Aug 20, 2020



Most Recent Coverage:

Pvital4, the Atlanta, Georgia-based creator of a SaaS offering and set of APIs used by banks, fintechs, fraud prevention platforms and fraud investigation firms, is focused on expansion after a recent raise and may skip to growth stage capital for future fundraising, said Amy Barbieri, president and co-founder. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

Brief Summary:

Vital4's offerings help financial services companies with KYC/AML and other compliance related matters. Its platform is also useful to investment firms for data search and due diligence.

Investors:

Valor Ventures

CEO and co-founder:

Kristin Stafford





Interesting Fact:

The female founded company is recognized as a leader in data and risk analysis related to Politically Exposed Persons, or PEP.





Trunomi, a UK-based RegTech, could look to raise its Series A financing this time next year, said CEO Shawn Brown. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

Brief Summary:

Trunomi provides businesses a SaaS-based consent management and personal data rights platform which enables them to request, receive and capture customer consent to the use of their personal data.

Investors:

Allectus Capital, CloudScale Capital, Fenway Summer Ventures, Fintonia Group, Persistent Systems, Saturn Partners, SenaHill Partners and WorldQuant Ventures

CEO:

Shawn Brown





Interesting Fact:

The company goes to market directly and does not sell its product via partners or resellers which has been a successful strategy, the CEO said. Brown said he took over as Trunomi's CEO in 2018 to spearhead the company's growth globally. Trunomi is adding new business in a variety of verticals including banking, insurance, telecom, gambling, healthcare, ecommerce and automotive, and others, he said. The company was founded by Stuart Lacey in 2013.





OnDato, a startup based in Vilnius, Lithuania that provides a compliance management suite for KYC procedure which includes identity verification, data monitoring, screening, due-diligence, risk scoring and case management, is seeking to close a funding round by the end of the year. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

Brief Summary:

Ondato provides a complete compliance management suite for knowing your customer. Its technology serves a variety of customers including FIs, insurers, online gambling sites and car rental companies.

Investors:

Startup Wise Guys

CEO and co-founder:

Liudas Kanapienis





Interesting Fact:

We are seeking to close a funding round by the end of the year. We are looking at investment broadly and not just in Europe but also in the US, because we see the United States as a great opportunity for growth.





**PLaunchFire*, an Ottawa, Ontario-based digital engagement agency, sees strong growth from financial institutions for LemonadeLXP, its game-based training platform and the potential exists to spin off the unit, said John Findlay, CEO and founding partner. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

Brief Summary:

LemonadeLXP provides a game-based training platform for financial services organizations.

Interesting Fact:

Along with working "your fricking tail off," empathy for the learner has been the key ingredient in the company's success, Findlay said. The platform also helps banks who are in the process of migrating customers to digital platforms. Digital onboarding rarely succeeds if employees are not knowledgeable about their own systems and compliance policies and if they lack a true sense of how those systems benefit customers, Findlay said.





vital4, an Atlanta, Georgia-based data search and due diligence product provider, has started some early discussions with potential investment firms, a source told this news service. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

Brief Summary:

The company provides data for companies who are on-boarding customers and helps them satisfy their AML/KYC requirements. It also serves the background screening market. It helps to protect against financial crimes, terrorism, bribery and corruption.

Investors:

Berkeley Capital Partners

Interesting Fact:

The company is offering a SaaS product with a UI but it also offers its customers open APIs, with easy integration. Vital4 first started generating revenue in 2016 and has achieved good growth since inception, the source said.



Owl.co, a Vancouver-based startup providing customer insight, onboarding, KYC/AML and fraud detection tools, is ramping up to raise its Series A round, said Vahid Mirjalili, COO and cofounder. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

Brief Summary:

The company is providing banks, fintechs and insurance companies tools for onboarding, KYC/AML, and fraud detection. Its customer insight engine provides an external view of the customer, so its clients can provide more personalized experiences and push the right product when onboarding new customers.

Investors:

Impression Ventures and Luge Capital





**Bayonet*, a Mexico City-based startup that creates software that helps businesses combat online fraud, plans to start raising a new round by the end of the year with a goal for the raise of around \$1.5m, said Jorge de Leon Pina, partner and chief commercial officer. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

Brief Summary:

Bayonet is a software company whose aim is to prevent online fraud. Its software offering, known as Sigma, conducts a statistical analysis in real time to determine if a transaction is legitimate. The software acts as a filter on card not present transactions before those transactions are sent to a payment processor.



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. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

Brief Summary:

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



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

Aug 16, 2019



Most Recent Coverage:

CRABN, 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. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

Brief Summary:

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







♦ Solidus Labs, a NYC-based startup that uses machine learning to analyze public data on cryptocurrencies to uncover market manipulation, is likely to raise a Series A round next year, CEO and co-founder Asaf Meir told this news service. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

Brief Summary:

olidus provides its software as a service and sells that software to hedge funds and exchanges among others, Meir said.

