

QUARTERLY REVIEW OF GLOBAL PRIVATE INVESTMENT

SERAPHIM SPACE INDEX

Q2 2026



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Q2 2026 marked a defining quarter for the commercial SpaceTech sector. The long-anticipated SpaceX IPO, and the company's ascent to a valuation comparable with members of the Magnificent 7, represents a major inflection point for the industry. More than any previous event in the capital markets, it has helped validate SpaceTech as an institutional-grade asset class rather than a niche or speculative investment theme. Many listed space companies benefited from a short-term "halo effect" in the lead-up to the IPO, although much of this enthusiasm subsequently normalised following the listing.

Against this backdrop, SpaceTech VC investment reached unprecedented levels. Total capital deployed reached \$7.5bn in Q2 2026, the second-largest quarter on record, surpassed only by Q1 2026 (\$8.0bn), while trailing twelve-month investment reached an all-time high of \$23bn. Although deal volume remained relatively stable, average round sizes continued to increase, reflecting a growing concentration of capital into later-stage growth financings and the sector's emerging category leaders.

Capital continued to favour businesses with significant infrastructure and hardware requirements. Nine of the ten largest financings of the quarter were raised by capital-intensive companies, underlining continued investor appetite for foundational space infrastructure.

While capital remains heavily concentrated in the United States, China is rapidly closing the gap in overall deal activity and continues to produce funding rounds of global significance, including ADA Space's headline

financing (\$517m) in Q2 2026. China is tangibly narrowing the technology gap to the US, following the successful propulsive capture and recovery of a Long March orbital-class booster shortly after quarter-end. This achievement is critical to improving launch economics and launch cadence, and will significantly enhance the competitiveness of China's space ecosystem.

M&A activity has accelerated significantly, with acquisitions increasing approximately 4x versus the prior trailing twelve-month period. The trend reflects the growing maturity of the sector and the emergence of consolidators such as Rocket Lab, York Space, Firefly and Intuitive Machines, which are increasingly pursuing platform-scale strategies through acquisition.

The quarter's highest-profile acquisitions were in satellite communications, including Amazon announcing an \$11.6bn agreement to acquire Globalstar and Rocket Lab announcing an \$8bn agreement to acquire Iridium. Both transactions were driven not only by the value of the existing constellations, but also by the strategic importance of spectrum, regulatory approvals and established customer bases, enabling the acquirers to accelerate their communications ambitions and compete more effectively against Starlink.

While we would not expect every quarter to replicate the exceptional funding levels seen in Q1 and Q2, a potential \$10bn Blue Origin raise would further reinforce what is already shaping up to be the strongest capital formation environment in the history of the space sector.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE QUARTER

\$23BN

invested in the Trailing Twelve Months (TTM) to Q2 2026
(\$9.7bn in TTM to Q2 2025)

\$7.5BN

invested in Q2 2026 (\$8bn in Q1 2026)

620

deals in TTM to Q2 2026 (582 in TTM to Q2 2025)

141

deals in Q2 2026 (159 in Q1 2026)

\$600M

biggest deal closed in Q2 2026 (True Anomaly)

\$72.5M

average deal size in Q2 2026 (\$68.1m in Q1 2026)

\$15M

median deal size in Q2 2026 (\$15m in Q1 2026)

SpaceX IPO

Q2 2026 marked a landmark moment for the commercial space sector as SpaceX completed its long-awaited IPO, listing on Nasdaq under the ticker SPCX. The company initially priced 555.6 million shares at \$135 per share, raising approximately \$75bn. Following the full exercise of the underwriters' overallotment option, gross proceeds increased to approximately \$85.7bn, making it the largest IPO in history. Shares traded significantly higher following the listing, briefly pushing SpaceX's market capitalization above \$2tn.

The significance of the IPO extends far beyond its scale. Few would have predicted a decade ago that a space company would become one of the world's most valuable listed businesses, ultimately joining the ranks of the Magnificent 7 alongside the dominant technology platforms of the internet and AI eras. The milestone reflects SpaceX's evolution from a launch provider into a diversified infrastructure platform spanning launch, communications, national security, space transportation, and AI.

Beyond the record-breaking financing, the IPO is likely to create a powerful positive feedback loop across the broader SpaceTech ecosystem. The listing has generated substantial liquidity for early investors, employees and founders, creating a new cohort of wealthy stakeholders with deep sector expertise and established conviction in the long-term growth of the space economy. As seen in previous technology cycles, a portion of this capital is likely to be recycled into the next generation of startups through angel investing, venture funds and company formation.

