

Oct 28,  
2020



**Trustology**

[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

[Trustology](#), a London-based startup whose platform helps to safeguard crypto assets, is interested in investor approaches for its Series A round, said Alex Batlin, founder and CEO. *(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)*

**Brief Summary:**

The company's platform helps private and institutional investors ensure the safety of their digital assets, the CEO said.

**Investors:**

Two Sigma Ventures and ConsenSys

**Interesting Fact:**

Before Trustology, Batlin led blockchain innovation programs at UBS and BNY Mellon and worked in investment banking at JP Morgan. He is also the co-founder of Utility Settlement Coin, Enterprise Ethereum Alliance and Trusted IoT consortias, according to his company bio.

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Oct 27,  
2020



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Bitlattice](#), The Bitlattice founder said he was skeptical about the merits of an ICO. The organization could possibly come up with another way to initially seed the market with coins, he said. *(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)*

**Brief Summary:**

Bitlattice is a distributed ledger under development that looks to solve a number of issues present in traditional blockchains.

**Interesting Fact:**

While the network itself is decentralized, the center where decisions are made is very uniform. Yet, these decision makers are isolated from external influence and depending on setup they can be deterministic in their processing, the founder said..

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Oct 09,  
2020



 [website](#)

#### Most Recent Coverage:

 Bitex, Bitex is a company whose APIs help Latin American merchants accept Bitcoin. The company also offers solutions for buying and selling digital currencies and helps merchants and solutions providers offer their customers low-cost remittance services that accept local currencies. In the Q&A, Del Pino discusses how Bitex got its start, its plans for expansion, and its potential interest in new financing. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

#### Brief Summary:

Bitex's APIs give 24/7 liquidity from FIAT to crypto in all countries in which it operates. The company has three sets of APIs: exchange (liquidate 24/7), payments (via BTC) and cross-border.

#### CEO and founder:

Eduardo Del Pino



#### Interesting Fact:

Operationally, we haven't had major difficulties. Our team already had been working remotely, it has just helped us to define the company as one that is 100% remote, the CEO said.

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Aug 25,  
2020



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Everledger](#), a London-based blockchain technology startup, is planning its Series B raise in 2022, said Leanne Kemp, CEO. *(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)*

**Brief Summary:**

Everledger is able to create digital copies of items, such as wine, diamonds, gemstones, minerals and luxury goods and track those assets over their lifetime journeys. Products can be registered on Everledger's private blockchain, where every transaction is securely recorded and accessible to end consumers.

**Investors:**

Tencent, Graphene Ventures, Bloomberg Beta, Rakuten, Fidelity, and Vickers Venture Partners

**CEO:**

Leanne Kemp



**Interesting Fact:**

The company is also expanding into resource recovery, answering the question of "Where does it go after me?" Kemp explained. It is starting to look at tracing the recovery and recycling process of batteries, plastic, tires, aluminum and mattresses, she said.

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Jul 13,  
2020



 [website](#)

#### Most Recent Coverage:

 [ErisX](#), a Chicago-based digital asset exchange platform, may raise capital later this year, depending on the market, said Thomas Chippas, CEO. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

#### Brief Summary:

ErisX offers individuals and institutions a single platform to access digital asset spot and futures markets, according to the company. (Founded 2017).

#### Investors:

Arc Light Securities, Castle Island Ventures, Dragonfly Capital Partners, Flow Traders, Tradestation, NYDIG, Cboe Global Markets, CMT Digital, ConsenSys, CTC, DRW Venture Capital, ED&F Man Capital Markets, Nasdaq Ventures, Pantera Capital, Susquehanna International and Virtu Financial, Bitmain, Fidelity Investments, Monex Group and TD Ameritrade

#### CEO:

[Thomas Chippas](#)



#### Interesting Fact:

In May, ErisX announced it had launched the first US Ether futures contracts

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Jun 04,  
2020

## BREACH

❖ website

### Most Recent Coverage:

❖ Breach, a Boston-based cryptocurrency insurtech, is raising seed funding now, said Eyhab Aejaz, CEO and co-founder. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

### Brief Summary:

Breach insures loss of crypto assets due to cryptocurrency exchange hacks

### Eyhab Aejaz:

CEO and co-founder



### Interesting Fact:

Digital assets exchanges, wallets, custodians, insurers, and insurance brokers would make great strategic partners with Breach. The company is interested in profit sharing, revenue sharing or lead generation partnerships in both the US and internationally.

