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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

PE investment bounced back in Q3, with a total of CAD \$2.2B invested across 158 deals. This reflects a 33% increase in deal value, keeping the deal count on par with Q2. The average deal size witnessed a substantial growth of 38%, elevating from CAD \$10M to CAD \$14M. Though there was a notable uptick in Q3, the overall PE investment pace in 2023 is still lagging behind the previous years, 2022 and 2021.

Talking about the total dollars invested in PE, I can confidently discuss the deal activity. However, the total amount is not the full picture, given that many deals are reported with undisclosed values. This means that readers of this report should assume that the value injected in Canada is higher than reported in CVCA Intelligence.

The trends however are clear. Leading the charge, the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector garnered CAD \$1.2B across 98 deals, which is 20% of the total investment. Cleantech came third with an impressive CAD \$914M invested across 23 deals, starkly outshining the CAD \$245M investment recorded in the entire year of 2022. Meanwhile, the industrial & manufacturing sector secured a hefty investment of CAD \$936M across 106 deals, albeit lagging behind 2022's performance in both deal volume and value.

The ICT sector continues to outshine others, showcasing the robust and mature nature of Canada's tech landscape. Rewinding back to Q3 2017, the industrial and manufacturing sector was the prime performer in PE deals. Fast forward six years, and the ICT sector has significantly upped its stake, mirroring the shifting investment dynamics across sectors. Moreover, ICT's lead extends to the VC asset class, providing a holistic view of Canada's tech sector — from early to growth and beyond, tech remains a treasured asset in Canada."

The narrative of Q3 reaffirms the mid-market's vitality in Canada's PE landscape, where the emphasis on aiding succession planning and nurturing the growth of SMEs remains paramount. Through the ebbs and flows of market dynamics, the industry's ability to adapt is evident, and the forward momentum in sectors like ICT and cleantech is a promising sign as we head to the close of 2023.

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YTD Q3 2023 HIGHLIGHTS



YTD Q3 2023 saw 481 deals and \$5.8 billion in investments

In Q3, total dollars invested increased by 33% quarter over quarter (Q-o-Q) with \$2.2 billion invested across 158 deals

Québec accounted for 57% of total deal flow and 53% of total dollars invested with \$3.1B invested over 274 deals

\$666M and 69 deals were closed by companies based in Montreal

Deals under \$25 million remain the primary focus of Canadian PE activity, underscoring the crucial role of PE investments in small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs)

86% of all disclosed deals were under \$25M

Investment levels in 2023 are declining

Compared to 2022 and 2021, 2023 is on track to become the lowest investment year on record

Year to date, there have been 72 exits totaling \$234 million, with no reported PE-backed IPOs

85% of these exits were facilitated through an M&A transaction, accounting for the entire disclosed exit value of \$234 million.

Continued market uncertainty is affecting Canadian PE, leading to an absence of large deals

Q3's largest disclosed deal was <u>Nemaska</u> <u>Lithium inc.</u>, a Quebec City based company, raising \$250M from Investissement Québec

PE buyout and add-ons attracted \$1.8B across 137 deals YTD Q3 2023, marking a 52% decrease in invested dollars compared to YTD Q3 2022.

2023 is set to record the lowest annual investment in this category to date

PE minority investments saw \$2.2B invested into 111 deals, down 52% Y-o-Y in total value and 34% in deal count

The average deal size decreased by nearly 27% year-over-year (Y-o-Y)

H1 2023 PRIVATE EQUITY HEAT MAP

ALL PE DEALS



Year to date (YTD), 481 deals accounted for \$5.8 billion in investments. In Q3, there was a notable recovery, with \$2.2 billion invested across 158 deals. Despite a 4% decrease in the number of deals compared to the previous quarter, the total investment increased by 33% Q-o-Q, primarily due to a 38% rise in the average deal size, reaching \$13.86 million.

