Aire Labs, a London, UK-based credit assessment provider, will likely raise its Series C in early 2021, said Aneesh Varma, founder and CEO.

Brief Summary:

Aire's technology platform uses data to provide a fuller picture of a consumer's financial background and potential risks. Its credit insights system makes credit checking fairer for consumers who have little or no credit history by providing first-party data to allow lenders a better understanding of a borrower's financial situation.



Investors:

Crane Venture Partners, Experian Ventures, Orange Digital Ventures, White Star Capital and Sunstone Capital

CEO and Founder:

Aneesh Varma





Interesting Fact:

Aire has not worked with investment bankers to date, but is willing to engage in conversations, the CEO said.



Doctrin, a Stockholm, Sweden-based telehealth platform provider, will be receptive to investor approaches next year, said Carlos Lorente, co-founder and CFO.

Brief Summary:

Doctrin's digital platform automates a patient's journey and can integrate with medical records, allowing patients to make physical or chat-based appointments.



Investors:

Capio, Swedbank Robur, HealthCap, Inbox Capital, Norrsken Foundation

CFO and co-founder:

Carlos Lorente







SoCash, a Singapore-based startup that offers a mobile app enabling its users to withdraw cash from its network of merchants, is prepping for its Series B extension, said Hari Sivan, CEO.

Brief Summary:

SoCash turns retail shops in "virtual ATMs" that allow customers to withdraw cash or make loan payments at the time of purchase using their SoCash app. It has 16K shops that are part of its "virtual branch" network in Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia.



Investors:

Glory Ltd of Japan, Vertex Ventures Standard Chartered Bank's innovation, investment and ventures arm, SC Ventures

CEO:

Hari Sivan







Paige, a New York-based computational pathology company, is seeking strategic partners after its recent capital raise, said Carla Leibowitz, Chief Business Development Officer.

Brief Summary:

The company has already received its CE Mark and FDA 510(k) clearance for FullFocus, its digital pathology image viewer. However, it is awaiting FDA approval for the use of FullFocus for prostate cancer detection, which is likely early next year, said Leibowitz.



Investors:

Goldman Sachs Merchant Banking Division, Healthcare Venture Partners, Breyer Capital and Kenan Turnacioglu

CEO:

Leo Grady







Senso.ai , a Toronto, Canada-based provider of predictive intelligence to financial institutions, will raise its Series A in the second half of 2021, said Saroop Bharwani, CEO and founder.

Brief Summary:

Senso's platform uses artificial intelligence and predictive intel to enable financial institutions to predict customer behaviors and proactively serve clients by producing relevant product offerings.



Advisors:

Blakes

Investors:

Mendoza Ventures, Breakaway Growth, Luge Capital, Rising Tide, iNovia Capital and BDC

CEO and founder:

Saroop Bharwani





Interesting Fact:

Senso.ai wants to "go for the gold" and launch an IPO, said Bharwani when asked about an eventual exit. But Senso.ai has already received acquisition interest and "nudges" from potential acquirers. There are many potential acquirers of Senso.ai including banks looking to add their own mortgage artificial intelligence platform to their suite, big technology players who are starting to enter financial services such as Amazon and Google, enterprise cloud providers such as

Aug 19, 2020



Most Recent Coverage:

◆Eigen Technologies, a London-based artificial intelligence and data science provider, is planning to see how its next two quarters play out before deciding on its Series C plans, said Lewis Liu, CEO and co-founder.

Brief Summary:

Eigen uses machine learning and natural language processing to extract unstructured data and insights from documents and contracts. Its platform teaches artificial intelligence to read any document by training with examples and using search templates to unlock critical data.



Investors:

Lakestar, Dawn Capital, Temasek and Goldman Sachs Growth Equity, ING

CEO and co-founder:

Dr. Lewis Liu





Interesting Fact:

Liu, a first-generation immigrant from China, grew up in New Jersey before attending Harvard where he received bachelor's degrees in both physics and fine art and a master's in theoretical physics. After graduating, Liu moved to London to begin his career at McKinsey before receiving his doctorate in atomic & laser physics from the University of Oxford. He founded Eigen in 2014 after developing laser physics for his PhD. Liu's PhD research ultimately became the beginning of Eigen and the building blocks for the company today.



♦ Yapily, a London-based company offering an open banking API to let enterprises connect to banks, is willing to entertain investor approaches for its upcoming Series B round, said Stefano Vaccino, CEO and founder.

Brief Summary:

Yapily's API connects to each bank and financial institution's open API, providing its customers a way to make any payment from any account.



Investors:

Lakestar, HV Holtzbrinck Ventures, and LocalGlobe

CEO and founder:

Stefano Vaccino





Interesting Fact:

It started expanding across Europe in Q1 this year and will continue to grow its footprint in the UK, Germany, Italy, Spain, France and Ireland, the CEO said. It remains pragmatic for international growth and may look to enter Australia, Canada, Brazil and Mexico next year. Yapily may enter the US as part of its longer term plans.



*ABAKA, a London-based digital retirement solutions provider, will close on its Series B raise this year, said Fahd Rachidy, founder and CEO.

Brief Summary:

ABAKA's SaaS platform utilizes artificial intelligence to offer digital retirement, banking, wealth and advisory solutions to global banks, financial institutions, private banks and wealth managers. (Founded 2015)



Investors:

The company has raised \$10m to date and its investors include Anthemis, Thames Trust, Ace&Co and Downing Ventures. It raised \$6.5m in Series A funding in January 2020.

CEO and founder:

Fahd Rachidy





Interesting Fact:

ABAKA sees an IPO on the Nasdaq as a possibility for the company at some point in the future, the CEO said. Before an IPO, it would need to reach the benchmark of \$100m in recurring revenue, the executive said.



