

State of the Danish venture capital market 3rd quarter 2024

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The quarterly status for Q3 2024 sheds light on the investment activity on the Danish and international venture capital markets. Additionally, this edition highlights the development of green venture capital investments in Denmark



Total invested venture capital in Denmark during the 3rd quarter amounted to EUR 173 million, corresponding to a 50 percent decline compared to the 2nd quarter. The number of investments remained constant.



The activity was primarily driven by Life Science companies Again and Cerebriu, as well as cleantech company Stiesdal, jointly raising more than 40 percent of the invested capital.



Green venture capital investments reached a new record high, and account for an increasingly large share of the Danish venture capital market.

Danish venture market developments 3rd quarter 2024

The Danish venture capital market saw a decline of 50 percent in total invested capital in the 3rd quarter of 2024 with total investments of EUR 173 million compared to EUR 349 million in the 2nd quarter. Meanwhile, the total number of deals remained almost unchanged at around 30, causing the average invested capital per investment round to decrease by almost 50 percent, cf. Chart 1.

This development reflects that bridge rounds accounted for a larger share of total investment rounds while the number of late stage and growth investments decreased by more than 50 percent and accounted for a markedly smaller share of investment rounds.





The largest investment rounds were raised by the Life Science companies Again and Cerebriu, with EUR 30 million and EUR 17 million respectively, and the cleantech company Stiesdal with EUR 27 million.

On global venture capital markets, the same general tendencies were observed, with decreasing overall activity measured both by the amount of invested capital and the number of investment rounds.

Cf. Table 1, both the global market, the US market, and the European market saw declines in invested capital of around 30 percent while the number of investment rounds declined by around 25 percent.

Table 1

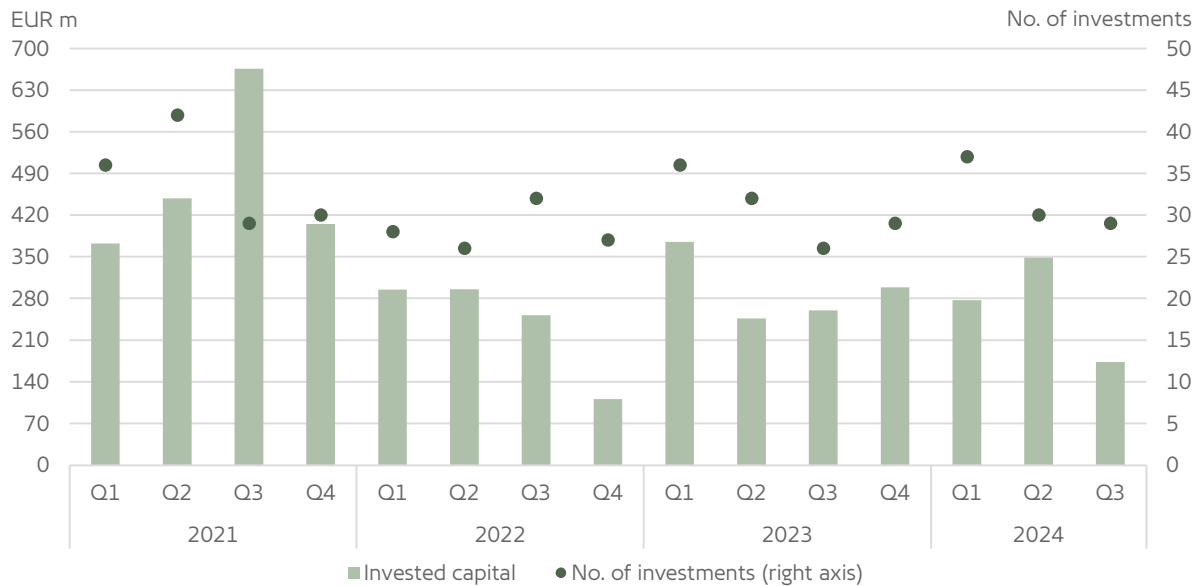
International comparison

	Change Q2 → Q3 Invested capital	Change Q2 → Q3 Deal count	Change quarterly avg '23 → quarterly avg '24 Invested capital
	-27 %	-22 %	-9 %
	-32 %	-24 %	9 %
	-31 %	-28 %	-10 %
	-50 %	-3 %	-10 %

Source: Pitchbook, EIFO

Chart 1

Venture capital investments in Danish companies



Source: EIFO

Green venture capital investments

The Danish market for green venture capital investments has grown consistently since 2019, although 2023 saw a slight decline in invested capital. This trend carried into the first three quarters of 2024, surpassing the previous record in 2022.

