

The Private Equity Firm List - 2026 Edition

Introduction

Private Equity is investment capital used to buy, back or grow private companies. PE firms usually work closely with portfolio company management teams to improve performance, professionalise leadership, accelerate growth and create value before exit.

For senior leaders, PE firms can be useful contact points for NED, Chair, interim, fractional and advisory roles. Funds often need experienced operators who can support portfolio companies through growth, transformation, international expansion, turnaround, acquisition integration or exit preparation.

This list is an entry point to the PE ecosystem. It identifies firms by typical deal structure, sector focus and notable investments, so you can start to see which funds are most relevant to your experience and value proposition.

How This List Helps

This is an **extensive starting list** of private equity firms. It is too large to contact outright, but it helps you understand the market and identify funds whose portfolio focus, deal size and sector activity may fit your background.

For NED, Chair or interim work, contact can be made with the PE. A **strong PE approach needs to be highly targeted** to funds that match your experience, scale of business, transformation track record and board-level proposition. Sideminds AI coaching tools and tailored programmes both help you with this targeting and honing of your approach.

Sideminds AI Interim, Permanent and NED Coaches

Our [AI structured career programmes](#) uses our **expert knowledge** and **recruiter, investor and connector datasets** to help you position yourself for interim, NED and permanent roles.

Each coach is trained to the career area, and you can **ask the AI coach anything**. It can help you define your interim, NED or permanent proposition, structure your CV, identify specialist recruiters by sector, as well as PE and VC connectors relevant to your market, and shape a targeted approach to the people most likely to value your experience.

Each programme is supported by a **follow-up consultation with Gareth Helm**. This is designed to help you refine your proposition, strengthen your CV and identify by name the recruiters, search firms and board connectors most relevant to your goals. Gareth has held multiple C-suite, interim and NED roles.

These **low-cost programmes** are designed to accelerate and enhance your job search.

Sideminds Tailored 121 Coaching

Navigating a portfolio, NED or interim career can be hard on your own. Our fully supported coaching programmes provide senior C-suite support to help you clarify your goals, sharpen your proposition and build a practical route to the market.

These programmes blend **coaching with experienced directional mentoring** when requested, so you have a clear plan and the confidence to act on it. If you are in role, this can include broader diagnostic testing and 360 degree feedback to understand your strengths, blind spots and future career options.

If you are between roles, the work can become **practical step-by-step activity** that builds momentum, improves focus and keeps you on track. This might include developing your interim or NED proposition, building the right CV or board biography, mapping your network and creating a PE outreach plan.

These structured programmes are **tailored to your needs** and generally include three to five one-hour 1:1 coaching sessions with prework.

Need More Help

If you would like a free 30-minute consultation to discuss the PE or VC market, NED opportunities, interim roles or your wider career needs, please contact Gareth.

Gareth Helm

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Firm Name	Typical deal structure	Sector focus	Notable investments
3i Group	\$100-500m	Consumer, healthcare, industrial, services, and software sectors.	Action, Audley Travel, BoConcept.
8 Miles	\$15-45m	African Businesses	Beloxi Industries, Verde Beef, Blue Skies
Alcuin Capital Partners	\$10-30m	Growth capital & MBOs in lower-mid UK market across consumer, tech, FS, services	Krispy Kreme UK, Jigsaw24, Caffè Nero
Aleph Capital Partners	\$100-400m	Telecom, Media & Technology sectors	Saber Interactive, InterCloud, EKINOPS
Alpina Partners	Not disclosed	Growth capital investments in technology and software companies across Europe.	Objective Holding, Clarke Banks, Assent.
Apax Partners	\$100m-5 billion	Technology, services, and internet/consumer sectors.	Finastra, Matchesfashion, Evelyn Partners
Apiary Capital	\$12-85m	Business, financial, technology, education, and healthcare services.	Carbon Underwriting, First Intuition, Shaw Gibbs.
Apis Partners	Growth-stage investments	High-growth financial services and fintech in emerging markets.	Thunes
Argan Capital Advisors	\$5-10m	Mid-market companies in Central and Eastern Europe	BiYiDe