Worthy Financial, a South Florida-based company that provides a platform for consumers to invest in 5% interest earning bonds, is seriously considering an external equity raise, said Alan Jacobs, EVP and Chief Strategy Officer.

Brief Summary:

Worthy is the creator of a micro-investment app that monitors users spending and rounds up each transaction to a whole dollar. It then automatically invests every added \$10 into a 5% interest earning bond.



CEO:

Sally Outlaw





Interesting Fact:

Sally Outlaw, a crowdfunding strategist, is the CEO and cofounder of Worthy. Her vision for the company was to help unaccredited investors, including many millennials, hourly and gig workers, find the best ways to save and invest, Jacobs said.



PreThought Insurance, a Broomfield, Colorado-based MGA for flood insurance, is actively raising its Series A round, said Cory Isaacson, CEO and co-founder.

Brief Summary:

reThought is initially focused on flood insurance, but it plans to add additional climate-related insurance offerings including wildfire, crop, wind, hail and storm damage.



Advisors: FisherBroyles

CEO and founder:

Cory Isaacson



Interesting Fact:

ReThought CEO Cory Isaacson, a serial technology entrepreneur, has run seven companies and had five successful acquisitions.



Socure, a New York-based identity verification services provider, is considering its next capital raise, said Johnny Ayers, co-founder and SVP of sales.

Brief Summary:

Socure uses artificial intelligence to help financial institutions predict and prevent fraud.



Investors:

Scale Venture Partners Commerce Ventures, Flint Capital, Two Sigma Ventures, Synchrony and Sorenson Capital.

CEO:

Tom Thimot





Interesting Fact:

The company sees an IPO as a possibility towards the end of 2022 or the early part of 2023, said Johnny Ayers, co-founder and SVP of sales. Ayers said highlighting Socure's revenue growth and the fact that similar companies have already gone public. At that time, Socure projects \$100 in ARR with 30%-50% annual growth, which puts the company in the "sweet spot" for an IPO.



Cutover, a London-based SaaS information technology management platform for fintechs, is likely to raise its Series B towards the end of 2021, said Ky Nichol, founder and CEO.

Brief Summary:

Cutover's solution helps enterprises more effectively plan, orchestrate and audit the human and automated activities that drive critical events, such as technology releases, resilience testing, operational readiness, and major incident recovery, according to the company.



Investors:

Index Ventures, Sussex Place Ventures, Contour Ventures, Partnership Fund for New York and Outrun Ventures

CEO and founder:

Ky Nichol





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Most Recent Coverage:

♦SOCASH, a Singapore-based startup that has developed a mobile app enabling its users to withdraw cash from its network of merchants, is interested in raising more capital, said Hari Sivan, Co-founder and CEO.

Brief Summary:

SOCASH will hopefully be "making a bet" on expanding into Japan towards the end of this year, Sivan said. SOCASH is also now running a pilot with a company in New England, he said.



Investors:

Glory Ltd., SC Ventures, Vertex Ventures

CEO:

Hari Sivan





Interesting Fact:

SOCASH's goal has been to scale up and eventually go for an IPO, but the company has also received interest from strategics about collaborating. A future relationship with a strategic partner could possibly eventually lead to an acquisition of SOCASH if it accelerated its growth and lessened its risk. If the company did pursue an IPO, a listing on an exchange in Hong Kong would probably be most likely, according to Sivan.



Roostify, a San Francisco-based mortgage lending platform, is actively exploring its Series C raise, said Rajesh Bhat, CEO and co-founder.

Brief Summary:

Roostify offers a private label SaaS product for banks and lenders which launched in 2014. The company's technology is designed to improve the home buying experience by allowing buyers to complete the process digitally.



Investors:

Cota Capital, Point72 Ventures, Santander Innoventures, the venture capital arm of Banco Santander, JPMorgan Chase, Colchis Capital and a subsidiary of USAA

CEO and co-founder:

Rajesh Bhat





Interesting Fact:

The name Roostify comes from "roost," which means home and "ify," which means transformation, he explained. Additionally, one of the co-founders who was an ex-Google employee, felt strongly about including a "oo" in the name.

Setoo

Most Recent Coverage:

Setoo, a Tel Aviv, Israel-based insurtech, is in the middle of raising a Series A extension, said Noam Shapira, Co-CEO and Co-founder.

Brief Summary:

Setoo is offering its customers a SaaS insurance platform which allows them to create and distribute personalized insurance products that precisely address their customers' concerns, according to the company. Currently, Setoo has customers in travel and leisure. (Founded 2017).



Investors:

Kamet

co-CEO:

Eyal Gluska





Interesting Fact:

In March, Setoo announced that Israel's largest travel agency Issta would be using Setoo's platform to offer a Ski Protection Guarantee, which alerts traveler three days before departure if bad ski conditions are putting their vacation at risk, and offers them the option to cancel their vacation and receive a full refund

Jun 09, 2020



Most Recent Coverage:

*dacadoo, the Zurich, Switzerland-based digital health technology company, is on the lookout for acquisitions and strategic partnerships, said Peter Ohnemus, CEO and founder.

Brief Summary:

dacadoo offers two products to its customers. Its real-time Health Score makes health individually measurable through an engaging user experience that also allows its enterprise customers to effectively measure the health impact of wellness programs, according to the company. Its second product, RESTful API, allows its customers to create their own customized user journeys and client-facing applications.

website

Advisors: Kempen & Co

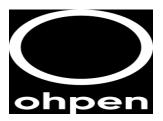
CEO and founder:

Peter Ohnemus



Interesting Fact:

Prior to founding dacadoo, Ohnemus founded ASSET4 which he sold to Reuters in 2009. He also held roles at Sybase, Logic Works, The Fantastic Corporation and COS, all of which had successful IPOs during his time at each company. Ohnemus has five daughters.