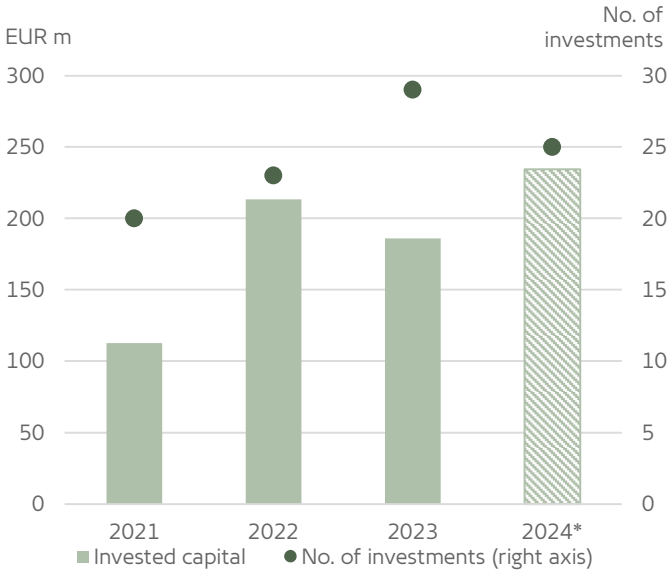
The total amount of venture capital allocated to green businesses reached EUR 234 million during the first three quarters, exceeding the 2023 level by 26 percent, and the number of investment rounds reached 85 percent of last year’s total.

The investment activity during the first three quarters entails an increase in the relative share of Danish venture capital investments allocated to companies with green business models compared to the previous year. Cf. chart 3, green venture investments accounted for 29 percent of invested capital, and 26 percent of investment rounds compared to 16 percent and 24 percent in 2023, respectively.

Green venture investments include both direct and indirect green companies. Direct green companies provide products or services that have an immediate positive impact on the environment. Indirect green companies offer products or services that enable other businesses to reduce their environmental footprint.

Chart 2

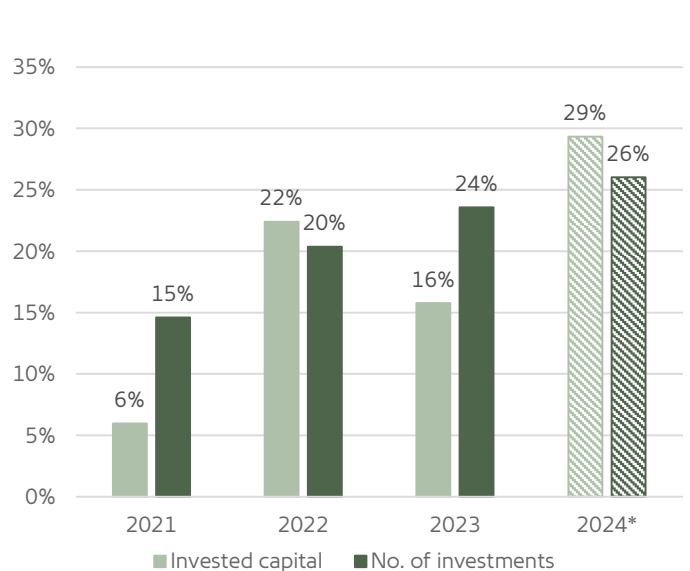
Green venture capital investments in Danish companies



Source: EIFO
 Note: 2024 data covers the first, second, and third quarter.

Chart 3

Green venture capital investments’ share of the total Danish venture capital market



Source: EIFO
 Note: 2024 data covers the first, second, and third quarter.