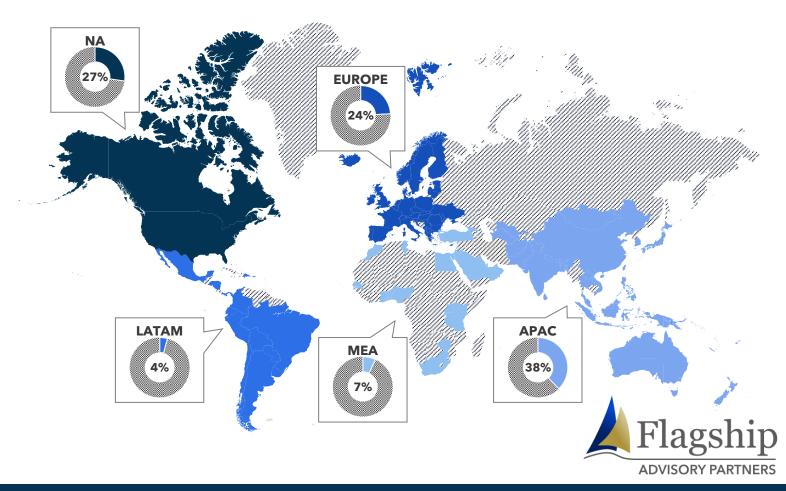
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Deals in Fintech & Payments by Geography

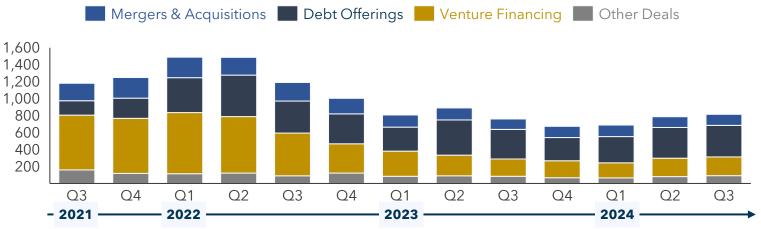
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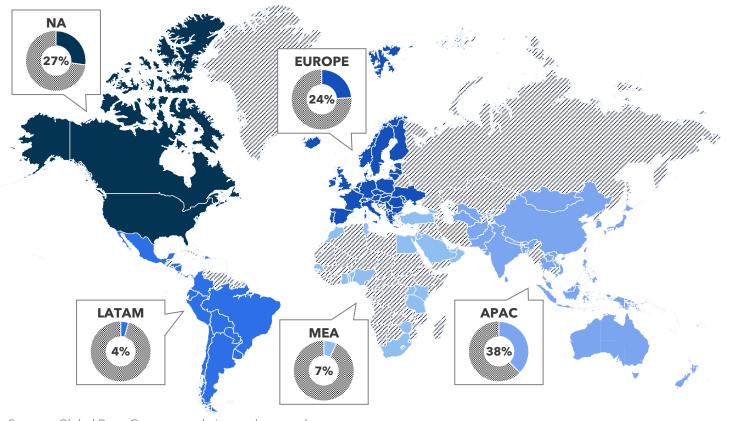
Global Fintech M&A Witnesses Moderate Growth in Deal Count in Q3 2024

Global: Number of Deals in Payments & Fintech by Type (quarterly announced deals)



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Global: Deals in Fintech & Payments by Geography (% total completed/announced deals; 12-month period; Q4'23 - Q3'24)



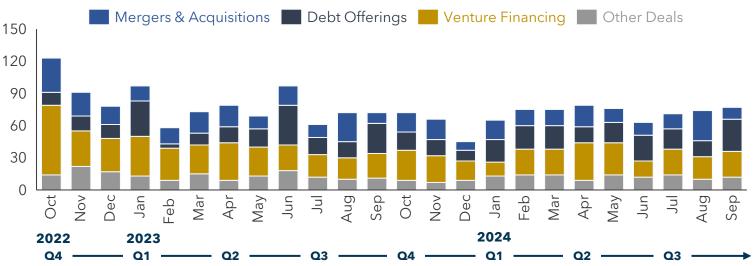
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- Global fintech M&A deal volume showed steady growth during Q3 '24, increasing by midsingle digits compared to the same period in the prior year.
- Private equity-led M&A activity significantly contributed to the deal performance in Q3 '24.
- Strategic acquisitions also saw an increase in deal numbers, with notable players such as MasterCard and Visa actively acquiring fintech companies during Q3 '24.



North American Fintech M&A Activity Sustains Steady Momentum in Q3 2024

North America: Number of Deals in Fintech & Payments by Type (monthly announced deals, including global and regional deals)



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North America: Deals by Geo (includes completed/announced deals)



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North America: Deals in Q3 '24 (non-exhaustive list of deals)



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- In Q3 '24, North America experienced a gradual increase in fintech M&A deal volumes, with growth in the low to mid-single digits compared to the same period last year.
- Global US-based private equity firms significantly contributed to this modest uptick.
- Investors in North America have focused on strategic, value-driven deals this quarter.

