

Robotics REPORT | VENTURE TRENDS

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ROBOTICS MARKET TAXONOMY

Machines carrying out a series of complex actions automatically, based on a computer program. A crucial element of robots are sensors to adapt their action to their environment.

INDUSTRIAL ROBOTS

Automatically controlled, reprogrammable multipurpose manipulator, programmable in three or more axes, which can be either fixed in place or mobile for use in industrial applications.

SERVICE ROBOTS

Robots that perform useful tasks for humans or equipment excluding industrial automation applications.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ROBOTS

Robots used for a commercial task, usually operated by a properly trained operator.

DOMESTIC SERVICE ROBOTS

Robots used for a non-commercial task, usually by inexperienced persons.

ROBOT SOFTWARE

TECHNOLOGY ENABLER



The global robotics technology market is expected grow from **\$78.8B** in 2022 to reach **\$250B** by 2030.

The global robotics market is expected to grow at a **CAGR of 13.7%** (2022-2030).

- The global robotics market is facing **significant growth** due to a **growing demand** for complex **automation** & **safety** solutions, availability of **affordable** & **energy efficient robots** and the stable increase in **labor** & **energy costs**
- The **COVID-19** pandemic **accelerated growth** in a variety of markets like healthcare, supply chain & manufacturing caused by a substitution of human workers by robots to reduce the virus' impact
- Highest growth in the coming years is expected in the robotic software market (45.7% CAGR until 2026) and collaborative robots market (45.7% CAGR until 2030)
- 30% of robots in the overall robotics technology market will be collaborative robots (cobots) by 2027



INDUSTRIAL ROBOTS



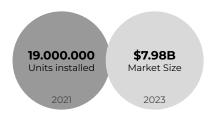
Welding Robots, Handling Robots, Grinding Robots

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ROBOTS



Warehousing Robots, Medical Robots, Professional Cleaning Robots

DOMESTIC SERVICE ROBOTS

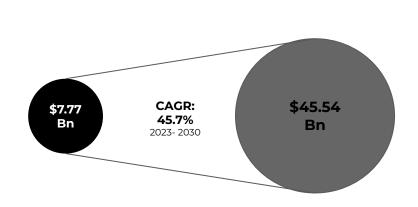


Vacuuming Robots, Cleaning Robots, Lawn Mower Robots

The Robotics Software market is one of the fastest growing technology markets observed by our analysts

Robotics Software Market Size

2023 - 2030

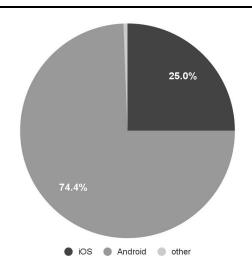


Take-away

- Drivers of the market are growing demand in **cost-efficiency**, **error reduction**, **endurance**, **speed** & assurance
- A huge opportunity lies in open source business models

Closed vs Open Software Approach

How will the market be divided?



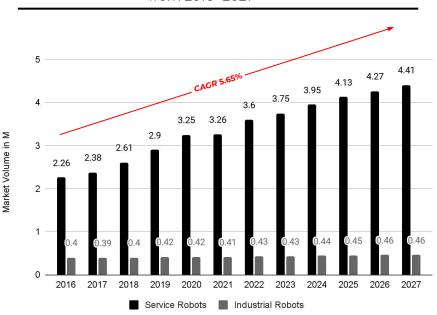
Take-away

- Similarities in the development of the robot software market and the smartphone operating system market
- Open Source approach (Android) will represent the major market share with about 75%, closed software approach (iOS) is able to reach 25% share

Global operational stock of robots with steady growth over the next years

Global Market Volume of Robots

from 2016- 2027



Global Market Volume

- The global robotics market has witnessed steady growth, with continuing momentum over the coming years
- Service Robots growing at a CAGR of approximately 5.65% and Industrial Robots at a CAGR of approximately 1.27%
- The increasing adoption of robots is driving technological advancements across various industries

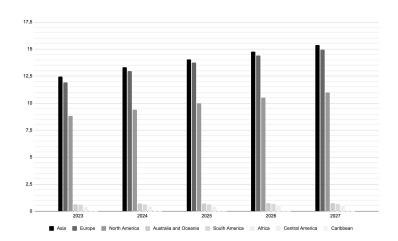
Market Dynamics

- Sales of service robots have exceeded those of industrial robots from 2019 on
- The **fastest-growing subsegment** of industrial robotics is **cobots**
- Improvements in AI have paved the way for this development
- The COVID-19 pandemic has had a negative impact on industrial robotics but more positive on its counterpart, service robotics

South Korea, Japan and China dominate the Industrial robotics segment

Global Robotics Revenue

by region in billion USD

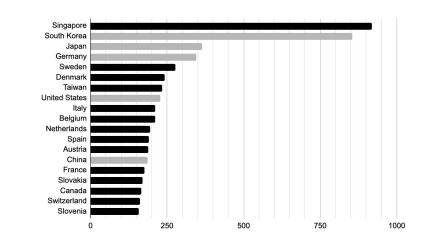


Take-away

- Adoption of robots in Asia, especially in Chinese factories, is leading to significant revenues in the region
- Europe holds a close second position with most revenue coming from Western European countries

Robot density in the manufacturing sector

by selected countries, per 10.000 employees (2019)



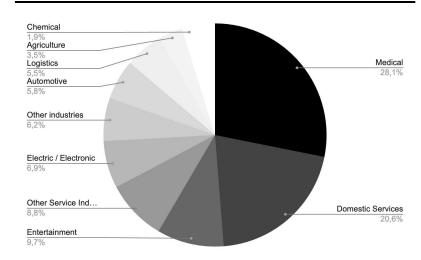
Take-away

- South Korea has the highest density as a result of a smaller labor force and a more specialized economy
- Of the highlighted countries, China has the lowest robot density, but is expected to invest most heavily in new installations

Industrial Robots Revenue have experienced a downfall in 2022 and are expected to grow at 3.78% annually

Total Global Revenue Share

by industry

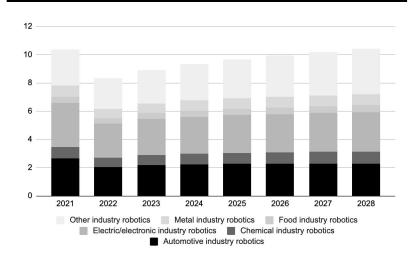


Take-away

- The increasing use in surgeries and an ageing population lead to high revenue shares in the medical industry
- Domestic Service Robots is another major industry with an expected 48.6 million robots deployed globally in 2023

Industrial Robots Revenue Share

by industry, in billion USD, 2021 - 2028



Take-away

- The Automotive & Electronic Industries are expected to hold the largest revenue shares over the coming years
- Specialized economies such as South Korea and Japan are largely contributing to this development

Robotics Industry is shifting to the 3rd Revolution enabling first stage of Human-Robot interactions & collaboration

1. Revolution



Robot-based automation solution

Intention

"How to complete tasks as fast as possible?"

Tech Driver

- Progress in micro-electronics
- Raise of information technology

Application

Used mainly in automotive industry:
high accuracy and speed
Robots were fast, efficient, high
accuracy but also very big and
dangerous.

2. Revolution



ca. 2015 - 2020

Sensitive & safe robot-based automation solution

Intention

"Make work safer & ergonomic and relieve workers as much as possible."

Tech Driver

- Progress in sensor technology
- Algorithms of control systems
- Rise of Data Analytics, AI, ML

Application

Robots can "feel" and can be teached easily. More sensitive work can be done and cobots start to gain market share e.g. due to collision detection.

3. Revolution



ca. 2025 - 2030

Mobile, sensitive & safe robot-based automation solution

Intention

"Make robots mobile to come to their workpiece and not the workpiece comes to the robot"

Tech Driver

- Rise of Data Analytics, Al, ML
- Creation of vision & navigation systems

Application

Service robots: Robots can come to the human or workpiece and are flexible in working area. First multi purpose robots will emerge.

