

METHODOLOGY

FT1000 – Europe's Fastest-Growing Companies 2026

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Dynamic and fast-growing companies create jobs and secure Europe's wealth

Ranking's Cornerstones



Relevance of Ranking

Innovation and rapid growth power Europe's economy. Across the continent, companies push boundaries, create jobs, and secure Europe's wealth. At Statista, we make exceptional business success visible by recognizing the fastest growing companies across Europe.

In collaboration with the **Financial Times**, we identify top performers based on verified revenue growth – ensuring a transparent, data-driven ranking. **Thousands of companies** were invited to participate, with only the most dynamic and high-achieving businesses earning recognition as one of **Europe's Fastest-Growing Companies 2026**.



Executive Summary

- **Title of ranking:** FT1000 – Europe's Fastest-Growing Companies 2026
- **Media partner:** Financial Times
- **Edition:** 10th
- **Number of awardees:** 1,000
- **Methodology:** companies needed to be headquartered in Europe, have at least 100,000 EUR revenue in 2021 and 1.5 million EUR in 2024, revenue growth needed to be primarily organic and the company independent
- **Criteria used for determining rank:** revenue growth between 2021 and 2024

All eligible companies could apply for the FT1000 through an online application process

Application Phase



Advertisement & Invitation

For the FT1000 – Europe’s Fastest-Growing Companies 2026, the Financial Times published an announcement article regarding the application phase. Meanwhile, Statista identified over 10,000 potential candidates through company databases and other open sources. For those companies, Statista sent invitations via emails and postal letters.



Criteria for Inclusion in the List

To be included in the list of the FT1000 – Europe’s Fastest-Growing Companies 2026, a company must have met the following criteria:

- **Headquarters in Europe**
- **Revenues of at least €100,000** generated in **2021**
- **Revenues of at least €1,500,000** generated in **2024**
- Primarily **organic revenue growth** between 2021 and 2024 (i.e., “internally” stimulated)
- **Independence** (The company acts largely independently in its business decisions and does not derive financial benefits from its parent company)



Application

- **Online registration**
Companies which met the aforementioned criteria could apply for the ranking. In the online registration, participants provided general business information, revenue and contact information.
- **Revenue Verification**
To verify revenue data, companies submitted a revenue verification form that included revenues & fiscal years and was signed by the CEO, CFO, or executive committee member.

Growth Champions were determined by the highest revenue growth between the fiscal years 2021 and 2024

Evaluation Phase



Revenue Growth

To evaluate the companies' revenue growth between fiscal years 2021 and 2024, Statista calculated the CAGR of all companies and determined the Growth Champions by the highest CAGR.

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

The compound annual growth rate (CAGR) is an essential metric in comparing a company's performance to its competitors and identifying high-growth potential in smaller companies that may be missed when only considering absolute growth figures.

$$\left(\frac{\text{Revenue 2024}}{\text{Revenue 2021}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1 = \text{Compound annual growth rate (CAGR)}$$



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 between fiscal year 2021 and fiscal year 2024.



Independence

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

Among the 1,000 Growth Champions, companies from Italy and Germany account for half the list

Ranking



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Statista awarded the 1,000 companies with the highest revenue growth rate between 2021 and 2024. The minimum growth rate to make the list was 17%.



Industry

IT & Software leads with 21% of all companies, followed by Fintech & Financial Services and Construction & Engineering at 8% each. The top five industries together account for nearly half of the list. The remaining 52% span 27 additional industries.



Country

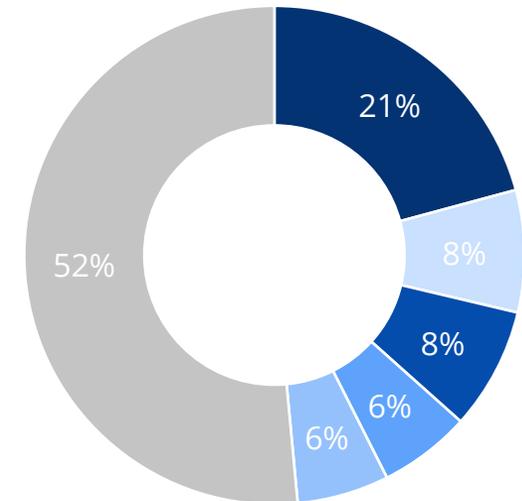
France accounts for 25% of all FT1000 companies, followed by Germany (19%), the UK (18%), and Italy (14%). Together, these four countries comprise roughly three quarters of the entire ranking. In total, the FT1000 features companies from 31 countries.

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Distribution of Industry



- IT & Software
- Fintech, Financial Services & Insurance
- Construction & Engineering
- Energy & Utilities
- Professional, Scientific & Technical Services
- other

Disclaimer

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The ranking of the FT1000 – Europe's Fastest-Growing Companies was created through a complex procedure. Although the search was very extensive, the ranking does not claim to be complete, as some companies did not want to make their figures public or did not participate for other reasons.

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