

## Top most venture capitalist firms in the world

There are a huge number of venture capitalist firms in the world. At first, let us know about venture capitalist and its work.

A Venture Capitalist (VC) firm is a private equity investor which invests its money on startups those have high potential to grow in exchange of an equity stake. A VC firm invests in startups those have high probability of making an impressive amount of profit. They also invest in other startups for a backup. Usually, the invested money of a VC firm comes from institutional organizations, companies or wealthy individuals who are willing to earn. So, the VC firms have to make sure that those parties get a good amount of profit from their investments. That's why, VC firms invest in many startups so that if expected profit is not earned from one investment, it will be covered by the other investments. This is how a VC firm operates.

### Top Venture Capitalist firms worldwide

As mentioned before, there are a huge number of VC firms operating worldwide. Among those, the top most firms are detailed below:



(image source: [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/accelvc))

#### 1. **Accel:**

Formerly known as Accel Partners, it's an American venture capital firm which works with startups in seed, early and growth-stage investments. Founded by Arthur Patterson and Jim Swartz in 1983 in US, Accel has funded technology companies including Facebook, Dropbox, Flipkart, Vox Media, Lynda.com, Cloudera, Vectra Network Inc.

and many more. So, we can see that Accel has backed a good number of well-known companies in the world. Let's see the notable information of Accel:

Assets under management: 6 Billion USD.

Number of exits: 292. Most notable exits include Facebook, Sunrun and Flipkart.

Website: [www.accel.com](http://www.accel.com)



(image source: [andrewchen.co](http://andrewchen.co))

**2. Andreessen Horowitz:** It's a private American VC firm founded in 2009 by Marc Andreessen and Ben Horowitz. It invests in both early stage startups and established growth companies. It has invested in many tech companies including Facebook, Groupon, Twitter, Zynga, Skype, Apptio, blogging platform Medium, software company Onshape and more. Let's have a look at its other noteworthy info:

Also called: a16z

Assets under management: 2.7 Billion USD.

Number of exits: 132.

Website: [www.a16z.com](http://www.a16z.com)



(image source: [crunchbase.com](https://crunchbase.com))

**3. Benchmark:** It's a limited liability company based in San Francisco that provides seed money to startups. Founded by Bob Kagle, Bruce Dunlevie, Andy Rachleff and Kevin Harvey in 1995, Benchmark's most successful investment was 6.7 million USD in eBay in 1997. Afterwards, it invested in many companies including Uber, Dropbox, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, Discord and more. Let's have a glimpse over its other info:

Also known as: Benchmark Capital.

Assets under management: 2.3 Billion USD.

Number of exits: 157.

Website: [www.benchmark.com](https://www.benchmark.com)



(image source: [linkedin.com](https://linkedin.com))

**4. Index Ventures:** It's a European worldwide VC firm founded by Neil Rimer, David Rimer and Giuseppe Zocco in 1996 that invests in tech enabled companies with a focus on e-commerce, fintech, mobility, gaming, infrastructure/AI and security. It has invested in Betfair, presently Flutter Entertainment, Dropbox, Facebook, Blue Bottle Coffee, CodeAcademy, etc. Other notable investments include Adyen, Aurora, Intercom, Robinhood, Roblox, Notion and Slack. Other info:

Origin: Index Securities

Legal Name: Index Ventures (UK) LLP

Assets under management: 1.5 Billion Euros.

Number of exits: 170.

Website: [www.indexventures.com](http://www.indexventures.com)

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(image source: [medium.com](https://medium.com))

**5. Sequoia Capital:** A private American VC firm founded by Don Valentine in 1972 that mainly focuses on the tech industry. It has backed companies that now control \$1.4 trillion combined stock market value. Sequoia Capital has invested in over 1000 companies since 1972, including Apple, Google, Oracle, Nvidia, PayPal, LinkedIn, YouTube, Instagram, Yahoo and WhatsApp.

Legal Name: Sequoia Capital Operations LLC

Assets under management: 4 Billion USD.

Number of exits: 284.

Website: [www.sequoiacap.com](http://www.sequoiacap.com)

So, these are the top most venture capitalist firms around the world those are backing up the startups to grow.

Now, let's discuss about the top startup accelerator programs around the world.