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August Equity	\$20-45m	Healthcare, Education, Business Services, Technology	Wax Digital, VetPartners, Amtivo, Dental Partners, Hallmarq, Charterhouse, Medivet, Orbis
Azini Capital Partners	Not disclosed	Enterprise software and technology.	Alterian, Entuity, Workshare.
Bain Capital Private Equity	Not disclosed	Healthcare, Technology, Consumer, Retail	Healthscope, Accolade Wines, Virgin Australia, HealthEdge, Investnet, iHeartMedia, Domino's Pizza, Canada Goose
BC Partners	£500m-2billion	Services & industrials, healthcare, TMT, and consumer.	Keesing Media Group, PetSmart, Springer Nature.
BD-Capital	Not disclosed	Healthcare, services, and consumer sectors.	TLC Worldwide, Netex Learning, Bonusan.
Beechbrook Capital	\$7-25m	Lower mid-market SMEs across manufacturing, healthcare, and technology.	Embrace Steel Group, Give Me Cosmetics, LuxVet Group
Blue Earth Capital	~\$25m	Impact investing across climate change, financial inclusion, healthcare, education, and affordable housing.	TymeBank, Varthana, Samunnati, Arya.ag, Apex Kidney Care.
Blue Water Energy	Up to \$150 million	Energy sector, oil & gas, energy transition	Unique Group, Apex International Energy, Kent
BlueGem Capital Partners	\$30-80m	Consumer brands.	Liberty, Big Fernand, Beaba.
Bowmark Capital	Up to £200 million	Data and insight, managed IT services, software, and tech-enabled business services.	Focus Group, Kubrick Group.
Bregal Freshstream	\$30-100m	Mid-market companies in Western Europe, particularly UK, NL, BE, IE.	Euro-Caps, Lunch Garden
Bregal Milestone	\$30-100m	Growth capital for technology-enabled businesses in Europe	Arkphire, Adare International, Truphone
Bridgepoint	\$100m+ (small/mid-cap)	Industrials, Transportation & Logistics, Healthcare, Consumer, Technology	ASK Italian, Deliveroo, Fat Face, Hobbycraft, Leeds Bradford Airport
Calculus Capital	\$1-4m	Technology, healthcare, and creative industries.	Laverock Therapeutics, various UK production companies.
Candover Investments	Not disclosed	Large buyouts in energy, industrials, services	Gala Coral, Bourne Leisure, Ferretti
CapVest	Mid-market investments	Mid-market private equity investments in food & consumer, healthcare, and essential services.	Valeo Foods, Second Nature Brands, Rodericks Dental Partners.
CBPE Capital	\$10-100m	Business services, financial services, healthcare & pharmaceuticals, industrials, and technology.	SpaMedica, Xceptor, JTC Group.
Coller Capital	\$180-220m	Private equity secondaries.	N/A.
Compass Partners International	\$100-750m	Aerospace, industrials, consumer goods, healthcare, business services, and technology.	Limoni, Protocol
Connection Capital	\$3-10m	UK SMEs, private equity, private debt, alternative assets	Brompton Technology, Tempcover, Capital Dynamics Clean Energy Fund

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Core Capital Partners	\$5-10m	Early-stage investments in enterprise technology	Information not publicly available
Development Partners International	\$20-100m	African growth sectors: telecom, financial services, healthcare, agri-business	Kazyon, Solevo, Pan African Towers
Dresdner Kleinwort	Not specified	Investment banking, capital markets	Gazprom, Rosneftegaz, Russian Railways
Duke Street	\$20-45m	Mid-market private equity investments in healthcare, consumer, and industrial sectors.	AGITO Medical, Voyage Care, Great Rail Journeys.
Dunedin LLP	\$20-100m	Business Services & Niche Financial Services in UK mid-market	Alpha Financial Markets, Premier Hytemp, Incremental Group
ECI Partners	Up to £200 million	Business Services, Technology, Consumer & Leisure	Money Penny, Auction Technology Group, Imagesound
EG Capital Advisors	\$5-10m	Private equity and credit investments.	N/A.
Equistone Partners Europe	\$25-200m	Business services, consumer, financial services, healthcare, industrials, TMT	QuestGates, BUKO Traffic & Safety, Nexus
Exponent Private Equity	\$10-100m	Media, Consumer, Financial Services, Business Services	Ambassador Theatre Group, BBI Group, Big Bus Tours, ENRA Group
Five Arrows	\$30-150m	Healthcare, Education, Data & Software, Technology-Enabled Services	KEV Group, Texthelp, RLDatix, Rimes
FPE Capital	£5m-£25m	Growth capital investments in UK-based software and services businesses.	NoBlue, Elevate2, Codestone.
G Square	\$30-50m	Healthcare services.	Unicare, Botical, Duomed.
Generation Investment Management	Not specified	Sustainable Investing	Asana, Beyond Meat, Etsy
GMT Communications Partners	\$10-50m	Investments in European content, communications infrastructure, and tech-enabled services.	Melita, Primesight, DocuGroup.
Graphite Capital	\$30-150m	Mid-market private equity investments across healthcare, business services, consumer, and industrial sectors.	Opus Talent Solutions, Explore Learning, nGAGE Specialist Recruitment.
Growth Capital Partners	\$10-50m	Investments in UK-based growth companies across various sectors.	CloudRock, Electric Theatre Collective, Plenitude Consulting.
Hermes GPE	\$10m-\$30m	Global private equity, ESG-integrated investments	GPE III Fund, various global co-investments
Hg	\$100-1billion	Software, Services	IRIS Software Group, Allocate Software, Access Group, Visma, The Access Group, Team.blue, Howden Group Holdings
Horizon Capital	\$10-100m	Growth equity investments in technology and export-oriented companies in Emerging Europe.	Rozetka, Ajax Systems, Creatio.
IK Partners	\$50-150m	Business Services, Healthcare, Consumer, Industrials	Netcompany, VPS, Visolit

