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FUNDRAISING MARKET

INSIGHTS



Q3 2023

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Fundraising markets have still not recovered

Q3 data showed the lowest fundraising market levels since late 2020, with September showing somewhat hopeful signs

Gaming + DePIN now make up 20% of private market

Although most investors are still focused on infra and DeFi, Gaming & DePIN deals have gained substantial traction

Early stage focus: **16%** of deals at seed stage

As later stage deals decline, seed stage deals have captured even more market share, now sitting at 26% compared to 16% last year Outlier Ventures*
Is the most active investor in Q3

Outlier Ventures now has more than 2.5X the number of investments compared to the next most active investor in 2023 **48 new funds** (\$3.8 billion) looking to deploy

48 funds have raised capital in Q3, showing that although fundraising markets have dropped, investors are preparing to deploy capital



SPECIAL MENTION

- Reaffirmed **East Asia's** strength & **relevance** in the industry
- 5000+ companies 300+ exhibitors, 450+ side events
- **Key topics**: crypto legitimacy, institutional interest, regulatory uncertainty, stablecoin importance, interoperability, RWAs, DePIN, ZK, GameFi, AI, SocialFi, the future of NFTs

10,000+ Attendees

The **largest** blockchain **event** of the year

PRIVATE MARKET

OVERVIEW

JULY & AUGUST

...lowest capital inflow months since late 2020

SEPTEMBER

...<u>slighty</u> rebounded in terms of number of closed deals, but not total \$ raised



Sources: Messari, Cryptorank

LARGEST PRIVATE RAISES

5 largest private raises

... amounted to a total of \$316+ Million

... all 5 in **Services** or **GameFi** categories



BitGo

\$100 Million - Series C Services - Data - Security



Flashbots

\$60 Million - Series B Services - Trading Strategies



Futureverse

\$54 Million - Series A GameFi - Metaverse



Core Scientific

\$53.9 Million - *Unknown Services* - Data - Cloud Services



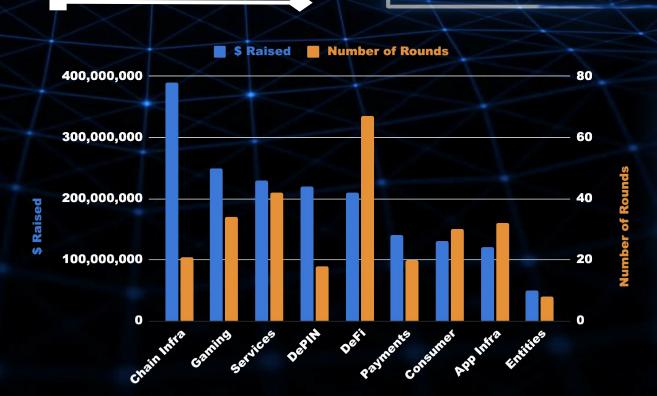
Nazara

\$49.2 Million - Post-IPO GameFi - Sports

PRIVATE MARKET: SECTOR BREAKDOWN

Key Themes Q3

- ... Majority of \$ raised was in Chain Infra, Gaming & Services
- ... Majority of # of rounds were in DeFi, Services & Gaming
 - ... **DePIN** sector market share growing in size
- ... **DeFi** had the **smallest** average **round size**, whilst **Chain Infra** had the **largest** average **round size**



Chain Infra & DeFI

had the **inverse discrepancy** between \$ raised and number of closed rounds

... **Chain Infra** had 21 closed rounds, but over \$390M raised

... **DeFi** had 67 closed rounds but only \$210M in total raise

Sources: Messari

RAISES by COMPANY LOCATION

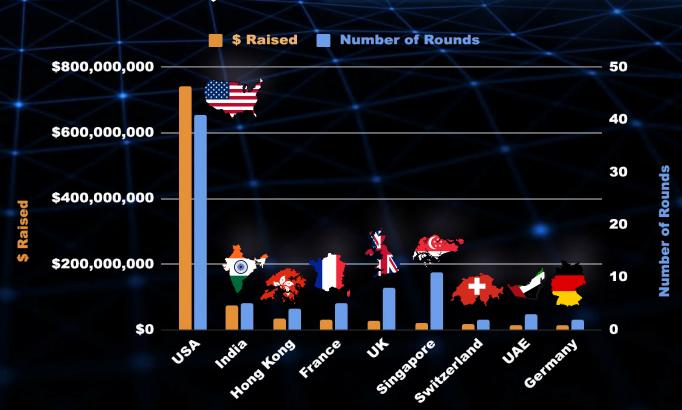
USA still

dominates in terms of blockchain private funding activity

... India 2nd in \$ raised

... **Singapore** 2nd in number of closed rounds, followed closely by **UK** and **France**

