

## INSIDE THE 4TH CONSECUTIVE PEAK YEAR

## LAVCA's Annual Review of Tech Investment in Latin America

## CONTEXT

Venture investment in Latin America has more than doubled (by dollars) every year from 2016 to 2019, tracing a steady growth trajectory that will certainly be interrupted by the 2020 COVID-19 global health pandemic in ways foreseen and unforeseen.

As venture investors encourage their portfolios to shift to survival mode, the era of "growth at all costs" popularized in Silicon Valley and China appears to have ended for the time being.

Opportunities for innovation around **healthcare**, **education**, and **logistics** are at the forefront as we collectively adjust and respond to new global realities. One certainty: The resilience and resourcefulness of Latin America's entrepreneurs will be tested in the year ahead as the need for cost-effective solutions to highly complex problems comes into sharper view.

## **TECH/VC HIGHLIGHTS**



**RECORD YEAR FOR VC FUNDRAISING** (by dollars) with **US\$1.08b** in partial and final fund closes.



2011

2012

2013

**RECORD YEAR FOR VC INVESTMENT** (by dollars) for the region (**US\$4.6b**), as well as most of the major markets.



VC INVESTMENT IN LATIN AMERICA HAS **DOUBLED** YEAR-OVER-YEAR SINCE 2016

2015

2016

2014

2018

2017

440

2019

## 2019 WAS A RECORD YEAR FOR VC FUNDRAISING IN LATIN AMERICA.\*



## **Highlighted 2019 Fundraising Activity**

- KaszeK Ventures raised US\$600m across two new funds, including US\$375m for its fourth flagship fund and US\$225m for its first opportunities fund.
- Canary raised US\$75m for Fund II. Canary was launched by a collective of founders of Brazilian startups and launched their inaugural fund in 2017.
- SoftBank made commitments in funds from KaszeK Ventures and Valor Capital.

Source: LAVCA Industry Data

## MAPPING THE MAJOR MARKETS

Another record year\* for venture investment in Latin America, with US\$4.6b invested across 440 transactions.

## **MEXICO**

22.7% of Deals in 2019

2019: **US\$649M** invested across **100 DEALS** 

2018: US\$175m invested across 95 deals

## **COLOMBIA**

8.2% of Deals in 2019

2019: **US\$1.09B** invested across **36 DEALS** 

2018: US\$334m invested across 19 deals

## **PERU**

1.4% of Deals in 2019

2019: US\$3m invested across 6 deals

2018: US\$16m invested across 11 deals

## CHILE

9.1% of Deals in 2019

**2019**: **US\$63M** invested across 40 deals **2018**: US\$46m invested across 49 deals

- Record year for dollars
- Record year for dollars and deals

## **BRAZIL**

50.5% of Deals in 2019

**2019**: **US\$2.49B** invested across 222 deals **2018**: US\$1.8b invested across 259 deals

**ARGENTINA** 

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6.6% of Deals in 2019

2019: US\$290M invested across 29 DEALS

2018: US\$84m invested across 19 deals

\*2019 was a record year for venture investment, even discounting the US\$2.5b total dollars in SoftBank-led deals.

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<sup>\*</sup>SoftBank's notable US\$5b Latin America Fund is not included in this analysis.

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### 2019 DEALS OVER US\$50M Amount Invested Investor(s) Company Country sector stage SoftBank Colombia \$1,000 Rappi Logistics & Distribution **Expansion Stage** TCV Capital, Tencent, DST Global, Sequoia \$400 Capital, Dragoneer, Ribbit Capital, Thrive **Nubank** Brazil Capital **Expansion Stage** Fintech SoftBank, General Atlantic, Valor Capital, 1 \$300 **Gympass** Brazil Atomico **Expansion Stage** Marketplaces SoftBank, Dragoneer Investment Group, KaszeK QuintoAndar Brazil \$250 Ventures, General Atlantic **Expansion Stage** Proptech SoftBank, Vostok Emerging Finance, Santander **Creditas** Brazil \$231 Innoventures, Amadeus Capital **Expansion Stage** SoftBank, GGV Capital, Fifth Wall Ventures, Velt \$150 Loggi Brazil Partners, Microsoft Logistics & **Expansion Stage** Distribution **Ualá** SoftBank, Tencent Argentina \$150 **Expansion Stage** Fintech SoftBank, Light Street Capital, Flybridge Capital MadeiraMadeira Brazil \$110 **Expansion Stage** E-commerce SoftBank, General Atlantic Clip Mexico \$100 **Expansion Stage** Fintech SoftBank, KaszeK Ventures, QED Investors, Vostok Konfio Mexico \$100 **Emerging Finance Expansion Stage** Fintech General Atlantic, Banco Votorantim, monashees, Neon Quona Capital, Flourish Ventures, Propel Venture \$95 Brazil **Pagamentos Partners** Early Stage Fintech SoftBank, Grupo Globo **Buser** Brazil \$73 Early Stage Transportation Fifth Wall Ventures, Andreesen Horowitz, QED Loft Brazil \$70 Investors, Canary Early Stage Proptech Benchmark Capital, Bessemer Venture Partners, **Wildlife Studios** Brazil \$60 Angels **Expansion Stage** Games

