What the FinTech? 4Q24 Quarterly Update

PNC's FinTech team shares updates regarding capital raising, M&A, fundraising and valuations across the FinTech segment.





Lending & Consumer Finance

\$80.7B Total Funds Raised¹

Platforms that provide consumer loans, business loans, point-of-sale credit, budgeting tools, and other consumer financial services



PayTech

\$80.4B Total Funds Raised1

Platforms that leverage technology to improve the flow of payments between businesses and/or consumers



WealthTech

\$53.6B Total Funds Raised¹

Providers of digital solutions aimed to enhance, digitize, and streamline the wealth management process or provide an alternative to traditional services



InsurTech

\$51.3B Total Funds Raised1

Providers of digital solutions that increase the operational efficiency of insurance companies by streamlining their processes



Digital Assets

\$29.5B Total Funds Raised¹

Providers of wallets, payments, networks, exchanges, and other financial services to store, exchange, move, and transact with digital currencies and cryptocurrencies

Source: Pitchbook

1 Cumulative funds raised to date as of 02/13/2024

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Global FinTech Venture Capital (VC) Deal Activity



Key M&A Deals (\$MM) ²					
Company	Acquirer	Segment	Exit Size	Rev Multiple	
O BRIDGE	stripe	Digital Assets	\$1,100	-	
MoneyLion	Gen	Consumer Finance	\$950	1.9x	
brigit	upbound	WealthTech	\$460	-	
DEMICA	Fis	Capital Markets	\$301	-	
Dragonfly Financial Technologies	Fis	Capital Markets	\$300	_	
TradePMR	Robinhood 🖗	WealthTech	\$300	_	
PAYFARE.	fiserv.	Consumer Finance	\$141	0.9x	

Key IPO / SPACs (\$MM) ²					
Company	Deal Status	Segment	Exit Size	Price to Revenue	
ServiceTitan	Completed	Data & Analytics	\$625	9.1x	
Cuscal	Completed	PayTech	\$221	-	

Key LBOs (\$MM) ²					
Company	Acquirer	Segment	Exit Size	Rev Multiple	
nuvei	Advent International	PayTech	\$6,300	5.0x	
♦ R1.	TOWERBROOK	InsurTech	\$6,283	3.6x	
ENVESTNET	Z BainCapital	WealthTech	\$4,500	3.4x	

Capital Raising and M&A Highlights

4Q24 Key Statistics¹

\$11.1B

VC Financing Volume

↑ 23% QoQ ↑ 11% YoY

Source: CB Insights

1,101

VC Financing Transactions

\$16B

IPO / M&A Exit Volume

◆ 59% QoQ◆ 47% YoYSource: CB Insights

359

IPO / M&A Exit Transactions

▶ 8% QoQ↑ 45% YoY

Source: CB Insights

4Q24 Industry Trends

4Q24 funding increased by 23% QoQ.

FinTechs raised \$11.1B across 1,101 deals in 4Q24. The increase in activity is attributable to an uptick in mega-rounds, which consist of deals worth \$100MM and accounted for \$3.3B in 4Q24 volume. Mid-stage and late-stage deals accounted for an increased portion of activity in 2024, but early-stage investments still accounted for 71% of all deals. Median FinTech deal sizes increased to \$4MM in 2024, marking a 33% YoY increase and suggesting that investors are looking for more sizeable deals with compelling growth potential.

FinTech M&A and IPO exit volume decreased by 59% QoQ.

4Q24 saw Stripe make its largest acquisition to date with the \$1B purchase of Bridge. 2024 was the most active year for FinTech IPOs since 2021.