Satellite Communications Consolidation

Amazon's \$11.6bn acquisition of Globalstar and Rocket Lab's \$8bn acquisition of Iridium highlight that the most valuable assets in satellite communications are often not the satellites themselves, but the spectrum rights, customer relationships and regulatory approvals behind them. For Amazon, Globalstar brought licensed mobile satellite spectrum, an operational satellite network, and an established relationship with Apple, whose iPhone and Apple Watch satellite services already run on the network. The acquisition accelerates Amazon Leo's direct-to-device ambitions, allowing it to enter the market with existing customers, distribution channels and globally authorised spectrum already in place.

Rocket Lab's rationale was similar. Iridium provides a global communications network, licensed L-band spectrum and a large base of government, enterprise and industrial customers that would have taken years and billions of dollars to build organically. The deal also transforms Rocket Lab from a launch and spacecraft manufacturer into an operator of critical communications infrastructure, significantly expanding the company's addressable market.

Blue Origin Raise

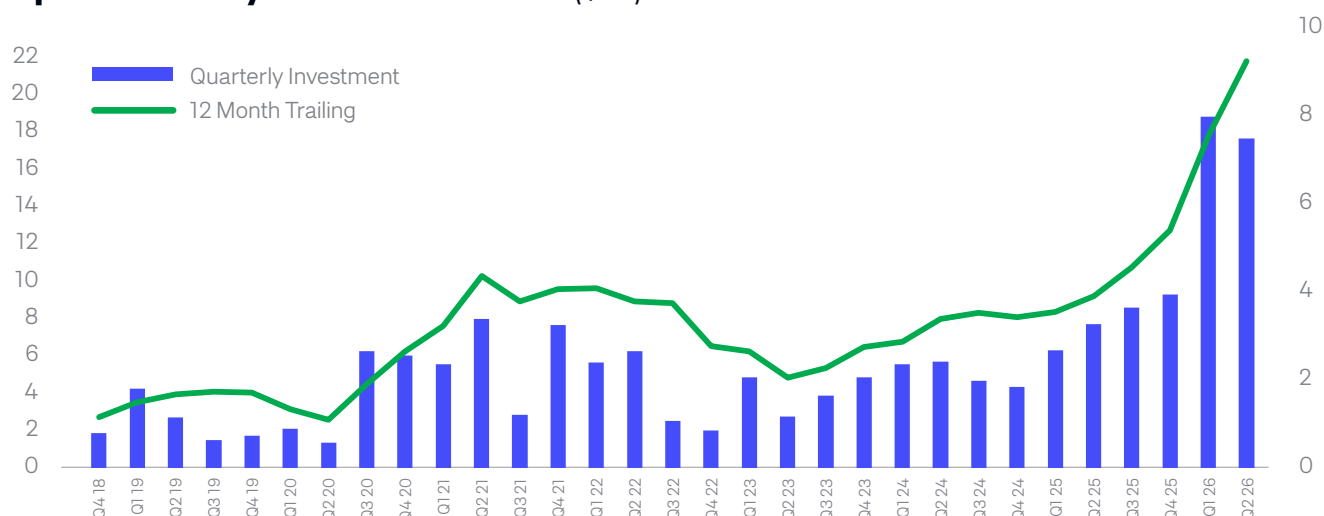
Shortly after SpaceX's record-breaking IPO, Blue Origin reportedly launched its first-ever external fundraising round, seeking approximately \$10bn at a reported \$130bn valuation. The move marks a significant departure for a company that has historically been funded almost exclusively by Jeff Bezos. The fundraising comes despite near-term headwinds. In late May, one of Blue Origin's New Glenn rockets exploded during a static hot-fire test, delaying the company's progress in the heavy-lift launch market. Nevertheless, Bezos and CEO Dave Limp have set an ambitious target to return New Glenn to flight by the end of 2026. If completed, the transaction would be the largest private financing ever raised by a SpaceTech company and would further reinforce the exceptional capital formation environment in the sector.

