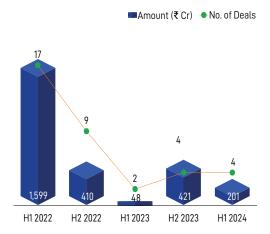
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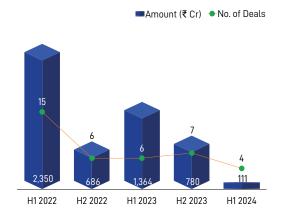
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Investtech



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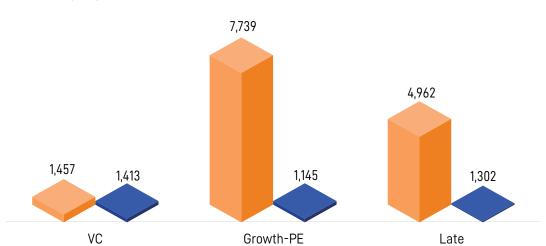


Investments — Fintech

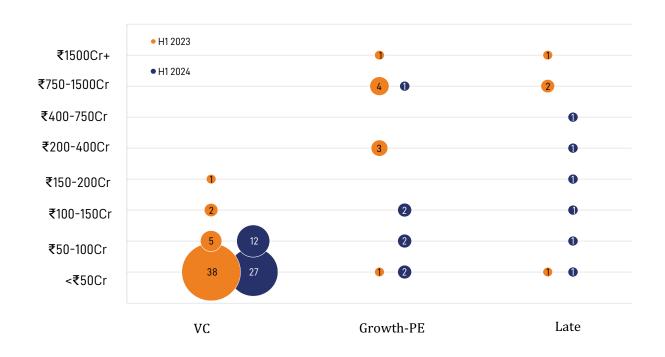
INVESTMENTS BY STAGE & DEAL SIZE

Investments by stage





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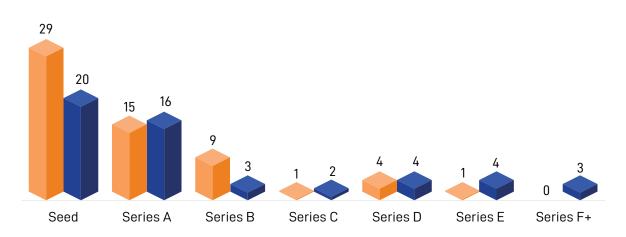
Investments — Fintech

INVESTMENTS BY ROUND & REGION

Investments by round - No. of deals

H1 2023

■ H1 2024



Investments by region – Amount (₹ Cr) – H1 2024



Top Cities

Cities	Amount (₹ Cr)
Mumbai & Pune	1,643
Bangalore	1,319
Delhi NCR	585
Chennai	251
Jaipur	50



PE-VC EXITS

Historically, financial services companies have provided some of the most profitable exits for PE-VC investors.

In H1 2024, the exit value of financial services companies stood at ₹26,340 Cr. Most financial services exits during the period were through the sale of stakes in mature companies via the public markets.

The largest BFSI exit was Bain Capital's complete exit of ₹3,579 Cr from Axis Bank via public market sale.

Exits - BFSI

BFSI

BFSI - PE-VC exits



BFSI exits - by type (₹ Cr)



Exits - BFSI

TOP EXITS

Top BFSI exits - by size

Company	Exiting Investors	Acquirer	Amount (₹ Cr)	Date
Axis Bank	Bain Capital	Sale via Public Markets	3,579	Apr-24
PolicyBazaar	Temasek	Sale via Public Markets	2,417	Jan-24
Star Health and Allied Insurance Company	Madison India, Apis Partners, ROC Partners	Sale via Public Markets	2,213	May-24
Aadhar Housing Finance	Blackstone	Sale via Public Markets	2,000	May-24
YES Bank	Carlyle	Sale via Public Markets	1,440	May-24

