





Russian Venture Capital Market Overview 2015

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Foreword



Looking back at the year 2015, we can't but feel that we said bye to perhaps the worst year in the short but effervescent history of Russia's VC market. On the one hand, the year brought a substantial sag in investment; on the other, it accentuated the reluctance on the part of portfolio holders to show a knee jerk reaction to the slump, hence a near-negligible number of exits.

Investors had more than enough grounds for wariness, and even fear. The national currency shed most of its pre-crisis value; the oil prices experienced a giant nosedive; the political standoff between Russia and the West showed no sign of easing; and on top of all that, it was uncertainty regarding the rules of the game and the government's role in the VC market that weighed down on investors. Amid endless changes in budgetary priorities the Cabinet could have simply forgotten about the market.

Direct government investments shrank indeed. However, the regulators did reach out to VC market players in spite of that. They moved to streamline—perhaps not across the board yet—the participation of corporates in the support of start-ups and their technologies. Viewing big business as a customer of domestic technology led to the launch of a new corporation-focused program within GenerationS, the largest acceleration initiative by RVC, Russia's fund of funds for innovation.

The most recent government decision compelling 90 biggest Russian state-owned companies to purchase high tech solutions from small and medium-sized businesses has fueled hopes for recovery to come, showing the key players that the regulators are not turning their back on the market even in the face of the current crisis.

Bloomberg put Russia on its list of the world's 15 most innovative countries in 2015, commending Russia for a multitude of high tech companies registered here. That means that Russia's heading, at least quantitatively for now, for certain critical mass of bright minds supporting the national venture market. A quantitative increase in the number of tech-focused start-ups, if sustained, may—in agreement with a rule of physics—give rise to a major qualitative improvement of the technologies the start-ups develop.

And this brings optimism as we look deeper into the year 2016, because it's no secret that the quality of today's pre-seed stage technologies out of Russia often falls short of investors' expectations, forcing many angel investors to stay out biding their time.

In our previous quarterly reports we underscored that in spite of the overwhelming odds the VC market had not ceased to toil for survival and further development in 2015. Many Russian start-up projects are plainly undervalued following the devaluation of the ruble, and project teams can't but realize that technologies focused exclusively on the domestic market are just hopeless; and all this provides a strong enough foothold for the VC market to regain momentum.

Yours sincerely,

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About RMG Partners

RMG Partners is an independent Russian investment company. In 20 years of work the Company has built an impeccable reputation among clients and professional market players as a reliable partner.

RMG Partners provides Russian and foreign companies with a wide range of services in the field of venture capital investments:

- search for promising target assets;
- capital raising, including government or private offerings;
- search for strategic investors and support to M&A deals;
- support for venture projects, including strategy development and steps to boost capital-raising potential;
- recommendations on deal structure and financing methods. Analysis and discussion of deal terms and conditions, as well as due diligence.

RMG Partners is an active member of the National Association of Alternative Investors (NAURAN). NAURAN is a non-profit partnership created to draw attention to the market of direct and venture capital investments in Russia, to form a favorable legal environment, to assist in fund raising and promote the Russian investment market on the international scene.







Russia's VC Market in Two-minute Rundown

2015 Stats 2014 Stats	Number	of deals	deals		Average		Investor structure
Seed	↓	128 274	↓	32 169	1	0.3 0.3	
Start-up	1	101 74	↓	79 175	↓	1 2	
Growth	1	24 24	↓	67 163	↓	3 3	
Expansion	↓	22 30	¥	183 249	1	9 9	
Maturity	1	3 2	↓	4 32	↓	2 16	
Total	↓	297 436	↓	383 788	1	3 1	
Exits	↓	4 29 Number	Valu	11 222 ue, \$Mio			Seed A B





2015 saw a y-o-y decline of more than 30% in the number of deals, with the downward trend unchallenged for six straight quarters. Investment values were halved over the course of the year.

The lion's share of investment in 2015 came to teams that develop Internet for B2C focused projects. On top of those, projects in ecommerce, followed by technologies for marketing and advertising, remained the second and third most attractive venture areas for investors, respectively. Biotech and industrial tech developments kept raising some red flags for the investor community.

Of all investor categories, private funds played first fiddle—although their contribution was not so weighty as before. The shrinking of the once deep investor pockets told primarily on seed-stage projects.

Following companies' loss of value even in the dollar terms, many investors elected to stash away their plans for exits until better times. Nonetheless, some signs materialized over the year of a new trend for an increase in investor exits inside Russia.

Russia's leading government-initiated start-up acceleration programs opened much broader the doors to partners from the corporate world.

At the seed and start-up stages, angel investors' contribution even surpassed that in 2014; however, their overall role is still short of expectations.

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VC Market Overview



Source: RMG partners

As many expected, 2015 didn't end up being a year of transaction quantity in venture investing. It didn't turn out to be a year of investment quality, either. Against the backdrop of a 35% contraction in the number of deals (278 vs. 436 a year before, with the downward trend persisting for six straight quarters) we could see a 55% slump in the overall investment value. When comparing 4Q 2015 against 4Q 2014, we have to admit that the number of transactions was more than halved and the total investment value shriveled by an estimated 25%. If the former obviously was a trend that was solidifying over the 12 months, the latter clearly stands out to an analyst.

The shrinking of the once deep investor pockets affected primarily seed-stage projects. The year 2015 put many entrepreneurs to backbreaking test; few projects were ever funded. Investment deals dried up in numbers, shedding 50% of what the market had seen in 2014 and corroborating the trend that had first been noticed in early 2015. The project teams that had been spotted by investors received a pathetic 20% of the investment value other developers had raised a year before. The average investment amount barely changed from 2014.

At the growth and expansion stages the decline was clear but not devastating; however the startup stage saw a considerable decrease in investment value (with the average investment amount nearly halved); at the maturity stage, investments were downright negligible.

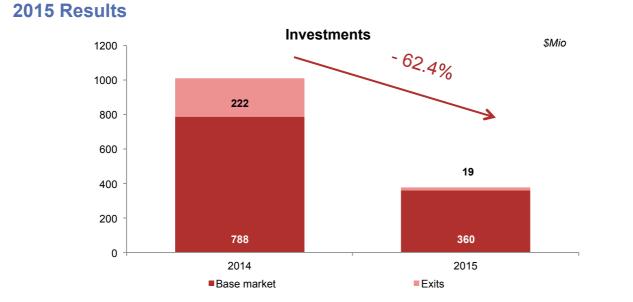
That said, at the end of the day we can see that the average investment amount unforeseeably doubled across the project stages — largely due to 4Q 2015 when the average investment actually skyrocketed by a stirring 22 times y-o-y.

Of all investor categories, private funds played first fiddle — although their contribution was not so weighty as before, and they were virtually invisible at the maturity stage. The lion's share of their investment in 2015 came to teams that develop Internet for B2C focused projects. On top of those, projects in e-commerce, followed by technologies for marketing and advertising, remained the second and third most attractive venture areas for investors, respectively.





Exits and Sizable Deals



Источник: RMG partners

Exits from mature projects were rare—a trend we first saw quarters before. In fact, they were near-extinct compared to the previous year. The number of exits contracted by seven times, and the total amount of money investors walked away with was a dazzling 22 (!) times smaller than in 2014. As before, most of the exits we did see were guided by negative factors (e.g., to stop loss or dump an asset to a competitor) rather than the success of an investor's strategies.

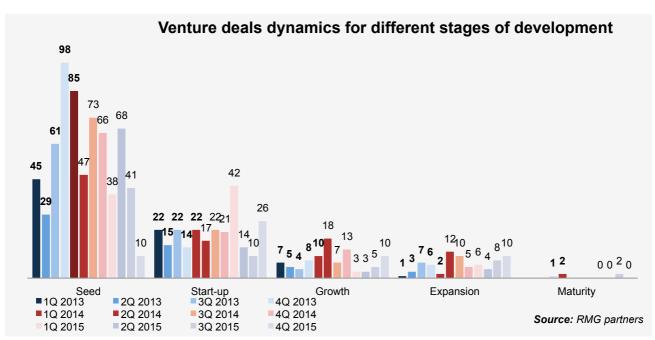
Over the course of the year sporadic exits by Russian investment funds from western start-ups were announced in an effort to secure a positive ROI in a foreign currency. However, following companies' loss of value even in the dollar terms, many investors elected to stash away their plans for exits until better times, in the hope of having the value reconsidered or an exchange rate adjusted enough to push dollar-denominated return to a level that would justify exit. For as long as the current situation persists, investors prefer keeping watch and ward.

Analysts expect privately held and government-owned domestic companies to emerge as new strategic players that bet on start-up buyouts directly from the founders (especially in software development, advertising, media and e-commerce). These may include anything from Rostelecom and other telcos to mobile operators, to biomed distributors and biotech developers such as Invitro, to huge holding companies like AFK, and others. Already last year market experts caught sight of new developments inside Russia presaging a likely increase in investor exits to come.

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Market Structure: Stages

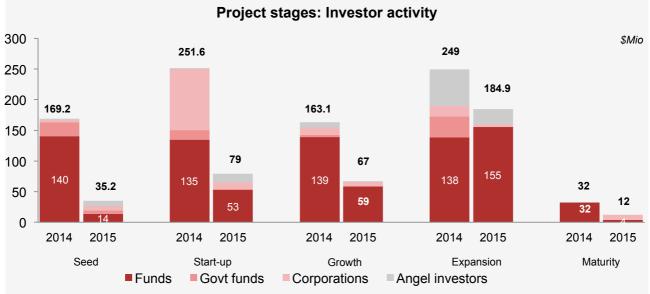


In our 3Q 2015 Report we dwelt upon the portents of a major structural crisis in relations between Russia's institutional investors, including the so-called development institutions, and private business over the co-funding of early-stage projects. One of the reasons is a fundamental gap between the two in goal setting and the perception of the ways of achieving the goals. For private business, clear understanding of which market a given technology project may serve best, if at all, is the key criterion in making investment decisions; for the government, it's a solid scientific component that determines a project's merit. What the government routinely fails to take into account is a scientist's inherent thirst for endless research. The activity of the Bortnik Fund, or FASIE, offers a good example. Researchers at universities-supposedly the largest source of new market-driven technology—found that 97% of projects that received grants from the Bortnik Fund under its START program are unable to raise co-funding from a private investor for the START-2 program extension. Private investors simply refuse to shell out their money to encourage infinite study of yet another "Higgs boson" with no market prospects whatsoever-in contrast to the Fund's persistent support of ever-deepening fundamental research in a direction set by the researcher rather than the market. This results in one of Russia's most influential government funds, which could become a perfect source of money for translational research on a developer's path to technology commercialization, inadvertently abusing its own passion for science and unintentionally getting developers to diverge from a winning course of action and in so doing miss their potential investors.