Long March successful first stage recovery

Shortly following the close of the quarter, China successfully completed its first-ever controlled recovery of an orbital rocket's first stage, marking a major milestone in the country's pursuit of reusable launch technology. During the maiden flight of the Long March-10B rocket from Hainan on 10 July 2026, the booster separated from the upper stage, performed a guided powered return, and was captured by a net mounted on a sea-based recovery platform, a world-first approach that differs from SpaceX's drone ships and landing pads. The achievement marks the first time a nation other than the United States has demonstrated a controlled propulsive return of an orbital-class booster. While China remains behind SpaceX's Falcon 9 in operational cadence and reusability, it has now achieved the critical technological milestone required to unlock lower launch costs and higher launch frequency, further intensifying competition between the Chinese and US space ecosystems.

INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

Seraphim Quarterly Investment Tracker (\$bn)

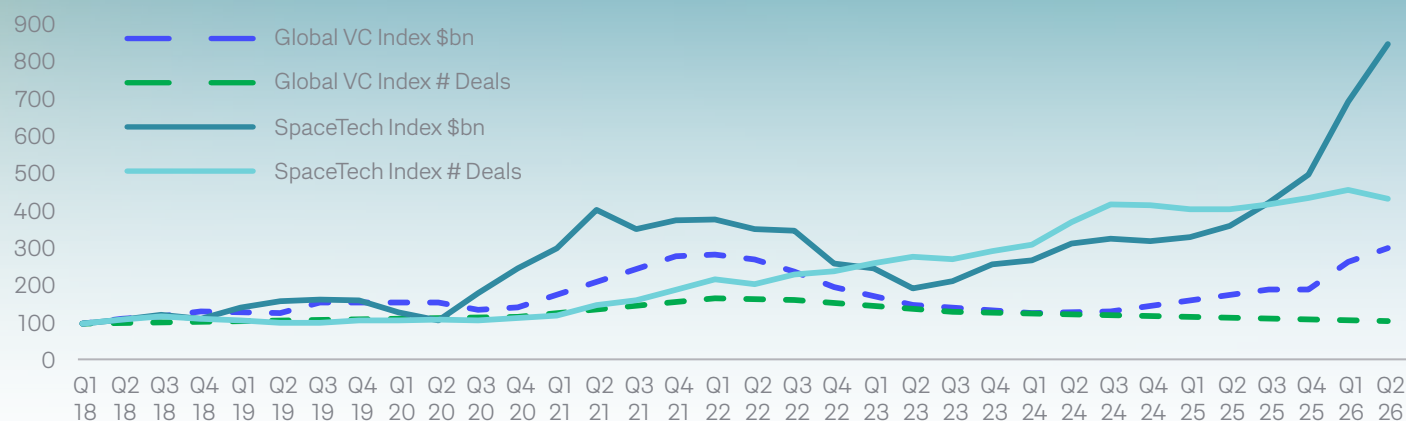


Q2 2026 moderated slightly from this peak, with \$7.5bn deployed across 141 deals - down from 159 in Q1. The decline in deal count reflected broader market consolidation around larger rounds, even as the trailing 12-month investment

continued climbing toward \$10bn. Capital remained concentrated in growth-stage and later rounds, consistent with the wider venture market's focus on scaling proven companies over early-stage diversification.

OVERALL INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

Seraphim Trailing 12 Months (TTM) Investment Activity Index (Q1 2018 = 100)



The Seraphim Space Index is a barometer of investment activity, tracking the global volume and value of venture capital deals within the Space sector on a trailing twelve-month basis, indexed against Q1 2018.

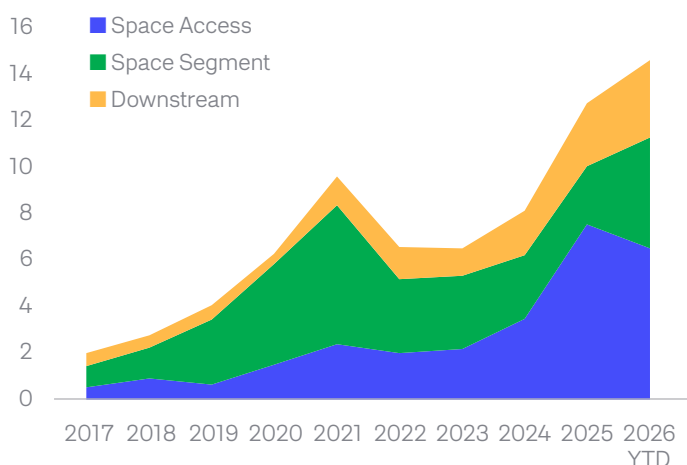
SpaceTech outperformed broader venture capital, following two consecutive quarters of exceptionally strong fundraising activity that sits well above historical norms. Importantly, capital deployment was distributed across a diverse set of growth-stage companies rather than concentrated in a small number of outliers. The sector is demonstrating increasing depth, with investors showing conviction across launch, communications, manufacturing, defence and next-generation applications of space like space stations and in-space datacentres.

