

IPO sales at four-year peak for PEs, VCs

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In 2025, private equity and venture capital firms extracted the largest sum of cash from India's initial public offerings (IPOs) in four years, even as their share in the country's primary market shrank to its lowest in at least a decade. While these investors offloaded ₹20,643 crore worth of stock in 2025, they backed fewer than one in five listings, compared to around one in four in 2024 and around one in three in 2023.

According to market statistics compiled by data intelligence firm Prime Database, the value of PE/VC-backed IPO stake sales this year was the highest since the all-time high of ₹31,684 crore in 2021, which came during a period of high global liquidity and a surge in technology listings



The share of PE/VC-backed IPOs has fallen steadily over the past decade.

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following the covid pandemic.

Despite the increase in the absolute value of exits, the proportion of PE/VC-backed companies within the broader IPO landscape has declined steadily over the past decade. In 2015, PE/VC-backed listings accounted for nearly 62% of all IPOs in India. This figure

fluctuated over the years, coming in at 50.8% in 2021 before dropping to 36.8% in 2023, 26.4% in 2024, and 18.45% in 2025.

Deven R. Choksey, founder and managing director of boutique fund DRChoksey Fin-Serv, said, "The low share of PE/VC IPOs isn't a sign of soft-

ness in their India strategies, rather a sign of strength in the broader economy and market conditions. More traditional businesses, like those in manufacturing, hospitality and consumer tech, are now mature enough to list without ever needing venture capital."

Choksey noted that the current IPO market has been characterized by large-scale promoter exits. India experienced a wave of PE/VC-backed IPOs in 2025, with a record number of public listings for new-age, venture-backed companies such as Groww, Lenskart, Urban Company, and Ather Energy.

Several PE-backed firms are preparing for IPOs in 2026. SoftBank-backed hospitality platform Oyo and General Atlantic-backed payments aggregator PhonePe are expected to hit the market.

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