Market Structure: Stages



Source: RMG partners

It's funds that kept the VC market afloat last year—broadly in line with expectations but perhaps a bit less vigorously than before. They supported the lion's share of expansion projects, a stage where most of the risks associated with "adolescent ailments" in project development have already been removed, as well as start-up and growth stage projects. A slight increase in investment value from 2014 was only registered in expansion stage projects. At the earlier stages, private funds were not so energetic, curtailing their investment activity at the growth stage by 50%, at the start-up stage by 25%, and by a noticeable ten times at the seed stage. At maturity, they showed basically no sign of involvement at all. Government funds followed suit, leaving but a faint trace of presence across all the stages.

Corporations stepped up involvement considerably, leaving footprints with limited but appreciable investment amounts at stages from seed through growth, and also at maturity. One of the drivers was a number of new open innovation tools RVC, Russia's fund of funds for innovation, introduced last year to its three year old GenerationS acceleration program, thus substantially incentivizing industrial partners to jump in in search of young research teams capable of solving their pressing technology or business problems.

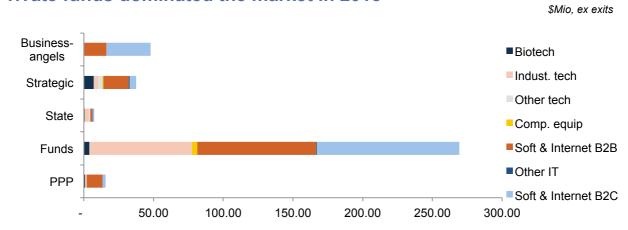
Angel investors were also noticeable enough, especially at the expansion stage (in money terms, though, the part they played at this stage was much humbler than a year before). At the seed and start-up stages, angel investors' contribution even surpassed that in 2014; however, their overall role is still short of expectations.



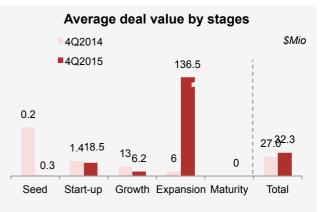


Market Structure: Investors

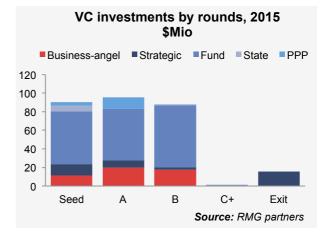
Private funds dominated the market in 2015



What has yet to be addressed is the problem of a missing link between the developer and the private investor. If in the U.S., for example, the importance of proof of concept at the pre-seed stage has hardly ever been challenged over the past 20 years, in Russia proof of concept centers are still a rarity. When speaking to investors, developers, in their majority, cannot use the language of finance and market, and indulge in their science talk instead-causing angel investors to bow out of such talks. Projects that have gone through at least some initial stages of translational research (predominantly at university-based tech transfer centers) raise much fewer red flags, and angel syndications are more widespread in an A funding round and up, where there's no more doubt about projects' business models. The "domestication" of the proof of concept model across Russian universities and an alliance of PoC centers under the umbrella of the already operational International Proof of Concept Association (IPOCA) with strong government backing (which is currently on the table in the Russian Cabinet) could carry the role of angel investors to new heights and help funds home in on the most commercially viable projects available.



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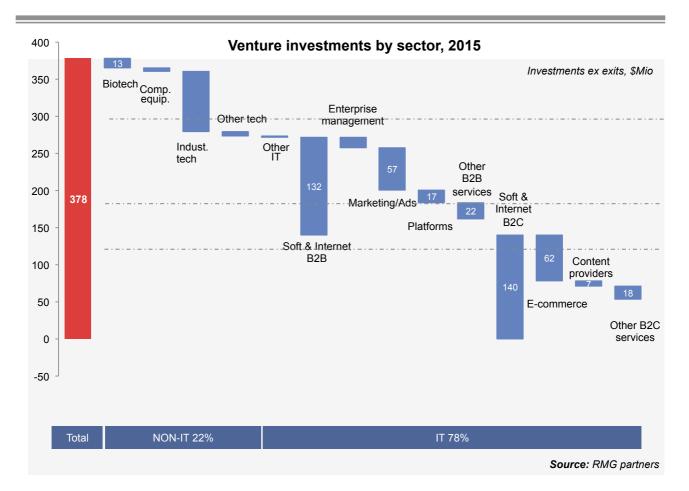




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Market Structure: Segments



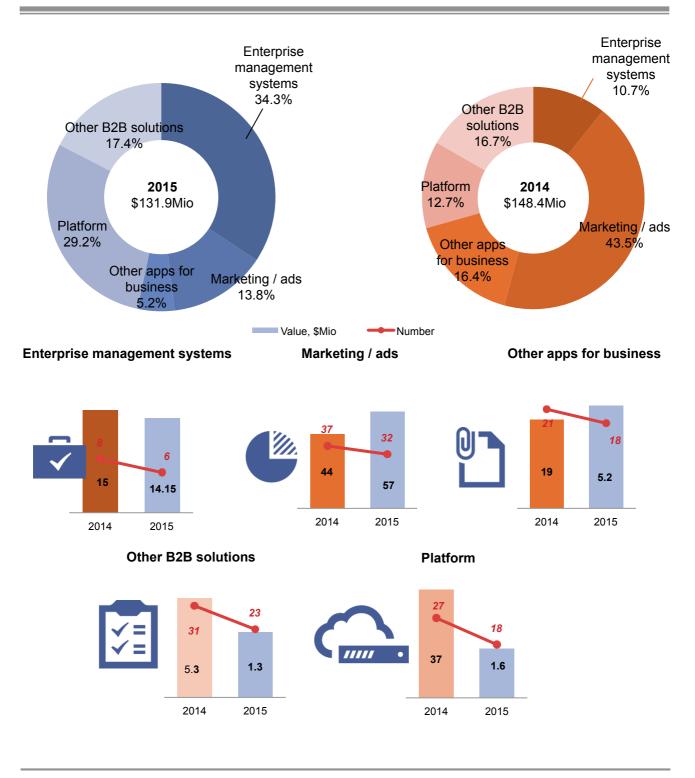
Investors' enthrallment with the Internet has hardly changed. There was little in both B2C and B2B segments of the IT market which analysts could call "out of the ordinary." In the former, the Soft & Internet and E-commerce segments leapfrogged all others in investments raised to take a supreme lead; and in the latter, Soft & Internet also ended up being the most appealing segment, followed by Marketing / Ads.

Biotech and industrial tech projects kept raising some red flags for the investor community due to their long investment horizons and an alarming lack of unambiguous rules of the game in a market dominated by the government. That said, venture capitalists didn't skirt the industrial tech segment altogether last year, pumping a perceptible amount of money into it.



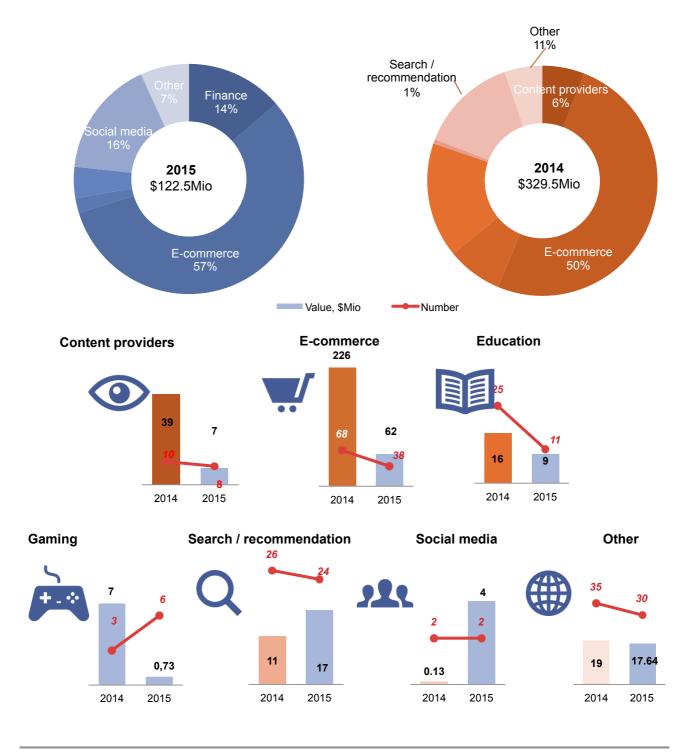


Software & Internet B2B





Software & Internet B2C





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Deals in 2015





N≌	Deal Date	Project	Investor	Investor Type	Deal Value, \$M	Company Developme nt Stage	Investment Round	Sector	Sub-sector
1		Optoguard Nanotech	Skolkovo	Ррр	1.23	Seed	Seed	Industrial_tech	Laser Tech
2	Jan	Anews	TMT Investments, Run Capital, 101startup	Private	2.7	Startup	C+	Software_internet_ b2c	Content Providers
3	Jan	Dental Cloud	Imperious Group	Private	0.047	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_ b2b	Platform/ Middleware
A	lan	Geocv	Starta Capital (0,03); Moscow Seed Fund (0,062)	Ррр	0.092	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_ b2c	Other B2C Internet Services/ Software
		Pinxter	Private Investors	Private	0.5	Expansion	A	Software_internet_ b2c	Search/
			Yandex					Software_internet_ b2b	Other B2B Software
		Ros.Taxi Postgresql	Anton Suschkevich	Corporate Angel	1.8 5	Expansion Expansion	A	Software_internet_ b2b	
		Box2box				Seed	Seed	Software_internet_ b2c	
			Qiwi	Corporate	0.5			Software_internet_	
		Rentmania Netology Group	Fasie Buran Venture Capital, Inventure Partners	Public Private	0.015 2.1	Startup Growth	Seed	b2c Software_internet_ b2c	Education
11		Energy Exploration Technology, Arkadiy Zlobinskiy	Fasie	Public	0.015	Seed	Seed	Industrial_tech	Other Industrial Tech
12		Med. Equipment Sterilizer, Sergey Kavetskiy	Fasie	Public	0.015	Seed	Seed	Biotechnology	Medical Equipment
		Laser Cutting And Welding, Vitaliy							
		Alekseenko Bicycle Security	Fasie	Public	0.015	Seed	Seed	lindustrial_tech Software_internet_	
14	Feb	System,		Public	0.4	Seed	Seed	b2c	Software
15	Feb	Big Data Analyzer DIRECTUAL	Fasie	Public	0.4	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_ b2b	Other Business Software
16		Virtual Reality Analyzer	Fasie	Public	0.4	Seed	Seed	Other_technologie s	Other_technolo gies
17	Feb	Ficus	Fasie	Public	0.4	Seed	Seed	Other_technologie s	Other_technolo gies
18	Feb	Rocketcallback	Private Investor	Angel	0.06	Startup	A	Software_internet_ b2b	Other B2B Software