By contrast, the broader VC market continues to be defined by massive capital concentration. While venture funding reached \$205bn during the quarter (the second-highest level on record) overall deal activity remained subdued, with deal count at a near-decade low. A significant portion of capital flowed into a handful of AI category leaders, with OpenAI and Anthropic alone accounting 43% of all startup funding in H1 2026.

General VC is increasingly characterised by a winner-takes-most dynamic, whereas space investment is being driven by a widening set of companies and subsectors. This suggests growing investor conviction that value creation in SpaceTech will emerge from multiple categories and business models, rather than a small number of dominant platforms.

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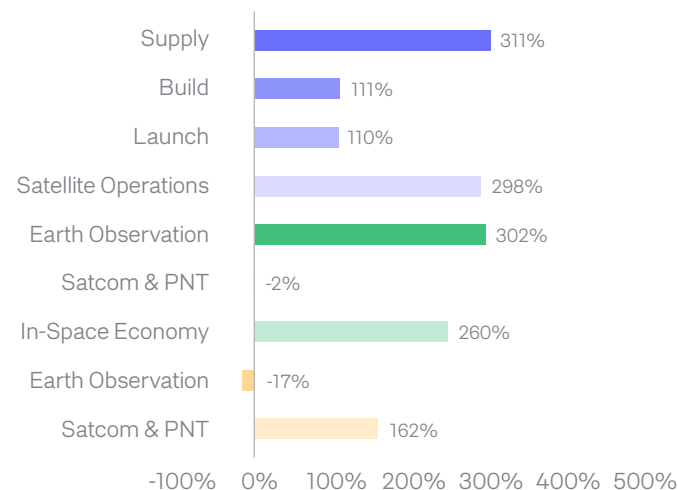
Annual Investment (\$bn)



Capital-intensive segments led SpaceTech investment in Q2 2026, with funding heavily concentrated in sectors requiring significant upfront infrastructure buildout.

Space Access continued to attract the largest share of capital at a sector level, driven by sustained investment across both launch and supply chain capabilities.

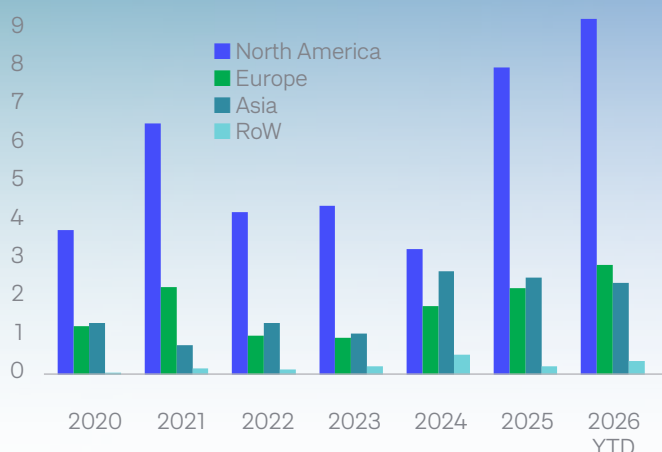
Investment, TTM to Q2 2026 vs Q2 2025 (% Change)



At a sub-sector level, the In-Space Economy led with approximately \$1.97bn in investment. This was driven by a diverse set of high-value financings spanning in-space defence (True Anomaly, Starfish Space), in-space compute and AI-enabled infrastructure (ADA Space, Cowboy Space), and commercial space stations (Axiom Space).

The breadth of activity suggests investors are increasingly looking beyond traditional launch and communications markets towards the infrastructure and services expected to support a larger and more permanent presence in space.