Québec was the most active province accounting for 57% of total deal flow and 53% of total dollars invested with \$3.1B invested over 274 deals including \$666M and 69 deals in Montreal. Quebec also saw the biggest disclosed deal of the quarter with Nemaska Lithium inc., a Quebec City based company, raising \$250M from Investissement Québec.

Ontario ranked second in investment activity with \$1.6 billion across 119 deals, making up 25% of deal flow and 28% of overall investment. Toronto, the most active city in the province, attracted \$1 billion across 60 deals, on pace to exceed the 2022 total of \$1.2 billion.

In terms of deal volume, British Columbia (BC) was the third most active province with \$249M raised from 50 deals. However in terms of dollars invested, Alberta outpaced BC, as it saw \$587M invested over 28 deals.

TOP SECTORS PER PROVINCE

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BY NUMBER OF DEALS

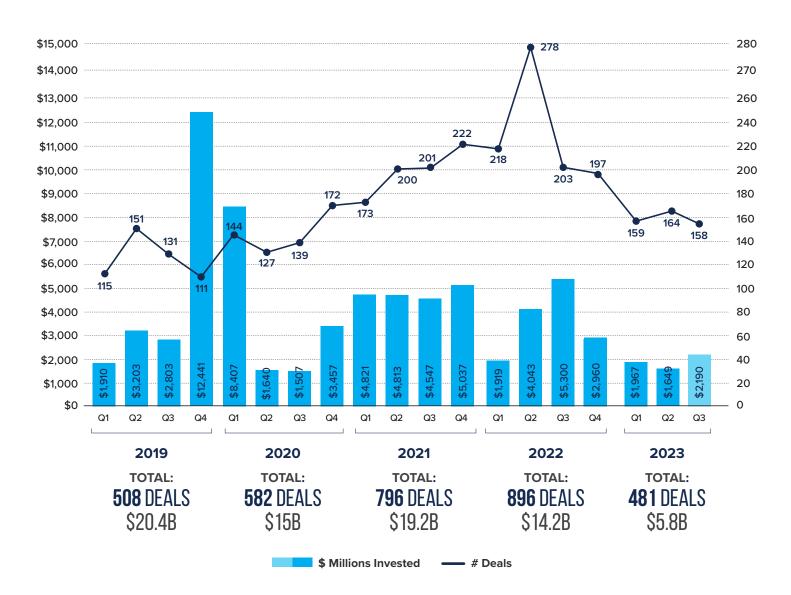
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LIFE SCIENCES	ICT
14	10
FINANCIAL 12	INDUSTRIAL & MANUFACTURING 5
T 7	OIL & GAS, POWER
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ONTARIO	QUÉBEC INDUSTRIAL & MANUFACTURING 68
INDUSTRIAL & MANUFACTURING 25	іст 42
FINANCIAL 12	AGRI-FORESTRY 37
NEW BRUNSWICK AGRI-FORESTRY 1	NOVA SCOTIA AUTOMOTIVE & TRANSPORTATION 1
NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR OTHERS 1	

PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

ACTIVITY QUARTER-OVER-QUARTER

In Q3, PE investments rose by 33% to \$2.2 billion, but the number of deals fell by 4% to 158 compared to Q2 2023. The average deal size increased by 38% Q-o-Q to \$13.86 million, yet also decreased by 47% Y-o-Y.

While Q3 showed increased investment activity, 2023 overall is following a declining trend compared against 2022 and 2021. With current deal values, 2023 is on track to become the lowest investment year on record. It's important to note that while CVCA's data on the number of deals is comprehensive, the reported deal values may not offer a complete picture, as 29% of all deals captured in 2023 have undisclosed values.



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PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

ACTIVITY BY DEAL SIZE

Deal size in 2023 so far remains in line with previous years with 86% of deals with disclosed deal values below \$25M; 9% of disclosed deals were between \$25M -\$100M, with just 16 deals landing above \$100M.

Average deal sizes continue to steadily decrease, reaching an all-time low of \$12.07M year-to-date (YTD), representing a decline of 24% from the average deal sizes in 2022.