Ohpen, the Amsterdam-based creator of a cloud-based banking platform, is actively seeking acquisitions and partnerships, said Angelique Schouten, Chief Commercial Officer.

Brief Summary:

Ohpen is a SaaS banking platform that runs entirely in the cloud. Its platform administers retail investment and savings accounts for banks and other financial institution.



Investors:

NPM Capital

CEO:

Matthisj Saler





Interesting Fact:

COVID-19 is creating deal opportunities as certain early-stage fintechs struggle to grow or obtain funding, Chief Commercial Officer Angelique Schouten told Fintech Horizons.



♦OODA, a San Francisco-based healthcare payments platform, is evaluating its next capital raise plans, said Seth Cohen, cofounder, and Co-CEO.

Brief Summary:

OODA offers a real-time, automated claims processing platform for healthcare payments.



Investors:

Oak HC/FT, DFJ, Anthem, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, Blue Shield of California, Zaffre Investments, a subsidiary of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Dignity Health, and Hill Physicians

CEO and co-founder:

Seth Cohen





Interesting Fact:

Proceeds from the next raise will be used for scaling the business by adding new payer customers while growing its team to support its growing customer base, Cohen said. Additionally, OODA will develop new products. Its first two products are now in the market, but OODA wants to add other products where there are barriers to healthcare payments and interaction between the providers, payers and patients are typically poor such as: contracting, billing and medical records.



Botkeeper, a Boston, Massachusetts-based Al-powered accounting platform, will begin its Series B raise in a few weeks, said Enrico Palmerino, CEO and founder.

Brief Summary:

BotKeeper is an artificial intelligence accounting platform designed to automate the manual processes for bookkeeping.



Advisors: Fox Rothschild

Investors:

Ignition Partners, Greycroft and Gradient Ventures, Halfcourt Ventures, Sorenson Capital, Julian Brodsky, CPA Founder and CFO of Comcast and later Comcast Ventures, Stephen Messer, Al founder of Linkshare and Collective[i], Mike Volpe, former CMO of Hubspot and current CEO at Lola, Boston VC Jeff Fagnan, partner at Accomplice, and professional basketball player Matthew Dellavedova

CEO and founder:

Enrico Palmerino





Interesting Fact:

Botkeeper anticipates continued growth even amid the COVID-19 crisis, CEO Enric Palmerino noted. Botkeeper's automation platform offers companies options for saving money on and streamlining accounting services during times of economic downturn. Historically, accounting services continue to grow during recessions as accounting is a government-mandated need for tax purposes, the CEO said.

breathe

Most Recent Coverage:

*Breathe Life, a Montreal, Canada-based insurtech that offers white-label digital solutions for insurance distributors that help improve the life insurance buying process, is in process of raising its Series A round, said Ian Jeffrey, co-founder and CEO.

Brief Summary:

Breathe Life offers a white-label SAAS platform that helps insurance carriers better compete against insurtech upstarts.



Investors:

Diagram Ventures, National Bank, Real Ventures and Portag3 Ventures

CEO and co-founder:

Ian Jeffrey





Interesting Fact:

Breathe Life's inspiration is Shopify because that company democratized online stores by enabling ecommerce businesses to easily and simply build an online retail shop, CEO Ian Jeffrey said. Jeffrey said he expects life insurance brokers will eventually sell life insurance similarly, and Breathe Life wants to be the online platform or "Shopify" for the life insurance industry.



Integrate.ai, a Toronto-based artificial intelligence platform, may raise its Series B in 2021, said Steve Irvine, co-founder and CEO.

Brief Summary:

Integrate.ai uses artificial intelligence to power probabilistic outcomes and make future predictions based on a consumer's behavior patterns, while still valuing their privacy and security, said Irvine. Its software-as-a-service platform targets financial institutions, telecoms and retailers, which use Integrate.ai's data to better predict what consumers want when they come to their website and how they can meet their intentions.



Advisors: Osler

Investors:

Portag3 Ventures, Georgian Partners and Real Ventures

Interesting Fact:

Irvine has already seen some acquisition interest in the company, but that would be the company's "plan B," he noted. Irvine will see how the market plays out over the next couple of years before an IPO would be a serious consideration. Prior to co-founding Integrate.ai, Irvine served as the global head of partnerships for Facebook and Instagram.



Avinew, a Westlake Village, California-based insurtech focused on autonomous vehicle coverage, is in the midst of its Series A round, said Dan Peate, CEO and founder

Brief Summary:

Avinew plans to offer insurance for autonomous and semiautonomous vehicles. Avinew's model is to offer a discount to drivers based on how many miles their vehicle is in autopilot. Its usage-based insurance program uses an Al-driven mobile app to collect telematics data and detect when semiautonomous or autonomous features are engaged.

website

Investors:

from Crosscut, American Family Ventures, Draper Frontier, and RPM Ventures

CEO and founder:

Dan Peate Interesting Fact:

CEO Dan Peate founded Avinew, which insures autonomous vehicles, 3.5 years ago after he purchased a Tesla and discovered the insurance premium was almost as expensive as the monthly car payment. He founded the company based on the belief that insurance should reward consumers for driving safer vehicles.



*BrainCheck, a Houston, Texas-based medtech company providing cognitive assessment tools, is planning to raise its Series B in 2021 after hitting some milestones but is now open to investor conversations, CEO and co-founder Yael Katz said.

Brief Summary:

BrainCheck provides gamified neurocognitive tests that can be administered on iPad, iPhone and computers. Its tools, which are reimbursable by insurance and HIPAA compliant, are used in over 200 clinical practices and by 100,000 individual users.



