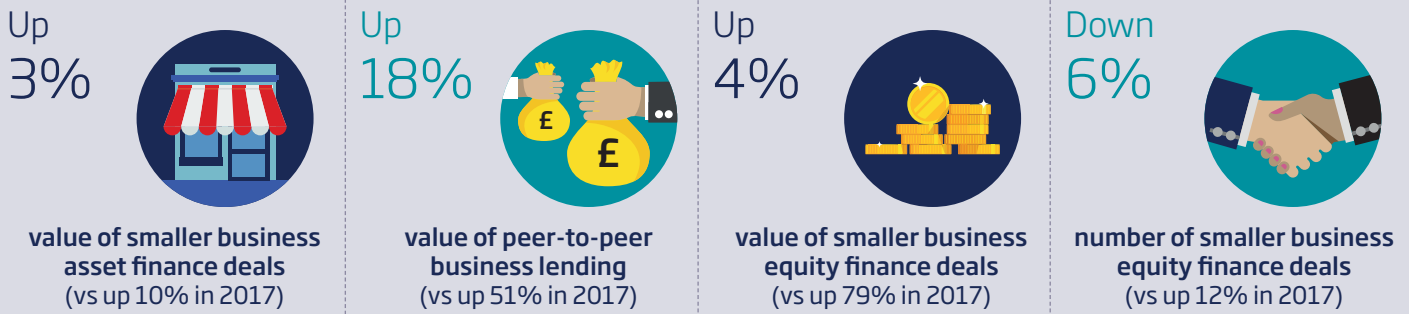


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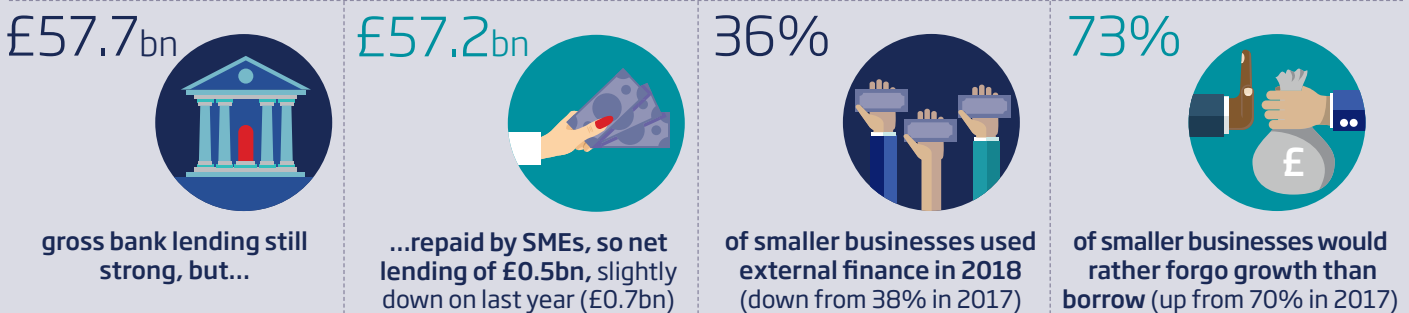
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## SMALLER BUSINESSES ARE VITAL TO THE ECONOMY