Interesting Fact:

Solidus Labs derives its name from Solidus, a gold standard coin circulated in the late Roman Empire after 312 AD by Constantine. Solidus Labs believes "digital assets, minted today using a different kind of advanced tech, will have an even greater impact on humankind," according to its website.



**Raytio*, an Auckland, New Zealand-based startup which is developing a platform where users can share verified financial profiles with financial institutions, insurance companies and other enterprise customers, is likely to decide on whether it will seek outside capital within 6 months, CEO and founder Cameron Beattie told this news service. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

Brief Summary:

an Auckland, New Zealand-based startup which is developing a platform where users can share verified financial profiles with financial institutions, insurance companies and other enterprise customers



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Most Recent Coverage:

NoLeak.io, a San Paulo, Brazil-based startup developing authentication technology that takes into account human behavior, is likely to seek a Series A round in a few months, after it completes additional pilot projects, CEO Rafael Libardi told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

Brief Summary:

a San Paulo, Brazil-based startup developing authentication technology that takes into account human behavior





PBlink Identity, an Austin, Texas-based startup developing facial recognition technology, is likely to seek its Series A round in December, co-founders Mary Haskett (CEO) and Dr. Alex Kilpatrick (CTO), said in a joint interview. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

Brief Summary:

an Austin, Texas-based startup developing facial recognition technology



Interesting Fact:

The company is now running several pilots related to live events but expects its technology will also be used for identification in healthcare and other commercial venues, the co-founders said. Over the remainder of this year, the company will receive valuable feedback from its pilot projects. Once the pilots are completed, the company will be in a position to begin scaling its offering. The Series A round will go towards those planned efforts to scale the business, the co-founders said.



♦ 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. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

Brief Summary:

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



Apr 11, 2019



Most Recent Coverage:

Sphere Identity, an Auckland, New Zealand-based company using blockchain for identity management, is planning to start a Series A raise within about 2 months, CEO Katherine Noall told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

Brief Summary:

an Auckland, New Zealand-based company using blockchain for identity management





Futurion, the Pleasanton, California-based startup behind Breach Clarity, an online tool that helps victims of data breaches with risk mitigation, is now seeking equity funding, founder Jim Van Dyke told this news service. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

Brief Summary:

the Pleasanton, California-based startup behind Breach Clarity, an online tool that helps victims of data breaches with risk mitigation





◈ThumbSignIn, a Pramati company, offering biometric-based and two-factor authentication, could become a target for a strategic buyer, founder Vijay Pullur told this news service. The company is operating in a "very hot space" and it is possible it could become an acquisition target at any time, he said. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

Brief Summary:

a Pramati company, offering biometric-based and two-factor authentication



website



Most Recent Coverage:

₹Zighra, an Ottawa, Canada-based startup using AI to facilitate on-device fraud protection, is raising a Series A round, CEO Deepak Dutt told this news service. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

Brief Summary:

an Ottawa, Canada-based startup using AI to facilitate on-device fraud protection



website



PehavioSec, a San Francisco-based behavioral biometrics company focused on fraud prevention, could raise its Series C round in about 12 months, CEO Neil Costigan told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

Brief Summary:

a San Francisco-based behavioral biometrics company focused on fraud prevention





PIDMERIT, a Carlsbad, California-based identity verification company, is expanding internationally and may consider a strategic investment that could increase its customer base globally, CEO and founder Tony Raval told this news service. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

Brief Summary:

a Carlsbad, California-based identity verification company





**Pidwall*, a Sao Paulo, Brazil based-startup specializing in identity and access management, is in the midst of raising a Series B round, CEO Lincoln Ando told this news service. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

Brief Summary:

The company works with over 150 businesses who use its SaaS platform for identity verification and customer onboarding.

Founder:

Lincoln Ando





Interesting Fact:

Ando founded Idwall in April 2016 when he was 25 years old. Prior to Idwall, he co-founded VaiVolta, a marketplace for Brazilian construction companies to rent and manage equipment, when he was 22 years old.





**Pavalara (NYSE:AVLR), the Seattle, Washington-based designer of software for automating tax compliance, expects to seek additional content and technology-focused buys following a recent deal, Marshal Kushniruk, EVP Global Product & Business Development said. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

Brief Summary:

Over the years, Avalara has acquired a number of businesses with tax-related content in several verticals, including fuel, telecom, and lodging, he said. On January 23rd, the company announced its latest purchase – the acquisition of Compli – a company specializing in alcoholic beverage compliance. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Interesting Fact:

Avalara's strategy hasn't changed now that it is public, Kushniruk said. "Our goal is to be part of every transaction in the world," the executive said.





PNetki, a Los Angeles-based identity verification company that is automating the KYC/AML process for crypto, fintech and financial services firms, is in the process of raising a Series A round, CEO Justin Newton told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

Brief Summary:

Netki has developed a platform for automating KYC/AML that is used in the crypto space by exchanges and for token sales. The platform is also popular among fintech and financial services firms. The company has partnerships with PwC and Deloitte and It is also working with one of the largest banks in the US, the CEO said.