Key VC Deals (\$MM)					
Company	Segment	Deal Size	Valuation		
PRALÍS	Digital Assets	\$525	-		
 ▼ ZEPZ	PayTech	\$267	\$1,560		
neo	Consumer Finance	\$260	-		
current	Consumer Finance	\$200	-		
flex.	Consumer Finance	\$200	\$1.950		
ZEST	Data & Analytics	\$200	-		
Zip	Enterprise	\$190	\$2,200		
lumin	Consumer Finance	\$162	-		
melîo	PayTech	\$150	\$2,000		

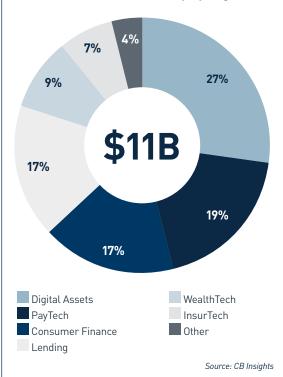
Most Active FinTech VC Investors by Deals ¹					
Investor	2024 FY	2023 FY	2022 FY		
andreessen. horowitz	28	27	61		
POLYCHAIN CAPITAL	22	11	22		
GENERAL (G) CATALYST	21	16	20		
SEQUOIA ╚	21	22	44		
Y Combinator	21	24	46		
HGCK VC	20	16	18		
Lightspeed	19	17	40		
₩GSR	18	8	35		
FJ LABS	18	23	58		

Source: PitchBook

1 Excludes deals under \$5MM

Venture Funding Highlights

2Q24 Global VC Deal Activity by Segment



The U.S. continued to lead global deal share in 4Q24. The U.S. (39%) contributed the majority of the global deal share followed by Asia (24%) and Europe (24%). U.S. FinTech funding increased by 11% QoQ to \$3.9B across 293 deals. Europe funding increased 26% QoQ to \$1.9B across 179 deals.

Global unicorn births remained flat for the quarter. 4Q24 saw 2 unicorn births, with 1 in the U.S. (Abba Platforms at \$3.7B).

Valuation & Public Market Indicators

Global X FinTech ETF Index vs. S&P 500 LTM 4Q24



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	1-Year	Stock Return	EV / 2024E Revenue (First quartile, median and third quartile)	EV / 2024E EBITDA (First quartile, median and third quartile)
FinTech Sub-Segment	S			
S&P 500	↑	24%	3.7x 2.1x ● 6.6x	15.6x 11.1x ● 21.4x
Public FinTechs	↑	26%	4.3x 1.9x ● 7.4x	19.1x 12.2x • 28.5x
Capital Markets	↑	33%	6.1x 3.4x ● ● 9.9x	15.6x 11.7x • 19.8x
Data & Analytics	↑	10%	3.7x 6.1x 9.2x	20.7x 12.0x • 25.8x
Enterprise	↑	20%	3.1x 4.6 x 7.5x	18.7x 11.5x • 22.1x
WealthTech	↑	26%	3.4x 4.4 x 6.0x	12.5x 11.2x ● 17.0x
Real Estate	↑	2%	1.1x • 8.1x	11.7x • 23.3x
Lending	↑	37%	3.6x 1.7x • 5.9x	14.7x 10.3x ● — ● 17.5x
PayTech	↑	9%	3.3x 1.7x ● ● ● 5.6x	10.5x 6.9x ● 16.1x
InsurTech	↑	12%	2.6x 0.9x • 6.2x	14.5x 10.4x • 19.9x

Source: Trading multiples based on share price, other market data, and broker consensus future earnings estimates from S&P Capital IQ as of December 31, 2024. Houlihan Lokey Fintech Monthly Market Update

 $Source: Revenue\ multiples\ based\ on\ 2024\ Estimates; Source:\ PitchBook,\ FT\ Partners.$



PayTech Segment Highlights

PayTech funding increased 29% to \$1.8B while deal activity remained relatively flat at 109 deals. In 4Q24, there were 14 exits consisting of 13 acquisitions and 1 IPO.¹

Block Expands Corporate Card Service to the United Kingdom

- In an effort to compete with large providers like American Express and Citi, <u>Block announced</u> that Square Card products would be available in the UK²
- The <u>expansion marks the first time</u> that the free prepaid spending card will be available outside of North America³
- The Square Card is compatible with digital wallets and features zero monthly fees, maintenance fees, or foreign exchange fees