Investors:

S3 Ventures, Tensility Venture Partners, True Wealth Ventures and Nueterra Capital

CEO and co-founder:

Yael Katz





Interesting Fact:

In 10 minutes, BrainCheck can assess a wide-range of cognitive domains, including reaction time, immediate and delayed recall, cognitive processing, executive function, visual attention, task switching, and coordination.



Motion Auto, a Lehi, Utah-based personal auto insurance MGA leveraging telematics, has just started conversations about its Series A raise, CEO and co-founder Jason Wootton said.

Brief Summary:

Motion Auto is a personal auto insurance provider focused on telematics. The company mainly collects driver data through its mobile app but also takes into account additional vehicle data provided by its strategic partner and seed investor.







Transmit Security, which offers an identity access management platform, is planning to eventually go public, a source familiar with the company told this news service.

Brief Summary:

Transmit is an identity access management platform and helps to orchestrate for identity-related projects. It saw a need in the industry, built out its platform and started delivering product in 2014. The company now has some of the largest FIs as customers, including JPMorgan Chase, Citi, Synchrony, TD Bank, Mass Mutual, and TIAA.



CEO:

Mickey Boodaei





Interesting Fact:

Prior to founding Transmit, Boodaei and Loonkar founded Trusteer, which they sold to IBM in 2013 for \$1bn. To date, the founders have invested about \$30m dollars in Transmit, which is their third company.



nanopay, a Toronto-based payments and liquidity management provider, will begin fundraising this quarter, said Laurence Cooke, founder and CEO.

Brief Summary:

nanopay, founded in 2012, provides real-time payment transfers in any form of digital asset between users, according to the company. Financial institutions, banks, and payment service providers use the nanopay platform for real-time payment applications.



Investors:

Merchant Banking Division of Goldman Sachs, APAGM Services LLC (Andrew Prozes), Jarnac Capital Management Inc. and Rohatton Inc.

Interesting Fact:

Consolidation within the global payments market is likely within a few years, but nanopay prefers to be the consolidator, said Cooke. It would consider acquiring adjacent technologies. If nanopay identifies an acquisition target, it would then seek additional capital to finance that specific deal. It does not plan to raise a "general warchest and go around spending money [on deals]," he added.



•d1g1t, a Toronto, Canada-based wealth management platform, is focused on its operations for the next six months, but come summer, it will begin investment discussions, said Dan Rosen, CEO.

Brief Summary:

d1g1t is wealth management platform powered by institutional- grade analytics & risk management, according to the company. (Founded 2017)



Advisors: Caravel Law

Investors:

Purpose Financial, Ontario Municipal Pension Retirement System (OMERS), Extreme Venture Partners, Portag3, Cl Financial, Illuminate Financial Management

CEO:

Dan Rosen





Interesting Fact:

On October 1, CI Financial Corp. (TSX: CIX), a global asset and wealth management firm, announced the significant expansion of the strategic alliance with d1g1t.



Rapyd, a provider of APIs that allow ecommerce firms to accept payments in local currencies that has offices in the UK, Israel and the US and which is now valued at more than \$1bn, is planning to make at least one acquisition by the end of Q1 2020, CEO Arik Shtilman told this news service at a recent industry conference.

Brief Summary:

The company is looking at acquisitions to enhance its tech stack and bring in some talent. It will likely "pull the trigger" on at least one acquisition, possibly two, in Q1 2020, he said. It has been looking at targets in the card processing and issuing space and other companies that are compliant with Rapyd's technology that could potentially reduce the number of people required in various processes, according to Shtilman.



Investors:

Durable Capital Partners, Oak HC/FT, Tiger Global, Coatue, General Catalyst, Target Global, Stripe, Entrée Capital



◆La Parisienne Assurances, a Paris-based digital insurer whose roots in insurance go back to the early 1800s, is planning to make some decisions on US expansion no later than Q2 2020, an option which may require additional capital, CEO Olivier Jaillon told this news service.

Brief Summary:

The company is not best described as an insurtech or as startup, but as a digital insurer, Rispal said. Over the past 5 years, the company created the best of both worlds: it is an insurer with its own capacity, but also has the speed and agility of an insurtech. The company can create new insurance products in less than 10 minutes, from ideation to market launch, he said.

website

Investors:

Swiss Re, French Family Office, and CEO Olivier Jaillon

CEO:

Olivier Jaillon Interesting Fact:

La Parisienne began in 1829 as a family-owned limited partnership that insured against accidents caused by the first horse-drawn carriages in Paris, according to company information. In 1859, it sold its horse and carriage activities to focus on glass breakage insurance.



MX Technologies, a Lehi, Utah-based data platform for banks, credit unions and fintechs, is still taking meetings with potential investors, Ryan Caldwell, founder and CEO, told this news service.

Brief Summary:

The company is able to take unstructured, uncleansed data and create meaning from it, said Caldwell. It is able to tell its customers more about their users, so they can provide a better experience and drive more business, he said.



Investors:

Battery Ventures, H.I.G. Growth Partners, Point72 Ventures, Sorenson Ventures, Pelion Venture Partners, Cross Creek Capital, Industry Ventures, Digital Garage, TTV Capital, National Bank of Canada and Washington Federal Bank.

HYDRGEN

Most Recent Coverage:

Hydrogen, a New York City-based tech firm offering a platform for quickly building digital financial applications, is seeking its Series A round, CEO and co-founder Mike Kane told this news service.

Brief Summary:

The company's platform allows its customers to prototype, design, connect, build, and manage dozens of fintech products across, wealth, savings, insurance and wellness.



Interesting Fact:

Prior to Hydrogen, Kane co-founded another company, Hedgeable, with his brother in 2009. Hedgeable, an automated investing platform, has since been rolled into Hydrogen, he said.

uniphore **M**

Most Recent Coverage:

◆Uniphore, a Palo Alto, California-based conversational Al technology company, is actively seeking acquisitions and will likely seek capital to fund deals, said Jafar Syed, Chief Strategy Officer and Senior Vice President.