4. Revolution



ca. 2030 - 2040

Perceptive & cognitive, mobile, sensitive & safe robot-based automation solution

Intention

"Self-learning & -deciding robots to adapt decision on information provided."

Tech Driver

- Stronger algorithms in Al, ML
- Complex object recognition
- Adaptive decision making

Application

Direct interaction, where the robot does not need the human for programming.

Robot can be treated like a human

worker.

Most emerging robotics systems deployed in lab-like or self-contained environments only

TRL 9 Actual system "flight proven" through successful mission operations

RL 8 Actual system completed & "flight qualified" through test & demonstration (ground/space)

Purpose-specific pick & place applications

TRL 7 System prototype demonstration in a "space" environment

System/subsystem model or prototype demonstration in a relevant environment

Component and/or breadboard

validation in relevant environment

Autonomous multi-purpose pick & place applications

TRL 4

Component and/or breadboard validation in laboratory environment

General-purpose Robot AI — TRL 3 Analytical & experimental critical function and/or characteristic **PoC**

TRL 2 Basic principles observed & reported

Technology **concept** and/or application formulated

Technologies driving the Robotic Market

Analytics & Al

Possibility to analyse and learn from information provided by computer systems and humans



5G

Provides the possibility of real-time & greater precision communication in IoT

Edge Computing

Enabling new platformbased business models and increasing efficiency and communication performance



ENABLING TECH



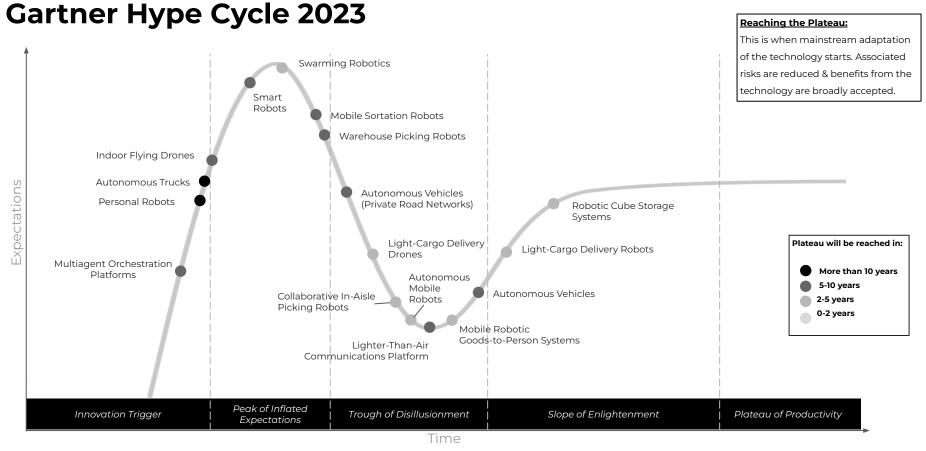
Internet of Things

Communication between machines & robots and robot & robot



Enable greater autonomy, speed and accuracy

The current State of Innovations: Robotics Solutions in the



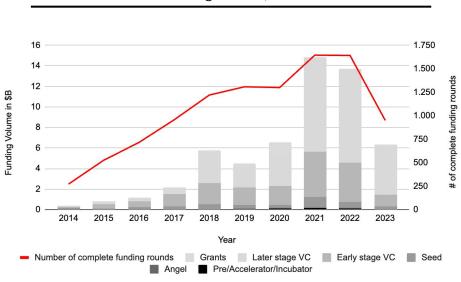
SECTOR ANALYSIS

Venture Funding Funding Distribution Mergers & Acquisitions Unicorns Key Technology Fields

Everything around you will become a robot - Autonomous Vehicles have marked a shift in the robotics sector in 2018

Total funding Robotics

Total funding & deals, 2014-2023



Take-aways

- Over \$55 billion were invested in the Robotics sector in 10,500 deals over the last 10 years
- The number of deals are currently sitting at 2017 levels with 950 rounds, but funding has stay elevated reaching over \$6 bn
- Compared to many other sectors, venture activity in Robotics has fared quite well only dropping 57% from its peak in 2021

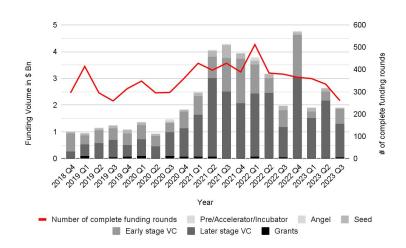
Notable Investors

- Corporates: Lenovo Capital, Baidu, Toyota, GV, Intel Capital, ABB, Airbus, Qualcomm, Xiaomi
- VC-Funds: Plug & Play Tech Center, SOSV, Alumni Ventures, a16z, Founders Fund, HTGF
- Government Investors: National Science Foundation, Innovate UK, US DoD, ESA

Robotics Venture Funding has been quite resilient throughout the current market turbulence

Quarterly Funding

Total funding & deals, 2018 - 2023

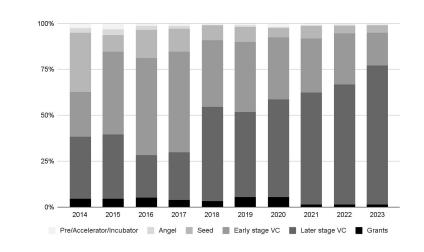


Take-away

- Funding in the robotics sector has historically been concentrated in Q4, therefore we expect an influx of funding over the next 3 months
- Anduril's \$1.48 billion Series E funding round in December 2022 makes up a third of the funding volume in that quarter

Total Funding Volume

by Deal Type in %, 2014 - 2023



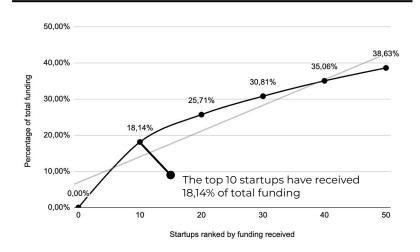
Take-away

- The graph above clearly shows the **maturity of the Robotics** market
- While a majority of funding had been focussed on early stage and seed investments from 2014 to 2017, the trend has clearly shifted with later stage funding making up over 75% of funding volume

The Robotics sector is less concentrated than several other industries and mostly exceeds overall VC funding growth

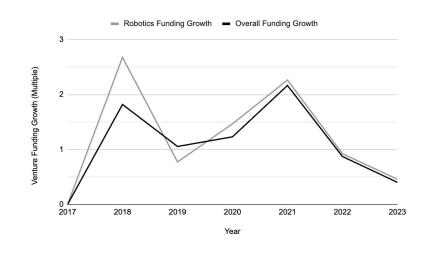
Cumulative funding

Percentage of total funding



Venture funding growth in Robotics

Indexed growth, funding in 2017 indexed to 1x



Take-away

The top funded **20 startups** in the sector have **received 25% of** the **entire funding** in the sector over the last 10 years.

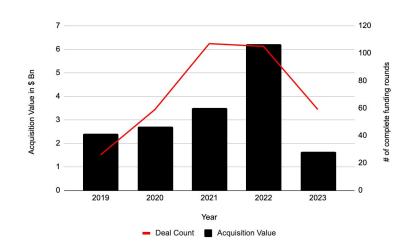
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In the last 5 years **funding growth** has been **closely tracking** the **overall VC market** exceeding it in 4 out 5 years.

