



Press Release

Buyouts drive investments upwards in Q2 2010

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European private equity investment increased by 16% by value from the first quarter of 2010, to €8.6bn. This was more than twice the amount invested in Q2 2009, and the highest amount invested in a quarter since Q3 2008.

Buyouts continued the upward trend started in Q3 2009, reaching €5.6bn in Q2 2010, up by 8% from the previous quarter (€5.2bn). The increase in buyout investment was mainly driven by mid-market deals, up by 21% from Q1, which accounted for 92% of the total rise in buyout investment value. Large and mega deals remained stable.

Growth capital rose by 19%, to €1.1bn while venture capital was up by 38% on the previous quarter, to €860m. The increase in venture was mostly driven by later-stage venture investment (up 53%, from €296m in Q1 to €453m in Q2).

The total number of European companies financed went up by 12% from Q1, to 1,130, mainly due to a 17% and 28% increase in start-up and later-stage companies (to 398 and 223 respectively). The number of growth and buyout companies went up by about one-fifth each, to 208 and 151 respectively.

On the fundraising side, commitments to European private equity funds scaled back to the Q4 2009 level, at €3.6bn, 36% less than in Q1 2010. Only €15m was raised by growth capital funds, while commitments to venture funds dropped by two-thirds from the previous quarter, to €280m. Buyout funds raised were down by about one-fifth on Q1, to €2.5bn, while mezzanine funds reached their highest level since Q2 2007, at €552m.

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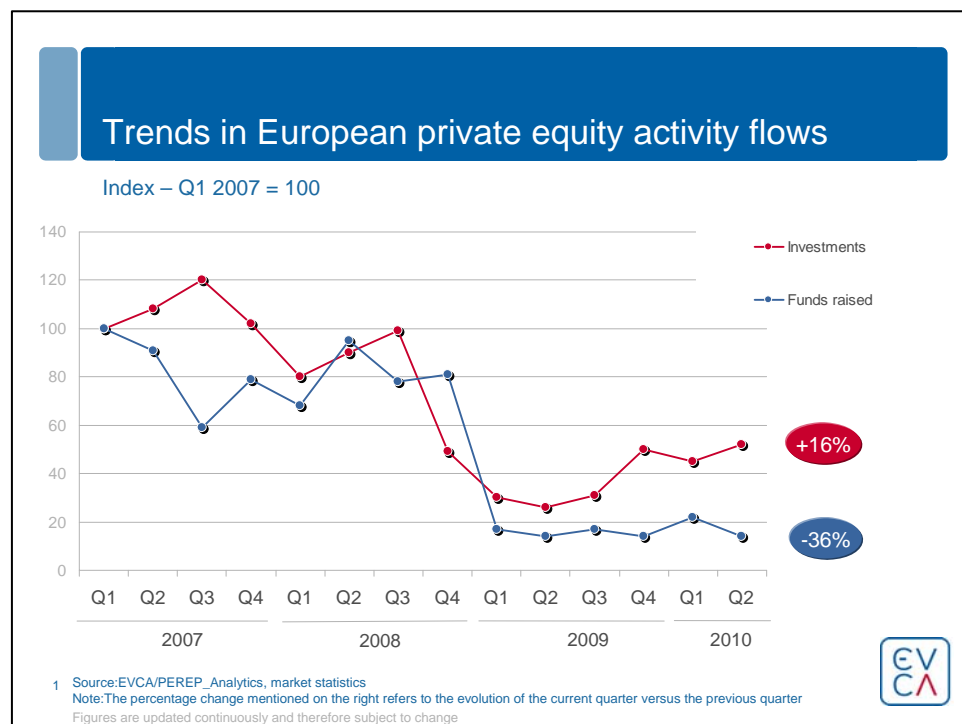
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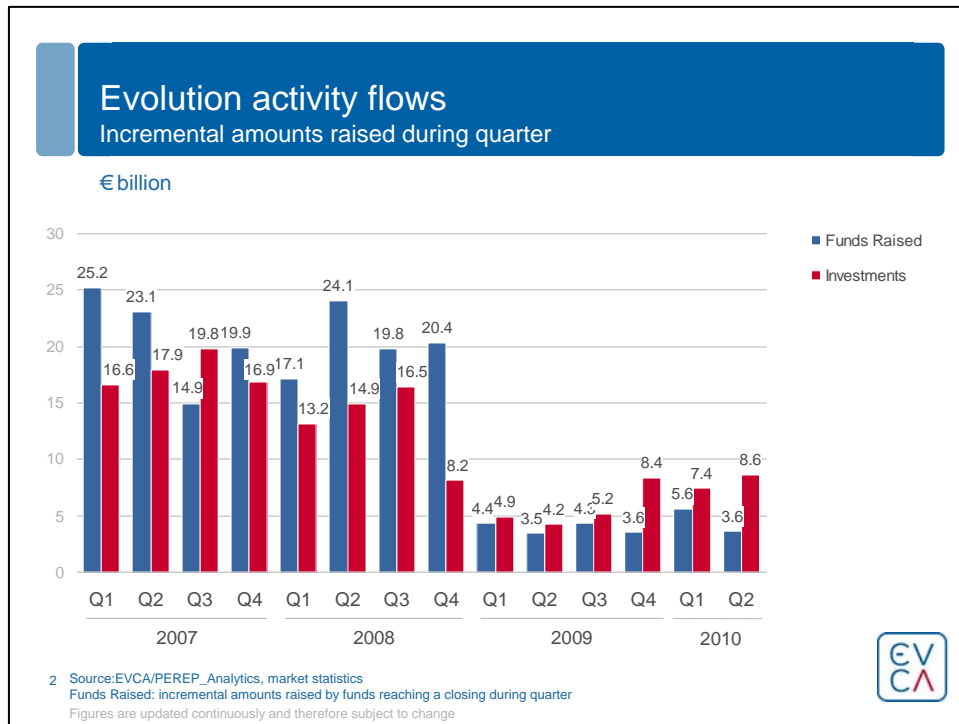
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