Brief Summary:

The company is looking for deals to build out its end-to-end automation platform, the executive explained. Technology that will assist Uniphore in differentiating itself within the automation market are interesting. Companies with back office-end automation would be a good fit. Uniphore is analyzing a variety of deal sizes ranging from small startups to larger/mid-size players as it is more interested in technology than a particular company size, he added.



Investors:

March Capital Partners, Chiratae Ventures (formerly IDG Ventures), Sistema Asia, CXO Fund, ITP, Iron Pillar, Patni Family, and other investors



*Deserve, a Menlo, California-based startup which provides credit cards to students and young adults new to credit and new to the country as well as a Card as a Service (CaaS) platform to help other FIs issue cards quickly and efficiently, is planning to make a major company announcement on Monday, CEO Kalpesh Kapadia told this news service at Money 20/20 earlier this week.

Brief Summary:

a Menlo, California-based startup which provides credit cards to students and young adults new to credit and new to the country as well as a Card as a Service (CaaS) platform to help other FIs issue cards quickly and efficiently website

Advisors: FT Partners

Investors:

Sallie Mae, Accel, Aspect Ventures, Pelion Ventures, Mission Holdings, Alumni Venture Group and GDP Venture



One Inc, a Folsom, California-based insurtech startup that offers a digital platform for premium and claims payments, may consider raising more capital in the next quarter or two, CEO Chris Ewing said.

Brief Summary:

a Folsom, California-based insurtech startup that offers a digital platform for premium and claims payments website

Investors:

AXA Strategic Ventures, MassMutual Financial Group, H&O Asia Pacific, Camp One Ventures, AGI Partners, American Family Ventures, and Centana Growth Partners



ClauseMatch, a London-based startup providing document collaboration software used by FIs to handle compliance requirements, plans to seek its Series B next year, said Evgeny Likhoded, CEO and founder.

Brief Summary:

a London-based startup providing document collaboration software used by FIs to handle compliance requirements website

Investors:

Speedinvest, SparkLabs Global Ventures, Techstars, former Thomson Reuters CEO Tom Glocer, former SunGard CEO Cristobal Conde, Index Ventures, Talis Capital, Andrew Mullinger, and Silicon Valley Bank

metromile

Most Recent Coverage:

Metromile, a San Francisco-based company offering pay-permile auto insurance, is actively pursuing international strategic partnerships, said Rick Chen, Director of Communications.

Brief Summary:

a San Francisco-based company offering pay-per-mile auto insurance website

Investors:

NEA, Index Ventures, Future Fund, Section 32, Tokio Marine and China Pacific.



◆Planswell, a Toronto-based company offering online financial planning tools for managing budgets, investments, insurance and mortgages, is looking to expand in countries including the US and China, CEO Eric Arnold said.

Brief Summary:

Planswell's model works like this: it allows users to set up an online plan and receive unlimited, 1-to-1 support "from unbiased experts for free". Support comes from a diverse group of specialists including those with CFA, CA, CPA, CFP, PFP, CIM, and LLQP certifications, according to the company. The company earns money from fees it receives from mortgage lenders and insurance companies whose products are offered through the platform.



website



♦Kin Insurance, a licensed, Chicago, Illinois-based insurtech providing property cover in catastrophe-prone areas, is planning to raise its Series B round in 2020, CEO Sean Harper said.

Brief Summary:

a licenced, Chicago, Illinois-based insurtech providing property cover in catastrophe-prone areas website

Co-founder:

Sean Harper







*Digital Fineprint, a London-based insurtech company, will look to raise additional funding by the end of 2020, said Erik Abrahamsson, CEO.

Brief Summary:

a London-based insurtech company which competes with legacy players such as Dun & Bradstreet and startups such as Groundspeed, CarbonData and Planck website

Advisors: Browne Jacobson



*Blockchain.com , a company that has created its own crypto wallet and which is behind "the Pitt", a London-based crypto exchange, would like to be public at somepoint, Vice Chairman and Co-founder Nicolas Cary said.

Brief Summary:

a company that has created its own crypto wallet and which is behind "the Pitt", a London-based crypto exchange website



Accern, a NYC-based company offering a data science platform which automates research and underwriting processes, is raising its Series A round, CEO and co-founder Kumesh Aroomoogan said.

Brief Summary:

a NYC-based company offering a data science platform which automates research and underwriting processes website

Aug 21, 2019



Most Recent Coverage:

VirgoCX, a fiat-to-crypto exchange based in Toronto, Canada, is planning to seek pre-Series A funding later this year, CEO Adam Cai told this news service.

Brief Summary:

a fiat-to-crypto exchange based in Toronto, Canada website





◆KABN, a Toronto-based company which offers clients a blockchain and biometrically-based Identity verification and validation platform, , is now raising capital and could also consider doing an IPO, a source told this news service.

Brief Summary:

a Toronto-based company which offers clients a blockchain and biometrically-based Identity verification and validation platform website



Ladder, a Palo Alto-based digital life insurance provider, is planning to raise more capital, a source familiar with the company told this news service.

Brief Summary:

a Palo Alto-based digital life insurance provider website



Medyear, a New York-based company which offers an app for exchanging consumer health information, is now raising seed capital, a source familiar with the company told this news service.

Brief Summary:

a New York-based company which offers an app for exchanging consumer health information website



Chisel AI, a Toronto-based company which uses natural language processing to extract, classify and analyze unstructured insurance data, is targeting a Series A raise in Q3, CEO Ron Glozman told this news service.

Brief Summary:

Chisel Al's core product is a data extraction tool which typically can pull about 500 data points from unstructured data sources such as Excel, Word, PDFs, or email.