Acquisition volume rose exponentially until 2022

Total Acquisition Volume

Acquisition Value & number of rounds, 2019 - 2023

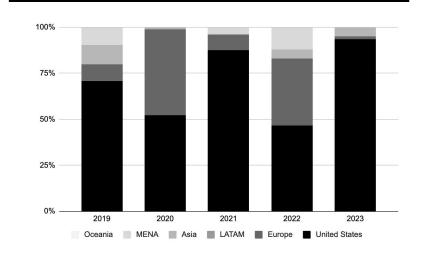


Take-away

- \$16.5 billion in total acquisition volume was invested in the Robotics market over the past 5 years
- Untypically, acquisition volumes peaked in 2022, but have been muted since then

Total Acquisition Volume

by Global Regions in %



Take-away

- \$10.6 billion in acquisition volume have been invested in US-based startups with European startups in second place with \$4 billion
- In recent years, **exit volume in Asia** has **grown by 10x** compared as we see a **maturing market** there



\$14.1 billion in deal value was invested over the past 4 years

Company	Acquisition Value	Date	Acquirer	Segment
Robot	\$1,700.00 million	In Progress	amazon	Home Appliances
ZOOX	\$1,300.00 million	June, 2020	amazon	Mobility
ISRA	\$1,132.00 million	June, 2022	Atlas Copco	Industrial
BostonDynamics	\$880.00 million	June, 2021	Ø НҮППОЯ!	Engineering
Elmo Motion Control	\$700.00 million	September, 2022	⊜ BOSCH	Enabling System
ARCTURUS _{UAV} ™	\$422.63 million	February, 2021	AeroVironment [™]	Defense
EXPLUE DEFENSE SYSTEMS	\$406.93 million	September, 2022	GECA GROUP	Marine Defense
ALERT	\$400.00 million	November, 2022	Walmart >	Logistics
BERKSHIRE GREY	\$375.00 million	July, 2023	SoftBank Group	Logistics
V fetch	\$301.00 million	August, 2021	Ŭ⊷ ZEBRA	Logistics

2021 saw a peak in inflated valuations in the Robotics sector Logistics and Defense applications stand out especially



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Technology enablers are driving the overall robotic technology market

Technologies

Robot Software



DEXTERITY



End Effectors



Cameras, Imaging & Visioning







Controllers







Simulation & Programming

PICKNIK



UNIVERSAL ROBOTS

Sensors







Microprocessors & SOCs

ACCELERATION ROBOTICS





Motion Control

Kollmorgen



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Industry Application Deep Dive

Startups develop robots to target specific problems in key industries

Industry-Specific Applications Logistics Healthcare **Agriculture** Advanced Mining **Defense** Mobility Manufacturing OR **/**₄NT61 $|ARE|_3^2|$ C1 OTTONOMY.IO™ **ОРНТНО** ROBOTICS ROBOTICS Autonomous Medical (Indoor) Farming AI-Controlled AI-Controlled Autonomous Autonomous Intralogistics Monitoring System Robots for working **Delivery Robots** Robots Robots for harsh unmanned systems alongside Humans and sensors Systems environments hippo SHARK Robotics AIM MEDICAL ROBOTICS **IMPOSSIBLE** HYPR Neurosurgical DeepSea Mining Computer Vision for Semi-autonomous Indoor Farming Automated Terrestrial Robots **Delivery Robots** Robot Provider Robots Weldina AVs

Robotics is "not the art of an algorithm, it's the art of integration"

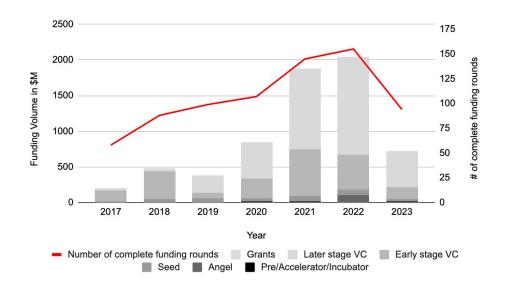
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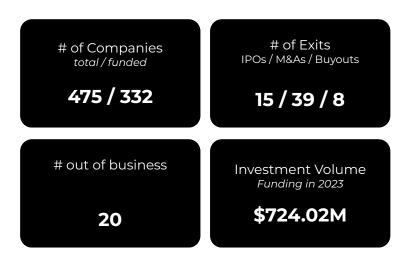
CTO, Alias Robotics

Logistics

How will robots reshape the future of supply chain management and efficient product delivery?

Logistics applications have been an investing bright spot over recent years with the most unicorns in this sector







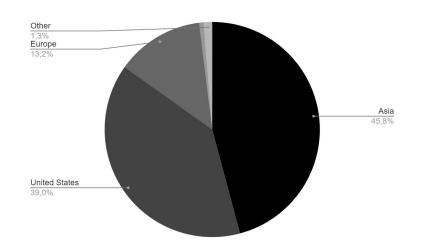




A majority of logistics robotics startups are located in Asia and receive the majority of funding

Capital Invested by Global Region

by region in %

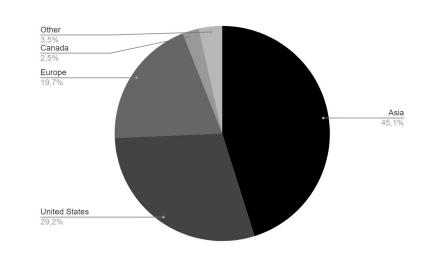


Take-away

50% of VC-backed startups in the segment are located in Asia. The **largest funding rounds** also go to **Asian startups**.

Deal Count by Global Region

by region in %



Take-away

While European startups receive almost 20% of deals the ticket sizes are much smaller compared to US investments.

Major Investments in the Logistic Robotics segment

Business Model

Investors

Investment Stage

EXOTEC

Exotec develops **order preparation tech** using a **fleet of collaborative mobile robots** that **work alongside humans to optimize warehouse logistics**, reducing travel distances and boosting productivity.

Bpifrance, Goldman Sachs Growth Equity, iris Capital, Breega, Dell Technologies Capital and others

\$333.01M Series D

HAIROBOTICS 海柔创新 HaiRobotics specialises in **developing robots and artificial intelligence algorithms** to **improve and optimise warehouse operations,** such as automating warehouse functions and streamlining processes.

Capital Today, 5Y Capital Sequoia Capital China, Source Code Capital and others

\$169.00M Series D

Quicktron

Intelligent warehouse logistics system and AI robots for automating manual labor in warehouses and factories. The AI-based system communicates with warehouse robots for tasks like selecting, transporting, and sorting goods, optimizing warehouse management.

NewMargin Capital, Jiangxi Cultural Industry Investment and others

\$189.33M Later Stage

gility Robotics Agile Robotics develops **bipedal walking robots with human-like capabilities for versatile real-world applications**, offering automation solutions that can **work alongside people** without the need for extensive programming or modifications to environments.

Amazon Industrial Innovation Fund, Playground Global, DCVC, Sony Innovation Fund & others

\$150.00M Series B

Geek+

Developer of **robotics technology for enhancing logistics and warehouse automation**, realizing high-flexibility and intelligent solutions with reliable, **one-stop**, **enterprise-level services** with a strong technological foundation, customer focus, and quality after-sales support.

Morgan Stanley Tactical Value, GGV Capital, D1 Capital Partners, Intel Capital and others

\$150.00M Series C

Top 10 Investors by Deal Count

Investor Name	Deal Count	HQ Location	Notable Portfolio Companies
PLUGANDPLAY	32	USA	Dexterity, Seegrid, PlusOne Robotics
techstars_	18	USA	Farcast, Airspace Link, F-Drones
NASA	17	USA	Astrobotic, New Frontier Aerospace, Parallel Flight Technologies
Lenovo	13	China	VisionNav Robotics, Elite Robot, Syrius Robotics
NSD	12	USA	Diligent Robotics, Righthand Robotics, Roboligent
TOYOTA VENTURES	12	USA	Apex.Al, Third Wave Automations, Pickle Robotics
DRONE FUND	9	Japan	SkyDrive, Matternet, Lexxpluss
HONG SHAN 红 杉 投 资	9	China	Hai Robotics, Syrius Robotics, Agile X Robots
Sony Innovation Fund	9	Japan	Agility Robots, Verity, Matternet
true Ventures	8	USA	Diligent Robots, Kewazo, Dextrous Robotics

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Search Field	Intralogistics Pallet Handling	
Location	Munich, DE	
Year Founded	2019	
Funding in \$ Mn.	Undisclosed	
Last Round	Seed (07/2023)	
Investors	Capnamic, 10XFounders, Bayern Kapital, Business Angels	
Website	Filics.eu	

Filics

Logistics

Business Overview

- New generation of autonomous mobile robots (AMR) for intralogistics
- Improves multiple processes significantly
- Fast scaling through modular approach & HaaS business model

