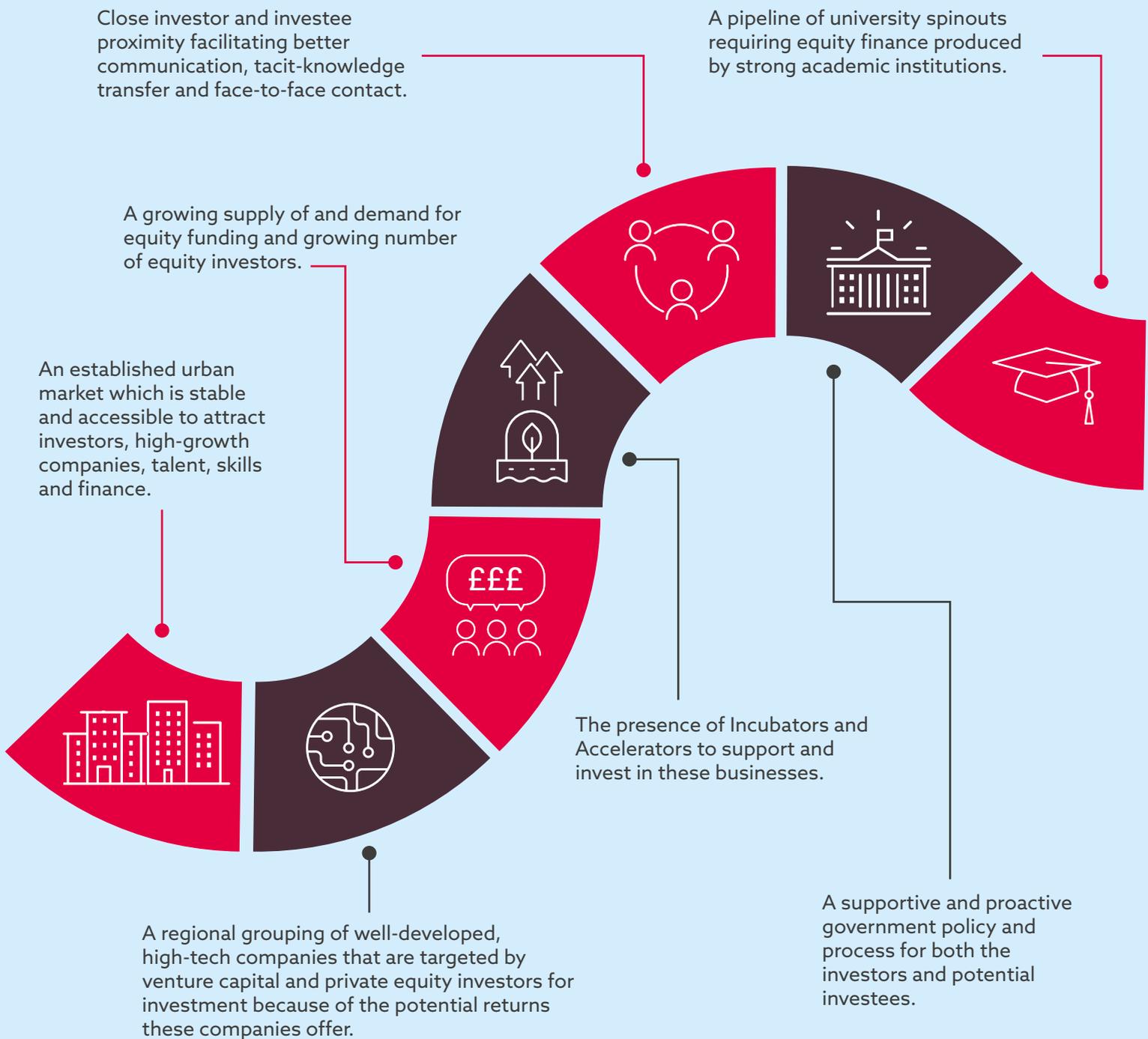


What is an equity cluster?

An equity cluster forms when innovative and high-growth companies located closely together are underpinned by factors which draw equity investors and investees together resulting in a high concentration of equity investments. This in turn encourages further entrepreneurial activity resulting in economic growth.