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19	Feb	Robocv	I2BF Global	Private	3	Expansion	А	Industrial_tech	Robotics
20	Feb	Mamsy	Ru-net, Baring	Private	15	Expansion	A	Software_internet_b2c	E-commerce
21	Feb	Wicron	Ashmanov And Partners	Private	0.08	Startup	Seed	Industrial tech	Robotics
				Public					
22	Feb	Wicron	Skolkovo Fund	Drivete	0.08	Startup	Seed	Industrial_tech	Robotics
23	Feb	Netologia Group	Venture Capital, Inventure Partners	Private	2.1	Startup	C+	Software_internet_b2c	Education
24	Feb	Vse Evakuatoryi Rossii	Fasie	Public	0.02	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Other B2C Internet Services/ Software
25	Feb	Promoatlas	Fasie	Public	0.02	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Other B2C Internet Services/ Software
26	Feb	Tictag.Ru	Rostislav Kishenkov, Robot Food And Tech	Angel	0.6	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	E-commerce
27	Feh	Mobilitylab	lt	Private	3	Startup	A	Software_internet_b2b	Enterprise Management Software
		Bagazh Iz Ruk V Ruki	Alexandr Borodich, Bogdan Yarovoi, Private Investors	Angel	0.2	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Other B2B
29	Feb	Stealthy Messenger	Nikita Khalyavin	Angel	0.0001	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Social Media
		-		U U					
30	Feb	Adaperio	Rustam Baekenov	Angel	0.03	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	E-commerce Other B2C Internet Services/
31	Feb	Getintent	Altairvc	Private	0.4	Growth	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	
32	Feb	Poblizosti.Pro	Alexandr Timoshenko	Angel	0.2	Startup	А	Software_internet_b2c	E-commerce
			Bogdan, Yarovoyi, Igor Yatrovoi, Igor Kaloshin, Ilya		0.45				
33	⊦eb	Lobster	Mirochnik Oleg	Angel	0.15	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Social Media
34	Feb	Bigpicture	Zakharchenko	Angel	0.2	Growth	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Social Media
35	Feb	Avtoplanshet	IIDF, Microsoft Seed Fund	Public	0.04	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	
36	Feb	ASU Bankomatyi	lidf	Public	0.022	Startup	Seed	Other_technologies	Other_technologi es
37	Feb	Afk	IIDF, Microsoft Seed Fund	Public	0.04	Startup	Seed	Other_technologies	Other_technologi es
38	Feb	Ndflka	IIDF, Microsoft Seed Fund	Public	0.04	Startup	Seed	Other_technologies	Other_technologi es





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39	Feb	Bez Pyili	lidf	Public	0.022	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b 2c	E-commerce
40	Feb	Instruktor Po Pokupke Kvartir	lidf	Public	0.022	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b 2c	E-commerce
41	Feb	Moi Mechanik	lidf	Public	0.022	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b 2c	Search/ Recommendatio ns
42	Feb	Teledacha	IIDF, Microsoft Seed Fund	Public	0.04	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b 2c	Other B2C Internet Services/ Software
43	Feb	Yu-test	lidf	Public	0.022	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b 2c	Other B2C Internet Services/ Software
44	Feb	Appfollow	lidf	Public	0.022	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b 2b	Marketing/ Advertising
45	Feb	Dreamroomer	IIDF, Microsoft Seed Fund	Public	0.04	Startup	А	Software_internet_b 2c	E-commerce
46	Feb	Happycart	lidf	Public	0.022	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b 2c	E-commerce
47	Feb	Petshotel	IIDF, Microsoft Seed Fund	Public	0.04	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b 2c	E-commerce
48	Feb	Promarket	lidf	Public	0.022	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b 2c	E-commerce
49	Feb	Scrut	lidf	Public	0.022	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b 2b	Other B2B Software
50	Feb	Websemantics	IIDF, Microsoft Seed Fund	Public	0.04	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b 2b	Marketing/ Advertising
51	Feb	Odarennyie Deti	lidf	Public	0.022	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b 2c	Social Media
52	Feb	Qubequ	lidf	Public	0.022	Startup	А	Software_internet_b 2b	Other Business Software
53	Feb	Pressindex	lidf	Public	0.022	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b 2b	Other B2B Software
54	Feb	Strizh	lidf	Public	0.022	Startup	Seed	Computer_technolo gies_hardware	
55	Feb	Rentcar	lidf	Public	0.022	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b 2c	E-commerce
56	Feb	Robolanding	lidf	Public	0.022	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2b	Marketing/ Advertising
57	Feb	Kartadoma	lidf	Public	0.022	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b 2c	E-commerce
58	Feb	Ceramarketing	IIDF, Microsoft Seed Fund	Public	0.04	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b 2b	Marketing/ Advertising
59	Feb	Good Trade	lidf	Public	0.022	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b 2c	E-commerce
60	Feb	Teslawatch	IIDF, Microsoft Seed Fund	Public	0.04	Startup	Seed	Other_technologies	Other_technologi es





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61	Feb	IIS Eldis	IIDF, Microsoft Seed Fund	Public	0.04	Startup	Seed	Other_technologies	Other_technologies
62	Feb		lidf MCI Management,	Public	0.022	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b 2b	Marketing/Advertising
63	Mar	Oktogo	Mangrove Capital Partners, ABRT Venture Fund, Ventech	Private	5	Expansion	C+	Software_internet_b 2c	E-commerce
64	Mar	Ensol	Founders	Private	0.5	Startup	А	Industrial_tech	Power Supply Tech
65	Mar	Promeo		Private	0.018	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2c	Social Media
05	Iviai	FIUITED		Filvale	0.010	Seeu	Seeu		Other B2C Internet Services/
66	Mar	Helpmed		Private	1	Seed	Seed	2c – –	Software
67	Mar	Cartpay Co.	Fasie	Public	0.018	Seed	Seed	Industrial_tech	Other Industrial Tech
68	Mar	Cartpay Co.		Private	0.06	Seed	Seed	Industrial_tech	Other Industrial Tech
69	Mar	Socialkey Ads	Digital Society Laboratory	Corporate	3.5	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2b Software_internet_b	Marketing/Advertising
70	Mar	Promobit	Kamaflow	Private	0.2	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2b	Other B2B Software
71	Mar	Codeweb	Skolkovo	Public	0.33	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2b	Other B2B Software
72	Mar		Columbus Nova, Almaz Capital Partners, Simile, Venture Partners, LETA Capital, I2BF Global Ventures	Private	3.3	Startup	A	Software_internet_b 2b	Other B2B Software
73	Mar	Ticketscloud	2be.Lu Investment, Bogdan Yarovoiy	Private	0.3	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2b	Platform/Middleware
			Eco-innovations		0.414	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2b	Other Business Software
								Software_internet_b	
75	Mar	Trucker Path	Renren Doctornet.Pro, Alexander	Corporate	1.5	Startup	A	2c	Search/Recommendations
76	Mar	Wedvice	Vorobev, Vitaly Fridzon	Private	0.042	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2c	Other B2C Internet Services/ Software
77	Mar	Life.Film	Alexey Karlov	Angel	0.02	Seed	Seed	2c	Other B2C Internet Services/ Software
78	Mar	Smart Wi-fi		Private	0.07	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2b	Marketing/Advertising
79	Mar	Vseveda	Fasie	Public	0.018	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2c	Search/Recommendations
80	Mar	Mobiforce	Fasie	Public	0.018	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2b	Other Business Software





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81	Mar	Solomoto	Bloomberg Capital	Private	8	Startup	А	Software_internet_b2b	Platform/ Middleware
82	Mar	Baseride Technologies	Incuvest	Private	0.6	Seed	Seed	Other_it	Other_it
83	Mar	Installtracker		Angel	1	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Platform/ Middleware
84	Mar	Amsrus	The Untitled	Private	0.01	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	
		Tutzhdut Ediniy Medicinskiy	The Untitled	Private	0.01	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Other Business Software Search/ Recommendation
		Portal Chistaya Planeta	Venture Fund Of Promsvyazbank	Angel Corporate	0.3 0.025	Seed Seed	Seed Seed	Software_internet_b2c Industrial tech	s Other Industrial Tech
		RTM Diagnostika	Biofund RVK, Modernization And Technology Development	Ррр	0.717	Seed	A	Biotechnology	Diagnostics & Research
		-	Altair Capital, Almaz Capital	Private	0.6	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Other B2B Software
90	Mar	Payonline	Net Element International	Corporate	8.5	Mature	Exit	Software_internet_b2b	Other B2B Software
91	Apr	New Cloud Technologies*	Anton Cheglakov	Angel	9.5	Startup	A	Software_internet_b2b	Other Business Software
92	Apr	Group-ib	lidf	Public	4	Expansion	A	Software_internet_b2b	
93	Apr	Clickky	Itech Capital	Private	2	Startup	A	Software_internet_b2b	
94	Apr	Comindware	Angel, Skolkovo	Ррр	1.18	Startup	A	Software_internet_b2c	Other B2C Internet Services/ Software
95	Apr	Flowwow	Stanislav Kotomkin	Angel	0.08	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	E-commerce
96	Apr	Babytask	Vasily Voropaev Life.Sreda,	Angel	0.06	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Social Media
97	Apr	Scorista	Moscow Seed Fund	Ррр	0.24	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Finance
98	Apr	Sapato	Kupivip	Corporate	1	Mature	Exit	Software_internet_b2c	E-commerce
99	Apr	2do2go	Fasie	Public	0.225	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	
100	Apr	Wimark Systems	Skolkovo, Ruslan Smelyanskiy	Ррр	0.12	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	
		Digifabster	Angels	Angel	0.1	Seed	Seed	Other_technologies	Other_technologi es
102	Apr	Roster	Angels	Angel	0.25	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Social Media