## **CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION**



All but one transaction over US\$50m involved a cross-border co-investment, signaling global cooperation to support startups with significant traction with growth capital that was not historically available.

## SPOTLIGHT ON 2019 CO-INVESTMENTS

30% Co-Investments
Represented
of all 2019
VC Deals

Co-Investments
Represented
of all 2019
VC Dollars

**US\$1.7b** was deployed across **74** co-investment deals involving at least **one local** and **one global** investor.

(This cross-border cooperation accounted for **37%** of all VC dollars deployed and **17%** of all deals for 2019.)

\*Removing SoftBank's US\$1b investment in Rappi, about 90% of all VC dollars deployed were via co-investments.

## 2019 MOST ACTIVE INVESTORS BY DEAL COUNT



(an increase from ~20% in 2017 and 2018)

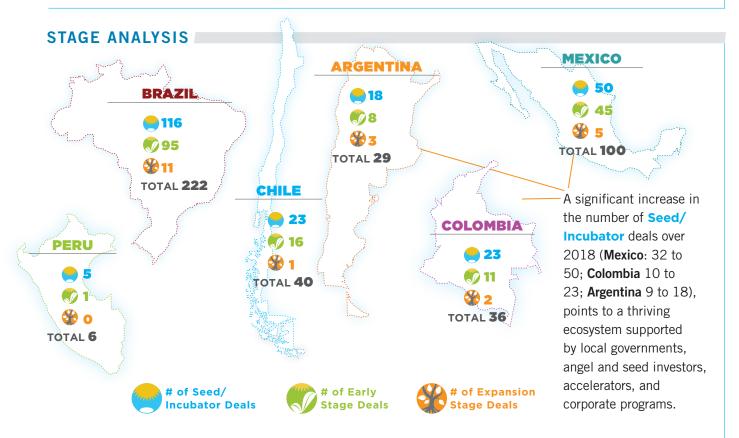
**Seed/Incubator:** Canary, Y Combinator, Bossa Nova Investimentos, 500 Startups, MAYA Capital, monashees, Global Founders Capital



Early Stage: KaszeK Ventures, Canary, Bossa Nova Investimentos, Crescera Investimentos, monashees, IGNIA, Redpoint eventures, QED Investors, DILA Capital



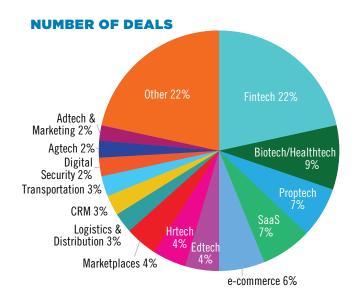
**Expansion Stage:** SoftBank, General Atlantic, KaszeK Ventures, Redpoint eventures, Riverwood Capital, Valor Capital



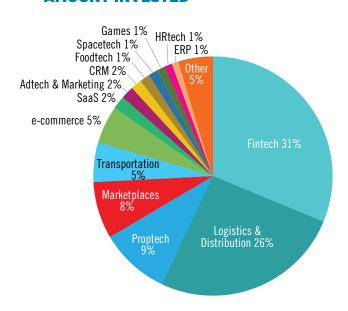


Mega-rounds dominated the headlines, but the deal activity was significant across stages in the major markets at a time of complicated political and economic uncertainty in the region.

## **TOP SECTORS**



## **AMOUNT INVESTED**



Source: LAVCA Industry Data



Record year for PE/VC investment in the **IT** sector, representing **58%** of dollars deployed, and **82%** of deals in 2019.