Use case & customers

- Every company that produces or moves physical products is a pot. customer
- All horizontal pallet movements incl.:
- Block-storage densification (up to 70 %)
- 100% auton. truck (un)loading (12x faster

Similar Companies

- Agilox (2017, PE (Undisclosed) Raiffeisen OÖ Invest, Carlyle)
- Kiva Systems (2012, Acquired (\$678M), Amazon)

Business Overview

- Provide semi-autonomous. human monitored delivery robots as a service for on-demand urban logistics
- The **trike sized robots** are electrically powered and can carry a 100 kg payload, go up to 20 km/h and have a range of 135 km

Use case & customers

- The company is actively looking for pilot projects and customers and has already deployed their robots on various campuses in Berlin for last mile deliveries
- The robots can also be **used for same-day** deliveries

Similar Companies

- Alpha Asimov Robots (2021, Grant (Undisclosed), Qualcomm, Touchstone Partners)
- Nuro (2016, Secondary Transaction (\$2.13B), GV, Softbank, Greylock Partners and others)

ineo	
Search Field	Urban Logistics, Contactless Delivery, Bot-as-a-Service
Location	Berlin, DE
Year Founded	2021
Funding	\$0.11M (Accelerator/Incubator)
Last Round	\$5.95K (04/2021)
Investor	Entrepreneur First, EIT KIC Urban Mobility
Website	<u>heytheo.co</u>

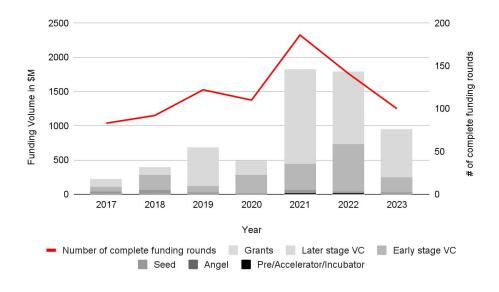
Logistics



Healthcare

Will robots play a pivotal role in revolutionizing medical treatments and enhancing patient care?

Funding in Healthcare Robotics took off during the pandemic to decrease human labor in healthcare facilities



of Companies # of Exits IPOs / M&As / Buyouts

506 / 345

23 / 58 / 13

out of business

Investment Volume Funding in 2023

\$947.39M



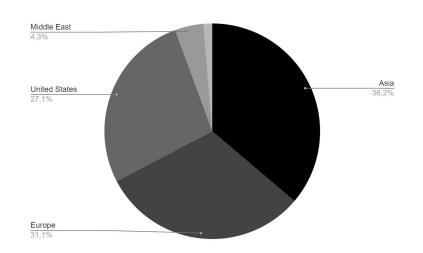




Funding is evenly distributed among the three major geographies with the Middle East on the rise

Capital Invested by Global Region

by region in %

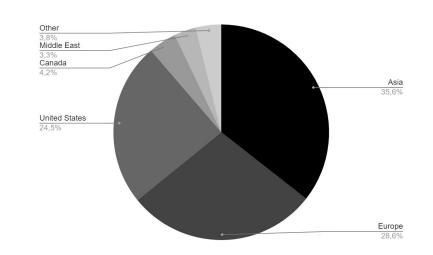


Take-away

Funding is **equally split** between **Asia**, **Europe** and the **US**. **Major deals** can be found across all three regions.

Deal Count by Global Region

by region in %



Take-away

The Middle East, especially Israel, is becoming a prominent region for investments in healthcare robots.

Major Investments in the Healthcare Robotics segment

Business Model

Investors

Investment Stage



Developing and providing affordable surgical robotic systems that expand the scope of minimally invasive surgeries, aiming to make advanced healthcare accessible to a broader patient population while generating revenue primarily from system sales and associated services.

Ally Bridge Group, SoftBank, Investment Advisers

\$607.22M Series D



Developing and supplying adaptable collaborative robots tailored for life science research automation, with a focus on enhancing research efficiency and providing flexible laboratory automation solutions to clients in the sector.

Asia Investment Capital, GGV Capital, Goldman Sachs Asset Management and other

\$300.00M Series C



Offering a **soft tissue surgery robot platform that leverages advanced robotics and digital solutions to optimize surgical specialties**, improve patient outcomes, and disrupt the field of surgical care in China, ultimately enhancing surgery efficiency and precision.

LongRiver Investments, Lilly Asia Ventures, GGV Capital and other

\$300.00M Series B



Distalmotion manufactures Dexter, a surgical device that simplifies robotic surgery, enhancing surgeons' capabilities in minimally invasive procedures within the abdominal cavity and improving patient care and access to advanced surgical techniques.

Revival Healthcare Capital, 415 CAPITAL \$154.99M Series F



Developing medical robotic devices aimed at enabling early diagnosis and treatment across various medical indications, ultimately improving patient outcomes and reducing scarring while revolutionizing healthcare.

SoftBank Group, Prosperity7 Ventures, Olympus and other

\$150.00M Series B

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bpifrance	15	USA	eCential Robotics, Quantum Surgical, Wandercraft
HongShan 红 杉 投 资	10	China	Noah Medical, Yuanhua Technology, Benyao Technology
Lenovo	10	China	Cornerstone Robotics, Abrobo, HOZ Medical
OurCrowd	9	Israel	Momentis Surgical, Bionaut, Tamar Robotics
Marches 2000 Marches 2000 For Research A Formedation	9	Belgium	Deneb, BaseCamp Vascular, Medical Microinstruments
K2VC 险 峰 长 青	8	China	Cornerstone Robotics, Agilis Robotics, Cladogram Technology
Lilly Asia Ventures 礼来亚洲基金	8	China	Ronovo Surgical, Cornerstone Robotics, Pinnacles Medical
MITHRIL	8	USA	Endoquest Robotics, Necois, ForShight Robotics
VENTURE	8	Switzerland	AOT, Emovo, Distalmotion

Ophthorobotics

Search Field	Medical Robot, Iris Scanner, Drugs Injecting Robot
Location	Zurich, CH
Year Founded	2014
Funding	\$0.03M (Accelerator)
Last Round	\$0.03 (02/2017)
Investor	Novartis, Venture Kick
Website	ophthorobotics.com

OPHTHO ROBOTICS

HealthTech

Business Overview

- Developing medical robotics for administering high-precision eye injections, offering treatment for chronic ophthalmic diseases, incorporating iris scanning technology for patient identification and continuous eye tracking
- Spin-out of **ETH Zurich Foundation**

Use case & customers

• Ophthorobotics robot assists in administering eye injections, particularly for patients with age-related retinal diseases such as macular degeneration, reducing the reliance on specially trained doctors

Similar Companies

- **Preceyes** (2011, Acquired (Undisclosed), ZEISS)
- Keranova (2015, Series B (\$26,59), Financière Arbevel, Mérieux Equity Partners and other)

surgical robot that enhances precision and efficiency in **neurosurgery**, improving patient outcomes for functional brain disorders.

• Spin-out of the **PracticePoint R&D Center** at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Boston

• Developing a portable MRI-compatible

Use case & customers

- AiM's robots bring a high level of precision in surgical procedures around brain tumors
- Last year announced their prototype and have already begun preclinical trials

Similar Companies

- Stella Medical (2019, Accelerator (Undisclosed), Xpreneurs)
- Virtuoso Surgical (2016, Later Stage VC (\$28.56M) Johns Hopkins Technology Ventures)

AiM Medical Robotics

Search Field	Neurosurgical Robots, MRI Scanner, Medical Robots
Location	Worcester, USA
Year Founded	2018
Funding	\$4.10M (Later Stage VC)
Last Round	\$0.70M (06/2023)
Investor	IQ Capital Partners, Sontag Innovation Fund and others
Website	<u>aimmedical robotics.com</u>

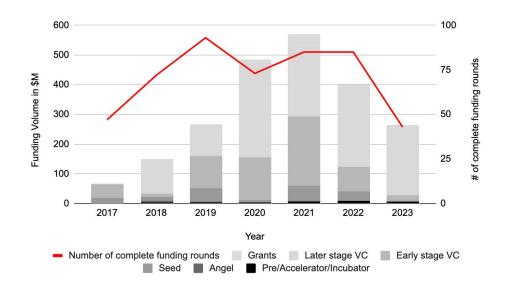
Health Tech

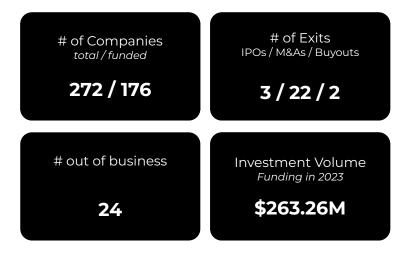


Agriculture

Can robots transform the farming industry and address global food production challenges?