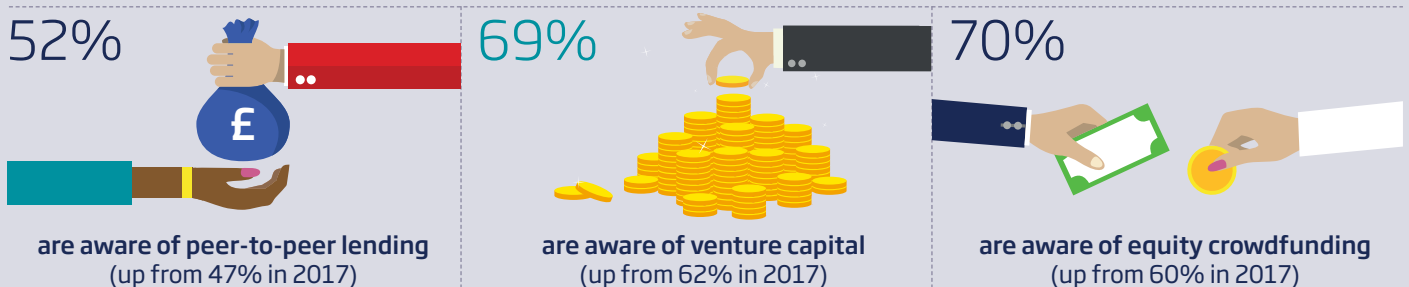
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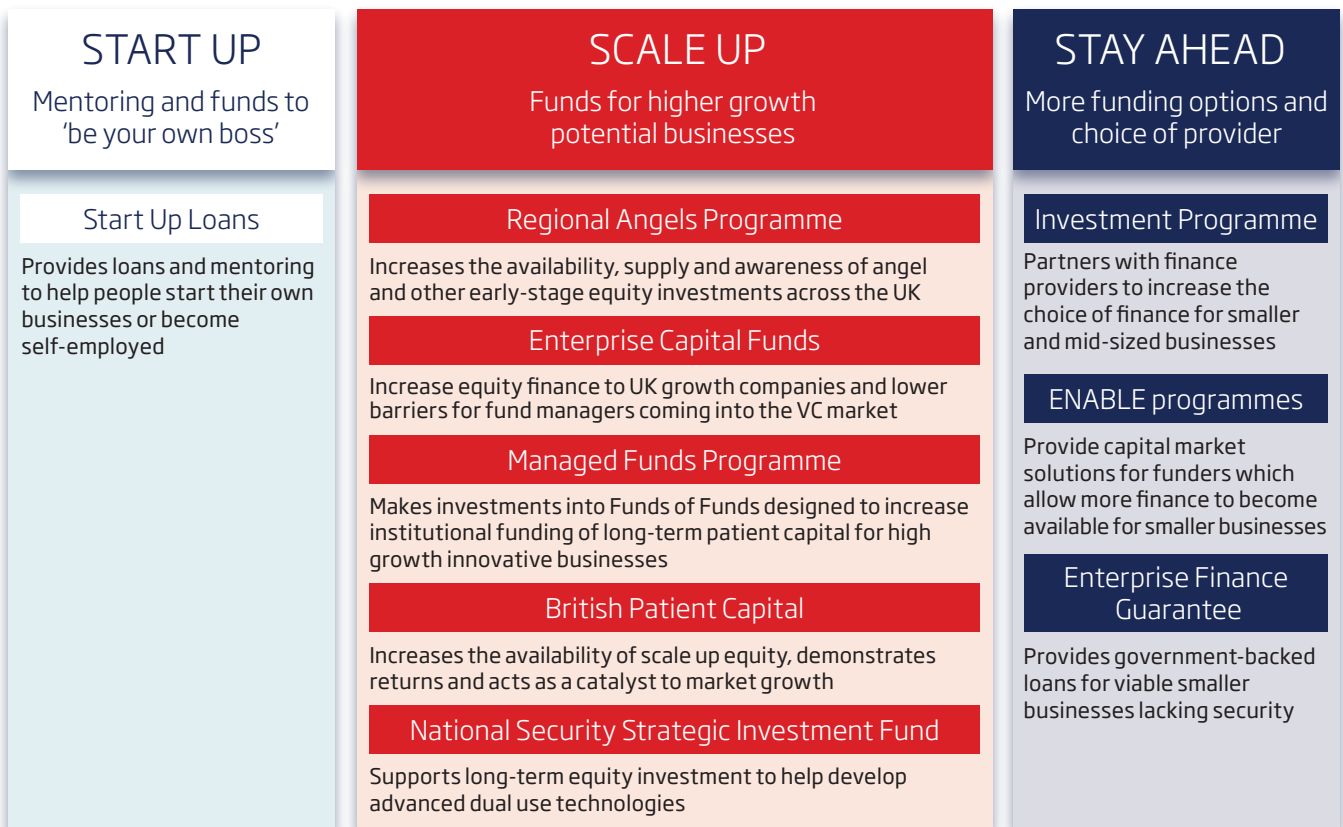
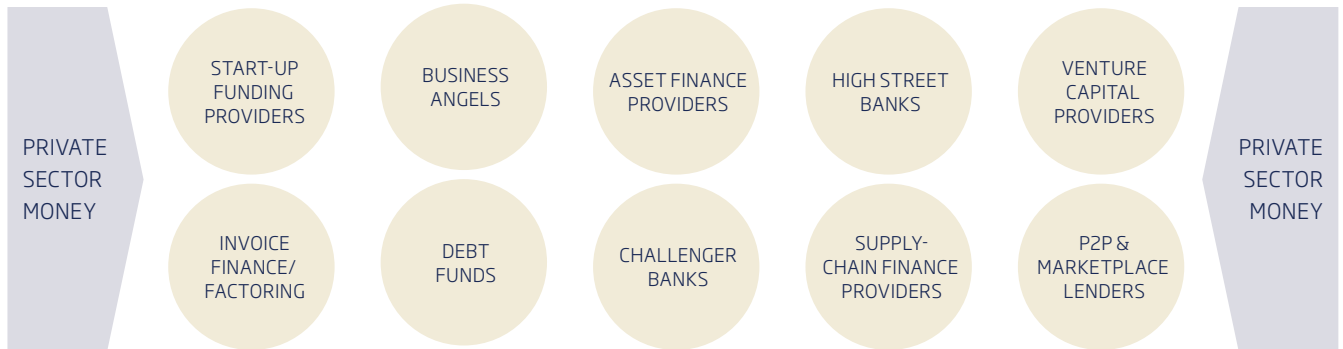
## THE BREXIT EFFECT



## AWARENESS OF SMALLER BUSINESS FINANCE CHOICES CONTINUES TO GROW



# HOW WE OPERATE



We deliver debt and equity funding to specific regions through our regional funds: the **Northern Powerhouse**, **Midlands Engine** and **Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Investment Funds**. We enhance local business finance ecosystems through our **UK Network**. We encourage and enable SMEs to seek the finance best suited to their needs through our **Business Finance Guide** and online **Finance Hub**.

**RESULTING IN INCREASED BUSINESS INVESTMENT, GROWTH AND JOBS**

