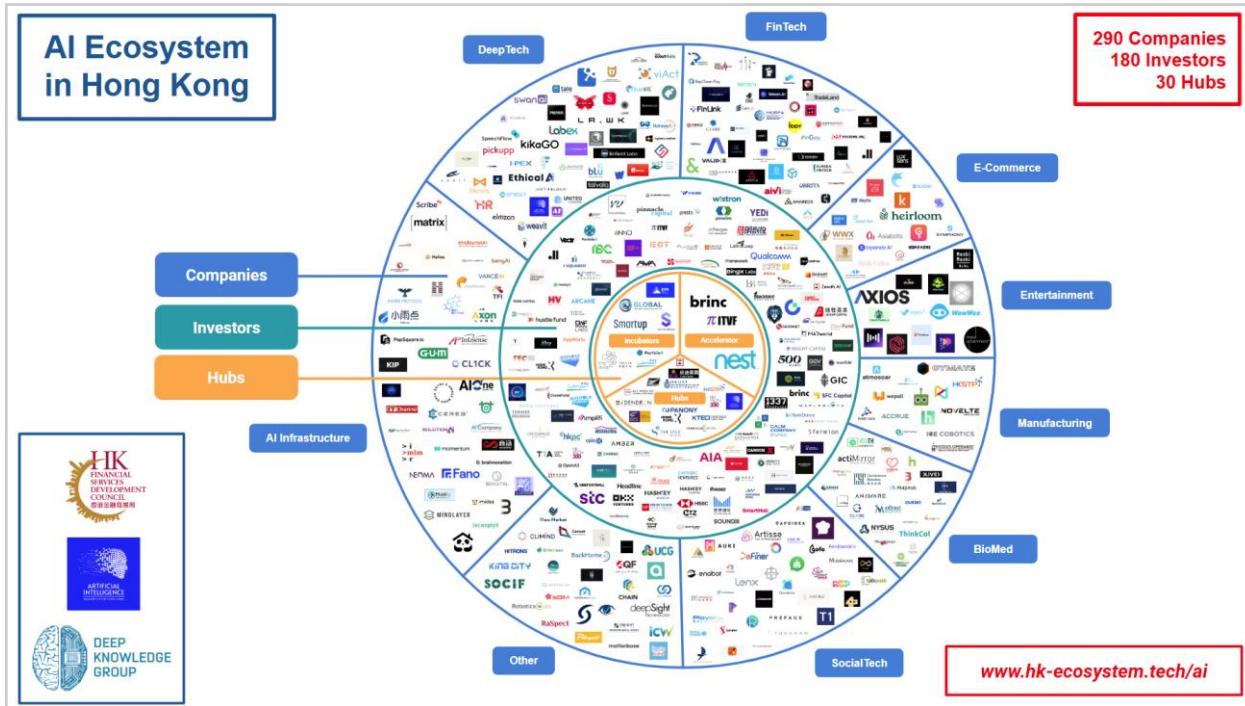


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**Hong Kong Cements AI Hub Status with 500 Organizations, 23% IPO Surge, and AI-for-Finance Ecosystemic Leadership**



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- Hong Kong's AI Ecosystem Booms: 500 organizations, 290 companies, and 180 investors are now active in the city's AI sector, making it one of Asia's most dynamic innovation hubs.
- AI-driven IPO surge: Hong Kong Stock Exchange (HKEX) saw a
- 23% increase in IPO volume in Q1 2025, largely fueled by AI companies.
- AI in Finance: Hong Kong is positioning itself as a global hub for AI-driven financial services, with major banks and fintech firms leveraging AI for trading, risk management, and customer experience.

Hong Kong has emerged a one of the world's most dynamic artificial intelligence hubs, now home to 500 AI organizations, 290 companies, and 180 investors driving innovation across finance, healthcare, and government services. The city's AI ecosystem is experiencing unprecedented growth, fueled by strategic government initiatives, world-class research institutions, and a booming IPO market that saw a 23% surge in volume during Q1 2025.

The comprehensive "AI Industry in Hong Kong Landscape Overview" report and interactive IT-platform, produced by Deep Knowledge Group with the [Financial Services Development Council \(FSDC\)](#) serving as Observer and the [Artificial Intelligence Association of Hong Kong \(AIHK\)](#) serving as Supporting Organisation, reveals a thriving innovation network positioned to lead the

region's AI transformation. With DeepTech (52 companies), AI Infrastructure (48), and SocialTech (38) leading sectoral distribution, Hong Kong is rapidly establishing itself as a global AI powerhouse.