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103	Apr	Polystock	Alexander Khripunov	Angel	0.1	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Other Business Software
104.	Apr	Encom Smart Panel	Fasie	Public	0.02	Seed		Computer_technologies_ hardware	Computers & Computer Systems
105	Apr	Little Gentrys	Maxim Faldin	Angel	2	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	E-commerce
106	Apr	Ibinom	Andrey Afanasiev	Angol	0.3	Stortup	Sood	Software internet ble	Other B2C Internet Services/ Software
100	Арг	IDINOM	Moscow Seed Fund, Pavel	Angel	0.3	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Soliware
107	Apr	Yaclass	Kovsharov	Ррр	0.24	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Education
108	Apr	Mediasync	Private Investors	Private	0.2	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Marketing/ Advertising
400	A	Maiaulaka	Moscow School Of Management Skolkovo, Fund Of	Drivete	0.014	Quad	Quart		Debetier
109	Apr	Visionlabs Wimark	Nubar Afeyan	Private	0.014	Seed	Seed	Industrial_tech	Robotics Other B2B
110	- Pr -	Systems**	Skolkovo	Public	0.094	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Software
111		ETB Catalytic Technology**	Skolkovo	Public	0.376	Startup	Seed	Industrial_tech	Other Industrial Tech
112		Vdm- technique**	Skolkovo	Public	0.466	Startup	Seed	Industrial_tech	Other Industrial Tech
113	Apr	Linguatrip	500 Startups	Private	0.100	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	E-commerce
114	May	Lobster	Valley Venture Mentors	Private	0.033	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	E-commerce
115	May	Touch Bank	OTP Bank Plc	Corporate	40	Seed	А	Software_internet_b2c	Finance
116	May	Level.Travel	Sergey Vatutin	Angel	0.6	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	E-commerce
117	May	Kribrum	Skolkovo, Infowatch	Ррр	1	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Other Business Software
118	May	Anybalance	QIWI Venture	Corporate	0 15	Seed	Seed	Software internet b2c	Finance
				·					Search/ Recommendatio
119	May	Dogsy	Evgeny Gordeev Oleg Seidak, Ilya	Angel	0.04	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	ns Platform/
120	May	Blackmoonfg	Perekopskiy	Angel	1	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Middleware
121	Mav	Tapki.Com		Angel	0.06	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Search/ Recommendatio ns
			Vestor.In, The Untitled, Altair						Platform/ Middleware
		Gbooking		Private		Startup		Software_internet_b2b	Platform/
123	way	Open Platform	Sergey Vasiliev	Angel	1	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Middleware Search/ Recommendatio
124	May	Parkapp	Sun Capital	Private	0.3	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	ns
125	May	Moneyman	Emery Capital, Vadim Dymov	Private	6	Expansion	В	Software_internet_b2c	Finance





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126	May	Lingualeo	Runa Capital, Social Discovery Ventures		0.5	Growth	В	Software internet b2c	Education
120	iviay		Starta Capital, Dmitry Chaliy, Alexander Tarakanov, Alexey	i iivate	0.0	Clowar			Medical
127	May	Healbe	Girin	Private	3.5	Growth	A	Biotechnology	Equipment Other B2C Internet
128	May	Medviser	Roman Abramovich	Angel	0.5	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Services/ Software
129	May	Smtdp	Almaz Capital Partners	Private	0.03	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Other B2B Software Search/
130	May	Whofix	Dmitry Sinkevich	Private	0.008	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Recommendati
150	iviay	WIIOIIX		Thvate	0.000	Seeu	Seeu	Soltware_Internet_bzc	0113
131	Мау	Aizel	Bonum Capital (Suleyman Kerimov)	Private	2.5	Startup	A	Software_internet_b2c	E-commerce
132	May	Privet.Ru	Ilya Perekopskiy	Angel	0.3	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Social Media
	May	Realspeaker	Startup Chile	Public	0.032	Seed	Seed	Computer_technologies_ hardware	Communication s, Networking & Storage
134		Development Of Service For Making Online Appointments To Dentistry	Fasie	Angel	0.008	Seed	Seed	Biotechnology	Medical Equipment
	Ĩ	Development Of Developmental Mobile Game	Fasie	Angel	0.008	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Gaming
	,	Development Of Device For Vein	Fasie	Angel	0.008	Seed	Seed	Biotechnology	Diagnostics & Research
137		Development Of Voice Mobile App For People With Speech Disorders	Fasie	Angel	0.008	Seed	Seed	Software internet b2c	Other B2C Internet Services/ Software
138	May	Amenity	Fasie	Angel	0.008	Seed	Seed	Software internet b2b	Other B2B Software
			Fasie	Angel	0.008		Seed	Biotechnology	Medical Equipment
		, i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	Skolkovo	Public	0.099	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Platform/ Middleware
141	May	Relex**	Skolkovo	Public	0.634	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Other B2B Software
142		lvideon	Impulse VC	Private	4	Expansion	в	 Software_internet_b2b	Other Business Software





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			ALTAIR CAPITAL, GVA LAUNCHGURUS, DEFTA Partners, Nest HK, Business Angels From Berkeley Angels, Keiretsu Forum And						Marketing/
143	Jun	1world Online	Others	Private	2.5	Expansion	A	Software_internet_b2b	Advertising Search/ Recommen
144	Jun	Turbodealer	IIDF, Microsoft	Ррр	0.031	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	dations
145	Jun	Technovizor	IIDF, Microsoft	Ррр	0.031	Seed	Seed	Other_it	Other_it Other B2C Internet Services/
146	Jun	Teamkey	IIDF, Microsoft	Ррр	0.031	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Software
147	Jun	Nitrosbase.Js	IIDF, Microsoft	Ррр	0.031	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Other B2B Software
148	Jun	Inhome	IIDF, Microsoft	Ррр	0.031	Seed	Seed	Computer_technologies _hardware	Computers & Computer Systems
149	Jun	Cloudstats	IIDF, Microsoft	Ррр	0.031	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Other B2B Software
150	Jun	Dooglys	IIDF, Microsoft	Ррр	0.031	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Enterprise Managemen t Software
151	Jun	Bikedefend	IIDF, Microsoft	Ррр	0.031	Sood	Seed	Other it	Other it
	Jun	Aeroxo	I2BF Global Ventures, Eldar Razroev, Skolkovo	Ррр	1.091		Seed	Industrial tech	Robotics
	Jun	Retailcrm	Edison.Vc	Private	0.6	Growth	A	Software internet b2b	Marketing/ Advertising
154	Jun	Test-lab (Khimservice)	Skolkovo	Public	0.91	Seed	Seed	Biotechnology	Medical Equipment
155	Jun	A2 Leasing System	lidf	Ррр	0.02	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Finance
156	Jun	Comfortway	lidf	Ррр	0.02	Seed	Seed	Computer_technologies _hardware	Mobile Technology
157	Jun	latra	lidf	Ррр	0.02	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Search/ Recommen dations
158	Jun	Inwion	lidf	Ррр	0.02	Seed	Seed	Other_it	Other_it
159	Jun	Slidevision	lidf	Ррр	0.02	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Marketing/ Advertising
160	Jun	Supl.Biz	lidf	Ррр	0.02	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Marketing/ Advertising





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161	Jun	Tvil.Ru	lidf	Ррр	0.02	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2c	Finance Other B2C
162	Jun	«Aksicredit»	lidf	Ррр	0.02	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2c	Internet Services/ Software
163	Jun	«Advokat.Ru»	lidf	Ррр	0.02	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2b	Marketing/ Advertising
164	Jun	Beguchka	lidf	Ррр	0.02	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2c	Other B2C Internet Services/ Software
165	Jun	Courierra	lidf	Ррр	0.02	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2b	Marketing/ Advertising
	Jun	Labrika	lidf	Ррр		Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2c	Other B2C Internet
167		Open Cemetery (Otkrytoye Kladbische)	lidf	Ррр	0.02	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2b	Marketing/ Advertising
168	Jun	Fitness-clubs.Pro	lidf	Ррр	0.02	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2b	Marketing/ Advertising
169	Jun	Sponsorbureau #1	lidf	Ррр	0.02	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2b	Marketing/ Advertising
170	Jun	Teleport	lidf	Ррр	0.02	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2b	Finance
171	Jun	Bookinna	RMG Partners, Ventureclub	Private	0.2	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b 2c	E-commerce
172	Jun	Freee Socialbox	Mikhail Klimarev	Angel	0.046	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2c	Other B2C Internet Services/ Software
173	Jun	Onlinepatent**	Skolkovo	Public	0.092	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2b	Platform/ Middleware
174	Jun	Nfware**	Skolkovo	Public	0.092	Seed	Seed	Other_it	Other_it
175		Digital Loyalty System**	Skolkovo	Public	0.092	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2b	Other B2B Software
176	Jun	Megarad**	Skolkovo	Public	0.092	Seed	Seed	Industrial_tech	Satellites & Space
177		3d Bioprinting Solutions**	Skolkovo	Public	0.358	Seed	Seed	Biotechnology	Medical Equipment
178	Jun	Membrany - NC**	Skolkovo	Public	0.380	Seed	Seed	Other_technologies	Other_technologi es
179	Jun	Marineco**	Skolkovo	Public	0.516	Seed	Seed	Industrial_tech	Other Industrial Tech
180	Jun	Webkontrol**	Skolkovo	Public	0.092	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b 2b	Other B2B Software





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181	Jul	Human Stem Cells Institute	Fasie	Public	0.21	Seed	Seed	Biotechnology	Diagnostics & Research
182	Jul	Creopop	Haxasia	Private	1.40	Startup	A	Other_technologie s	Other_technologi es
183	Jul	Coursmous	Altera Capital, Evgeny Medvednikov	Private	0.85	Seed	Seed	Software_internet _b2c	Education
184	Jul	Cappasity	Na	Angel	0.10	Seed	Seed	Software_internet _b2b	Platform/ Middleware
185	alut	Tradingview	Itech Capital, Techstars, Irish Angels, Sam Yagan, Steve Farsht	Private	3.60	Startup	A	Software_internet b2c	Social Media
186		Group-ib	Skolkovo, Private Investor	Ррр		Expansion	В	Software_internet	
187			Almaz Capital Partners, Siguler & Guff, Softbank	Private		Expansion	В	Software_internet	
188		Mobi Sharks	Mikhail Maliy	Angel	0.50	Seed	Seed	Software_internet	
189		Carprice	Baring Vostok Capital Partners, Almaz Capital Partners	Private	40.00	Growth	В	 Software_internet _b2c	E-commerce
			Na					Software_internet	
190	Jui	Linguachat	INd	Angel	0.30	Seed	Seed	_020	Education
191	Jul	Jetsmarter	Goldman Sachs, Twitter	Corporate	20.00	Expansion	В	Software_internet _b2c	E-commerce
192	Jul	Myhomeday	Kirill Podolskiy, Vladimir Silkin	Angel	3.00	Startup	A	Software_internet _b2c	Search/ Recommendatio ns
193	Jul	Doctor Na Rabote	Guard Capital, Pavel Yunin, Stanislav Sazhin, Ilya Kupriyanov	Private	2.50	Growth	В	Software_internet b2c	Search/ Recommendatio ns
194		Inpulse	Zelenograd Nanocenter	Ррр	0.05	Seed	Seed	Other_technologie	
			Ŭ					Software_internet	Other Business
195		Helgilab	Skolkovo Emin Garaev, Private	Ррр	0.50	Seed	Seed	_b2b Software_internet	Software
196	Jul	Mambo24	Investors	Private	1.20	Startup	A	_b2c Software_internet	E-commerce Other B2C Internet Services/
197		Concertwithme	500startups	Private	0.20	Seed	Seed	_b2c Software_internet	Software Other Business
198	Jul	Menuforyou	Kamaflow	Private	0.40	Seed	Seed	_b2b	Software





