MARKET REPORT

AI security, Q3 2026

Investors put **$866.4M** into AI security companies in Q3. That is 2.3× Q2 and the largest quarter on record. 7 rounds of $50M or more carried 76% of it.

$866.4M
Raised in Q3
20 disclosed rounds

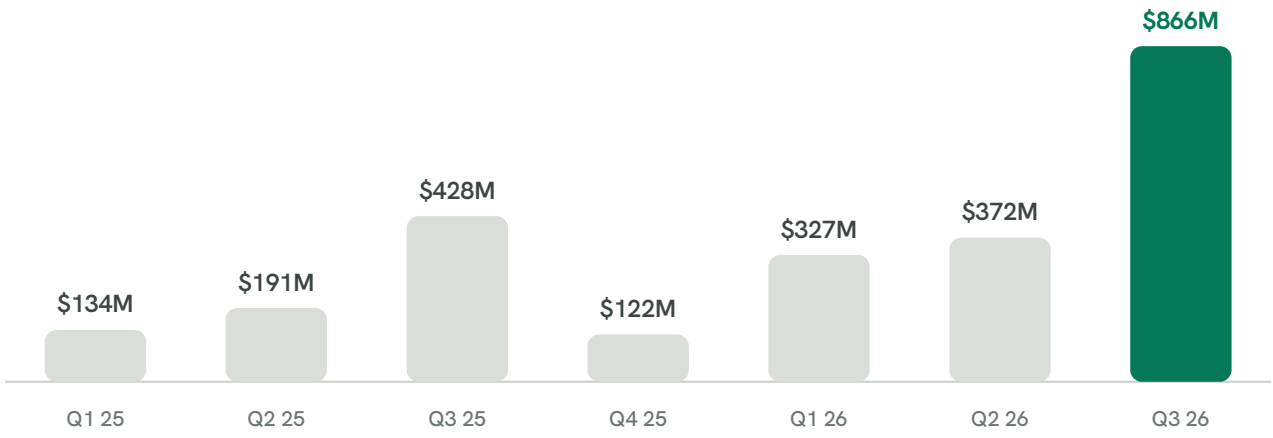
2.3×
Versus Q2 2026
Q2: $372.0M

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Acquisitions in Q3
17 so far in 2026

265
Companies tracked
AI security as main business

Priced equity by quarter

AI security companies, disclosed rounds



Three things to know

01 **The money went to a few large rounds.** Alice ($140M), Zenity ($125M) and Onyx Security ($113M) alone raised $378.0M. Q2 had only 2 rounds above $50M.

02 **Some seed rounds were huge.** AIR Security raised a $40M seed and Runta raised a $20M seed. The median AI security company has raised $9M in total.

03 **Buyers kept buying.** Fortinet, Kiteworks, Harvey and Anaconda each bought an AI security company in Q3. 17 have been bought since January.

Source: Mandos MCP, pulled 1 November 2026. Funding = priced equity, disclosed amounts.

Every round in Q3

21 rounds between July 1 and September 30, 2026, largest first.

COMPANY	ROUND	DATE	AMOUNT	INVESTORS IN THE ROUND
Alice	Venture Round	Aug 25	**$140M**	Apax Digital Funds, MoreTech, Phoenix Financial +8
Zenity	Series C	Aug 3	**$125M**	Norwest Venture Partners, Qumra Capital, SoftBank Vision Fund 2 +6
Onyx Security	Series B	Jul 29	**$113M**	Bessemer Venture Partners
HiddenLayer	Series B	Sep 2	**$100M**	Delta-v Capital, Ten Eleven Ventures, Morgan Stanley +2
Neo	Series A	Jul 20	**$75M**	Kraft Group, Andreessen Horowitz, Merlin Ventures
Reco	Series B	Sep 29	**$55M**	AT&T Ventures, Forestay Capital, Quadrille Capital
Valarian	Series A	Jul 13	**$50M**	Gokul Rajaram, Lightbank, Litquidity Ventures +4
AIR Security	Seed	Aug 31	**$40M**	Greenoaks, Swish Ventures, Netz Capital +7
Lasso Security	Venture Round	Sep 2	**$30M**	ClearSky Advisors, Entrée Capital, iAngels +3
Mindgard	Series A	Aug 6	**$30M**	Album VC
Runta	Seed	Jul 16	**$20M**	Andreessen Horowitz, Google DeepMind, World Labs +7
Cranium	Venture Round	Jul 16	**$20M**	
Outerlimit	Pre-Seed	Sep 22	**$16M**	AlbionVC, Brian Murphy, Charles Gorintin +8
Rig Security	Seed	Sep 29	**$12M**	Ami Luttwak, Brightmind Partners, CrowdStrike +1
First Recon AI	Seed	Jul 8	**$11M**	YL Ventures
Arrakis Security	Seed	Aug 2	**$8M**	Hetz Ventures, Amitai Ratzon, Mati Staniszewski +1
Xpander.ai	Seed	Aug 17	**$7.5M**	Emerge Ventures, PICO Venture Partners, Samsung NEXT +1
AI Score	Seed	Sep 8	**$5.4M**	Fuel Ventures, Alan Morgan, Mo El Husseiny +1
Eve Security	Seed	Sep 15	**$4.5M**	Blu Venture Investors, Dreamit Ventures, LiveOak Ventures +1
Kontext	Seed	Sep 24	**$4M**	42CAP, Crypto Startup Accelerator, HTGF (High-Tech Gruenderfonds)
Arcade	Strategic Investment	Sep 28	Undisclosed	Cisco Investments

Investors are everyone named in the round, in no set order. The record does not say who led.

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Acquisitions in 2026

17 AI security companies bought between January and October.

DATE	COMPANY BOUGHT	BUYER
Oct 28	**Corridor**	Cognition
Oct 27	**Bosch AIShield**	Protectt.ai
Sep 11	**Bonfy**	Kiteworks
Sep 8	**Guardrails AI**	Harvey
Aug 18	**Virtue AI**	Fortinet
Aug 4	**Enkrypt AI**	Anaconda
Jun 26	**SurePath AI**	F5
Jun 15	**Troj AI**	A10 Networks
May 27	**Natoma**	Snowflake
May 21	**Aiceberg**	Cranium
May 19	**Deepchecks**	Check Point
May 13	**Lunar.dev**	Boomi
Apr 30	**Portkey**	Palo Alto Networks
Apr 10	**Lumeus**	Fiddler AI
Mar 9	**Promptfoo**	OpenAI
Feb 12	**Cyata**	Check Point
Feb 12	**Acuvity**	Proofpoint

Where the companies are

Headquarters, all 265

United States	163
Israel	28
United Kingdom	18
India	6
Switzerland	5
Australia	4

The typical company

Medians across all 265

$9M
Raised

15
People

Half of AI security companies have raised between $4M and $28M, and employ between 6 and 33 people.

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