

Stepmark Partners Monthly AI Financing Update

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February Activity Highlights

Despite heightened tariff and inflation concerns, Big Tech continues to invest heavily into data centers

- **Nvidia's Q4 Earnings Update**

- Nvidia exceeded revenue expectations, but shares fell 8.5% due to concerns on gross margin contraction and tariffs taking effect
 - Q4 revenue was \$39.3 billion (78% YoY), while Data Center revenue grew 93% YoY
 - Nvidia's Blackwell chip has generated sales of \$11 billion in the first full quarter after its release

- **Microsoft Recalibrates its Data Center Investment**

- Microsoft is rumored to have terminated several data center leases (approx. 200MW) as it strategically paces and adjusts its infrastructure plans
- In addition, on February 22nd, Microsoft reiterates its plan to invest \$80 billion in AI in FY2025 (ends on June 30th)

- **Recent Earnings Reveal Big Tech's Capital Expenditure Plans**

- **Alphabet** plans to invest \$75 billion in capital expenditures in 2025, up from \$52.5 billion in 2024, focusing on AI expansion. CEO Sundar Pichai emphasized infrastructure growth, with spending directed toward servers and data centers
- **Amazon** plans to spend \$100 billion in 2025, largely on AI investments, surpassing last year's \$83 billion. The company is investing in data centers, networking gear, and hardware to support AI growth, focusing on AWS and generative AI advancements
- **Apple** is investing \$500 billion in the U.S. over four years to grow its AI, chip engineering and manufacturing. It plans to hire 20,000 workers and open a manufacturing academy in Detroit to train workers in AI-driven manufacturing
- **Meta's** \$65 billion in capex includes data center investments and server expansions. In addition, it plans to raise as much as \$35 billion to finance its large-scale U.S. data center expansion, with Apollo and KKR involved in early-stage discussions to lead the funding

Source: Company Press Releases, CNBC, Data Center Dynamics, Yahoo Finance

Monthly AI Financing Activity

Month ending February 28, 2025

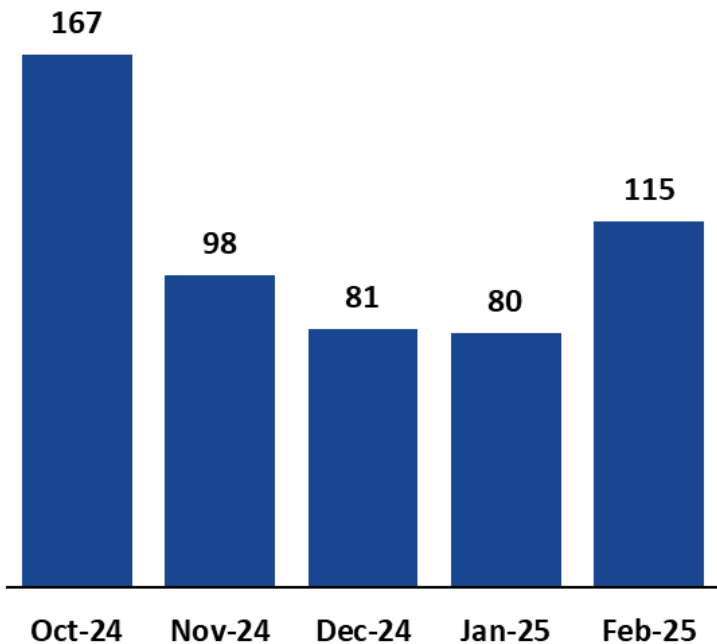
Top 10 Financing					
Company	Stage	Lead Investor(s)	Sector	Country	Amount (\$ in mm)
 FIGURE	Growth	Align Ventures, Parkway Venture Capital	Industrial	 Sunnyvale, CA	1,500
 Lambda	Series D	Andra Capital, SGW	IT	 San Francisco, CA	480
 APPTRONIK	Series A	B Capital, Capital Factory	Industrial	 Austin, TX	350
together.ai	Series B	General Catalyst, Prosperity7 Ventures	IT	 San Francisco, CA	305
Harvey	Series D	Sequoia Capital	Legal	 San Francisco, CA	300
ABRIDGE	Series D	Elad Gil, IVP	Healthcare	 Pittsburgh, PA	250
 Verkada	Series E	General Catalyst	Security	 San Mateo, CA	200
 EnChargeAI	Series B	Tiger Global	Manufacturing	 Santa Clara, CA	100
 Genspark	Series A	A consortium of U.S. and Singapore-based investors	IT	 Palo Alto, CA	100
 MERCOR	Series B	Felicis	Human Capital	 San Francisco, CA	100

\$6.5 billion
Volume

115
of Transactions



Historical Monthly Activity Count



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