Top BFSI exits - by profitability

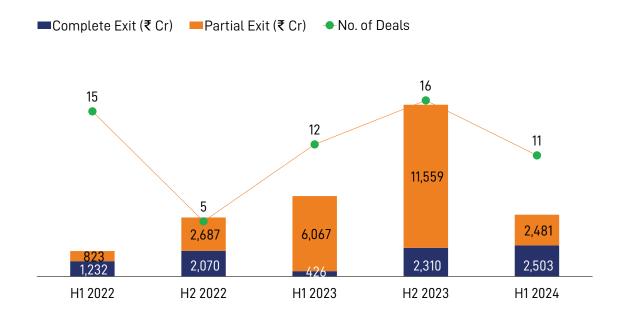
Company	Exiting Investor	Acquirer	Total Investment (₹ Cr)	Total Realisation (₹ Cr)	ROI
Star Health and Allied Insurance Company	Apis Partners	Public Market Sale	213	2,081	9.77
Arman Financial Services	Elevation Capital	Public Market Sale	57	442*	7.80
Medi Assist	IDFC PE	Sale via IPO	87	623	7.19
KFin Tech	General Atlantic	Public Market Sale	1,042	7,293*	7.00
Prudent Corporate Advisory Services	TA Associates	Public Market Sale	250	1,615*	6.46

^{*}Assuming that the remaining shares held by investors are sold at the last exit price

Exits - Fintech

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Fintech - PE-VC exits



Fintech exits - by type (₹ Cr)



Exits - Fintech

TOP EXITS

Top Fintech Exits - By Size

Company	Exiting Investors	Acquirer	Amount (₹ Cr)	Date
PolicyBazaar	Temasek	Sale via Public Markets	2,417	Jan-24
PolicyBazaar	Tencent	Sale via Public Markets	666	May-24
PayTM	SoftBank Corp	Sale via Public Markets	666	Jan-24
PolicyBazaar	Premjilnvest	Sale via Public Markets	457	Feb-24
PolicyBazaar	Tencent	Sale via Public Markets	416	Jun-24

Top Fintech Exits - By Profitability

Company	Exiting Investor	Acquirer	Total Investment (₹ Cr)	Total Realisation (₹ Cr)	ROI
PolicyBazaar	Tencent	Sale via Public Markets	1,070	4,092*	3.82
PayTM	SoftBank Corp	Sale via Public Markets	10,410	8,834*	0.85

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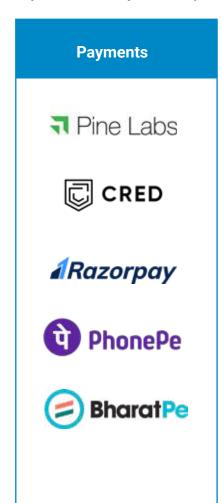
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PE-VC backed Fintech Companies

Directory

DIRECTORY OF KEY FINTECH COMPANIES

Top Fintech Companies - by PE-VC Funding Raised (2020-H1 2024)







Top Fintech Companies - by PE-VC Funding Raised (2020-H1 2024)







Top Fintech Companies - by PE-VC Funding Raised (2020-H1 2024)









Top Fintech Companies - by Size and Status

Unicorn	Soonicorn	Listed
Payments PhonePe Razorpay CRED Pine Labs ChargeBee BharatPe BillDesk Slice OneCard Lending Tech OfBusiness Yubi Oxyzo Financial Services	Payments Juspay Mobikwik Uni Cards Lending Tech MoneyView Stashfin KreditBee Rupeek Progcap Zest Money Lentra Al Finova Capital Mintifi	Insurtech PolicyBazaar Digit
InCred Finance Insurtech Acko	Fibe Insurtech Turtlemint	
Fintech SaaS Zeta Perfios Software Crypto & Web3 Polygon CoinSwitch CoinDCX	Fintech SaaS Khatabook M2P Fintech Investment Tech INDMoney Navi Technologies	
Investment Tech Upstox Groww	Neo Banks Jupiter Money Fi.Money NiYO	
Neo Banks Open Financial Technologies	Risk & Regtech Cleartax	

TOP FUNDED COMPANIES

Payments

Company	Select Investors	Total Funding (₹ Cr)	Latest Round (₹ Cr)	Valuation (₹ Cr)	Date
Pine Labs	Peak XV Partners, New Atlantic Ventures, Altimeter Capital, Temasek, Mastercard	10,482	379	37,790	Mar-22
CRED	Peak XV Partners, Ribbit Capital, DST Global, Alpha Wave Global	6,194	1,094	48,409	Jun-22
RazorPay	Z47, Tiger Global, Peak XV Partners, DST Global	6,123	578	50,252	May-22
PhonePe	Tiger Global, Tencent, Ribbit Capital, General Atlantic	5,871	827	98,743	May-23
BharatPe	Peak XV Partners, Beenext, Insight Venture Partners, Steadview Capital	4,551	2,756	21,232	Aug-21

