

Private Capital Pulse

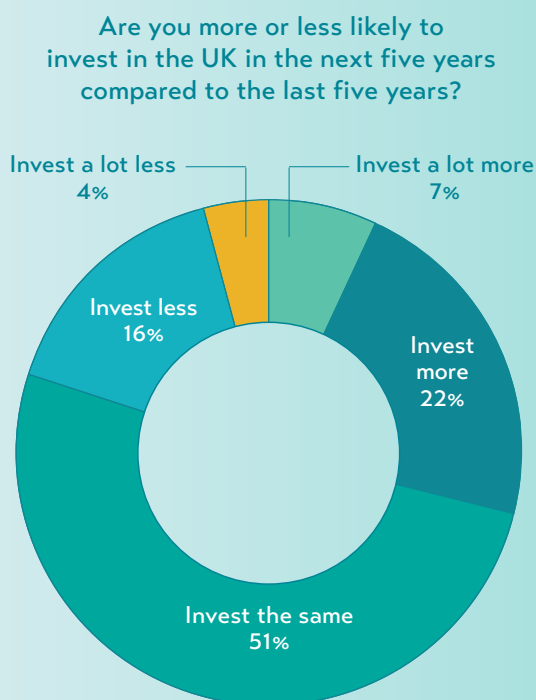
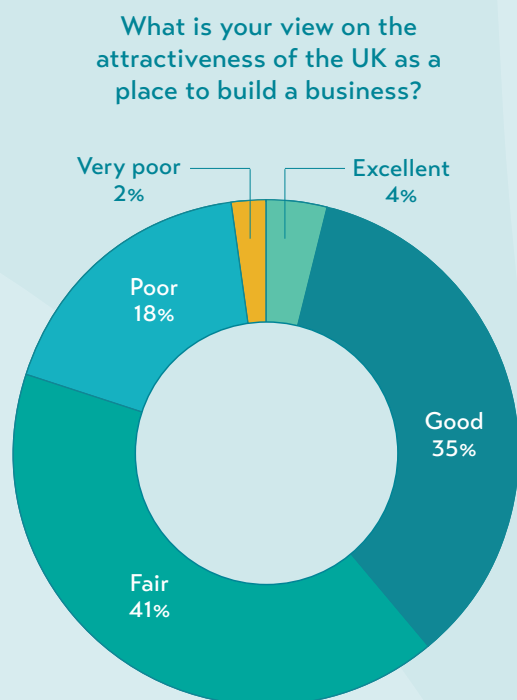
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Private Capital Pulse is a biannual survey of private capital investment firms run by the BVCA, the trade body for private capital in the UK.

In every survey, we ask our members how they are feeling about the UK economy, their investment plans in the UK and how the UK compares to other countries as an investment prospect. We also ask some topical questions. For this edition we wanted to understand what investors saw as the most significant determinants of the UK being an attractive place to invest and to get a feel for the number of prospective IPOs over the coming year.

Investment in the UK

Private capital investors believe the UK remains an attractive place to invest. Four in ten (39%) of those surveyed view the UK as a good or excellent place to build a business compared to just one in five (20%) who state the UK is not an attractive investment destination.



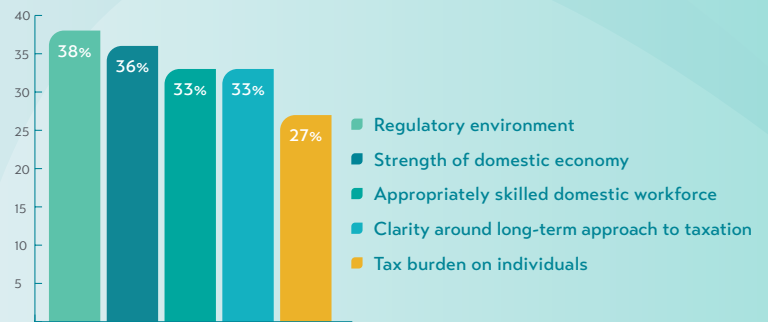
Note: figures may not sum to 100% due to rounding

A balance of investors expects to increase their investment in the UK in the coming five years, with 29% likely to invest more compared to 20% who expect to reduce their investment.

Investment in the UK cont.

Asked what determines whether the UK is an attractive place to invest, a strong domestic economy, clarity around long-term approach to taxation, the regulatory environment and an appropriately skilled domestic workforce were the most commonly cited factors.

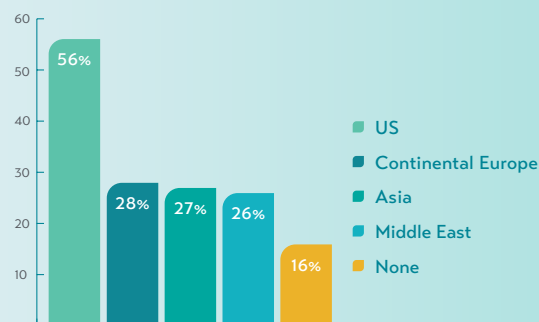
What are significant determinants of the UK being an attractive place to invest in businesses?



Competition from overseas

More than half of respondents (56%) consider the US as a more attractive investment destination compared to the UK, while for 16% there is no better place for investments than the UK.

In comparison to the UK, which jurisdictions are more attractive investments prospects over the next five years?



IPO Watch



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When asked where these companies may seek to list, the US is the most popular destination under consideration, being considered by 26 private capital firms. The UK is seen as a more popular option than the rest of Europe, which is under consideration by 11 firms.

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The number of investment firms are considering an IPO for a business they have invested in during the next 12 months, representing a third of the firms responding to the survey.

About the Private Capital Pulse survey

The BVCA surveyed over 85 senior decision makers in private equity and venture capital firms between 13th August and 4th September 2025.

Survey respondents invest across the whole of the UK and at all stages of the private capital investment lifecycle - ranging from seed stage venture capital investors up to large private equity firms. Respondents included investment firm founders / partners, investment directors, finance teams and investor relations professionals.

About the British Private Equity & Venture Capital Association

The British Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (BVCA) is the industry body and public policy advocate for the private equity (PE) and venture capital (VC) (private capital) industry in the UK. With a membership of over 600 firms, the BVCA represents UK-based private capital, as well as the wider ecosystem of professional advisers and investors. The private equity and venture capital industry has a vital role to play in driving national and regional growth. Currently almost 13,000 companies, employing more than 2.5 million people, are backed by private equity and venture capital investment in the UK.