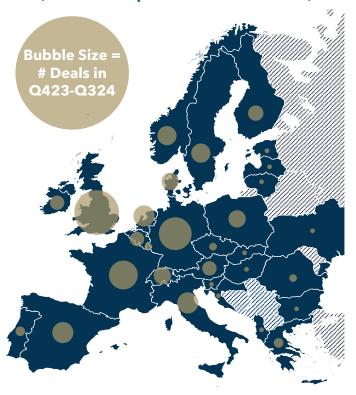


Europe's Fintech M&A Activity Rebounds After a Slow Summer Period

Europe: Number of Deals in Fintech & Payments (monthly announced deals, including global and regional deals) Mergers & Acquisitions Debt Offerings Venture Financing Other Deals 150 120 90 60 30 () Dec Jan 2022 2024 2023 - Q2 — – Q3 – Q4 -01 - Q2

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Europe: Deals by Geography (includes completed/announced deals)



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- Europe's fintech sector saw a surge in M&A activity during the final month of Q3 '24.
- The UK market retained its leadership position in European fintech M&A in Q3 '24.
- Although deal activity saw a slight increase in Q3 2024 compared to the same period last year, overall funding has declined, reflecting a shift toward smaller, strategic investments.



APAC Fintech M&A Activity Slows in Q3 2024

APAC: Number of Deals in Fintech & Payments (monthly announced deals, including global and regional deals)



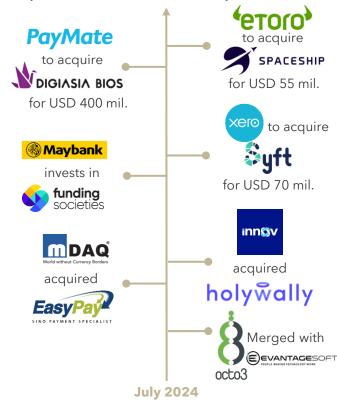
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APAC: Deals by Geography (includes completed/announced deals)



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APAC: Key Deals in Q3 '24 (non-exhaustive list of deals)



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- The APAC fintech sector saw a notable decline in M&A activity at the end of Q3 2024, though overall, Q3 '24 outperformed the same period last year.
- Despite the downturn, some areas within the APAC fintech sector demonstrated resilience.
- While a swift recovery is unlikely, opportunities for deal-making remain in a few categories.



LATAM and MEA Regions Facing a Subdued Fintech M&A Environment in Q3 2024

LATAM & MEA: Number of Deals in Fintech & Payments (monthly announced deals, including global and regional deals)



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LATAM: Deals by Geography (includes completed/announced deals)

MEA: Deals by Geography (includes completed/announced deals)



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- The LATAM fintech landscape experienced a modest surge in M&A activity during mid-Q3 2024, primarily driven by strategic acquisitions aimed at consolidating market positions.
- In contrast, the MEA region saw more subdued fintech M&A activity in Q3 2024, marked by targeted strategic investments rather than large-scale mergers and acquisitions.



Fintech M&A Deal of the Quarter: Visa Announced to Acquire Featurespace

Acquisition Participants

On 9/26/2024, Visa announced to acquire Featurespace in a £700M deal



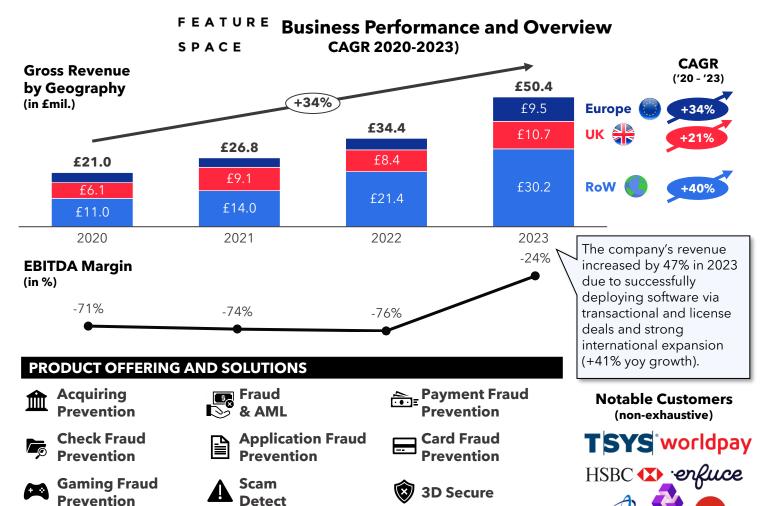
Company Overview Company Overview

Visa (NYSE: V) is a global card network, facilitating transactions between consumers, merchants, Fls and government entities in more than 200 countries and territories.

Featurespace, based in UK, specializes in AI/ML fraud and financial crime prevention. It supports banks and financial institutions across +180 markets and serves +500 million consumers.

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Flagship Commentary

- In September 2024, Visa announced its agreement to acquire Featurespace, a UK-based fintech specializing in real-time AI technology for payment protection.
- This strategic move aims to enhance Visa's fraud detection and risk-scoring capabilities.
- Featurespace's AI solutions will complement Visa's existing products and position Visa to offer more robust value-added services to banks, fintechs, and payment service providers.
- The acquisition is expected to close in 2025, subject to regulatory approvals.



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