Mastercard Debuts Biz360 Platform to Help Small Businesses

- The <u>Mastercard Biz360 platform</u> will provide small businesses with a single destination to manage operational tools, subscriptions, payment gateways, administrative automation, and customized performance reports⁴
- The platform features few setup requirements and will provide users with data-driven insights⁵
- Mastercard partnered with FinTech platforms <u>Hello Alice and vcita</u> to roll out the service⁶

Fiserv Ends Joint Venture with Wells Fargo Merchant Services

- In a regulatory filing, <u>Fiserv announced</u> that it would end a joint merchant acquiring venture with Wells Fargo in April 2025⁷
- Fiserv will receive an undisclosed cash payment from Wells Fargo and noted that it would record a non-cash impairment charge this year between \$400MM and \$600MM related to the venture
- The <u>partnership was inherited</u> through Fiserv's 2019 merger with First Data⁸

Lending & Consumer Finance Segment Highlights

Lending & Consumer Finance funding increased 78% to \$3.2B while deal activity rose 63% to 166. In 4Q24, there were 27 exits consisting of 25 acquisitions and 2 IPOs.¹

Chime and Klarna Prepare for Potential Public Offerings

- In November, Klarna announced that the company was <u>filing confidentially with</u> <u>the SEC</u> to go public, and the firm later announced that it would list in the US after considering Stockholm and Germany⁹
- In December, Chime <u>submitted</u>
 <u>a confidential filing</u> for an initial
 public offering and is expected to
 go public in 2025, though the exact
 timing of the deal has not been finalized¹⁰

Affirm Secures Partnership with Sixth Street

- Affirm announced that it was entering into a long-term capital partnership with Sixth Street and receiving up to \$4B from the asset manager through loan purchases over the next 3 years¹¹
- The deal enables Affirm to extend over \$20B in loans during the 3-year period
- Sixth Street's agreement marks a continued trend among asset managers to access private credit through FinTechs and nonbanks¹²

Ally Financial Considering the Sale of Credit Card Business

- The online bank and lender is reportedly considering the sale of Fair Square Financial, the credit card business it acquired for \$750MM in 2021¹³
- According to 3Q24 financial statements, Ally currently holds \$2.2B in credit card loans
- The potential sale would signal a continued migration away from consumer lending, as Ally <u>sold its point-of-sale financing</u> <u>business</u> unit to Synchrony in 2024¹⁴

² CNBC, 3 Pymnts, 4 Mastercard, 5 The PayPers, 6 Pymnts, 7 Payments Dive, 8 FinTech Futures, 9 Investopedia, 10 Pymnts, 11 Yahoo Finance, 12 CNBC, 13 FinTech Futures, 14 Synchrony



¹ Figures from CB Insights,

WealthTech Segment Highlights

WealthTech funding decreased 10% to \$0.9B while deal activity fell 17% to 69. In 4Q24, there were 23 WealthTech exits, all of which were acquisitions.¹

iCapital to Acquire Data Management Company AltExchange

- iCapital entered into a definitive agreement to acquire the Colorado-based data aggregation platform for financial advisors²
- <u>iCapital says that the deal</u> will streamline the post-investment and decision-making processes for its private market clients³
- The deal marks a continuation of iCapital's acquisition strategy after purchasing UBS Fund Advisor, Simon Markets, and Mirador in the past 3 years

Robinhood to Acquire Custody Platform TradePMR

- Robinhood <u>agreed to acquire</u> the RIA-specific custodial and portfolio management platform in a \$300MM deal⁴
- The acquisition <u>implies a shift for</u>
 <u>Robinhood</u> from a retail-focused trading platform to a diversified financial services provider⁵
- TradePMR had \$40B in assets under administration at the time of the announcement, and the deal is expected to close in the first half of 2025