Interesting Fact:

The company is eventually planning to expand outside of North America, but such a move will probably start after Chisel raises its Series B round, the CEO said. The EU, South America, and APAC are "calling our name," Glozman said. As Chisel expands internationally, it wants to build out its new operations in-house and not outsource. Series B proceed could be used to hire local talent who speak the language and have experience in those regions, he said.



♦ Cover, a San Francisco-based startup offering an app that lets users submit pictures and videos of the items they want covered, is considering raising its Series C financing within about the next 6 months, CEO and co-founder Karn Saroya told this news service.

Brief Summary:

Cover is a nationally licensed insurance brokerage that works with more than 30 insurers across the US. The company operates a "hybrid model" and "very selectively" carries some risk on its own balance sheet, the CEO said.







*Iwoca, a London-based provider of credit finance for small to medium-sized businesses, views an IPO as a "very valid option," CEO and co-founder Christoph Rieche told this news service.

Brief Summary:

a London-based provider of credit finance for small to medium-sized businesses website

Interesting Fact:

iwoca is a name that people seem to either love or hate, the CEO noted. Rieche and his wife came up with the name while brainstorming. They landed on iwoca as a name that was short and that stood for "instant working capital," he said. The company was also able to procure the 5 letter domain relatively cheaply, he added.



♦ Algo-Logic, a San Jose, California-based company providing FPGA-accelerated trading products, is considering a capital raise which could be a Series A, private equity, or super angel funding, CEO John W. Lockwood told this news service.

Brief Summary:

Algo-Logic's Tick to Trade system was initially launched about two years ago, and is now used by Chicago Mercantile Exchange traders to accelerate trading of futures and options. Algo-Logic also just recently launched an FPGA-accelerated product for equity traders that performs pre-trade risk checks.



Interesting Fact:

Algo-Logic could eventually become a target for a strategic buyer and at some point a public offering could also be of interest to the company, the executive said. Lockwood holds BS, MS, PhD degrees in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign.



Genesis A Digital Currency Group Company

Most Recent Coverage:

*Genesis Trading , (a Digital Currency Group subsidiary) which is a cryptocurrency trading and lending firm, is planning to build out a new suite of products and services, which may require raising additional financing, a source familiar with the company told this news service.

Brief Summary:

(a Digital Currency Group subsidiary) which is a cryptocurrency trading and lending firm website

Interesting Fact:

At some point, Genesis could be spun out or sold from DCG, the source said, but noted that this is not something that's a goal or a focus right now. Genesis is highly focused on continuing to build out the business and on execution, the source said.



Sezzle, a Minneapolis, Minnesota-based company that offers online shoppers a payments platform to buy now and pay later, could eventually cross-list its stock on a US exchange, but probably not for at least a couple of years, CEO and cofounder Charlie Youakim told this news service.

Brief Summary:

Sezzle is similar to a "PayPal with micro-installments" but it is also interest-free. Shoppers can buy items for 25% down and then pay off the balance in two-week installments over six weeks, the CEO said. Customers first create an account with Sezzle and then later make purchases from online retailers that accept Sezzle.



Interesting Fact:

Paul Purcell, a managing director at Continental, sits on Sezzle's board of directors, the CEO noted. Purcell is the son of Continental founder Phil Purcell, who is also the former chairman and CEO of Morgan Stanley. Paul Purcell also serves on the board of directors at Veritec Solutions, Intuition LLC, Align Income Share Funding, What's Next Media, and Drizly.



♦ Hippo Insurance, a Mountain View, California-based startup that sells home and condo insurance, is likely to consider a Series D raise in the "next couple of quarters," CEO Assaf Wand told this news service.

Brief Summary:

Hippo allows homeowners to get a quote and purchase home insurance online in 60 seconds or less, with savings of up to 25 percent over traditional insurers. Hippo policies are underwritten by insurance companies rated A- Excellent or better. Those policies, in turn, are reinsured by companies with nearly \$200bn assets.



Interesting Fact:

Hippo is "very much" considering the possibility of going public, and could be in a position for an IPO in about a year and a half, Wand said. That said, Hippo is not ruling out a sale, as there are "dozens" of insurers that could be interested in acquiring Hippo, the CEO said.



*BlueSnap, a Waltham, Massachusetts designer of technology that helps merchants accept online payments, has given thought to an IPO, but is years away from such a decision, CEO Ralph Dangelmaier told this news service.

Brief Summary:

BlueSnap provides merchants with pre-built checkout options customized for a shopper's language, local payments options, and currency. Its technology lets merchants accept 110 different payment types in 180 countries using over 60 different currencies. Additionally, it gives its SMB customers the tools to manage the tax and shipping issues that arise from global sales,



Interesting Fact:

In 2018, Dangelmaier was named by EY as one of its New England entrepreneurs of the year. Dangelmaier has also been a member of the Board of the Directors at Mineral Tree, a Payment Automation solutions provider, since 2013. Before BlueSnap, Dangelmaier was President of Global Market and Services at ACI Worldwide for over six years.



Hummingbiird, a Tallahassee, Florida-based startup offering an app that connects college students seeking services with student workers and service providers, is now raising equity financing, CEO Matthew Solomon and COO Zachary Polito told this news service in a joint interview.

Brief Summary:

a Tallahassee, Florida-based startup offering an app that connects college students seeking services with student workers and service providers website



Clearcover, a Chicago, Illinois-based insurtech providing auto insurance through its online platform, is now focused on US expansion and is likely to seek its Series C round once it enters some additional states, CEO Kyle Nakatuji said.

Brief Summary:

a Chicago, Illinois-based insurtech providing auto insurance through its online platform website

Apr 16, 2019



Most Recent Coverage:

♦Sift Science, a San Francisco-based company using machine learning to combat fraud, would like the opportunity to eventually go public, CEO and co-founder Jason Tan told this news service.