Funding in the Agriculture Robotics segment has been focussed on early stage investments in recent years







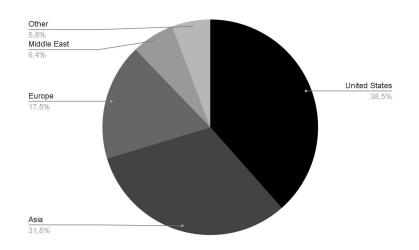




Europe holds the most number of startups in agriculture robots but receives strikingly little funding

Capital Invested by Global Region

by region in %

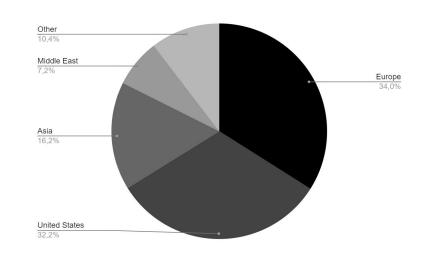


Take-away

Asia shows high investment volumes due to increasing demand for automation in food production.

Deal Count by Global Region

by region in %



Take-away

Vertical Farming startups have mostly relocated to the Middle East mainly due to lower energy costs.

Major Investments in the Agriculture Robotics segment

Business Model

Investors

Investment Stage



Bowery operates **smart indoor farms near cities, leveraging robotics and advanced technology** to grow organic, pesticide-free products and reduce waste. Serving consumers and businesses.

Fidelity Management & Research, Monogram Capital Partners, Lewis Hamilton and others

\$320.73M Series C



Automated **vertical farming platform using robotics, AI, and cultivation technology to grow sustainable, nutrient-rich foods and medicines,** generating revenue through platform sales and produce sales.

Fortistar, Santa Clara Ventures \$83.50M Series A



Offers an **automated vertical farming platform using robotics**, **Al**, **and cultivation technology to grow sustainable**, **nutrient-rich foods** and medicines, generating revenue through platform sales and produce sales.

Insight Partners, Meitav Dash Investments, Israel Innovation Authority and others

\$80.00M Series C



Developing **logistics robots for agriculture, incorporating technologies like big data, loT, deep learning, unmanned driving, and machine vision**. These robots enhance productivity and efficiency in the agricultural industry, potentially generating revenue through robot sales.

Tencent, Shenzhen Capital Group, Alpha Win Capital, ISVI and others

\$70.00M Series B



Iron Ox employs robotics and plant science to sustainably grow fresh produce, reducing environmental impact and resource reliance, with revenue generated from produce sales and farming solutions.

Breakthrough Energy Ventures, Pathbreaker Ventures and others

\$53.00M Series C

Top 10 Investors by Deal Count

Investor Name	Deal Count	HQ Location	Notable Portfolio Companies
THRIVE by SVG VENTURES	24	USA	Farmwise, Tortura AgTech, EcoRobotix
Innovate UK	15	UK	Muddy Machines, Small Robot Company, Xihelm
PLUGANDPLAY	9	USA	Soft Robotics, SwarmFarm Robotics, Agrointelli
NSP	8	USA	Soft Robotics, Tortuga AgTech, Harvest CROO Robotics
** artesian	7	Australia	Swarm Farm Robotics, Lyro Robotics, Agrolabs
רשות החדשנות ►	7	Israel	Beewise, Edete Precision Technologies for Agriculture, Automata Robotics
SUSV	7	USA	Things Robotics, Tensorfield Agiculture, Forward Robotics
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TECHNOLOGY CANADA TECHNOLOGIES DU DÉVELOPPEMENT DURABLE CANADA	7	Canada	Precision AI, Ecoation, Nexus Robotics
eit Food	6	Belgium	Fieldwork Robotics, Crover, Terra Robotics
ENTRÉE CAPITAL	6	Israel	Blue White Robotics, Harvest Automation, Blue White Robotics

Vertum Technologies

Search Field	Agriculture Technology
Location	Boston, USA
Year Founded	2021
Funding	\$0.10M (Accelerator)
Last Round	\$0.10M (09/2022)
Investor	THRIVE by SVG Ventures, MassChallenge, Harvard Innovation Labs
Website	<u>Vertum.tech</u>



AgTech

Business Overview

- Accelerated by Harvard Innovation Labs
- Engineers assistant robots for agriculture to improve the profitability and sustainability of indoor and vertical farms
- They have also built an outdoor farming system to monitor crop health, water usage and fertilization

Use case & customers

 Indoor farmers can boost revenue by over 25% while reducing emissions, water usage, and mineral waste in fertilization by detecting plant diseases, minimizing crop losses, and optimizing fertilization

Similar Companies

- **Biointelligenza** (2016, Accelerator (Undisclosed), Cycle Momentum)
- Squarefruit (2013, Accelerator (undisclosed), IDEA Labs)

Business Overview

 Operates in controlled environment agriculture, using plant science, machine learning, and robotics to grow sustainable vegetables

Use case & customers

 Amazon is selling leafy greens from Hippo Harvest, to their Amazon Fresh online customers and in selected markets in San Francisco

Similar Companies

- Eden Towers (2019, Angel (\$1.10M), Tara Management and other)
- Fieldless (2017, Series A (\$19.73M), Forage Capital Partners and other)

Hippo Harvest

Search Field	AgTech, Climate Tech, CleanTech
Location	Half Moon Bay, USA
Year Founded	2019
Funding	\$13.00M (Series A)
Last Round	\$11.00M (02/2021)
Investor	Amazon, Climate Pledge and Energy Impact Partners
Website	<u>hippoharvest.com</u>

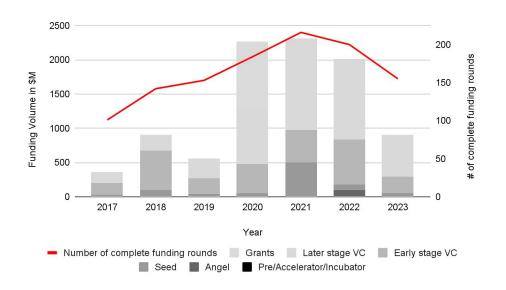
AgTech

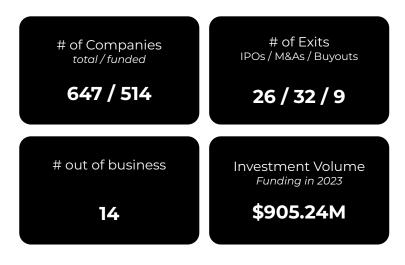


Advanced Manufacturing

How will Robots enable us to manufacture goods more efficiently?

Steep increase in investment in manufacturing robotics in 2020 and 2021, now facing slight decline







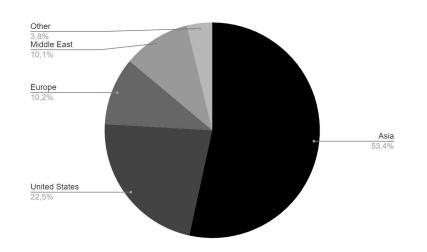




Asia clearly dominates the Advanced Manufacturing segment receiving over half the investment volume

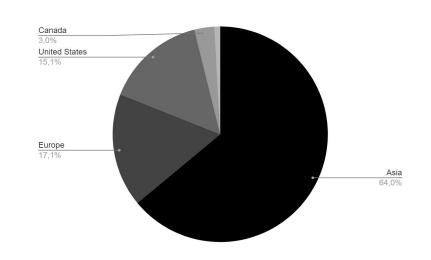
Capital Invested by Global Region

by region in %



Deal Count by Global Region

by region in %



Take-away

APAC region with the **highest investments** as it accounts for nearly **48.5% of the worldwide** manufacturing **output**.