Upbound Acquires Brigit in \$460MM Deal

- The financial services provider <u>acquired</u> <u>the personal finance platform</u> in a deal that includes \$325MM at closing, \$75MM in deferred payments over 2 years, and \$60MM contingent on Brigit's financial performance⁶
- The deal structure is comprised of 75% cash and 25% shares
- Brigit offers users a financial health app that provides cash advances, credit building tools, and personal financial insights

InsurTech Segment Highlights

InsurTech funding decreased 50% to \$0.7B while deal activity remained relatively flat at 78. In 4Q24, there were 9 InsurTech exits, all of which were acquisitions.¹

One Inc and JPMorgan Partner Up to Deliver Digital Payment Solution

- The leading InsurTech payments provider and global financial institution are collaborating to provide <u>seamless</u> <u>PremiumPay and ClaimsPay integration</u> for property & casualty clients⁷
- The integration will lower implementation costs and reduce administrative overhead while connecting customers to One Inc's Vendor-Provider Payments Network of more than 775,000 suppliers⁸

American InsurTech Council Proposes Al Oversight Framework

- The Council <u>submitted a regulatory</u>
 <u>proposal</u> to the National Association of
 Insurance Commissioners ("NAIC") in an
 effort to monitor the use of third-party
 data and predictive models using artificial
 intelligence⁹
- The proposed "attestation model" would require insurers to confirm annually that their use of artificial intelligence aligns with existing insurance laws and regulations

Prudential Partners with 123Seguro on Latin American Expansion

- The leading financial institution announced a partnership with the digital insurance provider to distribute accident, health, life, and ancillary products to Latin America, with an initial focus on Brazil and Mexico¹⁰
- The <u>partnership will allow</u> participants to modify offerings based on the relevance to their customers' needs and expands upon 123Seguro's growing B2B2C strategy¹¹

¹ Figures from CB Insights, 2 FinTech Futures, 3 iCapital, 4 TradePMR, 5 Yahoo Finance, 6 FinTech Futures, 7 One Inc, 8 FinTech Magazine, 9 Insurance Business Magazine, 10 Prudential, 11 Coverager

Digital Assets Segment Highlights

Digital Assets funding increased to \$2.6B across 351 deals, representing an 18% QoQ increase in deal value and a 15% decrease in count. In 4Q24, there were 24 Digital Assets exits consisting of 21 acquisitions and 3 buyouts.¹

Stripe Acquires Stablecoin Platform Bridge for \$1.1B

- The deal marks <u>Stripe's largest</u>
 acquisition ever, and it is the largest deal
 in the cryptocurrency space so far²
- Stripe reportedly <u>paid a sizeable premium</u> for the company, as investors familiar with Bridge's financials claim that annual revenue is currently in the \$10MM - \$15MM range³
- Stripe plans to leverage the acquisition to build the industry's leading stablecoin infrastructure

Bitcoin Price Surpasses \$100,000 Threshold for the First Time

- Bitcoin reached the milestone price shortly after <u>Paul Atkins was announced</u> as the next chair of the SEC⁴
- The price surged from \$69,374 on Election Day to as high as \$108,135 on December 17th
- Bitcoin price growth in 2024 was catalyzed by the <u>introduction of bitcoin ETFs</u>, Jerome Powell's remark that <u>BTC is a competitor to</u> <u>gold</u>, and a new administration that is seen as crypto-friendly⁵

Ripple Launches Crypto Storage Service for Banks & FinTechs

- In an effort to diversify their offerings,
 <u>Ripple announced the launch</u> of several new features aimed at helping financial institutions store digital tokens⁶
- New features include integration with the public XRP ledger, monitoring of AML risks, and a seamless user interface
- Through these expansion efforts, Ripple Custody aims to <u>sustain its</u> <u>momentum</u> following a 250% YoY increase in new customers⁷