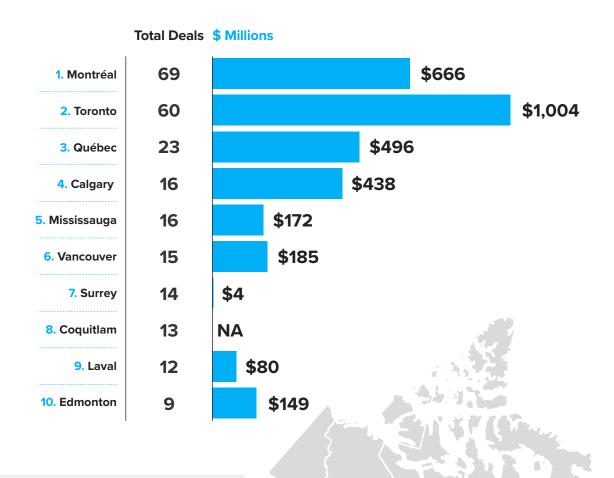
Deals under \$25 million persist as the dominant segment of Canadian PE activity. This trend emphasises the significant role that Canadian PE investments play in small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs). SMEs constitute the backbone of the nation's economy and are integral in various ways, including generating over 85% of new job opportunities across the country. Their importance extends beyond financial statistics, as they are often the drivers of innovation and regional development, making them a cornerstone of Canada's economic landscape.



TOP DISCLOSED CANADIAN PE DEALS

COMPANY	PROVINCE	FIRMS INVOLVED IN TRANSACTION	SECTOR	\$ MIL
NEMASKA LITHIUM INC.	QC	INVESTISSEMENT QUÉBEC	METALS & MINING	\$250
HOSTAWAY	ON	PSG	INTERNET SOFTWARE & SERVICES	\$238
HELIENE INC.	ON	ORION INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL	INDUSTRIAL & MANUFACTURING	\$203
NFI GROUP INC.	МВ	COLISEUM CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	INDUSTRIAL & MANUFACTURING	\$202
THE LION ELECTRIC CO	QC	INVESTISSEMENT QUÉBEC,FONDS DE SOLIDARITÉ FTQ,FONDACTION	AUTOMOTIVE & TRANSPORTATION	\$188
MSP CORP INVESTMENT INC.	АВ	BDC CAPITAL INC.,WALTER CAPITAL PARTNERS INC.,ALFAR CAPITAL	INTERNET SOFTWARE & SERVICES	\$136
GSOFT INC.	QC	CAISSE DE DÉPÔT ET PLACEMENT DU QUÉBEC (CDPQ)	SOFTWARE (NON INTERNET/MOBILE)	\$125
EQUISOFT INC.	QC	INVESTISSEMENT QUÉBEC,EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CANADA (EDC),FONDACTION,GOVERNMENT OF QUEBEC / GOUVERNEMENT DU QUÉBEC	SOFTWARE (NON INTERNET/MOBILE)	\$125
ÉTHANOL CELLULOSIQUE VARENNES S.E.C.	QC	INVESTISSEMENT QUÉBEC	CLEANTECH	\$123
VETCARE CANADA INC.	вс	UNDISCLOSED	HEALTHCARE/LIFE SCIENCES	\$100