... **Hong Kong** also stands out



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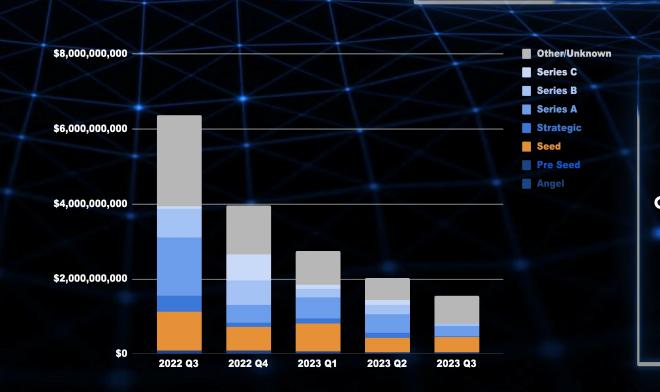
ROUND STAGES

Predominance of rounds at **Seed stage** in Q3

...shows **belief in future longevity** of the industry

... market share of Series B & C declined since 2022, much more emphasis on early stage opportunities

... investor interest in seed stage deals also shows the amount of **activity and builders** with a constant influx of innovation, novel use cases and new projects



Over **26%** of \$ Raised in **Q3 2023** is at **Seed stage** *VS.* **16%** in **Q3** 2022

Only 4% in Q3 2023 is at Series B & Series C

VS.

13% in Q3 2022

35% in Q4 2022

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Q3'S MOST ACTIVE INVESTORS

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Most active investors in

Q3 & most active

investors in 2023





Binance Labs

22 Funded Rounds



Robot Ventures

11 Funded Rounds



Coinbase Ventures

10 Funded Rounds



Hashkey Capital

9 Funded Rounds



Polygon

9 Funded Rounds



NEAR Foundation

9 Funded Rounds



Foresight Ventures

9 Funded Rounds

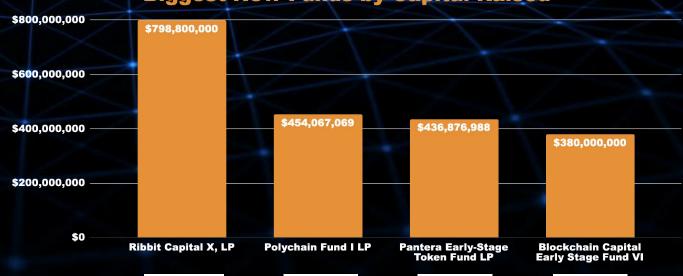
NEW FUND RAISES

48 new funds

raised capital in Q3, amounting to a total of over \$3.8 billion

reputable names who raised new funds include Ribbit Capital, Polychain Capital, Pantera, Blockchain Capital, L1 Digital, Kasikorn Bank, Galaxy Digital, SkyBridge Capital, Robot Ventures & EJF Capital

Biggest New Funds by Capital Raised



Ribbit Capital

POLYCHAIN CAPITAL





PUBLIC MARKET

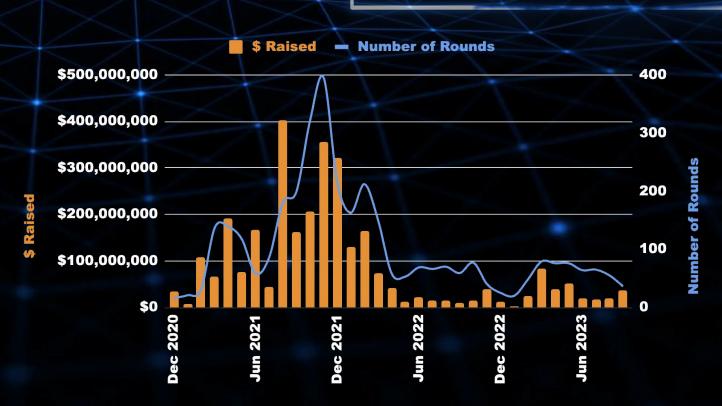
IDOs/ICOs/IEOs

Quality over Quantity

...public market shows slower recovery than private markets, especially in terms of number of rounds

