

20 Private Equity Firms

Leading Cross-Border Investments | 2020 – 2026 YTD

This analysis builds on our previous research on cross-border PE flows reshaping the global deal landscape. In this follow-up, we analyzed private equity cross-border deal activity by PE firm from our M&A Research Database for the period 2020–2026 YTD. The data reinforces that U.S. investors remain the primary drivers of outbound capital, while inbound investment into the U.S. is more selective and sector-focused.

2,973

Platform investments by U.S.-based PE firms
in non-U.S. portfolio companies (2020 – 2026 YTD)

1,330

Platform investments by international PE firms
in U.S. portfolio companies (2020 – 2026 YTD)

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Data: 2020 – 2026 YTD | Investment Trends | privateequityinfo.com

Cross-Border PE Rankings

Most Active Firms by Outbound & Inbound Investment | 2020 – 2026 YTD

Top U.S.-Based PE Firms

Investing in International Companies

1	Insight Partners
2	KKR & Co.
3	General Atlantic
4	Carlyle Group
5	Warburg Pincus
6	L Catterton
7	Bain Capital
8	TPG
9	Advent International
10	TA Associates

Top International PE Firms

Investing in U.S. Companies

1	CPP Investments
2	Ardian
3	EQT Partners
4	Permira
5	Novo Holdings
6	EDBI
7	SV Health Investors
8	HBM Healthcare Investments
9	Volaris Group
10	Harris Computer

U.S. firms are consistently deploying capital across borders, often using platform investments and add-on strategies to scale globally. Inbound capital tends to be concentrated in **innovation-driven sectors such as healthcare and technology**.

Top Countries & Key Insights

Cross-Border PE Activity | 2020 – 2026 YTD

Top Countries Fuelling Cross-Border PE into the U.S.

Location of PE firms investing into U.S. portfolio companies

- 1 Canada
- 2 United Kingdom
- 3 France
- 4 Singapore
- 5 Switzerland
- 6 Sweden
- 7 Germany
- 8 United Arab Emirates
- 9 Denmark
- 10 Belgium

Key Insights

Cross-border deal activity analysis

Europe Dominates Inbound

Europe remains a dominant region for inbound capital into the U.S., with the UK, France, and Sweden all ranking in the top 6.

Emerging Hubs Rising

Singapore and the UAE are emerging as strategic hubs for cross-border investments, reflecting the growing influence of Asian and Middle Eastern capital.

U.S. Outbound Scale

U.S. firms completed nearly 3,000 platform investments in non-U.S. companies — more than double the 1,330 inbound deals, highlighting the scale of American outbound appetite.

Sector Concentration

Inbound capital into the U.S. tends to be concentrated in innovation-driven sectors such as healthcare and technology.

Countries refer to the location of private equity firms investing into U.S. portfolio companies — the source of inbound capital. Cross-border capital is increasingly originating from a diverse set of global hubs, not just traditional PE strongholds.

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