TOP CANADIAN CITIES/ ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRES



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#1 MONTREAL \$666M 69 DEALS

PRIVATE EQUITY HEAT MAP

BUYOUT & ADD-ON DEALS

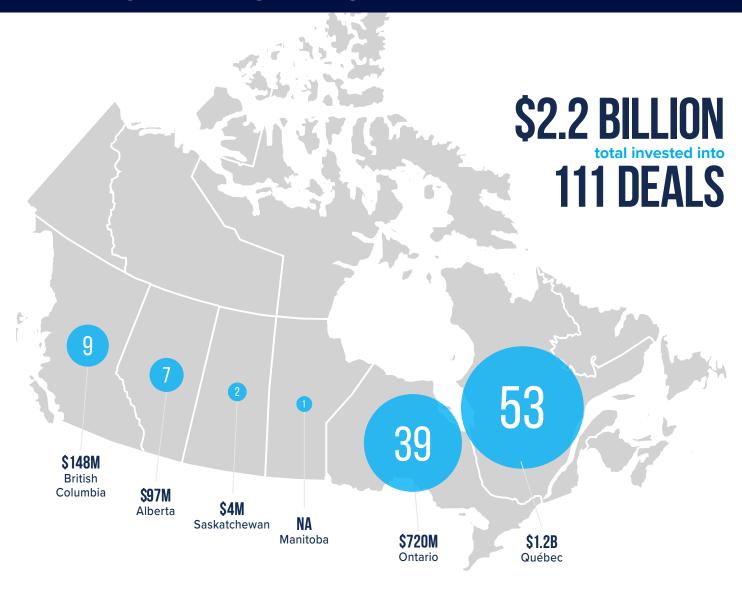


Buyout and add-on investments accounted for 28% of all deals closed in the first nine months of 2023, garnering \$1.8B total dollars invested or 31% of all PE dollars invested.

Average deal size declined 38% to \$13.0M in comparison to 2022 (\$20.8M) as investors continue to favour smaller cheque sizes amid the rising cost of capital and market volatility.

PRIVATE EQUITY HEAT MAP

PE MINORITY INVESTMENTS



Minority investments accounted for 37% of all PE dollars invested in the first nine months of 2023 and 23% of all PE activity, with \$2.2B dollars invested across 111 deals.

While minority investment deal activity remains consistent Q-o-Q, it significantly trails behind 2022 investments both in deal count and dollars invested. Average deal size declined 26% to \$19.4M compared with 2022 (\$26.3M).

One undisclosed megadeal (\$500M+) in Q1 remains the biggest deal in 2023 as it boosts the total investment values across Canada.

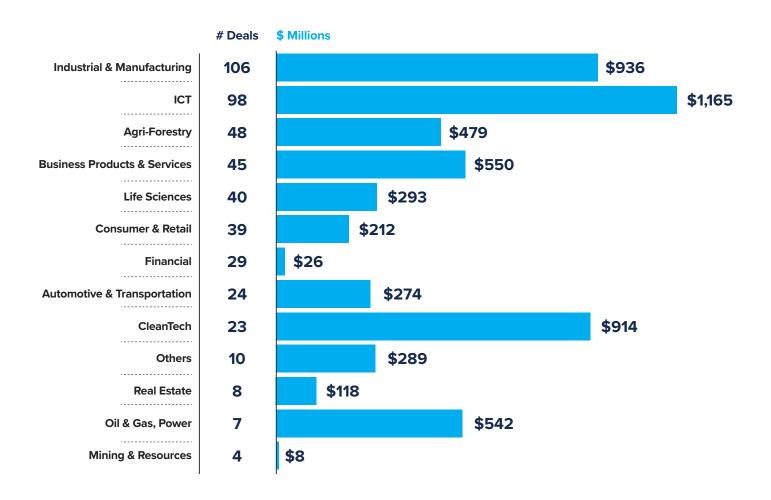
PRIVATE EQUITY SECTOR BREAKDOWN

Interest in Canadian tech companies remains strong, with the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector leading in terms of total investment, securing \$1.2 billion across 98 deals in 2023, representing 20% of all investment.

While the Industrial & Manufacturing sector recorded the highest deal count at 106, the sector was surpassed in terms of total investment value by investments made in ICT companies. The Industrial & Manufacturing sector attracted \$936 million in the first nine months of 2023.

Cleantech continues to thrive with investments exceeding previous years, receiving \$914 million across 23 deals, surpassing the combined total investment in Cleantech for the past three years, which totaled \$891 million.