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Inflexion Private Equity	\$20-45m	Mid-market investments in UK-based companies across various sectors.	Aspen Pumps, On the Beach, Virgin Experience Days.
IW Capital	\$2-7m	Growth capital investments in UK SMEs across various sectors, including technology, environmental impact, and healthcare.	Daily Dose, Transcend Packaging.
Janus Henderson Investors	Not specified	Global asset management across equities, fixed income, multi-asset, and alternatives.	Henderson European Trust, Janus Henderson Global Equity Income Fund.
JRJ Group	\$50-100m	Financial services & growth across other industries	Marex Financial, Demica, ED&F Man Capital Markets
Kester Capital	\$5-30m	Healthcare, business services, technology.	Avania Clinical, Rephine, GXP Engaged.
LDC	\$12-60m	Mid-market UK companies across various sectors.	Blueberry Group, Forest Holidays, Lovehoney.
Lion Capital	\$7-12m	Consumer sector investments across retail, food & beverage, and apparel.	Jimmy Choo, Wagamama, AllSaints.
Livingbridge	\$7-120m	UK mid-market private equity, technology, services	World of Books, Jungle Creations, FluidOne
Lonsdale Capital Partners	\$12-25m	Business Services, Healthcare	Infrata, Cross Rental Services
Marlin Equity Partners	\$10-100m	Technology-focused sectors, including software, technology-enabled services, healthcare IT, and industrial technology.	iBanFirst, Appsbroker, CTS.
Mayfair Equity Partners	\$60-600m	Investments in technology and consumer sectors, focusing on growth-oriented businesses.	OVO Energy, LoopMe, TrustedHousesitters.
Mid Europa Partners	\$50-300m	Consumer, healthcare, services, and technology sectors in Central and Eastern Europe.	FAMAR, Optegra, Pigu Group, Symfonia
MML Capital Partners	\$40-120m	Mid-market B2B sectors including business services, TMT (Technology, Media, Telecommunications), healthcare, industrials, and financial services.	RAVL, BSN Social Care, CSI, Kickmaker, Learning Curve Group.
Montagu	\$30-100m	Healthcare, technology, and business services.	DEAS, Jane's, Universal-Investment.
NEO Investment Partners	Not disclosed	Fashion, hospitality, food & beverage, design, fragrance, luxury accessories	Pierre Marcolini, Laduree, Womp, AMI Paris, Vuarnet, Victoria Beckham, Maison Plisson, Scarosso
Next Wave Partners	\$20-100m	Business and consumer services and products in the UK lower mid-market	Molinare, Roof-Maker, Fox International
Novator Partners	\$10-100m	Telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, social gaming, financial services, and natural resources.	Monzo, Play, WOM, Verne Global.
One Peak Partners	\$15-100m	Technology, Growth Equity	DocPlanner, Neo4j, PandaDoc, IP Fabric, Sparta Commodities, Hawk