Take-away

In manufacturing, disruptive technologies could increase profit margins and lower costs, creating up to \$45 billion of annual economic impact in ASEAN by 2030.

Major Investments in the Manufacturing robotics segment

Business Model

Investors

Investment Stage



Bright Machines develops automation software that assists businesses in meeting manufacturing demands. Their software utilizes AI, machine learning, and production data to create adaptable, sensor-rich robots with computer vision.

Eclipse Ventures, Silicon Valley Bank, Hercules Capital BDC and other

\$132.00M Series B



Creates an **Al-based software for the robotics industry, supporting the development, deployment, and maintenance of autonomous machines** in various commercial applications, facilitating the creation of robots that navigate safely and efficiently in indoor public spaces.

SoftBank Investment Advisers, Qualcomm Ventures, Herkules Capital and other

\$114.00M Series C



Develops **robotic systems for industrial automation**, utilizing embedded computer vision to handle complex, unstructured environments and perform a variety of tasks while ensuring safe collaboration with humans, thereby **enhancing industrial process automation** and efficiency.

Meituan, New Hope Group, and Zizhu Xiaomiao PE, Yunfeng Capital and other

\$100.00M Series B



Al-based machine vision solutions for intelligent manufacturing, manufactures advanced materials for semiconductor production and drug development, and provides manufacturing robots. They address technical gaps in the domestic semiconductor industrial robot field.

Cowin Capital, CMB International Capital, Tianma Bearing Group Company and other

\$92.53M Later Stage



Autonomous mobile robots for manufacturing, warehousing, logistics, and material handling. Seegrid offers smart robotics solutions, including autonomous industrial vehicles and enterprise software, to enhance throughput. safety, and labor cost efficiency for clients.

Giant Eagle, Leaders Fund, Plug & Play, Carnegie Mellon

\$149.03M PE Growth

Top 10 Investors by Deal Count

Investor Name	Deal Count	HQ Location	Notable Portfolio Companies
PLUGANDPLAY	29	USA	Flexiv, Seegrid, Grabit
SUSV	22	USA	Surface RoboPilot
Innovate UK	21	UK	Rivelin Robotics, Insphere, Q-Bot
Lenovo	16	China	Elite Robot, Atomrobot, Direct Drive Tech
真。	16	China	FAIR Intelligent, Han
IDG Capital	15	China	Golytec Automation, Youibot Robots
XAH	14	China	Surface RoboPilot
HONG SHAN 红 杉 投 资	13	China	Mech-Mind, Unitree, We-i-Build Technology
NSP	13	USA	Soft Robotics, AMBOTS, Love Park Robotics
P MORE	12	China	Lv Zhou Technology, Matrixtime, Xinehebot





Manufacturing

Search Field Advanced Manufacturing, Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning, Robotics and Drones Location Gilching, DE Year Founded **Funding** \$0.06M (Accelerator) **Last Round** \$0.06M (02/2022) Investor ESA Business Incubation Centre Bavaria Website

Business Overview

• Technology developer which uses AI, ML and robotics to improve human skills. Enables skilled workers to work alongside robots. initially for industrial-scale interior surface coating, with potential for other applications that offer increased efficiency, improved user experience and cost savings for customers.

Use case & customers

• Their Robot NOVA-S is an affordable and user-friendly Spraybot designed to automate painting processes, streamlining daily tasks with ease.

Similar Companies

- ANYbotics (2016, Series B (\$71,90M), Walden Catalyst, NGP Capital and others)
- Sensyn Robotics (2015, Later Stage (\$32.88M), Eneos Innovation Partners & others)

• Creates automated welding machines that cut metal faster and more efficiently. Their technology is designed for straight-cut pipes, flanges, collars, and bends, reducing welding time and safeguarding workers from back pain and toxic welding smoke.

Use case & customers

• Their WeldingDroid X2, an efficient 4-axis welding robot for pipes and tanks, has revolutionized pipe welding by simplifying the process for welders, enhancing efficiency, quality, and cost savings with each weld.

Similar Companies

- S-T Intelligence (2021, Series A (Undisclosed), TFTR Investment)
- Fynbo Technology (2020, Early Stage (\$0.12M), Undisclosed)

WoldingDroid

Weldingbiola	
Search Field	Automated Welding Advanced Manufacturing, Robotics and Drones
Location	Vejen, DK
Year Founded	2019
Funding	\$0.91M (Early Stage)
Last Round	\$0.31M (12/2021)
Investor	Thomas Jensen, Jacob Risgaard, Guerilla capital
Website	weldingdroid.com

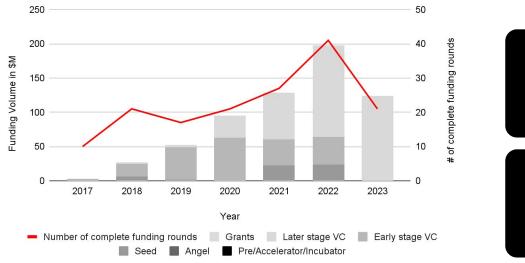
Automated Welding



Mining

How will Robots be used in the mining industry?

Steady increase in Mining Robotics investments with highest investment peak to date in 2022



of Companies total/funded

149 / 87

out of business

12

of Exits IPOs / M&As / Buyouts

2 / 24 / 3

Investment Volume Funding in 2023

\$123.62M







Major Investments in the Mining Robotics segment

Business Model

Investors

Investment Stage



Develops intelligent automated vehicles using cloud-connected automation technology, machine learning, and machine vision to enhance raw material transportation and prevent accidents, offering cost reduction and process automation solutions for the mining industry.

CHN Energy, Hefei Industry Investment Group and other

\$58.02M Series C2



Specializes in **cloud-based intelligent autonomous driving technology** for **mining and construction**, with a **focus on creating a robust training data and R&D ecosystem** to enhance the quality of autonomous car systems and establish a cloud-based autonomous driving ecosystem.

CICC Capital, Yuexiu Financial Holdings, BOC International

\$47.04M Series C



Industrial drone services for civil engineering and mine surveying, facility inspections, aerial photography, data analysis, and operation management, to both domestic and international markets, facilitating efficient infrastructure project collation, analysis, and interpretation.

Tokyu Land, Kyushu Electric Power, Seika, Mitsui & Company, SBI Investment and other

\$45.74M Series B



Drone technology, including the Hovermap platform, for mapping and inspecting underground assets like mines, using LiDAR and autonomous flight capabilities to provide valuable operational insights and safety assessments to the mining industry.

Perennial Partners (Funds and Trusts), TELLUS Ventures, Archangel Ventures and other

\$25.58M Series A



Develops intelligent industrial drone and UAV systems for low-altitude and ground-level mining, offering sustainable UAVs with advanced analytics capabilities for applications in urban mapping, security, oil and gas, port operations, and logistics, serving various industries.

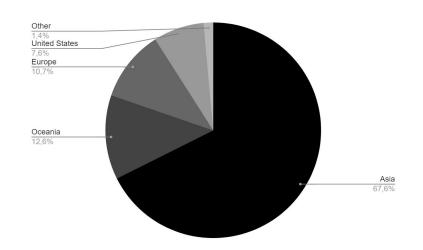
SIP Joinne MingYuan Venture Capital, Hongtai Capital Holdings, Oriental Fortune Capital and other

\$25.32 Series B

Asian and Oceanian regions, led by China, spearhead investments in Mining Robotics

Capital Invested by Global Region

by region in %

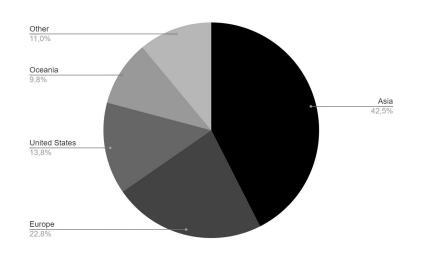


Take-away

Global Mining **corporate Rio Tinto** and a **vast amount** of **minerals** and **resources** is driving capital towards Oceania.