**Biotech/Healthtech** emerged as a key sector of investment by deal count, only topped by **Fintech**, which has dominated for the past five years. Highlighted Biotech/Healthtech Deals:



Seed/Incubator: Animo Wellness, Entelai, Huli, Pipo Saude, Purple Dental, Vitau Medical, Vittude



Early Stage: Labi Exames, Levita Magnetics, SouSmile



Emergence of **Proptech** as a major sector of investment, including investments in **Alquilando**, **Flat**, **Housi**, **LAR.app**, **Le**, **Haus**, **Loft**, **Mimic**, **QuintoAndar**, and **Yuca**. It remains to be seen how they will navigate the COVID-19 crisis ahead.

## FASTEST GROWING SECTORS BY DEAL COUNT



2019: 30 2018: 13

Growth% 131%



2019: 20 2018: 10

Growth% 100%



CRM

2019: 12 2018: 6

Growth% 100%



BIOTECH/ HEALTHTECH

**2019**: **32 2018**: 21

Growth% **52%** 



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**2019**: **30 2018**: 26

Growth% **15%** 

Source: LAVCA Industry Data

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTED TRANSACTIONS

Investor(s)	Company	Sector	Stage Am	ount Inve	sted Country	Why it Matters
Riverwood Capital, DGF Investmentos, Redpoint eventures, TPG Growth, Astella Investmentos	Resultados Digitais	Adtech & Marketing	Expansion Stage	\$50	Brazil	Cross-Border Co-Investment
Pitanga Fund, Tencent, BID Lab	Satellogic	Spacetech	Early Stage	\$50	Argentina	Corporate Commitment
Riverwood Capital	Technisys	Fintech	Expansion Stage	\$50	Argentina	Hot Sector
Goldman Sachs, Point72 Ventures, QED Investors, KaszeK Ventures, Thomvest Ventures	Credijusto	Fintech	Early Stage	\$42	Mexico	Cross-Border Co-Investment
The Craftory, Bezos Expeditions, Maya Capital, KaszeK Ventures	NotCo	Foodtech	Early Stage	\$30	Chile	Hot Sector
SP Ventures, Fall Line Capital, ACRE Capital	Agrofy	Agtech	Early Stage	\$23	Argentina	Hot Sector
Thorntree Capital, KaszeK Ventures, Spectra, Endeavor Catalyst	Liv Up	Foodtech	Early Stage	\$22	Brazil	Cross-Border Co-Investment, Hot Sector
KaszeK Ventures, SoftBank, monashees, Canary	Volanty	Marketplaces	Early Stage	\$17.6	Brazil	Cross-Border Co-Investment
Portland Private Equity, Endeavor Catalyst	Merqueo	e-commerce	Early Stage	\$14	Colombia	Hot Sector
Andreesen Horowitz, monashees, Village Global, Sinai VC	Addi	Fintech	Early Stage	\$12.5	Colombia	Cross-Border Co-Investment, Hot Sector
Y Combinator, Monashees	Frubana	Agtech	Seed/Incubator	\$10	Colombia	Cross-Border Co-Investment, Hot Sector
KaszeK Ventures, Angel Ventures Mexico, Liil Ventures, DILA Capital	Urbvan	Transportation	Early Stage	\$9	Mexico	Cross-Border Co-Investment
monashees, GO4IT Capital	Fazenda Futuro	Foodtech	Early Stage	\$8.5	Brazil	Hot Sector
Ribbit Capital, monashees, Canary, Iporanga Investimentos	Gorila Invest	Fintech	Early Stage	\$8.4	Brazil	Hot Sector
QED Investors, Village Global, Next Billion Ventures, Mountain Nazca Mexico	Minu	Fintech	Seed/Incubator	\$6.5	Mexico	Cross-Border Co-Investment, Hot Sector
Tiger Global Management, Homebrew, Zigg Capital, Reshape Holdings, FJ Labs, Supernode Ventures	Habi	Proptech	Seed/Incubator	\$5.5	Colombia	Cross-Border Co-Investment, Hot Sector
Elevar Equity, WPSS Consumer Investments	Canasta Rosa	Marketplaces	Early Stage	\$3	Mexico	Female focused startup
KaszeK Ventures, MAYA Capital	Theia	Biotech/Healthtech	Seed/Incubator	\$1.7	Brazil	Female Founders

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## LAVCA'S NETWORK



Latin American Tech Growth Coalition members are leading global and Latin American tech companies and investors with a common goal of advancing high growth startups in Latin America. The Tech Growth Coalition was inaugurated in 2018 during a record-breaking year of investment in

Latin American startups, alongside the expansion of key global players in the region and the emergence of tech Sunicorns.































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