FinTech Industry & Regulatory Highlights

Thousands of Americans Lose Savings in Synapse Collapse

- Former Synapse customers were alerted that they will receive little or nothing from savings accounts that were locked during the FinTech's collapse⁸
- Although there is not yet a full count of affected users, FinTech Yotta was reportedly offered \$11.8MM to cover \$64.9MM in lost customer deposits
- Over 3,400 of the victims who lost a combined \$30.4MM have organized a volunteer group, Fight For Our Funds⁹

FDIC Ramps Up FinTech Scrutiny

- The Federal Deposit Insurance
 Corporation has <u>begun monitoring FinTech</u> <u>partnerships</u> with banks more closely in order to identify problems before they affect banks and consumers¹⁰
- The FDIC will <u>establish an internal</u> <u>database</u> to track third parties that work with banks to predict potential vulnerabilities¹¹
- Financial institutions will be the primary target of the FDIC scrutiny, as the agency does not directly regulate FinTechs

CFPB Sues Early Warning Services & Major Banks for Zelle Rollout

- The <u>CFPB filed a lawsuit</u> against Early Warning Services and three banks for "failing to protect consumers from widespread fraud" on the Zelle network¹²
- The accused banks JPMorgan, Bank of America, and Wells Fargo — are accused of rushing Zelle to market to compete with providers like Venmo and PayPal
- PNC Bank is one of the seven major US
 <u>banks</u> that own Early Warning Services,
 but PNC Bank is not named in the lawsuit¹³

¹ Figures from CB Insights, 2 Yahoo Finance, 3 CNBC, 4 CBS, 5 CNBC, 6 CNBC, 7 Business Wire, 8 CNBC, 9 Fight for Our Funds, 10 Pymnts, 11 Reuters, 12 FinTech Futures, 13 Consumer Finance.gov

FinTech 2024 – Year in Review

FY 2024 Key Statistics¹

\$42B

↓ 11% YoY

VC Financing Volume

5,056

VC Financing Transactions

↑ 6% YoY

\$188B

IPO / M&A Exit Volume

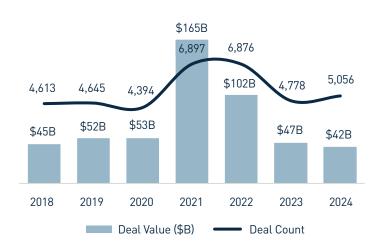
↑ 84% YoY

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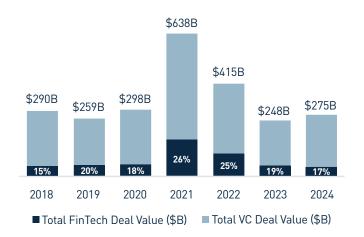
IPO / M&A Exit Transactions

↑ 28% YoY

Annual Global FinTech VC Deal Activity



Global & FinTech Venture Capital Deal Value



Key 2024 M&A Deals (\$MM)						
Company	Acquirer	Segment	Exit Size	Quarter		
DISC VER	Capital One	PayTech	\$35,300	1Q24		
MONEY	Nationwide*	Consumer Finance	\$3,720	1Q24		
• Recorded Future	mastercard	Data & Analytics	\$2,650	1Q24		
TRANSACT	Roper	PayTech	\$1,600	3Q24		
BRIDGE	stripe	Digital Assets	\$1,100	4Q24		
ATRIA Wealth Solutions	T LPL Financial	WealthTech	\$1,035	1Q24		
MoneyLion	Gen	Consumer Finance	\$950	4Q24		

Key 2024 M&A Deals (\$MM)						
Company	Segment	Deal Size	Valuation	Quarter		
abound	Consumer Finance	\$1,000	-	2Q24		
mynt finance for all	PayTech	\$788	\$4,930	3Q24		
stripe	PayTech	\$695	_	2Q24		
Clear Street	WealthTech	\$685	\$2,100	2Q24		
<u>Al</u> pha Sense	Data & Analytics	\$650	\$4,000	2Q24		
⋈ monzo	Consumer Finance	\$620	\$5,200	2Q24		
BOLT	PayTech	\$450	\$14,000	3Q24		

1 As of 12/31/24.

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