Deal Count by Global Region

by region in %



Take-away

European university spin outs and early stage robotics companies are raising several smaller rounds.

Top 10 Investors by Deal Count

Investor Name	Deal Count	HQ Location	Notable Portfolio Companies
BLACKBIRD	5	USA	Propeller
	5	USA	Carnegie Robotics
Costanoa Ventures	4	USA	Propeller
SÚSV	4	USA	CONSTRA, Tumi Robotics
HINA	4	China	Scage, Tsingsens, Waytous
Y Combinator	4	USA	Impossible Metals, TransAstra
500	3	USA	Propeller, MightFly
ACCEL* PARTNERS	3	USA	Propeller
▲ Alumni Ventures	3	USA	Kodama Systems, Ghost Robotics
Baidu.venture 百度风投	3	China	Airlook

Deep Sea

Mining

Search Field

Year Founded

Funding \$0.03M (Accelerator) **Last Round** \$0.03M (10/2022)

OuantumTX Investor

Website



Mining

Business Overview

• Develops Al-controlled robots for performing complex tasks in harsh and unpredictable environments, including deserts, deep mines, oceans, and moon craters, ensuring safety and efficiency while enabling innovative research and industrialization on Earth and beyond..

Use case & customers

• Can be used for space applications that use Al-based control systems to **perform tasks** in unpredictable environments where remote control is not possible. .

Similar Companies

- OffWorld (2016, Seed (\$4.00M), Starbridge Venture Capital and others)
- Space Tango (2014. Secondary Transaction (\$0.77M). Scalable Ventures and others)

Business Overview

• Develops underwater robotic vehicles that collect battery metals from the seabed. using multiple high-speed manipulators to gather nodules individually and remaining buoyant above the seafloor, facilitating sustainable **seabed harvesting** without habitat destruction.

Use case & customers

• "Pick and place" manipulator technology for environmentally friendly deep-sea polymetallic nodule harvesting • Minimizing disturbance to sediment and seafloor ecosystems while offering scalability and cost-effectiveness..

Similar Companies

- Meitai Marine (2015, Later Stage VC (\$2.77M), Royalpower Investment)
- Global Sea Mineral Resources (2012, Corporate (Undisclosed), Transocean)

Impossible Metals

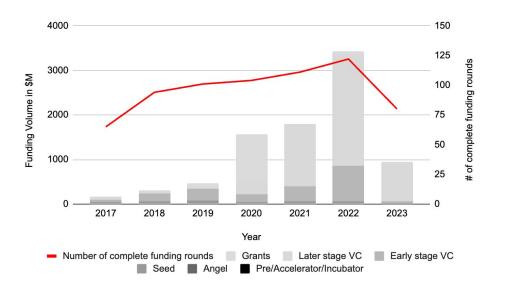
Search Field	CleanTech, Robotics and Drones
Location	Pasadena, CA
Year Founded	2020
Funding	\$10.60M (Seed)
Last Round	\$10.10M (05/2022)
Investor	Y Combinator, Soma Capital Fund, Chalet.vc, and others
Website	<u>impossiblemetals.com</u>

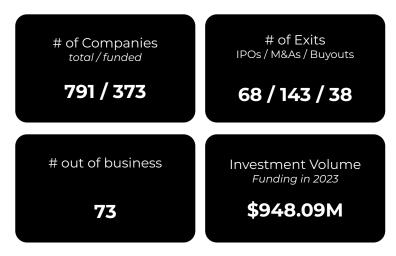


Aerospace & Defense

Will Robots help defend democracies?

Investments in Robotics for Aerospace & Defense peaked in 2022 though mega round invested in Anduril











Major Investments in the Aerospace & Defense segment

Business Model

Investors

Investment Stage



Defense technology company that uses virtual and augmented reality algorithms, computer vision, sensors, optics, and automation to address critical challenges in the national security sector, helping clients enhance surveillance and defense capabilities to effectively tackle security issues.

Valor Equity Partners, Spur Capital Partners and others \$1.48B Series E



Developer of a first response application that augments reality on high-speed platforms such as drones and cars, enhancing military and emergency operations by overlaying immersive three-dimensional visuals on live videos from fast-moving cameras.

United States Air Force

\$950.00M Grant



Intelligent Unmanned Drone, Precision Guided Weapons and Unmanned Defence Systems company. Focusing on unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) to expand unmanned combat systems and promote the integration and development of unmanned equipment within the military.

Aero Engine Corporation of China, Shangqi Capital China Poly Group and others

\$537.53M Series A



Company which develops specialised drones for air transport, including unmanned military helicopters and general aviation engines, to support national defence, combat smuggling by customs, inspect the power grid and monitor disasters to improve aviation support in various industries.

Sen Gong Investment Corp, Heilongjiang New industry Investment group, Keli Capital and others

\$290.26M Series D



Developer of an Al-based drone technology for autonomous systems that enhance mission capabilities, from room clearance to air defense penetration, using integrated Al frameworks and data management, speeding up product development workflows.

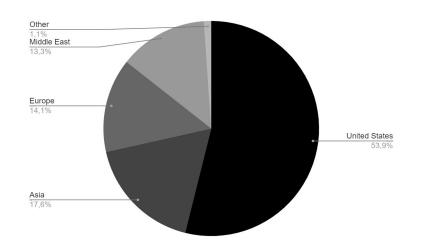
Snowpoint Ventures and US Innovative Technology Fund, SVB Capital and others

\$225.00M Series E

USA and Asia lead Defense Robotics investments with major funding in Anduril

Capital Invested by Global Region

by region in %

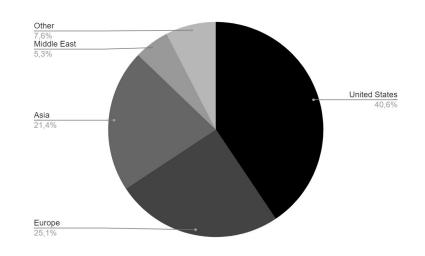


Take-away

Anduril's \$1.48 billion round largely **distorts the funding distribution** so that US is in first place at over 50% of invested capital.

Deal Count by Global Region

by region in %



Take-away

Government entities, including NASA and the US Department of Defense, play a **pivotal role** in funding aerospace and defense technology sectors.

Top 10 Investors by Deal Count

Investor Name	Deal Count	HQ Location	Notable Portfolio Companies
	50	USA	Velontra, Drone Express, ResCon Technologies
NASA	27	USA	TransAstra, Astrobotic, Veelo Technologies
techstars_	23	USA	ConeLabs, F-Drones, SicDrone
DRONE FUND	16	Japan	AVSS, Liberaware, FaroStar
8VC	12	USA	Epirus, Anduril, Edgybees
ANDREESSEN HOROWITZ	12	USA	Anduril, ShieldAl, SkySafe
European Commission Horizon 2020 European Union funding for Research & Innovation	12	Belgium	Defuor Airspace, Palur, Sky-Watch
₩ ST/\RBURST	12	USA	F-Drones, RED 6
Y Combinator	12	USA	Skyways, TransAstra, Iris Automation
Innovate UK	11	UK	Barnard Microsystems, Vizgard

ARX Landsysteme

Search Field	Aerospace and Defense
Location	Munich, DE
Year Founded	2021
Funding	\$1.24M (Seed)
Last Round	\$1.24M (09/2023)
Investor	Project A Ventures
Website	arx-landsysteme.de



Defense

Business Overview

 Defense technology systems manufacturer specialized in creating autonomous unmanned systems and sensors for the European defense sector, to support NATO armies and civilian first responders in addressing critical challenges

Use case & customers

 ARX's robotics solutions find applications in military and civilian sectors, enhancing safety, productivity, and mission efficiency for Western democracies.

