

METHODOLOGY

Europe's Long-Term Growth Champions 2027

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**EUROPE'S
LONG-TERM GROWTH
CHAMPIONS 2027**

Europe's Long-Term Growth Champions demonstrate strong innovation and growth, successfully handling uncertainty

Ranking's cornerstones



Relevance of Ranking

Identifying the **fastest growing companies** in Europe between 2015 and 2025 sheds light on businesses that have achieved strong revenue growth over an entire decade. These companies have expanded in the face of Covid-19 pandemic, elevated energy costs, and geopolitical tensions. Their performance highlights the **resilience and adaptability** required to succeed in a constrained environment, offering **valuable insights into effective business strategies** and the sectors gaining traction across the European economy. As such, they point to **emerging investment opportunities** and provide practical examples for organisations seeking to scale and remain competitive in a period of continued economic adjustment.



Executive Summary

- **Title of ranking:** Europe's Long-Term Growth Champions 2027
- **Media partner:** The Financial Times
- **Edition:** 3rd
- **Number of awardees:** 300
- **Methodology:** KPI-based through application
- **Criteria used for determining rank:** Highest compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of revenues between 2015 and 2025, considering additional criteria such as minimum revenue thresholds, independence, and primarily organic growth

Statista identifies Europe's Long-Term Growth Champions through a three-step process

Process overview



The project was advertised online and in print, allowing all eligible companies to register. In addition, Statista screened more than 11,000 companies as potential candidates and invited them to participate.

APPLICATION



The compound annual growth rate was calculated based on the revenue figures submitted and verified by the companies. Companies had to meet criteria such as revenue thresholds and independence. Statista processed and checked all reported data.

EVALUATION



Statista identified the top 300 companies with the highest revenue growth between 2015 and 2025. The minimum compound annual growth rate required for a company to be included was **11.25%**.

RANKING

All eligible companies could apply to Europe's Long-Term Growth Champions 2027 through an online application

Application Phase



Advertisement & Invitation

The Financial Times published an announcement article regarding the application phase. Concurrently, Statista identified over 11,000 potential candidates through company databases and other open sources. Statista sent invitations by email to those companies.



Criteria for Inclusion in the List

To be included in the list of the Europe's Long-Term Growth Champions 2027, a company must have met the following criteria:

- **Headquarters** in **Europe**
- **Revenue** of **at least €100,000** generated in **2015**
- **Revenue** of **at least €10,000,000** generated in **2025**
- Revenue growth between 2015 and 2025 was **primarily organic** (i.e., "internally" stimulated)
- **Independence** (the company is not a subsidiary or branch of any kind)



Application

- **Online registration**

Participants provided general business information, revenue and contact details.

- **Revenue Verification**

To verify revenue data, companies submitted a revenue verification form that included revenues and fiscal years, signed by the CEO, CFO, or executive committee member.

Statista identified the Long-Term Growth Champions based on revenue growth during fiscal years 2015 to 2025

Evaluation Phase



Revenue Growth

To evaluate the companies' revenue growth between fiscal years 2015 and 2025, Statista calculated the CAGR of all companies and determined the awardees by the highest CAGR.

- **Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR)**

CAGR is an essential metric to compare a company's performance to its competitors and identify high-growth potential in smaller companies that may be missed when only considering absolute growth figures.

$$\left(\frac{\text{Revenue 2025}}{\text{Revenue 2015}}\right)^{\frac{1}{10}} - 1 = \text{Compound annual growth rate (CAGR)}$$



Organic Growth

To ensure that a company's revenue growth was primarily organic (arising from an increase in the company's own business activity rather than mergers or takeovers), Statista reviewed each company's mergers and acquisitions history from fiscal year 2015 to fiscal year 2025.



Independence

Statista reviewed each company's corporate structure to ensure they met the criteria of independence.

Among the 300 fastest growing companies, the most dominant industries were IT & Software and Construction & Engineering

Ranking



Ranking

Statista awarded 300 companies with the highest revenue growth rate between 2015 and 2025. The minimum growth rate to make the list was 11.25%.



Industry

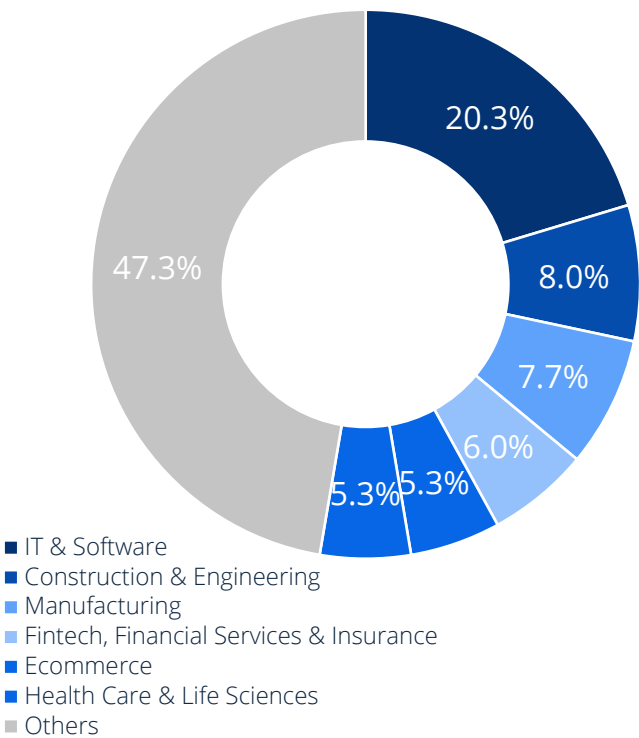
IT & Software leads, accounting for 20.3% of all companies, followed by Construction & Engineering at 8%. Together, the top six industries account for more than half of the list. The remaining 47.3% is distributed across 24 additional industries.



Country

Italy accounts for 24.3% of all companies, followed by the UK (15.3%), Germany (15.0%), and France (13.0%). Together, these four countries account for just under two-thirds of the companies in the ranking. In total, Europe's Long-Term Growth Champions features companies from 29 countries.

Industry Distribution



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Disclaimer

The ranking comprises exclusively companies that are eligible regarding the scope described in this document. A mention in the ranking is a positive recognition based on companies' revenue growth between 2015 and 2025.

The ranking is the result of an elaborate process which, due to the interval of data collection and analysis, is a reflection of the period from March 2026 to June 2026. Furthermore, events preceding or following the period 01/03/2014 - 31/12/2025 and/or pertaining to individual persons affiliated to the companies were not included in the metrics.

As such, the results of this ranking should not be used as the sole source of information for future deliberations. The information provided in this ranking should be considered in conjunction with other available information about companies. The quality of companies that are not included in the rankings is not disputed.