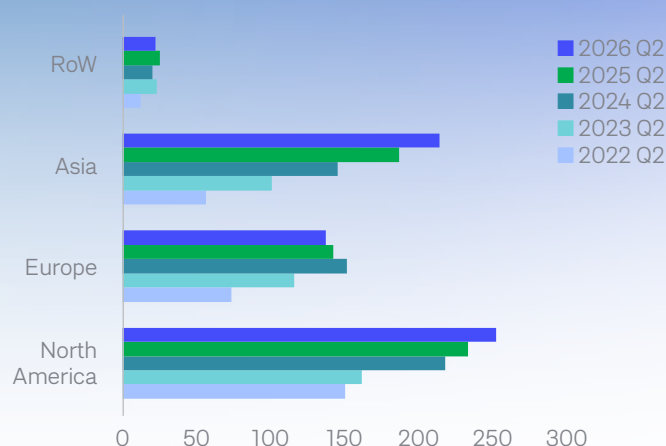
Investment By Region (\$bn)



North America led both volume and value in the TTM to Q2 2026, recording a record 250 deals worth \$13.7bn, representing +126% investment growth year-on-year. The region also captured 75.9% of global Q2 investment activity, accounting for \$5.7bn of capital deployed.

Although Asia is now producing headline growth rounds that can rival those seen in the US, the depth and consistency of these late-stage financing across the ecosystem remains significantly stronger in North America.

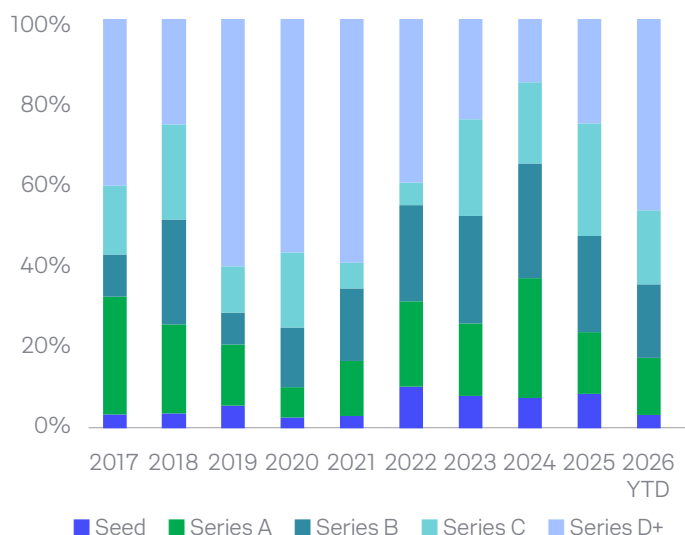
Number of Deals (TTM to Q2)



In contrast, when looking at deal activity, the gap between regions is considerably narrower. Asia reached 212 deals in the TTM (+15% YoY), narrowing the gap with North America's 250 deals and significantly outpacing Europe's 136 deals. While North America remains the clear leader in capital formation, the data suggests Asia is increasingly emerging as a comparable engine of venture activity, with deal volume expanding rapidly across the region despite a more limited base of large-scale financings.

STAGE OF INVESTMENT ANALYSIS

Investment Concentration (\$bn)

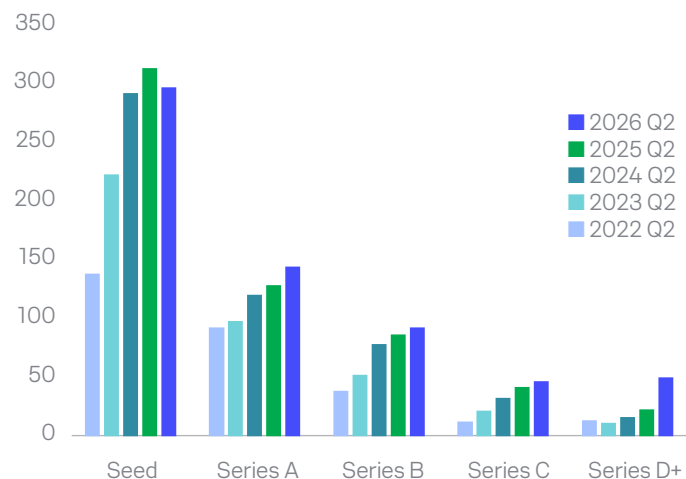


SpaceTech funding has moved through distinct cycles. In 2020-2021, investment was concentrated in a small number of late-stage leaders, most notably SpaceX and OneWeb, driving Series D+ rounds to ~60% of total funding.

From 2022-2024, capital shifted toward the next generation of emerging winners, with capital overwhelmingly concentrated in A-C rounds, as investors backed a new cohort of companies through their early growth stages.