Brief Summary:

a San Francisco-based company using machine learning to combat fraud website



Payfone, a New York City-based provider of multichannel identity and access management solutions, is now raising more private capital, but could eventually hold an initial public offering, a source close to the company said.

Brief Summary:

Payfone's goal is to make transacting through mobile or from a desktop browser as safe and accurate as conducting business in person.



CEO and co-founder:

Rodger Desai





Interesting Fact:

In two or three years, Payfone has a goal to be able to access capital from the public markets, according to the source. As it stands, the company is "about two-thirds of the way" to becoming a Unicorn, the source said.



Remitly, a Seattle-based company specializing in overseas money transfer, is building itself for long-term independence, CEO Matt Oppenheimer told this news service. Oppenheimer gave this answer in a response to the question of whether Remitly could pursue an IPO.

Brief Summary:

Remitly decided early on that it would look to create a complete vertical stack, which it has done thus far. While difficult to do, it is perhaps easier to create a vertical stack solution in money transfer than in some other areas of financial services, the CEO said.



COO and co-founder:

Josh Hug





Interesting Fact:

The money transfer market only started to really explode in 2010 and 2011, Oppenheimer said during his conference talk. Growth in the market was aided by the spread of smartphones usage, he said, particularly the iPhone which only was introduced in 2007.



AMSYS Group, a Houston-based company operating in six verticals, is considering raising equity capital, Chief Strategy Officer Aman Quadri said.

Brief Summary:

AMSYS is a 15-year- AMSYS IS is the company's MSP and IT services unit. It also has a healthcare division, focused on revenue cycle management (RCM)/back office, and a blockchain and emerging technologies division which includes AMCHART. Additionally, the company has a capital division/investment arm which operates a hedge fund and a telecom division which does contract work for AT&T. AMSYS is planning to create a government contracts division, Quadri said.



Aman Quadri





Interesting Fact:

AMSYS Group is a family run business with about 200 employees, said Quadri, who is Chief Strategy Officer of AMSYS Group and CEO of AMSYS blockchain. Quadri's brotherin-law, Khalid (Ken) Parekh, is founder, CEO and chairman of AMSYS Group.

[**24**]7.ai

Most Recent Coverage:

[24]7.ai , an Al company, headquartered in San Jose, California that is leveraging chatbots and call centers for customer engagement

Brief Summary:

[24]7.ai began with a focus on contact centers, but over time it built and acquired several technologies to incorporate chatbots into its offering. Now it provides agent services, chatbots and interactive voice response (IVR) for its customers.



Interesting Fact:

It's possible the company could be in a position to hold IPO discussions with banks within a year, the source said.



Nakamoto & Turing Lab, a NYC-based blockchain technology startup developing a computer sharing network, is targeting a venture capital raise this fall, co-founder Chong Li said.

Brief Summary:

The company is creating a network that makes it easy for people to exchange computing capacity. For example, a computer programmer who wants to run code can download N&T's app and then pay a small amount to another user who is able to share their computer. This exchange is facilitated by CanonChain's utility token, CZR, Li said.

website

Interesting Fact:

he company's network will be a less expensive, more secure alternative to cloud storage, Li said. Many people do not like using the cloud, because they don't trust cloud providers, who are storing all of their data, including sensitive information, in one central place. Furthermore, cloud services are expensive, Li said.



◆TrueAccord, a San Francisco-based debt collection company that uses machine learning to improve recovery rates, is likely to raise more equity financing as it continues to grow the business, CEO Ohad Samet told this news service.

Brief Summary:

TrueAccord is a debt collections firm that interacts with debt holders through a digital product that leverages machine learning. Its Al technology analyzes consumer behavior, helping to deliver a more personalized experience with debt holders. This digital model of debt collection has been shown to increase debt recovery rates and reduce compliance risk.



CEO:

Ohad Samet





Interesting Fact:

That said, the company is not ruling out an M&A exit. There could be strategic drivers over the next two years that could cause potentials buyers to view TrueAccord as an attractive target, but at this time the company is not actively pursuing a sale. It has been suggested that there could be an uptick in loan defaults over the next two years. Companies that operate in the underperforming loan space may be excited by technologies that can scale their business without new hires, Samet explained.



*Breadwinner AG (BRD), a Switzerland-based company offering a non-custodial crypto wallet, could become an acquisition target for a strategic buyer, a source familiar with the company told this news service.

Brief Summary:

BRD provides a non-custodial wallet for smartphones where users store, send and receive cryptocurrencies.



Interesting Fact:

Because crypto is gaining legitimacy, a traditional IPO might also open up as an option, although BRD has no current plans to go public. If the company did pursue this route, it would most likely look to list on a Japan-based exchange. However, it would also likely evaluate other listing options as well, including for US-based exchanges.



Enterprise AI, an examination of trends based on interviews with industry sources

Brief Summary:

There is a problem with how the industry represents itself. Some companies focus on data management, data prep, analytics, and model risk management, while others concentrate on deployment. "Everyone is doing something different, but all have the same Al marketing message," the executive said.



website



VRBex, a Houston, Texas-based company developing a cryptocurrency-focused financial services firm, is seeking capital to build out its business platform, CEO Gene Grant told this news service.

Brief Summary:

VRBex is planning to build a digital-assets focused financial services platform, which will include a cryptocurrency exchange, a security token trading platform, custody services, traditional banking services, and banking services for crypto-assets.

website

Interesting Fact:

Within two years, it is very likely there will be a large wave of consolidation in the crypto space, Grant said. VRBex could become a "tasty" acquisition target for a strategic buyer looking to enter the regulated banking space, he said. The most logical acquirer would an off-shore bank or potentially a US-based regional bank that wants access to the digital-currency space. It will be much easier for them to buy a company rather than building such services in-house, he explained. Large private equity firms could also be included in a potential universe of buyers, he said.