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OpCapita	\$60-70m	Consumer, retail, and leisure sectors.	GAME, Comet, BUT.
Palamon Capital Partners	\$20-100m	Financial Services, Business Services, Consumer, Healthcare	Happy Socks, Feelunique, Il Bisonte
Pamplona Capital Management	\$100m+	Market-leading companies across various sectors	Nova Sciences
Pantheon Ventures	\$100-500m	Private Equity, Real Assets, Private Credit	Emergent Cold, ICG, Ares Management
Pemberton Asset Management Group	\$30-100m	Private Debt, Direct Lending	Planet Payment, Zopa, Verisure
Penta Capital	\$12-25m	Hospitality, leisure, healthcare, telecoms, business services.	Circle Health, TalkTalk, Six Degrees Group.
Permira	\$30-100m	Global investments in healthcare, technology, consumer, and financial services sectors.	Dr. Martens, Allegro, Genesys.
Phoenix Equity Partners	\$15-100m	Mid-market UK companies across healthcare, education, and consumer sectors.	London Gynaecology, Rayner Surgical, Forest Holidays.
Pollen Street Capital	\$12-160m	Financial and business services.	Shawbrook Bank, Aryza, Bionic.
Preservation Capital Partners	\$50-150m	Financial services sector.	Saltus, a UK wealth management firm.
Primary Capital	\$12-60m	Commercial Services, Technology	Fleet Design, Diversity Travel, Copyrite Systems, Metamark
Risk Capital Partners	\$5-25m	Consumer, leisure, healthcare, education	The Light, Simpson Travel, Bread Holdings, Curious Brewery, All Star Lanes, Xstrahl, Neilson Active Holidays, The Laine Pub Company
Rockpool Investments LLP	\$5-25m	Profitable UK-based SMEs across healthcare, technology, and manufacturing.	Spaceright, Digital Monster
Samena Capital	\$100m - 2 billion	Subcontinent, Asia, Middle East, North Africa	SM Assets, Mandalay Capital
Satya Capital	Africa-focused investments	Investments in African-focused businesses across healthcare, telecommunications, and financial services.	Celtel International, Mascom Wireless, Helios Towers.
ScaleUp Capital	\$10-20m	B2B software, services, and media.	Sanctus, Action Sustainability.
Searchlight Capital Partners	\$100-300m	Business services, communications, media, consumer, financial services, and infrastructure.	All Points Broadband, RSK Group, Gresham House
Silverfleet Capital	\$25-125m	Mid-market private equity investments in business services, healthcare, and manufacturing sectors.	Riviera Travel, Lifetime Training, Prefere Resins.
Soho Square Capital LLP	\$20-45m	IT, TMT, software, and business services	Netomnia
Sports Investment Partners	Sports/gaming/media investments	Sports, Media, and Entertainment	Goal, Powerleague, Newport County

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Sprints	Growth-stage tech (undisclosed)	Consumer internet and software companies	Chrono24, Affinity, Intercom, Planhat
Star Capital Partners	\$50-1billion	Infrastructure, Asset-Backed, Business Services	Ports of Jersey, Public Safety Equipment, Keepmoat Homes
TDR Capital	\$150m -3billion	Consumer, healthcare, and financial services.	Asda, David Lloyd Leisure, Stonegate Pubs.
Tenzing	\$12-250m	High-performing premium B2B tech and tech-enabled services in UK & Europe	Activpayroll, Totara Learning, VIPR, Altum Group
Terra Firma	Not disclosed	Asset-backed businesses requiring transformation	Annington Homes, Four Seasons Health Care, Infinis Energy, Wyevale Garden Centres, EverPower
TPG	\$1billion	Healthcare, Consumer, Technology, Business Services	Uber, Spotify, Airbnb, Prodigy Education, Altus Power
Vespa Capital	\$12-85m	Tech-enabled services, software, life sciences, healthcare, sustainability	Rocksteady Music School, Right Legal Group, Eserv
Virgin Group	Up to \$300m	Brand licensing & loyalty, travel & leisure, health & wellness, telecoms & media, real estate	Virgin Active, Virgin Atlantic, Virgin Atlantic Holidays, Virgin Australia Holdings, Virgin Balloon Flights, Virgin Bet, Virgin Books, Virgin Casino
Vitruvian Partners	\$40-600m	Growth capital and buyout investments in technology, media, and financial services sectors.	Just Eat, Farfetch, Skyscanner.
WestBridge Capital	\$10-500m	UK-based B2B companies in lower mid-market.	Survey Solutions, Channel 3 Consulting.
YFM Equity Partners	\$5-20m	UK-based SMEs across various sectors	Integrum ESG, GEEIQ, Summize
Zouk Capital	\$5-10m	Infrastructure, technology, sustainability.	iZettle, Taulia, Workable.

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