In 2026, those same businesses (e.g. Apex, Impulse, True Anomaly) are now progressing into larger growth financings. Series D+ funding has reached \$7.2bn (47% of total investment), highlighting the maturation of the cohort first funded during the 2022-2024 cycle.

Number of Deals (TTM to Q2)



Seed activity remains the primary driver of SpaceTech deal volume, accounting for 47% of all rounds completed in the TTM to Q2 2026. While Seed continues to dominate by volume, its share of total deal activity has declined modestly versus the prior TTM period as capital increasingly concentrates around more mature companies.

The more notable shift is occurring at the later stages of the market. Series D+ deal count surged +123% year-on-year, rising from 22 to 49 rounds and representing by far the fastest growth of any funding stage. This expansion in late-stage activity was the primary driver of record capital deployment during the period.

TOP 10 DEALS OF THE QUARTER

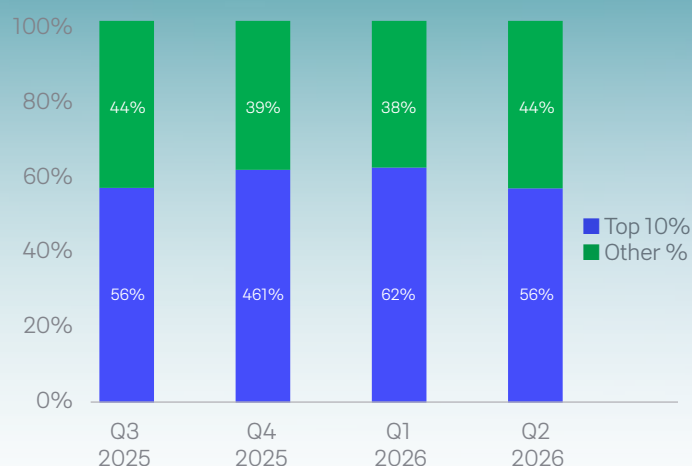
Q2 2026 Top Deals

Large financings reached a new high in Q2. Historically, the 10th largest deal in a given quarter rarely exceeded \$100m; in Q2 2026, every top 10 round surpassed \$250m, highlighting an unprecedented number of companies capable of raising mega-rounds.

The largest rounds were heavily concentrated in infrastructure-led businesses, particularly across satellite communications, launch and core space systems.

The US continued to dominate at the top end of the market, accounting for half of the top 10 financings and the vast majority of capital deployed. Europe secured representation through notable rounds for ICEYE and Isar Aerospace, while China maintained a presence with ADA Space's financing as the company advances its AI-enabled satellite constellation.

Taken together, the quarter's largest financings highlight how the sector's funding base has evolved. Unlike the 2020–2021 cycle, where late-stage capital was concentrated in a small number of companies such as SpaceX and OneWeb, today's growth capital is being deployed across a much broader group of category leaders. The diversity of the top 10 financings reflects a maturing ecosystem, with multiple scaled companies now attracting significant funding across launch, satellite communications, Earth observation, defence and in-space infrastructure.



Finally, the quarter also saw several exceptionally large financings in adjacent sectors with strong links to the space industry. Anduril raised \$5bn at a \$61bn valuation, while Jeff Bezos' Project Prometheus secured \$12bn at a \$41bn valuation to advance its physical AI ambitions. Although both businesses have meaningful exposure to space, they have been excluded from our analysis given the breadth of their activities beyond the SpaceTech sector.

COMPANY	COUNTRY	TAXONOMY		SUB CATEGORY	STAGE	AMOUNT (\$m)
True Anomaly	US	Space Segment	In-Space Economy	Space Services	Series D	\$600m
STARK	Germany	Downstream	Satcom & PNT	Satcom-Enabled Platforms	Series C	\$570m
ICEYE	Finland	Space Segment	Earth Observation	Satellites	Series F	\$520m
ADA Space	China	Space Segment	Earth Observation	Satellites	Series D	\$517m
Impulse Space	US	Space Access	Launch	OTV	Series D	\$500m
Isar Aerospace	Germany	Space Access	Launch	Rockets	Series D	\$311m
Astranis	US	Space Segment	Satcom & PNT	Broadband	Series E	\$300m
PhysicsX	UK	Space Access	Supply	Software	Series C	\$300m
Amca	US	Space Access	Supply	Advanced Manufacturing	Series B	\$300m
Cowboy Space	US	Space Segment	In-Space Economy	Energy & Compute	Series B	\$275m

CONCLUSION AND OUTLOOK

The Space industry has now delivered multiple category-defining quarters in succession. Q1 2026 saw a step-change in venture funding, while Q2 sustained that momentum with similarly elevated investment levels and the landmark completion of the SpaceX IPO.