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199	Jul	Babytask	Andrey Zinoviev	Angel		Growth	А	Software_internet_b2c	E-commerce
200	Jul	Aktivo	Vladimir Lupenko, Oskar Hartmann	Angel	1.30	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Other B2B Software
201	Jul	Immunocloud	Skolkovo, EMC	Public	0.09	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Other B2B Software
202	Jul	Ibinom	Skolkovo, EMC	Public	0.09	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Other B2B Software
203	Jul	Biosoft.Ru	Skolkovo, EMC	Public	0.09	Seed	Seed	Biotechnology	Diagnostics & Research
204	Jul	Brain Target Search For	Skolkovo, EMC	Public	0.09	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Other B2B Software
205	Jul	Allelic Mutations	Skolkovo, EMC	Public	0.09	Seed	Seed	Biotechnology	Diagnostics & Research
206	Jul	Chance2live	Emc	Public					
207	Aug	Liguatrips	500startups	Angel	0.10	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Education
208	Aug	Belki- biotechnology	Rosnano	Public	0.00	Seed	Seed	Biotechnology	Diagnostics & Research
209	Aug	Driveway Software	Ervington Investments	Private	10.00	Growth	A	Software_internet_b2c	Other B2C Internet Services/ Software
210	Aug	Photobank Lori	Legion-media	Corporate	0.42	Startup	А	Software internet b2c	Content Providers
211	Aug	Kidio'z	Chernovetskyi Investment Group Moscow Seed	Private				Software_internet_b2c	Other B2C Internet Services/ Software
212	Aug	Takebus.Ru	Fund, Oleg Evseenkov	Ррр	0.05	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	E-commerce
213	Aua	Geocy	Starta Capital, Emery Capital	Private	1.15	Startup	А	Software internet b2c	Other B2C Internet Services/ Software
214	Ū	Saas.Ru	Lpgenerator	Corporate	0.31	Startup	Exit	Software internet b2b	Other B2B Software
214	U	Api.Ai	SAIC Capital, Intel Capital, Alpine Technology Fund, Motorola Solutions Venture Capital	Private	3.00		A	Computer_technologies	Communications,
	Ū		The Untitled,					_	Platform/
216	-	Junglejobs	Impulse VC	Private	0.50		В	Software_internet_b2b	Middleware Marketing/
217	Ū		Digital Mind	Corporate		Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Advertising Platform/
218	Ţ	Axiomatika	Microsoft	Corporate		Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Middleware Other Industrial
219		Almalence Inc.	Skolkovo, Sergey	Corporate	0.40	Growth	A	Industrial_tech	Tech Satellites &
220	Ū	Lin Industrial	Burkatovskiy Microsoft Imagine	Ррр	0.16		Seed	Industrial_tech	Space
221	Aug	Izhard Ovivo	Cup	Corporate	0.05	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Gaming





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222	Aug	Pomogatel Cleaning**	Pomogatel.Ru	Corporate	0.01	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2 c	E-commerce
223	Aug	Upsteks Labs	Skolkovo	Public	0.08	Seed	Seed	Other_technologies	Other_technologi es
224	Aug	Sensor Spin Technologie s		Public	0.08	Seed	Seed	Industrial_tech	Other Industrial Tech
		Center Of Scientific And Technical Developme							
225	Aug	nt .	Skolkovo	Public	0.08	Seed	Seed	Industrial_tech	Laser Tech
226	Aug		Dmitry Turkevich	Angel		Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2 b	Marketing/ Advertising
227	Aug	Inoventica Technologie s	Maksim Korobov	Angel	0.76	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2 b	Other Business Software
228	Aug	Grid Manageme nt System	Ural Federal University	Public	0.00	Seed	Seed	Industrial_tech	Power Supply Tech
229	Aug	Examus	Ural Federal University	Public	0.00	Seed	Seed	Other_it	Other it
	Aug	Exepto	XBT Holding S.A.	Corporate	0.80	Seed	Exit	Computer_technologi es_hardware	Communications,
231	Sep	Selecta	Orbimed, Sanofi- genzyme Bioventures, Ridgeback Capital Management, Osage University Partners, AJU IB Investment, Sphera Global Health Care Fund	Private	38.00	Mature	C+	Biotechnology	Pharmaceuticals
232	Sept	Beaconka	Fasie	Public	0.14	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2 b	Marketing/ Advertising
233	Sept	Ro!Rs	Calltouch (CT)	Corporate	0.30	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2 b	Advertising
234	Sept	Edadeal	Yandex	Corporate		Mature	C+	Software_internet_b2 c	Search/ Recommendatio ns
235	Sept	Mobiliuz	lbm	Corporate	0.12	Seed	Seed	Other_it	Other Business Software
236	Sept	Idealist	lbm	Corporate	0.12	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2 b	Enterprise Management Software
237	Sept	Clevapi	lbm	Corporate	0.12	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2 b	Other B2B Software
			lbm	Corporate	0.12	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2 c	Search/ Recommendatio ns
		Directual	Ibm	Corporate	0.12	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2 b	Software
240	Sept	Virool	Flint Capital	Private	5.00	Expansion	A	Software_internet_b2 b	Marketing/ Advertising





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241	Sept	Central Factory Of Ready Environments	Fund, Biofund RVK	Public	0.18	Startup	Seed	Biotechnology	Diagnostics & Research
242	Sept	Getintent	Buran Venture Capital, Thomas Falk	Private	1.00	Startup	В	Software_internet_b2b	Platform/ Middleware
243	Sept	Sociate	404 Group	Private		Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Marketing/ Advertising Content
244	Sept	Wp-media	404 Group Chernovetskyi	Private		Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Providers
		Busfor	Investment Group	Private	1.00	Expansion	В	Software_internet_b2c	E-commerce
		Technovizor*	Microsoft Microsoft	Corporate	0.24	Seed	Seed	Other_it Software internet b2c	Other_it Search/ Recommendatio ns
		Prodai.Ru	Na	Private	0.45	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Search/ Recommendatio
249	Sept	Advanced Dental Cloud	Microsoft	Corporate	0.13	Seed	Seed	Other_it	Other_it
250	Sept	Now (Seichas)	Na	Angel	0.01	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Search/ Recommendatio ns
251	Sept	Yod	Na			Startup	Exit	Software_internet_b2c	Content Providers
252	Sept	Panda Money	QIWI Venture	Corporate	0.10	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Finance
253	Sept	Mix Upload	Moscow Seed Fund, Altair VC	Ррр	0.02	Startup	А	Software_internet_b2c	Content Providers Other technologi
		Qiwi Post	Integer PI	Corporate		Growth	Exit	Other_technologies	es
		Paybrain	Na	Private	0.01	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Social Media Platform/
		Navigine	Ayr	Private	0.00	Startup	A	Software_internet_b2b	Middleware
		7tons Studio	GS Venture Buran Venture Capital	Corporate	0.20 3.50	Expansion	A C+	Software_internet_b2c Software_internet_b2c	Gaming Content Providers
		Life.Film	Alexey Karlov	Angel	3.50	Startup	Exit	Software_internet_b2c	Other B2C Internet Services/ Software
260	Sept	2can & Ibox	Na	Private	3.00	Expansion	C+	Software internet b2c	Finance
		Ometria	Inventure Partners, Saatchinvest, Force Over Mass Capital, Nikil Ritata, Lee Nadson, Richard Fattal	Private	2.50	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Marketing/ Advertising
	·	Lapka	Airbnb	Corporate		Startup	Exit	Other_technologies	Other_technologi es
263	Sept	Apps4all	GVA Launchgurus Fund 1	Private	0.25	Expansion	C+	Software_internet_b2b	Platform/ Middleware
264	Sept	Iridium Mobile	Skolkovo	Public	0.31	Seed	Seed	Other_it	Other_it





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265	Oct	Cossa	Andrey Terekhov	Angel	0,2	Expansion	В	Software_internet_b2c	Content Providers
266	Oct	Jazva	Oradell Capital, Gor Nakhapetyan	Funds	2	Startup	A	Software_internet_b2b	Platform/ Middleware
267	Oct	Triggmine	Бизнес-ангел	Angel	0,3	Growth	A	Software_internet_b2b	Marketing/ Advertising
		Hudway Glass	Wcw-venture Holding	Funds	0.7	Startup	A	Software internet b2c	Other B2C Internet Services/Software
		Avtostekloff	Business-angel	Angel		Startup	A	Software_internet_b2c	Other B2C Internet Services/Software
		Mercaux	Maxfield Capital, Sun Capital, Alexander Menn And Others	Funds		Startup	A	Software_internet_b2b	Other Business Software
271	Oct	lbank	Dmitry Kaminsky	Angel	10	Expansion	В	Software_internet_b2c	Finance
272	Oct	Fynd	Alexandr Mamut	Corporate	0,3	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Platform/ Middleware
273	Oct	Krawlly	Ibank	Corporate	0,3	Growth	В	Software_internet_b2c	Finance
274	Oct	Solix Biosistems Vostok	Solix Algridients	Corporate	5,000	Startup	Seed	Biotechnology	Pharmaceuticals
275	Oct	Luciding	Veneto, Informatsionnye Tekhnologii	Corporate	0,017	Startup	Seed	Industrial_tech	Nanotech
276	Oct	Mygenetics	Business-angel, IIDF	Ррр	0,040	Growth	В	Biotechnology	Healthcare
277	Oct	Urbanobserver Survival Russian	Cybernaut	Funds	70,000	Expansion	Seed	Industrial_tech	Satellites & Space
278	Oct		Enterprise Ireland	State	0,055	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Education
279	Oct	lcard	Enterprise Ireland	State	0,055	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Finance
280	Oct	Smart Mafia	Bogdan Yarovoy	Angel	0,300	Startup	A	Software_internet_b2c	Gaming
281	Oct	2gis	Ru-net, Baring Vostok	Funds	40	Expansion	C+	Software_internet_b2b	Marketing/ Advertising
282	Oct	Mygenetics		Angel	0,040	Growth	В	Biotechnology	Healthcare
283	Oct	Ekzoatlet	Biofund RVC, Moscow Seed Fund	Funds	0, 229	Startup	A	Biotechnology	Medical Equipment
284	Oct	Vitamins.Ru	Evgeniy Slobobodyanuk, Marina Polskaya	Angel	0,50	Startup	В	Software_internet_b2c	E-commerce
285	Oct	Vaipoing	Almaty Tech Garden	Funds	2,00	Growth	A	Software_internet_b2c	Other B2C Internet Services/Software
286	Oct	Entalapp	Almaty Tech Garden	Funds	2,00	Growth	В	Software_internet_b2c	Search/ Recommendations
287	Oct	Skypasser.Ru		Funds	0,30	Startup	A	Software_internet_b2c	Search/ Recommendations





