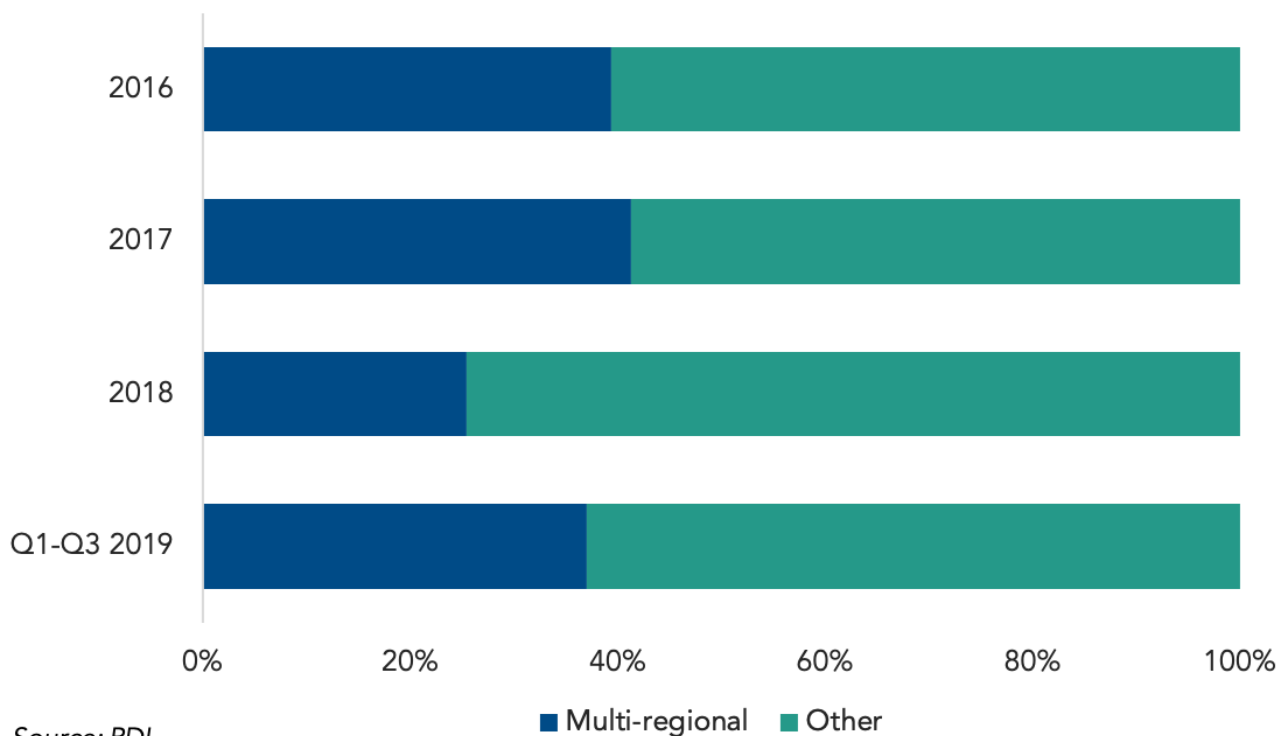


Multi-regional funds hold their own in chase for capital

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Funds investing in more than one geographic area have risen back to levels seen in earlier years before last year's slump



In 2019, so far, capital pools investing in more than one global region have raised more than in 2018.

Multi-regional funds – those investing across more than one geographic area – have made a comeback this year, or at least risen back in line to prior years' levels, according to PDI data.

The percentage of such vehicles rose to 36.97 percent of the \$112.69 billion raised in the first nine months of the year after dropping notably in 2018. Last year, multi-regional funds collected only 25.47 percent of the \$154.44 billion raised. That compared to the roughly 40 percent of all locked-down capital in 2016 and 2017.

Depending on fund closes in the fourth quarter, multi-regional funds may slip, as there is almost double the capital being sought for North America by funds in market than for multi-regional, with the former seeking \$116.60 billion to the latter's \$60.63 billion.

This is not necessarily a surprise, given that the US is the largest and most mature private credit market. The growth in private credit managers in the US in recent years – if you run a private equity firm in New York or Los Angeles, you’ve probably started a private debt platform – possibly accounts for this lopsided total.