With SpaceX now trading alongside the world's largest technology companies, space has firmly entered the mainstream as an investable category in its own right. The industry's maturation is increasingly attracting broader pools of capital and expanding the universe of investors able to participate in the sector.

We are particularly interested in the second-order effects that may follow. As early SpaceX employees and investors realise liquidity, we expect a new wave of founders, operators and angel investors to emerge, creating a virtuous cycle of talent, capital and company formation across the space ecosystem.

At the same time, global competition is intensifying. China continues to close the capability gap through advances in reusability, the deployment of large-scale satellite constellations, and the emergence of domestic space champions pursuing public market listings. This increasingly competitive geopolitical backdrop is also helping drive investment into defence and national security-focused space companies, including businesses such as True Anomaly, Starfish and Turion.

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ABOUT SERAPHIM



VC FUNDS + RESEARCH + ACCELERATOR

Our Model: Inception to exit support powered by smart capital

Seraphim is the world's leading specialist investor in SpaceTech.

Powered by smart capital from leading Space companies and government agencies, we have a unique model combining investment funds, accelerators, and an angel investor platform.

We use our panoptic view of the SpaceTech ecosystem to provide inception to exit support to the sector's most ambitious and fearless entrepreneurs as they aspire to harness the infinite potential of Space to help push the boundaries of what is currently possible by turning science fiction into science fact.

Seraphim Space Investment Trust Plc is listed on the London Stock Exchange (Ticker: SSIT)

Our Focus: Businesses collecting & communicating data from above

We are focused exclusively on the multi \$trillion SpaceTech investment market.

We believe SpaceTech is at the nexus of mega-trends that will define societal change over forthcoming decades and has a unique role to play in addressing the world's most pressing problems.

Radical advances in the Space sector mean a data and connectivity tsunami is about to transform the world as we know it, driving the next major paradigm shift in the global economy.

We invest in companies that are enabling, generating and exploiting data being collected and communicated from above.



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TAXONOMY

SPACE ACCESS

SUPPLY

Critical suppliers whose hardware or software delivers step-change improvements in cost, performance, or reliability for space operations. These companies often serve multiple industries but have proven commercial traction with space customers.

- Advanced Manufacturing (precision machining, additive, robotics, specialty materials)
- Chips & Compute (radiation-hardened electronics, processors)
- Software (production control, AI/ML for manufacturing)

BUILD

Companies that design, manufacture, and assemble spacecraft and subsystems for orbit or beyond.

- Satellites
- Propulsion Systems
- Subsystems (payloads, avionics, power, communications)
- Onboard Software (flight software, autonomy, GNC, edge AI)

LAUNCH

Vehicles and systems that enable transport from Earth to orbit and between orbits.

- Rockets (Launch Vehicles)
- Orbital Transfer Vehicles (OTVs / space tugs)

SATELLITE OPERATIONS

Technologies and services required to manage, control, and operate satellites on orbit.

- Ground Segment (ground stations, networks, data transport)
- SSA - Space Situational Awareness (tracking, conjunction assessment, collision avoidance)
- Security & Storage (space-grade cyber, secure comms)
- Mission Operations Software (telemetry, command, fleet management)

SPACE SEGMENT

EARTH OBSERVATION

Satellites and constellations that collect Earth Observation data across imaging, sensing, and signals intelligence domains.

SATCOM & PNT

Satellites and constellations that provide global communications and precise positioning, navigation, and timing (PNT).

- Broadband
- IoT
- PNT

IN-SPACE ECONOMY

Infrastructure and capabilities that operate in orbit, cis-lunar space, or beyond.

- Space Stations & Earth Return
- Space Services (repair, life extension, inspection, debris removal, refueling)
- Lunar & Deep Space (landers, missions)
- Energy & Compute (space solar, orbital data centres, nuclear)
- In-Space Materials Manufacturing
- Life Sciences

DOWNSTREAM

EARTH OBSERVATION

Analytics, insights, platforms, and applications derived from Earth Observation datasets.