Nº	Deal Date	Project	Investor	Investor Type	Deal Value, Min \$	Company Developme nt Stage	Investment Round	Sector	Sub-sector
288	Nov	Mirantis	Russia Partners	Funds	10,00	Expansion	C+	Software_internet_b2b	Enterprise Management Software
289	Nov	Arenda	Business-angel	Angel	3,00	Startup	A	Software_internet_b2c	Search/ Recommendation s Search/
290	Nov	Gettable	Addventure	Funds	1,00	Startup	A	Software_internet_b2c	Recommendation s
291	Nov	Eduson.Tv	Investor Club Skolkovo, Smarthub	Angel		Growth	В	Software_internet_b2c	Education
292	Nov	Elementaree	Boris Ryabov, Alexey Menn	Angel	0,30	Startup	А	Software_internet_b2c	E-commerce
293	Nov	Cote D'azur	VC Fund Of Promsvyazbank	Corporate	0,078	Expansion	В	Other_technologies	Other_technologi es
294	Nov	Endurance	Mikhail Zak, Ivan Podfigurny,evgeni y Krivoschekov	Angel	0,021	Seed	Seed	Industrial_tech	Laser Tech
295	Nov	Avirton	Business-angel	Angel	1,000	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Social Media
296	Nov	Legalspace	Vasiliy Voropaev	Angel	0,200	Startup	А	Software_internet_b2b	Platform/ Middleware
297	Nov	Beautydiscountc enter	Business-angel	Angel	0,041	Expansion	В	Software_internet_b2c	E-commerce
298	Nov	Tisk Na Spletu	Konstantin Puppo	Angel	1,200	Startup	A	Other_technologies	Other_technologi es
299	Nov	Jeapie	Digital Future	Funds	0,050	Growth	В	Software_internet_b2c	Other B2C Internet Services/ Software
300	Nov	Shefmarket	Addventure	Funds	4,000	Expansion	В	Software_internet_b2c	E-commerce
301	Dec	Cappasity	Undisclosed Angel Investors	Angel	0,15	Seed	Seed	Computer_technologies_ hardware	Computers & Computer Systems
302	Dec	Radme.Ru	The Unitled Retail Lab	Funds	0,5	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Search/ Recommendation s
303	Dec	Hiconversion	Altair Capital, Smarthub, Dmitry Anchutkin	Funds	0,50	Growth	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Marketing/ Advertising
304	Dec	Beautydiscountc enter		Funds	0,007	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	E-commerce





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305	Dec	Polystock	Starttrack (Crowdfunding)	Funds	0,014	Seed	Seed	Software_internet_b2b	Platform/ Middleware
306	Dec	Turbodealer	lidf	State	0,211	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Other B2C Internet Services/Software
307	Dec	Ekat	Infrafund RVC	State	0,500	Startup	В	Industrial_tech	Green Tech
308	Dec	Preggie	Altair Capital	Funds	1,0	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Social Media
309	Dec	E-contenta	Untitle Retail Lab	Funds	0,25	Startup	A	Software_internet_b2b	Other B2B Software
310		Nanopharma Development	Izvarinopharma	Strategic	2,182	Expansion	В	Biotechnology	Pharmaceuticals
311	Dec	llean	Business-angel	Angel	0,022	Startup	Seed	Software_internet_b2c	Other B2C Internet Services/Software
312	Dec	Eltechprogress	Infrafund RVC	State	0,500	Seed	Seed	Industrial_tech	Other Industrial Tech
313	Dec	Atm&c	Infrafund RVC	State	0,5	Startup	C+	Industrial tech	Other Industrial Tech
314	Dec	Any Walker	Moscow Technological Institute	State	0,043	Startup	Seed	_ Industrial_tech	Other Industrial Tech
315	Dec	Nvr	Moscow Technological Institute	State	0,086	Startup	Seed	_ Software_internet_b2c	Gaming
316	Dec	Bitronics	Moscow Technological Institute, KSI Ventures	State	0,143	Startup	Seed	 Biotechnology	Medical Equipment









In 2015, Russian funds continued to invest in international startups while the domestic venture market declined

By Adrien Henni, East-West Digital News / January 19, 2016

1. Russian funds continued to invest in international startups

The invest-abroad trend among funds with Russian backers or managers, which began several years ago, continued or even accelerated in 2015.

While Russian investors initially targeted essentially US startups, virtually all regions were concerned last year – fromIsrael,to South-East Asia, to India, to Western Europe.

Among the largest deals announced in 2015 were the following:

In January, Buran Capital contributed \$8.5 million to a Shazam funding round.

In July BitFury, a major Bitcoin Blockchain infrastructure provider and transaction processing company, secured \$20 million in funding from Russia's iTech Capital, Georgian Co-Investment Fund and DRW Venture Capital.

In December, Target Global, an international venture fund with Russian backers, spent \$13 million to acquire a 0.65% stake in US food delivery startup Blue Apron.

Target Global's previous investments in the USA, in June 2015, went to Prosper, a leading US peerto-peer lending marketplace. Target Global also took part in a \$2 million round for Nestpick, a German startup. Russian holding company which had thus far made investments essentially in the Russian real estate and financial sectors — injected at least \$20 million in foreign tech startups at the pre-IPO stage.

Other internationally active Russian funds, or funds with Russian backers, included Almaz Capital, Altair, Bright Capital, LifeSreda, Maxfield Capital, Runa Capital, TMT Investments, Vaizra Investments, and SBT Venture Capital, the venture arm of Russia's national savings bank Sberbank. Several of these funds initially aimed to invest in Russia. They shifted their attention to the global market as exit prospects on the Russian startup scene became less obvious than a few years ago.

Serial entrepreneurs and business angel Pavel Cherkashin launched Vestor.in, an internationallyoriented fund with a \$30 million target. "We're not going to invest in Russian startups anymore. There are no exits possibilities in this country, even if you build a successful business," not to mention the legal, currency and political risks, he stated.

Russian oligarchs also made notable moves on the international high tech scene. In April, Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich invested \$15 million in Israeli startup Music Messenger. A few months later, his company Ervington Investments led a \$10 million funding round for Driveway Software, a Silicon Valley telematics startup, and a \$21 million round for Israeli startup Anyclip Media, among other deals.





Two other Russian billionaires, Alisher Usmanov and Ziyavudin Magomedov, invested significant amounts in Uber, via their investment vehicles USM and Caspian VC, respectively. USM investment, which reportedly amounted to several dozens of million USD, was kept confidential until early 2016, when it was revealed by the Russian media.

Meanwhile Yury Milner's DST, which pioneered Russian tech investment abroad, launched its fifth fund in August 2015 without Russian money.

2. The domestic venture market declined in quantitative terms but saw some unexpected positive developments

According to RMG Partners, the number of deals and investor exits decreased in 2015, essentially due to the shrinking of government investment. In the meantime, angel investors and crowdfunding platforms continued to develop.

In early 2015, disconfirming the widespread view that Russian e-commerce market has lost any appeal to venture investors, luxury fashion retailer Aizel.ru received a capital injection of \in 2.5 million, the first tranche of an investment of up to \in 25 million over three years. The funds were provided by asset management firm Bonum Capital.

In July, after several quarters of decline of private investment, some optimism returned to the Russian venture market when CarPrice.ru, a major Russian online broker of used car, raised \$40 million in a Series B funding round. The round was led by Baring Vostok Private Equity Fund V with the participation of Almaz Capital and other unnamed investors.

Other important deals involved mature companies. In October, Russian billionaire Alisher Usmanov announced an investment of "\$100 million or more" in Virtus.pro via its holding USM. Launched in 2003, this popular e-sports resource organizes multiplayer video game competitions, particularly between professional players.

That same month, 2GIS secured \$40 million from two major investment funds, Baring Vostok Capital Partners and Ru-Net. Launched in 1999, this Novisibirsk, Siberia-based company, is bold enough to compete with the mapping services of Yandex and Google. It is now developing across three continents.

Confirming that the Russian venture industry was far from agonizing, several venture funds launched in 2015. Among them were B2B Lab, focusing on B2B, and Primer Capital, which specializes in medicine and biotech. Meanwhile, Dagestani oligarch Ziyavudin Magomedov announced his intention to invest "up to \$300 million" in startups from Russia and other countries. His new fund, christened Caspian VC Partners (CVC), already invested in Uber, Uber China, Peek.com and Hyperloop.

Russian startups also received support from some corporations, as exemplified in Moscow by the launch of IKEA's startup accelerator, Intel's IoT Lab, and a startup-oriented restaurant business school. Meanwhile, Qiwi Ventures, the investment arm of Russian electronic payment giant Qiwi, launched a new acceleration program, chirstened 'Universe 2.0.'







Venture capitalists turn away from Russian e-commerce while offline retailers demonstrate renewed activity

By Adrien Henni, East-West Digital News / March 11, 2016

Last year saw paradoxical investment trends in Russia's young e-commerce industry, with venture and private equity investment continuing to fall while a range of offline players started or resumed online projects.

On the venture side, investment reached historic lows. According to RMG Partners' preliminary estimates, just 42 deals were closed, totaling \$137 million — down from 68 deals and \$390 million in 2014. The decline was particularly notable in the segment of physical goods, with 15 deals reaching a mere \$104 million, down from 36 deals (\$319 million) during the previous year. The decrease in investment amounts year-on-year is attributable partly to the depreciation of the Russian currency (approximately 62 rub. per USD in 2015 vs. 38 rub. per USD in 2014).

One may remember with nostalgia the period between 2010 and 2014, when e-commerce in the broad sense was the major destination for venture investment in Russia. The largest deals of these golden years, involving both foreign and domestic investors, were the \$130 million capital injection in Lamoda in June 2013 and Ozon's \$150 million round in the spring of 2014.

Such companies as KupiVIP and Wikimart also received considerable amounts, exceeding or nearing \$100 million in total over for each of them over these years.