*Bitex, a manufacturer of digital mining hardware and an operator of mining farms, is planning to go public, a source told this news service.

Brief Summary:

Bitex is a US manufacturer of Bitcoin mining hardware and also has mining facilities where it hosts its hardware for its customers for a fee.



website



Rivetz, the Richmond, MA-based developer of blockchainbased mobile security technology, is considering raising more equity capital, CEO Steven Sprague told this news service.

Brief Summary:

Rivetz is developing mobile cryptocurrency wallet technology that leverages "Dual Roots of Trust" encryption. This split-key technology allows half of a person's private key to be held on a phone's SIM card and the other half to be stored on a phone's hard drive. The solution offers additional protection for private keys, even in the case where one system (either the SIM or the device) is compromised.

website

CEO and co-founder:

Steven Sprague





BLOCKSAFETM

Most Recent Coverage:

Blocksafe, a Wyoming-based blockchain-as-a-service startup, is interested in raising capital through a Reg D offering, , CEO and CFO Duane Jacobsen told this news service efforts.

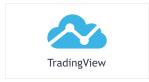
Brief Summary:

Blocksafe helps enterprises use blockchain technology to improve data security, storage, and management, the executive noted. It also helps businesses build sidechains (dedicated blockchains), issue tokens and develop dApps. Most recently, it created a platform that lets IoT devices communicate with a blockchain network.



Interesting Fact:

At the time of its ICO, Blocksafe was focused on securing firearms ownership data, Jacobsen said. In recent months, the company has branched into new offerings, the CEO noted. It is continually looking to partner with enterprises committed to making a positive impact on society, according to Jacobsen.



◆TradingView , the Chicago, Illinois-based company that has created a social network for traders and investors, expects to apply its recent \$37,000,000 venture round to assist international expansion, said co-founder and COO Stan Bokov. At the same time, the company's rapid organic growth is expected to continue, he added.

Brief Summary:

TradingView applies a chart-based approach to supporting investment ideas, and encourages chat among traders. Its trading community shares, critiques, and attempts to advance investment ideas presented as charts, in contrast to other sites such as Seeking Alpha.



Investors:

JumpCapital, Insight Venture Partners, DRW Venture



♦InstaReM , a Singapore-based, cross-border payments company, is now raising a Series C round, COO and co-founder Michael Bermingham told this news service.

Brief Summary:

InstaReM provides payments to more than 60 countries and 3.2bn people across the globe, according to the company. World Bank recently ranked InstaReM as the most competitive remittance platform in a number of Asian corridors for three consecutive quarters, according to a June press release.



Interesting Fact:

In August, InstaReM appointed Nilesh Pathak as Chief Technical Officer. He previously headed JP Morgan's Regulatory Technology Group. The new CTO is expected to strengthening InstaReM's existing technology capabilities as well as develop new tech.



◆Feedzai, the creator of an end-to-end platform for fraud and risk management, might consider a larger financing round as it continues to scale, CEO Nuno Sebastião told this news service.

Brief Summary:

Feedzai offers, banks, merchants and processors a platform technology, which takes input from multiple data sets providing its customers with insights on fraud and helping those customers build risk profiles. The company's machine learning technology, in turn, processes events and transactions instantly and subsequently delivers intelligible insights to its customers.

website

Interesting Fact:

Last year, Feedzai was selected as the most innovative Al startup of 2017 by Silicon Valley Bank and In-Q-Tel. Feedzai was valued most recently at \$575,000,000, according to a published report from February 2018. The company was founded in 2008 by a group of data scientists and aerospace engineers.



Foleum, a North Carolina-based startup that is raising funds for a digital mining project that will generate its power from renewable energy, plans to "roll" its token sale into a mini-IPO, CEO Radhi Farkhoury told this news service.

Brief Summary:

a North Carolina-based startup that is raising funds for a digital mining project that will generate its power from renewable energy website



easyMINE, the Poland-based designer of software for managing cryptocurrency mining operations, is targeting an IPO next year, CEO and co-founder Łukasz Żeligowski told this news service.

Brief Summary:

easyMINE 's software is used to build and manage cryptocurrency mining operations. The technology provides remote management of mining hardware through an online dashboard. The platform includes diagnostics and emergency response, real-time monitoring, task automation, and report generation, among other features. The platform lets users remotely manage the hardware used for mining, including fan speed and temperature control speed and temperature control.



website



One Inc., a digital payments provider for insurers, is on track to double its processing volume, and is looking at deals to expand internationally, CEO Christopher Ewing said.

Brief Summary:

The company's platform makes it easy for carrier and agencies to securely offer digital payments, Ewing said. Its solution is also PCI compliant and works with both legacy and advanced systems, he noted.



CEO:

Christopher Ewing







Mindbridge Ai, a Canadian company that uses machine learning to catch errors in financial data, is considering a capital raise in Q1 or Q2 of 2019, CEO Eli Fathi said

Brief Summary:

The company launched its Ai auditor platform in March 2017 and has 140 customers in 6 countries, Fathi said. CPA firms are using a variation of its product, as are several financial institutions, including the Bank of England, the CEO said.



CEO:

Eli Fathi





Interesting Fact:

Mindbridge Ai is Fathi's seventh start-up. Fathi is on the Board of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Start-Up Canada, and C-Com (TSXV:CMI) and he recently completed a 6-year term on the Board of the Ottawa Community Foundation.



Vanbex, a full-stack designer of applications that run on the blockchain, is interested in raising private funding as it discusses options for a public offering, CEO Kevin Hobbs told Fintech Horizons.

Brief Summary:

a full-stack designer of applications that run on the blockchain website