Lending Tech

Company	Select Investors	Total Funding (₹ Cr)	Latest Round (₹ Cr)	Valuation (₹ Cr)	Date
DMI Finance	Burman Family Office, NIS New Investment Solutions, NXC Corp	5,932	3,286	21,221	Apr-23
OfBusiness	Alpha Wave Global, Creation Investments, SoftBank Corp, Tiger Global	5,654	1,379	36,625	Dec-21
KreditBee	Arkam Ventures, Shunwei Capital, MUFG Innovation Partners, Mirae Asset Global Investments, Newquest, Premjilnvest	3,714	78	N.A.	Mar-24
Stashfin	Abstract Ventures, Altara Ventures, RAAY Global Investments, Snow Leopard Technology Ventures, Uncorrelated Ventures	2,440	2,111	5,859	Jun-22
Yubi	B Capital Group, Creation Investments, Lightrock India, Lightspeed Ventures, Peak XV Partners	1,787	1,028	9,612	Mar-22

Insurtech

Company	Select Investors	Total Funding (₹ Cr)	Latest Round (₹ Cr)	Valuation (₹ Cr)	Date
PolicyBazaar	Alpha Wave Global, Chiratae Ventures, IIFL VC, SoftBank Corp, Temasek, Tencent, Tiger Global	5,296	N.A.	29,946	Apr-22
Digit	A91 Partners, Faering Capital, Fairfax Holdings, IIFL VC, Peak XV Partners, TVS Capital, Wellington Management	4,730	417	28,594	May-22
Acko	Accel India, Elevation Capital, General Atlantic, Lightspeed Ventures, Multiples PE	3,330	1,864	8,251	Oct-21
InsuranceDekho	Avataar Venture Partners, InvestCorp Group, LeapFrog, TVS Capital	1,742	499	1,808	Oct-23
Turtlemint	MassMutual Ventures, American Family Ventures, SIG Venture Capital, GGV Capital, Dream Incubator, Trifecta Capital, Blume Ventures, Nexus Venture Partners, Peak XV Partners, etc.	1,489	916	6,389	Apr-22

Fintech SaaS

Company	Select Investors	Total Funding (₹ Cr)	Latest Round (₹ Cr)	Valuation (₹ Cr)	Date
Perfios Software	Kedaara Capital, Bessemer, Warburg Pincus	3,492	663	N.A.	Mar-24
Zeta	SoftBank Corp	1,958	75	11,237	Oct-21
Khatabook	B Capital Group, Peak XV Partners, Tencent, Y Combinator Continuity Fund	1,384	742	4,450	Aug-21
3i Infotech	Apax Partners	1,000	1,000	1,000	Dec-20
M2P Fintech	Beenext, Better Capital, Omidyar Network, Tiger Global	819	33	4,533	Sep-22

Note: Please refer to the Appendix for Definitions of Stage of Funding

Crypto & Web3

Company	Select Investors	Total Funding (₹ Cr)	Latest Round (₹ Cr)	Valuation (₹ Cr)	Date
Polygon	Coinbase Ventures, Peak XV Partners, SoftBank Corp, Tiger Global	3,365	3,358	74,630	Feb-22
CoinSwitch	Andreessen Horowitz, Coinbase Ventures, Ribbit Capital, Peak XV Partners, Tiger Global	2,272	1,965	14,089	Oct-21
CoinDCX	B Capital Group, Coinbase Ventures, Steadview Capital	1,867	1,040	16,380	Apr-22
Vauld	Coinbase Ventures, Pantera Capital, Valar Ventures	186	186	N.A.	Jul-21
Pillow	Jump Capital, Quona Capital, Accel India, Elevation Capital	170	148	N.A.	Oct-22

Investment Tech

Company	Select Investors	Total Funding (₹ Cr)	Latest Round (₹ Cr)	Valuation (₹ Cr)	Date
Groww	Ribbit Capital, Peak XV Partners, Tiger Global, Y Combinator Continuity Fund	2,926	1,877	22,515	Oct-21
IndMoney	Dragoneer Investment Group, DST Global, Sixteenth Street Capital, Steadview Capital, Tiger Global	1,044	644	4,881	Jan-22
Smallcase	Beenext, Blume Ventures, Premjilnvest, Peak XV Partners	477	306	1,506	Aug-21
Scripbox	Accel India, Accel USA, InnoVen Capital, Omidyar Network	437	31	1,438	Apr-23
Navi Technologies	Gaja Capital, IFC	414	204	4,258	Apr-20