CEO:Justin Newton





Interesting Fact:

Netki's facial recognition algorithm is used for identity verification. Many KYC/AML processes require a person to send a photo ID for verification. Existing technologies typically compare that ID photo with another photo of the same person, looking for discrepancies. Netki 's technology is superior, Newton explained, as it first builds a 3D model of the face from an ID photo before making a comparison.



BitAlpha, a recently launched application that helps businesses manage the tax and legal issues that arise from owning cryptocurrencies, is in the midst of raising a seed round, although not too aggressively, said CEO Pat White. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

Brief Summary:

a recently launched application that helps businesses manage the tax and legal issues that arise from owning cryptocurrencies



Nov 19, 2018



Most Recent Coverage:

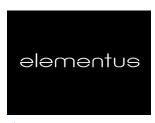
Sedecii, the Ireland-based creator of secure, private data-verification technology, is seeking both partnerships and capital as part of a plan to create a global identity network, CEO and founder Rob Leslie said. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

Brief Summary:

Sedicii would like to create a global, public, blockchain-based network that will leverage its technology to enable secure information transfer. The company envisions that the network would be comprised of a number of identity providers, including governments, telcos, and banks. These identity providers could then share sensitive personal information including drivers' licenses, passports, credit cards, and bank accounts, in a secure, regulatory compliant fashion with necessary third parties. All of this could be done without disclosing specific details that would compromise personal privacy, the CEO said..

Interesting Fact:

Sedicii plans to confirm key aspects of its financing strategy by early next year, the CEO said. In the near-term, the company would like to secure equity financing. That should help with securing partnerships with large stakeholders, which in turn would lend credibility to the idea of building the larger network.





Pelementus, a NYC-based startup that has built a software platform that gathers data on most public blockchains, will select users for its beta this month, CEO Max Galka and co-founder Mike Kalomeni told this news service in a joint interview. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

Brief Summary:

The company has built a software platform that gathers data on most public blockchains. That data includes details about ownership and the amount of a token held in a specific block, as well as details about the blockchain as a whole.



Shyft Network, a blockchain-technology startup developing a network for secure data sharing that can be used for streamlining investor compliance across systems, is raising capital through a utility token sale, CEO Bruce Silcoff told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

Brief Summary:

Shyft is creating a blockchain-based distributed network, which will allow its users to securely "obtain, store, inquire about, and work with regulatory-compliance-satisfying data," according to the company.

Sep 24, 2018





Most Recent Coverage:

Coinfirm, a London-based regtech startup specializing in compliance solutions for the crypto industry, is interested in raising capital by the end of this year, co-founder and chief marketing officer Grant Blaisdell said. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

Brief Summary:

The company was founded in 2016 and generated revenue in its first year of operation. By year two, Coinfirm was "pretty much profitable," Blaisdell said, adding that it also reinvested heavily in growing the business.





Phosho, a Las Vegas-based smart contract auditing firm, is raising capital through a security token offering (STO) that it hopes to close in late September, co-founder and president Hartej Sawhney told Fintech Horizons. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

Brief Summary:

Hosho is a blockchain security company. It provides technical audits of smart contracts for ICOs and other token events. It also provides penetration testing, a type of testing that helps companies discover vulnerabilities in their IT infrastructure. Its customers include cryptocurrency exchanges, ICOs and other established businesses leveraging blockchain technology.





**Palloy, a NYC-based regtech offering identity management tools, is seeing a shift in the market, which could drive new revenue and favorably position the company to raise fresh capital, according to Co-founder and Chief Revenue Officer Laura Spiekerman. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

Brief Summary:

Alloy's technology helps enterprises to fulfill know your customer and anti-money laundering (KYC/AML) requirements thereby reducing fraud, Spiekerman said. But more than that, Alloy's identity management technology is favorable for a variety of business applications and not just for compliance, she said. There are several banks, fintechs and hybrids using Alloy's platform technology, she said.

Interesting Fact:

Spiekerman said Alloy is a fun startup where everyone does a little bit of everything to accomplish the goals of the company. Alloy has two office dogs which keep the team company.



Trunomi, a startup whose platform technology provides businesses with the legal basis to store, process and share personal information, is likely to raise a large Series A round in Q2 of 2019, according to a company source. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

Brief Summary:

a startup whose platform technology provides businesses with the legal basis to store, process and share personal information



Investors:

CloudScale Capital Partners, Allectus Capital







NewBanking, a Copenhagen, Denmark-based creator of a platform that allows its users to control and administer their online identity, is eyeing a capital raise and could eventually be an attractive acquisition target, CEO Christian Visti Larsen said. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

Brief Summary:

NewBanking offers an identity management platform that allows its users to control and administer their online identity. It will also make it easier and cheaper for businesses and financial institutions to perform the identity checks necessary to comply with regulatory requirements, according to the company. The technology utilizes a private blockchain for access and content management but NewBanking does not put any user identity information on a blockchain, said Larsen. The company is partnering with UK-based MultiChain on this product, he said.