...teams are hesitant to launch tokens in this market

...although the number of public rounds has kept dropping, capital raised seems to have slightly recovered since 2022, thereby pointing to **quality over quantity** since the start of 2023 as only high quality tokens manage to raise in this market



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PUBLIC ROUNDS BY CHAIN

BINANCE

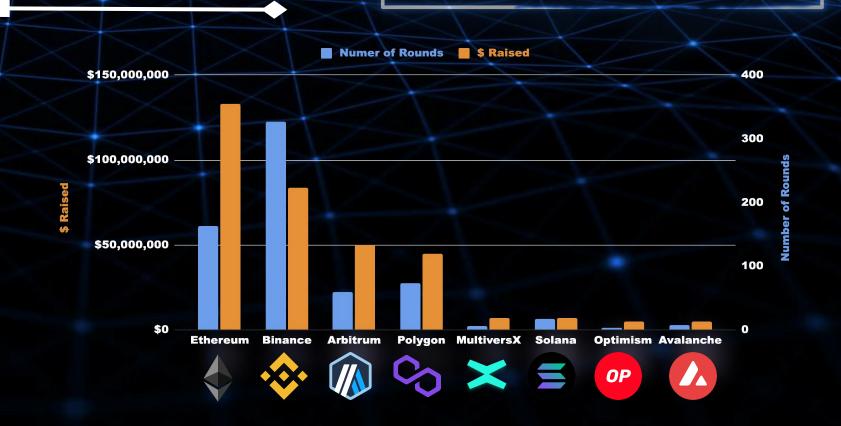
... had over **2X more public rounds** than the rest

ETHEREUM

... still outperformed in total \$ raised

OTHER CHAINS

... clearly lagging behind Ethereum & Binance in terms number of rounds, but **Arbitrum** & **Polygon** point towards the next most active ecosystems

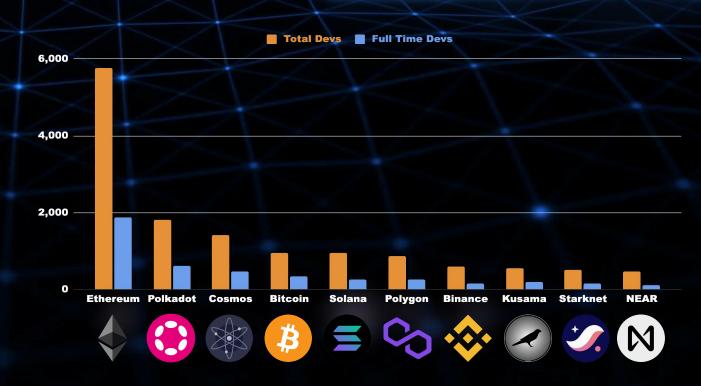


DEVELOPERS BY CHAIN

'SIDE NOTE'

Discrepancies between public rounds & developer activity

Disregarding **Ethereum**, which has always been the predominant chain in terms of public rounds & developer activity, **Polkadot**, **Cosmos & Bitcoin** standout in developer count whilst being virtually invisible in the public rounds data



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FUTURE MARKET THEMES

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Bitcoin: the \$\$\$ untapped ecosystem

With its global recognition & large number of developers, some of the largest projects of Q4 2023 & beyond will likely be focused on Bitcoin's ecosystem

RWAs & DePINs: the likely market overflow

The startup presence of real world assets and decentralized physical infrastructure in early stage markets has only just started to pick up steam...

The **Metaverse**: more than just a buzzword

Since the failure of Meta in conquering the metaverse, the hype died down - but the future of VR/AR/online experiences remains bright and inevitable