"The market situation was very favorable at that time," recalls Alexandra Rasskazova, an advisor to German-American fund e.Ventures, which invested in several Russian Internet companies, including Sapato and Teamo.ru. "As many business models (e.g. Zappos) had not been applied yet to Russia, competition was relatively low while Internet usage in the country and the population's purchasing power were growing steadily."

Unfavorable conditions

Today's conditions are radically different: "The majority of successful western business models have been built – and those which have not yet been tried are not that interesting to venture investors, i.e. are unlikely to generate \$100 million or more in four or five years. Meanwhile, VCs tend to better understand the concrete challenges faced by e-commerce companies in Russia," Rasskazova notes.

In the field of physical e-commerce, developing a company requires a long period of time with substantial investment in infrastructure, while exit prospects are not obvious.

In the field of digital e-commerce, online marketing is expensive and the market is not that large. "Here Avito, which operates in a slightly different segment, is the exception rather than the rule," Rasskazova says.





Founded in 2007, this online classifieds platform was sold last year to international group Naspers at a \$2.7 billion valuation.

The current crisis has brought even more uncertainty to the market: "Even buying decisions of the population are hard to predict now," Rasskazova notes.

David Waroquier of Mangrove Capital Partners which has invested in KupiVIP and Oktogo — sees the main challenge in "the lack of prospects for later stage investment and exit." This is enough to deter most early-stage investors.

The international tensions, which have been bubbling since the Ukrainian crisis started in 2014, "are not helping, of course," notes Waroquier.

"With very few exceptions, international investors have put their strategy in Russia on hold until the situation is finally settled."

"Western capital markets are completely closed to Russian companies for the moment," confirms another international investor, who regards Ulmart's IPO plans as "fantasies."

Russian investors themselves turned away from their domestic market, opting massively for international startups. Thus Ru-Net has made several investments in Indian and Turkish ecommerce companies. True, this Moscow-based fund has also invested in Russian online retail companies (such as Esky and TrendsBrands in 2013) — but much more modest amounts were involved.

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Venture and private equity investment in Russian e-commerce – 2015/2014

Source: RMG Partners, Russia Venture Report 2016

Number of deals

Segment	2015	2014	Ү-о-у
Physical e-commerce	15	36	- 58%
Digital e-commerce	13	23	- 43%
Ecommerce infrastructure, IT and service companies	14	9	+ 56%
Total	42	68	- 38%

Amounts*

Segment	2015	2014	Ү-о-у
Physical e-commerce	\$104.53m	\$319.52m	- 67%
Digital e-commerce	\$4.27m	\$8.57m	- 50%
Ecommerce infrastructure, IT and service companies	\$28.28m	\$61.84m	- 54%
Total	\$137.08m	\$389.93m	- 65%

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 This analysis includes Ozon's \$150 million capital increase in April 2014. It does not include the acquisition of classifieds site Avito in October 2015.

 The decrease in investment amounts year-on-year is attributable partly to the depreciation of the Russian currency (approximately 62 rub. per USD in 2015 vs. 38 rub. per USD in 2014)





A brighter future?

The situation is likely to improve in the future, however, Rasskazova and Waroquier believe, as e-commerce penetration rates will grow in Russia and consumption will resume after the crisis.

While large Russian corporations might be more willing to buy startups, foreign players will see the Russian market in a more favorable light as soon as the tensions will ease.

"From an e-commerce perspective, Russia remains a very attractive market. Most ecommerce big names in Russia have shown strong revenue progression in 2015, especially those fulfilling elementary consumption needs like retail and apparel," notes Waroquier, citing KupiVip's 50% revenue growth and break even last year.

Waroquier does not even rule out new investments from his fund in the short term: "We are carefully monitoring how market conditions are developing, and keep following up Russian startups, especially those which target the global market. We are still very open to good investment opportunities."

Offline retailers go online

Meanwhile, food and FMCG retailers are showing renewed interest in developing online sales. "This is an impressive new wave," says Data Insight cofounder Boris Ovchinnikov, citing moves from a range of important players. Recently, Perekrestok (X5 Group) hired a high-level e-commerce manager, while Magnit began testing online orders. Another retail chain, Lenta, could launch online sales as soon as this year.

On its side, Okey is already promoting actively its e-commerce service, after a test period last year. "By traffic levels, this site is already second after Utkonos," the most established player in online groceries, notes Ovchinnikov.

For several offline retailers, the stagnation of

offline sales has made it more difficult to keep developing their offline chain in a financially sustainable way. As a result, these retailers have got more money and management resources available for their e-commerce projects, Ovchinnikov explains.

In certain non-food segments, however, the crisis has led some players to refocus on their offline channel, which appears to be more competitive, the expert notes.

Demonstrating nevertheless a solid faith in the future, some omnichannel players continue to invest in giant fulfilment centers. In 2015 Leroy Merlin started building a 100,000 sq. m. warehousing facility in Domodedovo – the largest retail distribution center in Russian history and the largest retail warehouse deal in the world in 2015, according to Radius Group, the US company which is conducting the project.

Meanwhile, in late 2015, Ulmart opened a 25,500 sq. m. fulfilment center in St. Petersburg. The company plans to open two additional logistics centers in the near future in Mytishchi and Domodedovo on the outskirts of Moscow.

No less than 30 logistics centers will be required to reach the company's ambitious turnover target of 300 to 500 billion rubles (from \$4 billion to \$6.8 billion at the current exchange rate), Ulmart's chairman Dmitry Kostygin recently told the Russian media.







Naspers acquires controlling stake in Avito.ru in one of Europe's largest startup exits

By Adrien Henni, East-West Digital News / October 23, 2015

Naspers announced today a \$1.2 billion transaction to become the largest shareholder in Russia's leading online classifieds site Avito.ru — just weeks after the company aired its IPO plans. After buying shares from existing shareholders, Naspers will increase its stake from 17.4% to 67.9% on a fully diluted basis.

Kinnevik is selling its entire 31% stake to the South African giant for \$846 million, and Accel Partner and Northzone are also fully exiting the business, Tech.eu has confirmed. The deal, which values Avito at some \$2.7 billion, is one of the largest European VC-backed company exits ever.

Naspers expects to "strengthen its position as global leader in online classifieds."

"The Russian e-commerce market is expected to grow significantly, with more people gaining online access. Over time, ecommerce ratios should move in line with other large countries," said the group's CEO Bob van Dijk.

"We believe this deal is mutually beneficial, and, from our perspective, we welcome Naspers's very long-term view on Russia and especially on Avito", says Filip Engelbert, CEO and co-founder of Avito, who will retain his position.

The transaction is still subject to approval by the competent South African authorities. The acquisition may initially be funded from Naspers's existing cash resources and debt facilities, but the group stated that it is "currently evaluating suitable long-term funding alternatives" to avoid "increasing its existing debt profile in the medium term."

A Russo-Swedish success story

One of the most successful Internet companies in Russia, Avito was founded in 2007 by Swedish businessmen Filip Engelbert and Jonas Nordlander. In 2011, Swedish investment company Vostok Nafta Investment, one of its early investors, called it the "real romance" of its portfolio.

In May 2012, Avito.ru secured \$75 million from Baring Vostok Private Equity Fund IV and Accel Partners as well as from existing investors Kinnevik and Northzone.

In March 2013, Avito merged with its competitors Slando.ru and OLX.ru, creating the fifth most popular Russian website and one of the world's top classifieds websites. As part of the deal, valued at more than \$570 million, Naspers — which owned Slando.ru and OLX.ru — invested \$50 million in cash into Avito in exchange for a stake in the new group.

Over the past years, the company expanded into classifieds verticals and now is a leading player in five verticals: General Goods, Auto, Real Estate (including Domofond.ru), Jobs and Services.

The platform kept growing amid the crisis that hit the Russian economy in 2014-2015.





The company reported revenues of \$76.5 million for full year 2014, up 76% from the previous year, with an EBITDA margin of 50.6%, Naspers announced. In the second quarter of this year, Avito's revenue reached 1.57 billion rubles (\$24 million), up 47% in one year, Bloomberg reported.

By comparison, Avito's revenues amounted to just \$8.5 million in 2011. The company was then

valued at \$158.73 million, according to the financial reports of one of its shareholders.

TNS estimated Avito.ru's monthly traffic at 25.7 million Russian users between 12 and 64 years of age in July 2015. More than 50% of Avito's traffic is now coming from mobile devices, compared to 32% at the beginning of 2014, according to Naspers.





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Russian billionaire Alisher Usmanov invests "\$100 million or more" in e-sports platform

By East-West Digital News / October 16, 2015

Yesterday USM, an investment company controlled by Russian billionaire Alisher Usmanov, announced an investment of "\$100 million or more" in Virtus.pro. Launched in 2003, this popular e-sports resource organizes multiplayer video game competitions, particularly between professional players.

"E-sports are a unique proposition, uniting the sports, media and the internet industries," stated Ivan Streshinsky, a member of USM Holdings' board.

"It is a fast-growing market, which has already generated huge interest around the world and Virtus.pro is the leader in the e-sports industry in Russia," he added.

Covering dozens of disciplines, Virtus.pro claims to embrace "over fifty top sportsmen who have managed to capture gold at top competitions," and to attract more than 2 million unique users monthly.

The investment will be used by Virtus.pro to launch new tournaments, support new games, create media channels and build new esports arenas, according to Anton Cherepennikov, co-owner.

From metals, to technology, to sports

An Uzbek-born business magnate, Usmanov is Russia's richest man and the world's 58th richest person, with a fortune of \$14.7 billion, according to a Forbes estimate in January 2015.

The assets of USM, his holding company

established in 2012, include Metalloinvest, one of the largest global metals and mining companies, MegaFon, a major telecommunications operator in Russia, Mail.Ru Group, the Russian internet and social network leader, and UTH Russia, one of the country's fastest-growing commercial TV broadcasters. USM is also a limited partner in the DST funds, a prominent global Internet investor with stakes in Alibaba, JD.com, Xiaomi, Spotify, Airbnb, Zalando, Flipkart, ZocDoc and Klarna.

Separately, Usmanov also owns the Kommersant publishing house, a leading business media company in Russia, and holds a stake in Arsenal Football Club.

Usmanov is also famous for his support of fencing and football activities. He is the founder of the Arts, Science and Sports Charity Foundation.

Another Russian oligarch actively investing in startups is Roman Abramovich, who is a shareholder of Moscow-based venture fund Impulse VC as well as of several tech companies in Israel, California and the UK.