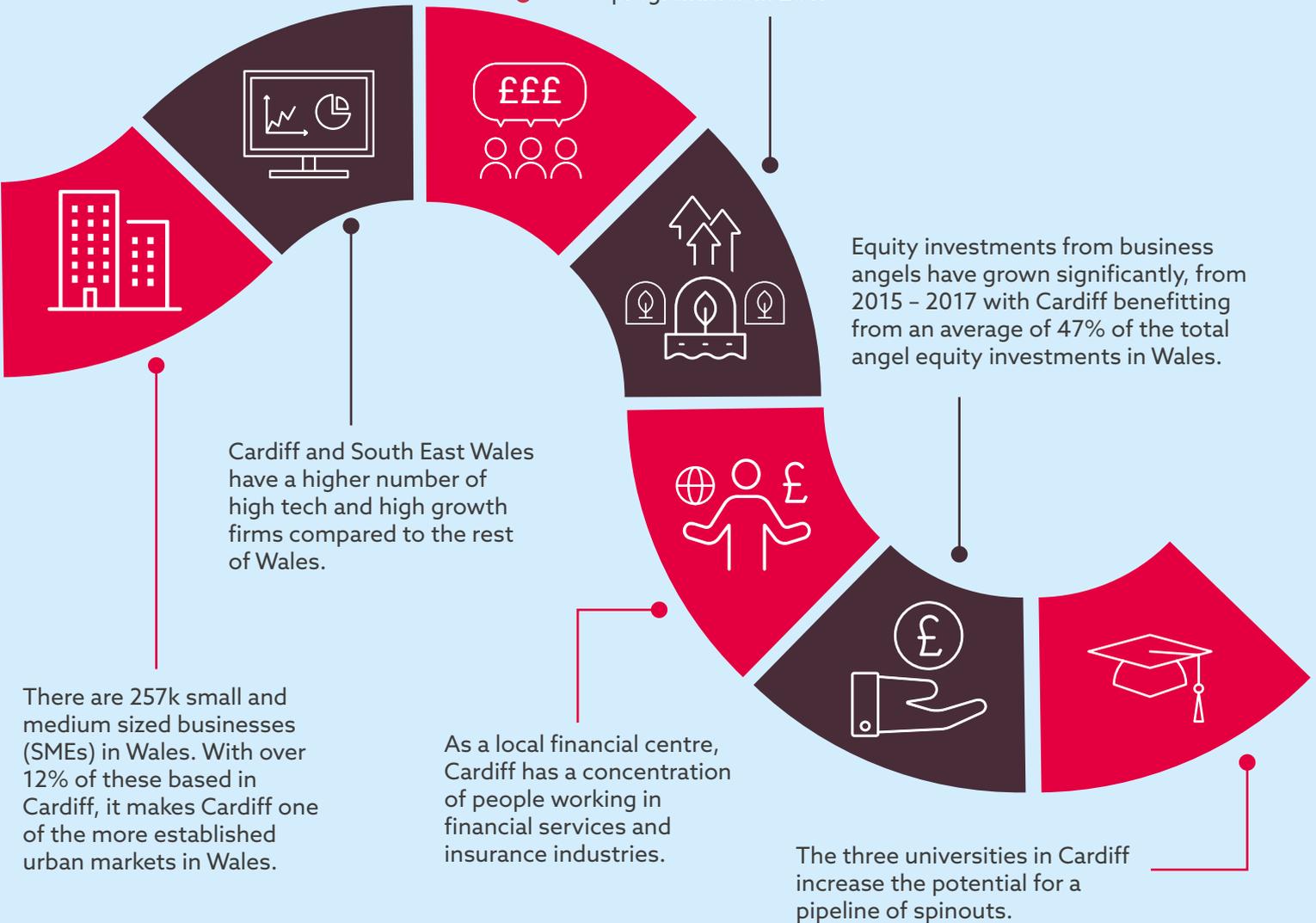
What needs to exist for an equity cluster to develop?



Cardiff as a developing equity cluster

In 2017 Cardiff was identified as one of the top 25 local authorities for the number of equity deals.

Cardiff has a higher density of business incubators and accelerator programmes compared to the rest of Wales with 152 businesses supported by accelerator programmes in 2017.



There are 257k small and medium sized businesses (SMEs) in Wales. With over 12% of these based in Cardiff, it makes Cardiff one of the more established urban markets in Wales.

Cardiff and South East Wales have a higher number of high tech and high growth firms compared to the rest of Wales.

As a local financial centre, Cardiff has a concentration of people working in financial services and insurance industries.

The three universities in Cardiff increase the potential for a pipeline of spinouts.

To find out more about Equity Clusters in Wales read the full report from Economic Intelligence Wales (EIW) [here](#).

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