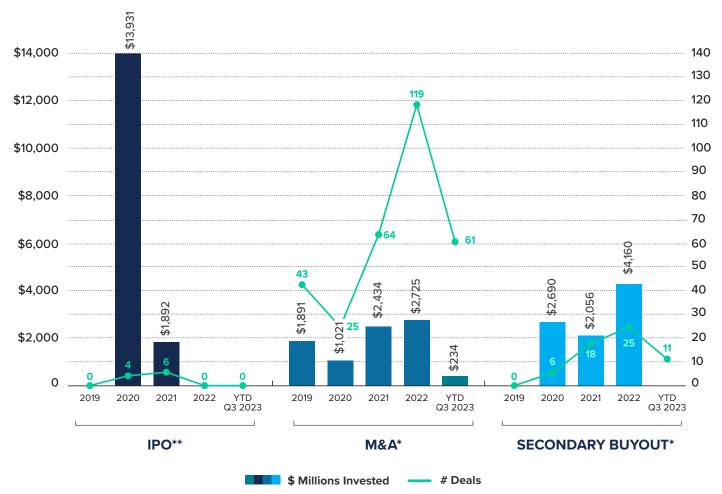
Other noteworthy sectors include Agri-forestry, with \$479 million invested in 48 deals, and Business Products & Services, which attracted \$550 million across 45 deals. These sectors collectively contribute to the diversification and growth of the Canadian investment landscape.



PE EXITS

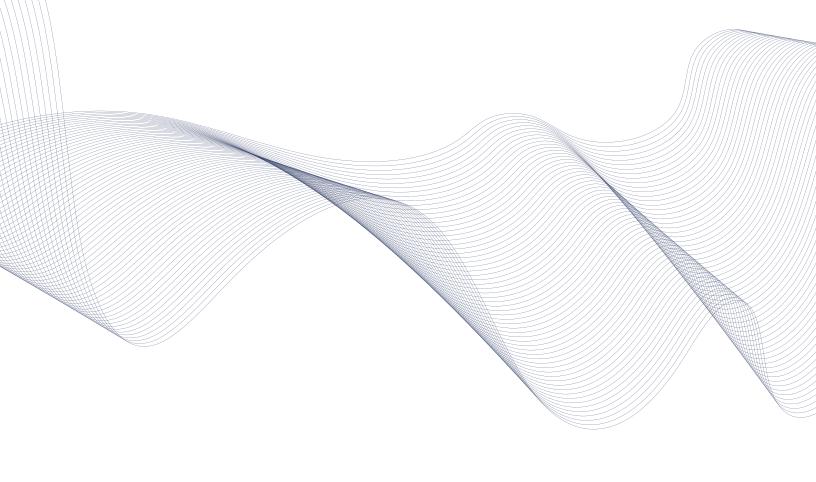
Year to date, there have been 72 exits totaling \$234 million, with no reported PE-backed IPOs. These figures represent a significant decrease compared to 2022, reflecting a trend where investors are choosing to prolong their investments in anticipation of more favourable exit conditions.

Notably, 85% of these exits were facilitated through an M&A transaction, accounting for the entire disclosed exit value of \$234 million. The remaining 15% of exit activity was attributed to secondary buyouts.