CarPrice.ru raises \$40 million to develop online used car brokerage in Russia and beyond

By East-West Digital News / July 24, 2015

Yesterday CarPrice.ru, a major Russian online broker of used car, announced that it raised \$40 million in a Series B funding round – a considerable amount in the context of contraction of the Russian venture market. The round was led by Baring Vostok Private Equity Fund V with the participation of Almaz Capital and other unnamed investors. No details of the transaction have been disclosed.

Coming just one year after site launch, the funding will be used to expand further CarPrice's business in new Russian regions, and increase car stock.

"We also consider expansion to such new markets as Europe, Asia and South America," the CarPrice press service told East-West Digital News.

CarPrice provides car buyers with free online valuation in a matter of seconds. Its online bidding process involves more than 1,000 dealers from across Russia. After these dealers determine the best competitive price and complete the auction, the sellers receive payment in CarPrice outlets.

CarPrice.ru has asserted itself as a major online broker and auctioneer for second-hand cars with more than 20 locations including Moscow, St. Petersburg and the regions. claims to have become a top five Russian used car seller. Helped by the recently a collapse of the new car market, CarPrice intends to increase total monthly auctions from 4,000 currently to 10,000 until the

end of 2015.

CarPrice has been the first Russian company to develop such a C2B business model, which is similar to that of We Buy Any Car in the UK.

"We have no direct local competitors since our model differs from [classifieds sites] auto.ru or avito.ru," the company's press service told East-West Digital News.

"Our technology has revolutionized the traditional used car market. In developing a credible alternative to traditional channels such as classifieds, we have increased significantly the share of secondary deals in total second-hand car transactions," said CarPrice's co-founder and CEO Eduard Gurinovich.

CarPrice was co-founded in June 2014 by Gurinovich and Oskar Hartmann, the German entrepreneur who successfully launched KupiVip.ru in 2008, with the participation of Alexander Danilov and Artem Bolshakov.

After receiving seed-stage funding from Hartmann ad Fastlane Ventures, a Moscow-based startup incubator, CarPrice raised \$2 million from Almaz Capital, Fastlane Ventures, e.ventures and other funds in October 2014.







Local search and city navigation service 2GIS secures \$40 million to expand in Russia and internationally

By East-West Digital News / November 4, 2015

Bold enough to compete with the mapping services of Yandex and Google, 2GIS, a Novisibirsk, Siberia-based company, has raised \$40 million from two major investment funds, Baring Vostok Capital Partners and Ru-Net.

Launched in 1999 and now developing across three continents, 2GIS (pronounce "double giss") is one of the least known but most remarkable Russian technological firms. The deal, in which the two funds received a minority stake, comes as the first equity financing round for 2GIS.

"Our company has come to a new development stage. This funding will allow us to promote the service more actively in the European part of Russia, open branches abroad in addition to the existing franchise network, and develop new products," stated 2GIS President Vera Garmash.

"2GIS has created a unique product, which includes detailed and up-to-date maps, and an allencompassing database about city venues. Also impressing is the number of 2GIS users who make frequent use of the web and mobile interfaces," said Elena Ivashentseva, senior partner at Baring Vostok.

"By focusing on quality and integrity of its data, 2GIS has been able to build one the largest consumer Internet services," added Ru-Net founder and industry veteran Leonid Boguslavsky.

Baring Vostok and Ru-Net are among the most established Russian investment funds, with investments in Ozon and Yandex at the very early stages. Ru-Net's move is all the more remarkable that this fund now tends to invest abroad rather than in Russia.

From Moscow, to Prague, to Santiago de Chile

With its accurate 3D city maps, the 2GIS service allows one to look for organizations and services, and find directions for cars and public transport. The service may be used completely offline.

2GIS is currently available in more than 280 cities in 8 countries, primarily in Russia, but also in Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Cyprus, Italy, UAE, the Czech Republic and as far as Chile, where the service launched last year. The company claims a global audience of more than 41 million monthly users, including 14 million using the service via partnering sites.

Thirty-eight thousand companies from a variety of industries advertise through the platform. "In many cases, our service is the most effective channel to attract local customers," says the company, whose advertising revenues exceeded 4 billion rubles in 2014 (nearly \$105 million at the average exchange rate).

In 2011, 2GIS launched Flamp.ru, a consumer review website which now covers nearly 100 Russian cities, including Moscow, and attracts 3 million unique users monthly. Flamp.ru features 1.33 million reviews, which are reviewed and commented officially by more than 32,000 companies, claims the company.

In 2013, Mashable included 2GIS in its list of Russia's "20 hottest startups."







IKEA Russia launches startup accelerator

By East-West Digital News / December 8, 2015

Ikea Russia calls for developers, programmers, business experts, retail specialists, designers and marketers to participate in its "Mega Accelerator." The project — the first of its kind in Russia — aims to "search and realize innovative ideas to enhance customer experience in MEGA shopping malls and beyond," the company stated.

Owned, developed and managed by Ikea, MEGA is a leading chain of shopping centers across Russia. These malls attract some 275 million visitors each year, according to the Swedish group.

The application process for the accelerator opened yesterday, December 7, on a dedicated website, and will close in January. In March 2016, the selected teams will be invited to test and develop their ideas in the accelerator with the support of mentors.

Each selected team will receive 350,000 rubles (a little more than \$5,000 at the current exchange rate) while the winner, who will be announced in June 2016, will get 3.5 million rubles (approximately \$50,000).

Ikea will offer the necessary resources and "a creative office space" in Moscow for the startups to develop their ideas while GVA LaunchGurus, a

western-style accelerator in Moscow, will provide education courses as well as seed funding.

"We are glad to share our knowledge and experience with MEGA Accelerator, providing the best toolkit to make their ideas a success," stated Zamir Shukhov, Director at GVA LaunchGurus.

This project is not the first incursion of the Swedish group into the startup playground. As early as 2008, Ikea announced a \$50 million investment in green tech startups, and joined the Cleantech Scandinavia initiative. In 2013, the group sponsored Flat6Labs Jeddah, the first startup accelerator in Saudi Arabia. Just weeks ago, Ikea launched a research hub and exhibition space in Copenhagen "to explore the future of home design."







Swedish and Russian businessmen team up to invest in Iranian digital assets

By East-West Digital News / March 21, 2016

Two Russian businessmen — former Qiwi shareholder and Parus Capital President Andrey Muravyev and Parus Capital Managing Partner Boris Sinegubko — invested last year "several million US dollars" in three Iranian Internet companies.

These include DigiKala, Iran's largest e-commerce company, as well as leading classifieds sites Divar and Sheypoor. The investment was revealed earlier this month by Russian business daily Kommersant, which referred to exchanges with Sinegubko.

The Russian money was invested via Pomegranate Investment, a Swedish company founded in 2014 by Vostock New Ventures CEO Per Brilioth to invest in Iran. Among Pomegranate's other shareholders are Jonas Nordlander and Filip Engelbert, the co-founders of the leading Russian online classifieds platform, Avito.

Following a pre-IPO private placement earlier this month, Pomegranate presents itself as "the only publicly accessible investment holding with direct access to the Iranian market, giving a stake in high quality consumer tech growth, which is unprecedented globally."

Pomegranate's main holding is Sarava, of which it owns 9.6%. Sarava claims to be Iran's leading investment company investing in the Internet sector with a 51% stake in Digikala as well as stakes in Divar and Sheypoor. Sarava is also a shareholder of Café Bazaar, Iran's main Android marketplace, the Swedish company told East-West Digital News.

In addition, Pomegranate owns directly stakes in Carvanro, Iran's first online ride-sharing service, and in Griffon Capital, a newly formed Iranfocused investment and advisory boutique.

From \$150 million to \$4 billion?

Digikala — which means 'digital products' in Farsi — was founded in 2005 by twin brothers Hamid and Said Mohammadi. As reported by Forbes last year, the site initially focused only on electronics, but it then expanded into everyday items, like home appliances, books, media, personal care items, toys, gadgets, perfume, even tools.

The site made the news in 2014, when World Startup Report estimated its value at \$150 million.

Currently Digikala could be valued at "less than \$400 million," Kommersant wrote, citing exchanges with unnamed investment funds, and be worth "up to \$4 billion" in four to five years.

Another foreign player active in the Iranian tech scene is Rocket Internet. However, the German investor's initiatives in this country have not been so successful so far, Iranian online publication Financial Tribune noted recently.







Russian investors put over \$13 million in US grocery delivery service Blue Apron

By Adrien Henni, East-West Digital News / December 16, 2015

Target Global, an international venture fund with Russian backers, has spent \$13 million to acquire a 0.65% stake in US food delivery startup Blue Apron. The transaction remained under the radars until it was revealed earlier this month by the fund's managing partner Mike Lobanov in an interview with Russian business daily Vedomosti.

Lobanov did not specify whether the money went to the startup in a capital increase operation, or to buy Blue Apron shares from an existing shareholder.

Another Russian investor also acquired a stake in Blue Apron, said Lobanov. He disclosed neither the identity of this second investor nor the related transaction details. Blue Apron's press service declined to answer Vedomosti's inquiry.

The two Russian funds had to compete hard with other VCs to buy the Blue Apron shares, Lobanov conceded.

This past June, a bevy of prominent US funds took part is the startup's latest round of financing. Blue Apron secured no less than \$135 million at a nearly \$2 billion valuation.

In late 2014 Instacart, another grocery delivery startup, closed a \$210 million investment at a similar valuation.

In Russia, Blue Apron copycat ChefMarket.ru was valued at a modest \$25 million when it raised \$5 million last month. But its founder Sergey Ashin targets a \$1 billion valuation "in five to seven years."

A global investment story

Launched in 2013, Target Global (previously known as Target Ventures) exemplifies the globalization of Russian venture capital investment. The fund's latest investment in the USA, in June 2015, went to Prosper, a leading US peer-to-peer lending marketplace. In 2014 the fund took part in Delivery Hero's \$88 million Series E round, and led a €20 million round for international cruise booking portal Dreamlines. The fund successfully exited from Fyber, a Berlinbased mobile ad solution publisher which was acquired by South Korea's RTNS Media in October 2014.

Most recently, Target Global took part in a \$2 million round for Nestpick, another German startup.

The fund's portfolio also includes such Russian startups as Eventbrite clone TimePad, online retailer Babadu.ru and online confectionary shop MixVille.ru.

Target Global, which claims over \$300 million in assets under management, operates from its offices in San Francisco, Berlin and Moscow. Its backers are "private Russian individuals who wish to invest in [western markets] in order to diversify their investment portfolio," said Lobanov in a previous exchange with East-West Digital News.

None of these LPs are connected to Russian government circles, or targeted by the western sanctions, Lobanov specified in interviews with Russian media.





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