### **AI-Driven IPO Boom Captivates Global Investors**

The Hong Kong Stock Exchange (HKEX) has become a critical platform for AI companies seeking global capital, with the first quarter of 2025 witnessing a remarkable 23% increase in IPO volume driven by high-demand AI sectors.

The integration of AI with Hong Kong's capital markets not only amplifies the city's economic growth but also solidifies its role as a global AI hub. Major companies like Alibaba are bolstering their AI infrastructure, strengthening financial ecosystem confidence in the sector.

### **Financial Services Transformation Through AI**

Hong Kong is positioning itself as a dominant hub for AI in the global finance sector, leveraging its strategic location as the gateway to Asia and a robust, globally connected financial system. The finance industry is embracing AI technologies to improve trading strategies, risk management, customer experience, and regulatory compliance.

Major initiatives include the Hong Kong Monetary Authority's "Fintech 2030" strategy and its "Artificial Intelligence x Authorized Institutions" (AI<sup>2</sup>) Strategy, promoting comprehensive and responsible AI adoption. Concurrently, the Insurance Authority launched an AI Cohort Programme, mobilizing major insurers to establish AI Centres of Excellence in Hong Kong.

### **Robust Ecosystem Supported by Innovation Hubs**

Hong Kong's AI landscape is supported by 27 key innovation hubs, including Cyberport (housing over 1,800 digital technology companies), Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, and HKAI Lab. These hubs play a crucial role in fostering innovation and supporting the growth of AI startups in the region.

The ecosystem benefits from strong government support, including HK\$1 billion allocated for AI research and development and the establishment of an AI Research and Development Institute. Recent policy developments include the creation of the AI Efficacy Enhancement Team, which has driven AI adoption within Hong Kong's government, modernizing outdated workflows and enhancing departmental efficiency.

### **Global Investment Interest Intensifies**

Hong Kong's AI ecosystem investment landscape attracts significant international interest, with 183 investors active across various countries. The United States leads with 46 investors, closely followed by Hong Kong with 42. China and Singapore each contribute 17 investors, while Taiwan has 10 and the United Kingdom 7.

This distribution underscores Hong Kong's strategic position as a nexus for AI investment, attracting significant interest from both local and international stakeholders.

### **Future Outlook: Sustainable Growth Amid Conquerable Challenges**

Despite rapid growth, Hong Kong's AI sector faces challenges including talent shortages and ensuring equitable access to AI technologies. However, these challenges present opportunities for Hong Kong to lead in areas such as AI governance, data privacy, and the development of AI applications that align with societal values.

"With its strong foundations in research, investment, and government support, Hong Kong is well-positioned to become a global leader in AI," said Dmiry Kaminskiy, General Partner of Deep Knowledge Group. "The city's focus on innovation, ethical AI, and cross-sector collaboration ensures a promising future for AI in Hong Kong."

#### Key Statistics: Hong Kong's AI Ecosystem at a Glance

- 500 AI organizations driving innovation
- 290 companies across 14 industries
- 180 investors fueling growth
- 30 innovation hubs fostering collaboration
- 45 industry leaders shaping the future
- 23% IPO volume surge in Q1 2025
- HK\$1 billion government investment in AI R&D

AI Industry in Hong Kong Landscape Overview provides both an actionable snapshot and deeper analysis of Hong Kong's rapidly evolving, globally competitive artificial intelligence ecosystem. Based on extensive research and data analysis, the report and platform offer valuable insights for investors, policymakers, and industry participants seeking to understand Hong Kong's current and near-future position in the global AI landscape.

"With strong Government support, a robust academic sector and a vibrant financial ecosystem, Hong Kong is well-positioned to emerge as a leading hub for AI in Asia." said Dr King Au, Executive Director of the FSDC. "Our dedication to innovation, ethical AI practices, and cross-sector collaboration will pave the way for a promising future in AI."

#### About Deep Knowledge Group

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#### About AI Industry Association of Hong Kong

As a Global Center of Excellence (CoE) for artificial intelligence, the [AI Industry Association of Hong Kong](#) (AIHK) drives corporate and institutional AI innovation and advances Hong Kong's position as a Global AI Hub. With 15 sector committees, including 5 focused on financial services, AIHK connects startups, corporates, researchers, and institutions to promote AI adoption, collaboration, and knowledge exchange.