Neo Banks

Company	Select Investors	Total Funding (₹ Cr)	Latest Round (₹ Cr)	Valuation (₹ Cr)	Date
NiYO	Accel India, Lightrock India, Tencent	1,364	42	3,984	Jul-22
Open Financial Technologies	30NE4 Capital, Beenext, IIFL VC, Tiger Global	1,363	381	7,739	May-22
Jupiter Money	30NE4 Capital, Z47, Peak XV Partners, Tiger Global	1,234	30	5,409	Apr-22
Fi.Money	Alpha Wave Global, B Capital Group, Peak XV Partners	1,122	568	4,316	Aug-22
Zolve	Accel India, Blume Ventures, Lightspeed Ventures, Tiger Global	409	300	1,575	Oct-21

Risk & Regtech

Company	Select Investors	Total Funding (₹ Cr)	Latest Round (₹ Cr)	Valuation (₹ Cr)	Date
Cleartax.in	Elevation Capital, Founders Fund, Kora Management, Peak XV Partners	1,038	563	6,100	Oct-21
IDfy	Beenext, Blume Ventures, Dream Incubator, NB Ventures, NEA	365	223	1,055	Apr-24
Signzy	Arkam Ventures, Stellaris Venture Partners, Kalaari Capital	300	210	843	Sep-22
Bureau Identity	Village Global, Emphasis Ventures, Quona Capital, Blume Ventures	159	37	N.A.	Jul-23
Digio	Rainmatter Capital	98	95	1,075	Dec-22

Savings Tech

Company	Select Investors	Total Funding (₹ Cr)	Latest Round (₹ Cr)	Valuation (₹ Cr)	Date
Jar App	WEH Ventures, Arkam Ventures, rocketship.vc, Capier Investments, Tiger Global	458	181	2,387	Aug-22
Property Share	Asuka, Beenext, Lightspeed Ventures, Pravega Ventures, WestBridge	388	371	1,297	Jun-22
Bright Money	Alpha Wave Global, Hummingbird Ventures, Peak XV Partners	338	100	N.A.	Sep-23
Siply	Earlsfield Capital, Qi Ventures	149	148	N.A.	Jun-22
Strata	Sabre Partners, Mayfield, Kotak Investment Advisors, Elevation Capital	53	45	135	Jun-21

Others

Company	Select Investors	Total Funding (₹ Cr)	Latest Round (₹ Cr)	Valuation (₹ Cr)	Date
SarvaGram	Elevar Equity, Elevation Capital, Temasek	433	331	776	Jan-23
Solv	SBI Ven Capital, StanChart PE	368	316	N.A.	Jun-22
OneCode	WaterBridge Ventures, General Catalyst Partners, Nexus Venture Partners, Peak XV Partners	139	98	492	Oct-19
Impact Guru	Beyond Next Ventures, Dream Incubator, HealthQuad, Apis Partners	125	108	404	Apr-22
Ayekart	Unleash Capital Partners, Siana Capital, Omnivore Partners,Qi Ventures, Caspian Advisors	97	53	193	Apr-21

APPENDIX

Definitions of Stage Used

Venture Capital:

Early Stage:

First/second round of institutional investments into companies that are:

- Less than five years old,
 - AND
- Not part of a larger business group,
 - AND
- Investment amount is less than \$20 Mn

Growth Stage:

- Third/fourth round funding of institutional investments OR
- First/second round of institutional investments for companies that are >5 years old and <10 years old OR spin-outs from larger businesses, AND
- Investment amount is less than \$20 Mn

Private Equity:

PE investment figures in this report include Venture Capital (VC) type investments.

Growth-PE:

First-to-Fourth round investments >\$20 Mn into companies <10 years old, OR fifth/sixth rounds of institutional investments into companies <10 years old

Late Stage:

Investment into companies that are over 10 years old, OR seventh or later rounds of institutional investments

PIPEs:

PE investments in publicly listed companies via preferential allotments/private placements, acquisition of shares by PE firms via the secondary market

Buyout:

Acquisition of controlling stake via purchase of stakes of existing shareholders

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