Similar Companies

- Rovenso (2013, Bankrupt (\$3.08M), Hax, SOSV, Venture Kick, Nivalis Group and others)
- Boston Dynamics (1992, Acquired (\$880M), Hyundai)

_ Business Overview

 Develops terrestrial robots, specializing in Atrax, an EOD robot designed to enhance safety and prevent loss of life for military and security forces by accessing tight spots, defusing IEDs, and demining areas

- Use case & customers

 The robots can be used in versatile fire-fighting, for high-risk areas, facilitating efficient firefighting through multi-mission capabilities, electric power, and remote control via digital tablets

Similar Companies

- Aerodrive Engineering Services (2017, Early Stage (Undisclosed), UM6P Ventures)
- Aereo (2013, Later Stage (\$2.17M), Navam Capital and others)

Shark Robotics

Search Field	Aerospace and Defense
Location	La Rochelle, FR
Year Founded	2016
Funding in \$ Mn.	\$12.08M (Later Stage)
Last Round	\$10.49M (12/2022)
Investor	Move Capital, Ocean Participations
Website	shark-robotics.com

Defense

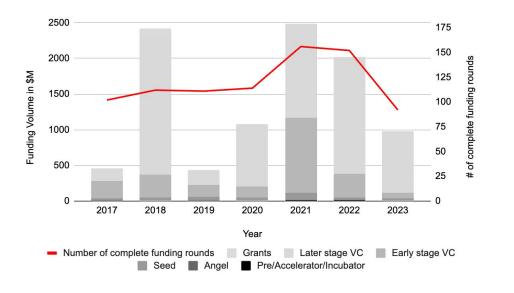
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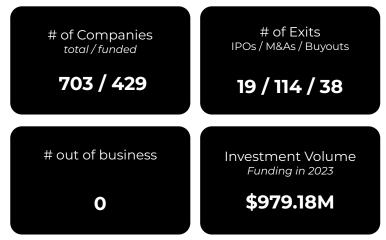
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Mobility

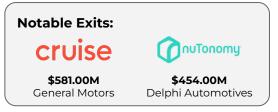
Will robots revolutionize transportation and redefine the way of delivery services?

Mobility: Leading the Funding Race with a Peak of \$2.49B in 2021





Notable Corporates:
Uber Alphabet





Major Investments in the Mobility robotics segment

Business Model

Investors

Investment Stage



Developer of self-driving technology for on-demand rides, employing integrated sensors and AI to detect pedestrians, cyclists, vehicles, and road conditions, ensuring a safe and enjoyable autonomous travel experience.

Mubadala Capital-Ventures, Silver Lake and CPP Investments. Alphabet and others

\$5.50B Series B



Developer of a fully autonomous, on-road vehicle designed to transform local commerce through autonomous delivery. The company develops and operates a fleet of electric and fully autonomous vehicles.

Alphabet, GV, Kroger, Softbank, Greylock Partners, and others

\$2.13B Secondary Transaction



Horizon Robotics focuses on energy-efficient computing solutions for advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) and autonomous driving (AD). working with partners to develop low-power hardware and open software tools, fostering a smart vehicle ecosystem.

EOT. Cherv Automobile. Aplpha Win Capital. Eastern Epic Capitals and others

\$1.90B Series D



Developer of autonomous driving technology that uses Al and algorithms to perceive a vehicle's surroundings, predict driver actions, and enhance vehicle functionality and safety for manufacturers.

Tovota Motor. Teachers' Venture Growth, Plua & Play Tech Center, Sequoia Capital China and others

\$1.09B Series D



Developer of advanced driver assistance and autonomous driving applications that employ AI and computer vision algorithms to generate precise 3D environment models for safe navigation.

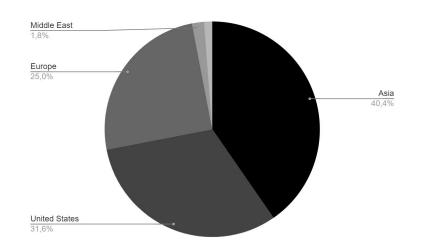
Fidelity Investments Canada, Go Capital, UI Investissement. BDC Capital and others

364.31M PIPE

Regional Dynamics in Mobility Robotics Investments: EU and Asia Lead in Deal Count, Asia and USA in Capital Investments

Capital Invested by Global Region

by region in %

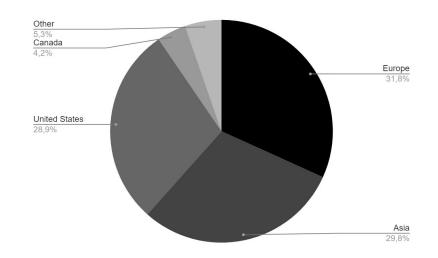


Take-away

Asia with 40.4% and the United States with 31,6% dominate capital investments in mobility robotics, reflecting significant financial support and innovation in these regions.

Deal Count by Global Region

by region in %



Take-away

Europe, holding 31.8% emerges amongst Asia, holding 29,8%, as the two largest investor regions in terms of deal count, signalling substantial investments and interest in mobility robotics

Top 10 Investors by Deal Count

Investor Name	Deal Count	HQ Location	Notable Portfolio Companies
PLUGANDPLAY	29	USA	TOM Robotics, Imperium Drive, Ottonomy
	25	USA	Fortem Technologies, Near Earth Autonomy
NST	21	USA	Atom Limbs, Aura Intelligent Systems,
Innovate	20	UK	DMTech, Urban-Air Port, Volant Autonomy
SUSV	18	USA	Vertiq
techstars_	16	USA	Alba Robot, sees.ai, Airspace Link
HONGSHAN 》 红 杉 投 资	13	China	MakeBlock, YouiBot Robotics
bpifrance	11	France	Tesseract Solution, Exote, Wyca Robotics
DRONE FUND	11	Japan	Eight Knot, SORA Technology, FaroStar
HAX	10	China	Vertiq

Hypr	
Search Field	AI & ML, Mobility Tech, Robotics and Drones
Location	San Francisco, USA
Year Founded	2021
Funding	\$15.55M (08/2022)
Last Round	\$5.55M (Seed)
Investor	Blackbird Ventures, R7, Andrew Forrest
Website	<u>hypr.ai</u>

HYPR

Mobility

Business Overview

• Hypr is developing autonomous mobility systems that utilize artificial intelligence **robotic systems** to master their environments in real-time without the need for human instruction or supervision, ultimately facilitating the development of autonomous mobility products

Use case & customers

• AVs can use Hypr's robotic systems with artificial intelligence to learn and adapt to their environment in real time, allowing them to navigate safely and efficiently without constant human intervention

Similar Companies

- RoboTech Vision (2013, Unfunded)
- Spiri Robotics (2013, Seed (\$1.00M), Undisclosed Investor)

Business Overview

• Ottonomy offers contactless delivery services through autonomous robots with advanced navigation, sensor integration, and cloud-based monitoring, benefiting retailers and restaurants by automating safe and efficient deliveries

Use case & customers

- Partnership with Goggo Network and **Posten Norge**
- Improves intra-logistics for city center postal services and performs first-mile pick-ups and deliveries

Similar Companies

- Starship (2014, Series B (\$128.20M), 10X Capital, EIB & others)
- Clearpath Robotics (2009, Acquired (Undisclosed), Rockwell Automation)

Ottonomy

Search Field	Mobility Tech, Robotics and Drones, SaaS
Location	New York, USA
Year Founded	2019
Funding	\$4.62M (04/2023)
Last Round	\$3.34M (Seed)
Investor	Plug and Play Tech Center, ADR Ventures, Inventus Law
Website	<u>ottonomy.io</u>

Mobility





SUMMARY

Programming of robots by non-technical staff through low-code programming applications and demonstration learning.

Startups concentrate more and more on self-contained industry applications, e.g. robots developed specifically for warehouses, medical procedures, agriculture & construction sites.

SUMMARY

Robot-as-a-Service business models are promising for early-stage, but require large upfront investments as they are asset intensive.

Development of the operating & software system market not yet decided. Expected to develop similar like mobile operating system market.

M&A dominant exit strategy compared to IPO, because of needs for solution integration, alignment with key distributors and integrators, sales and (after-sales) services (for hardware).

SUMMARY

Collaborative robots and generally intelligent robots require enhanced vision, perception and reasoning systems as well as cognitive Al.

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