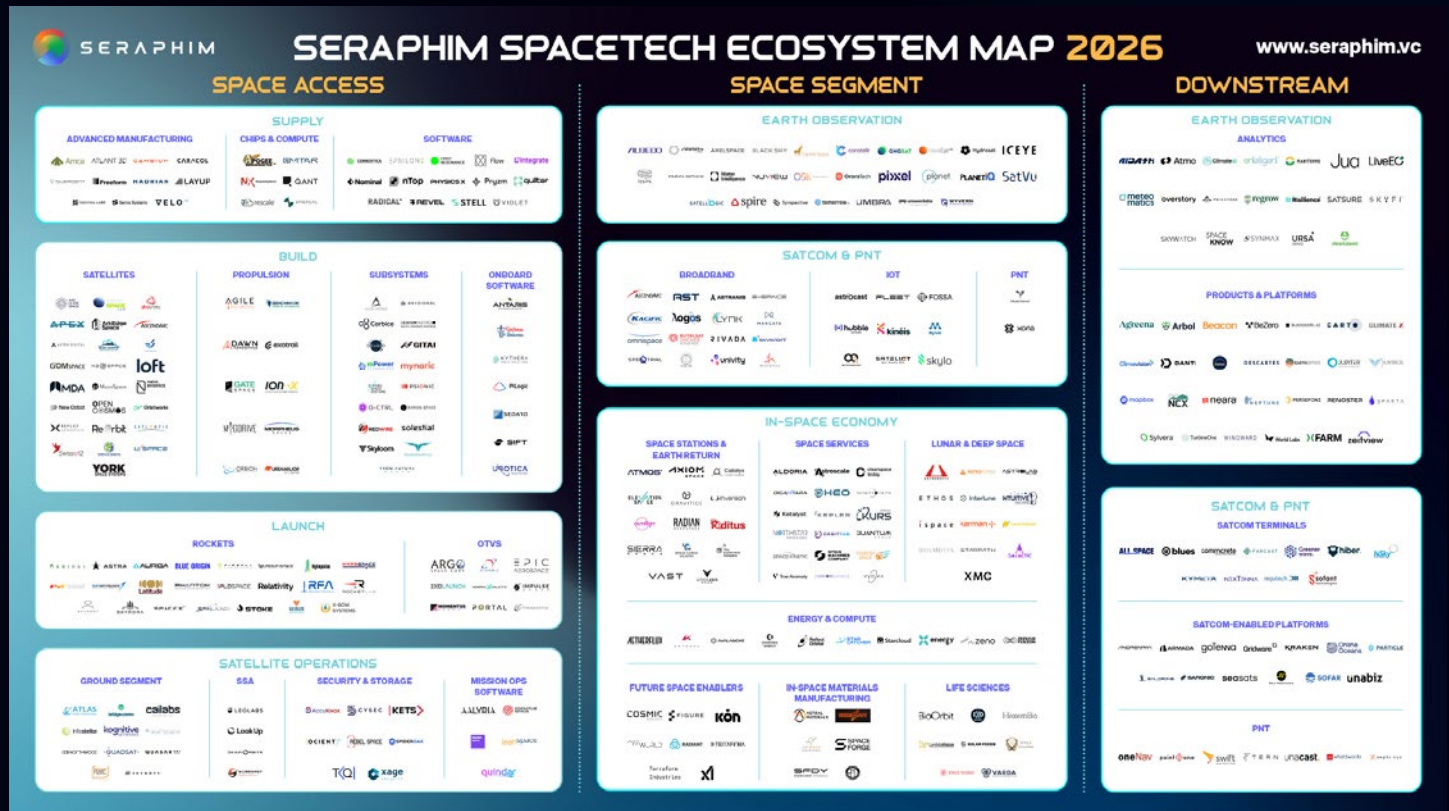
- Analytics (AI/ML models, change detection, insight generation)
- Products & Platforms (vertical-specific dashboards, integrated SaaS solutions, marketplaces combining EO with other data sources)

SATCOM & PNT

End-user hardware, terminals, and connectivity-enabled systems that leverage satcom and PNT.

- Satcom Terminals
- Satcom-Enabled Platforms (connected vehicles, mesh networks, edge devices)
- PNT Products & Receivers

We routinely publish our own research and insights on our website with a view to helping other investors share our excitement for the multi-decade transformational potential of Spacetech. Key periodic research we publish includes our widely recognised SpaceTech Ecosystem and Smallsat Constellation market maps.



SERAPHIM SPACETECH ECOSYSTEM MAP 2026

Global VC backed emerging leaders per category.



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