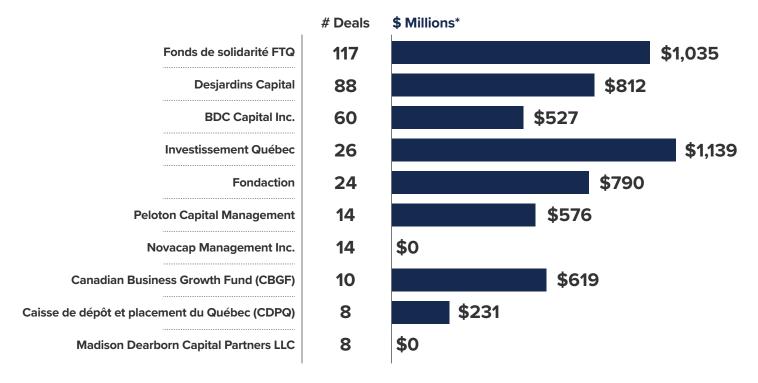


^{*} Includes transactions with undisclosed values

^{**} IPO valuation



MOST ACTIVE PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTORS



IOST ACTIVE PE BUYOUT & ADD-ON INVESTORS	# DEALS	\$ MILLIONS* (CDN\$ MIL)
PELOTON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	14	\$0
FONDACTION	8	\$339
ONTARIO TEACHERS' PENSION PLAN (OTPP)	8	\$0
NOVACAP MANAGEMENT INC.	7	\$392
MADISON DEARBORN CAPITAL PARTNERS LLC	7	\$0
BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P.	5	\$0
FONDS DE SOLIDARITÉ FTQ	4	\$337
SEAFORT CAPITAL INC.	4	\$0
GRYPHON INVESTORS INC.	4	\$0
CAISSE DE DÉPÔT ET PLACEMENT DU QUÉBEC (CDPQ)	3	\$81

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MOST ACTIVE PE MINORITY INVESTORS	# DEALS	\$ MILLIONS* (CDN\$ MIL)
BDC CAPITAL INC.	29	\$304
FONDS DE SOLIDARITÉ FTQ	17	\$122
INVESTISSEMENT QUÉBEC	13	\$667
DESJARDINS CAPITAL	12	\$250
CANADIAN BUSINESS GROWTH FUND (CBGF)	6	\$43
FONDACTION	5	\$169
EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CANADA (EDC)	4	\$141
CAISSE DE DÉPÔT ET PLACEMENT DU QUÉBEC (CDPQ)	4	\$125
INSTAR ASSET MANAGEMENT INC.	3	\$50
PSG	2	\$317

^{*} Total deal values - includes all participating investors

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Sandpiper Ventures

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CVCA METHODOLOGY: PRIVATE EQUITY

PRIVATE EQUITY DATA:

Dataset includes only completed private equity deals (announced but yet to be completed deals are not included).

PE DEAL TYPE	
BUYOUT	INVESTMENT FOR THE CONTROL OF A PORTFOLIO COMPANY, INCLUDING PLATFORM CREATION, SECONDARY BUYOUT
GROWTH	SIGNIFICANT MINORITY INVESTMENT INTO A PORTFOLIO COMPANY, THROUGH NEW CAPITAL INFUSION AND RECAPITALIZATION
ADD-ON	CORPORATE ACQUISITIONS BY MAJORITY CONTROLLED PE BACKED PORTFOLIO COMPANIES
DEBT	DEBT INVESTMENT INTO PORTFOLIO COMPANIES
INFRASTRUCTURE	INVESTMENTS INTO DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS BUT PE DOES NOT OWN THE UNDERLYING ASSETS
PE SECTORS	
AGRI-FORESTRY	AGRICULTURE, FOODS AND FORESTRY
AUTOMOTIVE & TRANSPORTATION	TRANSPORTATION, LOGISTICS AND RELATED SERVICES
BUSINESS PRODUCTS & SERVICES	BUSINESS PRODUCTS AND SERVICES
CLEANTECH	ENERGY AND FUEL TECHNOLOGIES, EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION, RENEWAL ENERGY, ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES AND OTHER ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES
CONSUMER & RETAIL	CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, BRICK AND MORTAR RETAIL
FINANCIAL	FINANCIAL SERVICES
ICT	COMPUTER HARDWARE/SOFTWARE & SERVICES, INTERNET SOFTWARE & SERVICES, ECOMMERCE, ELECTRONIC & SEMICONDUCTOR, MOBILE & TELECOM AND SERVICES
INDUSTRIAL & MANUFACTURING	EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL MANUFACTURING
LIFE SCIENCES	BIOTECH, MEDICAL DEVICES, PHARMACEUTICALS, EHEALTH, HEALTHCARE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, AND OTHER MEDICAL RELATED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES
MINING & RESOURCES	NON OIL AND GAS NATURAL RESOURCES
OIL & GAS, POWER	OIL & GAS, POWER AND UTILITIES
REAL ESTATE	PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

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