# Top startup accelerator programs in the world

There are plenty of startup accelerator programs in the world. At first, let us know about the startup programs

Seed accelerators are known as startup accelerators those are fixed-term, cohort-based programs, that include mentorship and educational components and culminate in a public pitch event or demo day. While traditional business incubators are often government-funded, generally take no equity, and focus on biotech, financial technology (FinTech), medical technology (MedTech), clean tech or product-centric companies, accelerators can be either privately or publicly funded and focus on a wide range of industries.

## Top startup accelerator programs worldwide

As mentioned before, there are a lot of startup accelerator programs around the globe. Among those, let's discuss in detail the top five.



(image source: [latamlist.com](https://latamlist.com))

- 1. Y Combinator:** Y Combinator is considered to be the supreme startup accelerator around the globe. It is practically one of the oldest startup incubators having accelerated the success of Dropbox, Airbnb, Instacart, Stripe, Twitch, Coinbase, Weebly and Reddit. Every year the accelerator funds a group of new startups with \$120,000. Founded by Paul Graham in 2005, Y Combinator has funded 2,000+ startups estimating an overall total of more than \$100 billion.

## **HIGHLIGHTS:**

What they give: \$150,000 in exchange for 7% equity

Startups funded: More than 2,000

Exits: 246

Exit value: \$6,076,233,100.00

Total funding raised: \$34,087,493,743.00



(image source: [talkroute.com](http://talkroute.com))

2. **Techstars:** Founded in 2006 with a presence over 15 countries, Techstars is a worldwide network which allows businessmen to set forth advanced technology in the market no matter where they choose to live. Techstars helps in monetary terms, assists in consultations and accelerates startups. Its accelerator program has produced over 1,000+ companies valued at over \$8 Billion. Techstars assists entrepreneurs on their business journey – all the way from flash of inspiration to IPO. Techstars Venture, the accelerator's venture capital fund, has invested in companies like Uber, DigitalOcean, twilio and SendGrid among others.

## **HIGHLIGHTS:**

What they give: A \$100,000 convertible note, out of which TechStars contributes \$20,000 in return for 6% equity

Startups funded: 1,557

Exits: 204

Exit value: \$3,546,800,000.00

Total funding raised: \$6,682,499,648.00

The logo for 500 Startups, featuring the number '500' in a large, bold, white font above the word 'startups' in a smaller, white, lowercase font, all set against a black rectangular background.

(image source: [techinasia.com](http://techinasia.com))

- 500 Startups:** It was founded in 2010 and situated in San Francisco, California. 500 Startups is a worldwide venture capital company, with 150 employees from 20 countries that manage investments around 74 countries. Their main aim is to invent thriving worldwide ecosystems by innovating skillful founders and supporting them to progress through a 4-month seed program. Their investment department and mentor network have functional wisdom at firms such as PayPal, Google, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Yahoo, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Apple.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

What they give: \$150,000 in exchange for 6% equity. Access to the network, investors, and experts and free work space. Note that there is a fee to participate in the program. Which is \$37,500

Startups funded: 2,200

Exits: 190

Exit value: \$21,300,000.00

Total funding raised: \$2,474,708,397.00



(image source: [actionforindia.org](http://actionforindia.org))

#### **4. Venture Catalyst:**

Founded: 2016

Notable occupants: GoMechanic, Global eSport, HomeCapital

India's 1st integrated incubator, Venture Catalysts is broadly considered as the country's top startup incubator – no mean feat given its short existence. They offer venture capital in the range of \$500,000 to \$1 million, as well as guidance, upskilling, tutoring and networking with industry pioneers. Collaborating closely with Microsoft, Amazon and IBM, Venture Catalysts also provides working place, seminars and monthly affairs in each of India's biggest cities (as well as in Hong Kong, London and Doha).



(image source: [openbusinesscouncil.org](http://openbusinesscouncil.org))

- 5. StartupBootCamp:** Founded in 2010, Startupbootcamp runs Internet of Things, Financial Technology, InsurTech and Food tech programs all over the globe including Singapore, London, Mexico City, Mumbai, Dublin, Dubai, Amsterdam and many more. Startupbootcamp has accelerated startups with an average sponsorship sum of 1.168 million Euros. Their mission is to help early-stage founders to swiftly scale their firms by tapping into their extensive and international network of over 2,000 alumni founders, consultants, partners and investors.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

What they give: Each 3-month program comes with €15,000 for 6-8% equity, €450,000+ in partner services, and 6 months of free collaborative work place.

Startups funded: 424

Exits: 22

Exit value: No data available

Total funding raised: €331,579,966.

So, these are the top startup accelerator programs around the globe.

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