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MOST INFLUENTIAL

Fifty Most Influential in Private Equity 2025

Private equity has had an uncertain 2025. Deal value year-on-year is expected to be up, while deal count is set to fall

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This year's Most Influential in European Private Equity list recognises a range of figures, all of whom have resisted the temptation to sit still amid the uncertainty. Some have inked a spate of exits, while others have pushed ahead with new investments, strategies and record fundraising closes.

There are nine first-time entrants, some of whom have stepped into new roles in the past year.

Irina Hemmers

Partner

Thoma Bravo

Austrian-native Irina Hemmers has led a busy period for the European business at Thoma Bravo. In February, Thoma Bravo closed its first European fund at €1.8bn.

Since opening the office in London in 2023, Hemmers' team has invested in four companies including the €400m take-private of EQS Group, where she is on the advisory board, and growth investments in USU, Hypergene and LOGEX.

This year, Thoma Bravo also closed its global flagship private equity fund at \$24.3bn.

Prior to joining the \$181bn firm to grow its presence in Europe, Hemmers was head of technology at Inflexion and was a partner on the TMT team at Apax Partners.

Overall, Thoma Bravo has invested \$14bn across 16 deals in the region over 14 years.



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