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May 05,  
2020



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 **Veem**, a San Francisco, California-based global payments platform, is in the midst of its Series C raise, said Marwan Forzley, CEO and co-founder. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Veem is a global payments company that is capable of routing transactions via card, treasury accounts, blockchain, and the SWIFT network, according to the company. (Founded 2014)

**Investors:**

In September, Veem announced it had closed a \$31m strategic funding round led by Truist Ventures. New investors MUFG Innovation Partners, AB Ventures, Paper Excellence, Myer Family Investments, joined existing investors GV (formerly Google Ventures), Goldman Sachs, Kleiner Perkins, Silicon Valley Bank, National Australia Bank Ventures and Trend Forward Capital, to complete the round. Veem had previously raised \$70m prior to the \$31m round, according to FHM's prior report.

**CEO:**

**Marwan Forzley**



**Interesting Fact:**

Veem helps 100,000 businesses in over 100+ countries send and receive wire transfers, according to the company.

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Apr 29,  
2020



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Upvest](#), a Berlin, Germany-based fintech that provides tools for asset tokenization and distribution, may raise its Series B next year, said Martin Kassing, founder and CEO. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

UpVest develops tools to create, store and distribute security tokens, allowing fintech companies to use the blockchain to distribute digital assets in real time on a global scale.

**Investors:**

Notion Capital, Holtzbrinck Ventures, and Partech

**CEO and founder:**

Martin Kassing



**Interesting Fact:**

Last year, UpVest had €50 million in volume processed via its APIs and this year, it expects to grow to €500m in volume with its existing customers, according to Kassing. It will reach €1bn in volume in 2021 by adding four or five larger asset managers as customers though this could change with the current COVID-19 crisis. It has 20 customers in the tokenization space, in which assets managers sell real estate securities. It is focused on the German, Switzerland and Luxembourg markets.

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Apr 21,  
2020



↗ website

**Most Recent Coverage:**

↗ **ChainThat**, a London, UK-based insurance blockchain solutions provider, will begin its next capital raise in 9 to 12 months, said David Edwards, founder and CEO. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

ChainThat's blockchain technology is targeted at insurance brokers, carriers, and reinsurers.

**Advisors:**

Morrison & Foerster

**Investors:**

Xceedance

**CEO and founder:**

David Edwards



**Interesting Fact:**

The reinsurance industry is largely not digital, and in these times where employees are forced to work remotely, insurance platforms need to be digital to better serve customers. COVID-19 may be the catalyst needed for insurance innovation to catch up with the fintech market, CEO and founder David Edwards told FHM.

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Apr 09,  
2020



 [website](#)

#### Most Recent Coverage:

 [AZA Group](#), a Kenya-based money transfer infrastructure startup and the parent company of BitPesa, TransferZero, and BFX, outlines expansion plans. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

#### Brief Summary:

AZA was founded in Kenya in November 2013. Before that, company founder, Elizabeth Rossiello worked as a rating analyst with microfinance institutions across sub-Saharan Africa, as well as with investors such as the Grameen Foundation, the Gates Foundation, and the Acumen Fund.

#### CEO and founder:

Elizabeth Rossiello



#### Interesting Fact:

The Fintech industry is a combination of two very traditionally-male industries-- finance and tech. But this is an entirely new industry, and this is an opportunity for women to break ground (and they already are). The decentralized communities that exist across the space make it easy to reach out and connect with women outside of your hometown or your own office, CEO Elizabeth Rossiello said.

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Mar 31,  
2020



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [SecureKey Technologies](#), a Toronto-based identity and authentication provider, may consider a capital raise later in the year, said Greg Wolfond, founder and CEO. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

SecureKey uses blockchain technology to combat identity fraud. Its Verified.Me app helps verify a consumer's identity using personal information that they consent to share from connections like financial institutions or service providers.

**Investors:**

BMO Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia, CIBC, Desjardins, Royal Bank of Canada, TD, Intel, Discover, MasterCard, TELUS Ventures and Blue Sky Capital

**CEO:**

Greg Wolfond



**Interesting Fact:**

Wolfond previously founded Footprint Software Inc., a financial software company that he sold to IBM, and 724 Solutions Inc., a wireless infrastructure software provider he took public. He holds a B.A. in Computer Science from the University of Western Ontario and a B.S. in Biochemistry and Life Sciences from the University of Toronto.

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Feb 26,  
2020



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

[CoinGenius](#), an AI-based data and analytics firm bringing insights to cryptocurrency traders, has about \$1.2m left unspoken for in its \$3m seed round, it is understood. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

CoinGenius is developing a platform that aggregates crypto investment data, which is siloed throughout the Internet, runs it through its proprietary algorithms, and generates meaningful insights for crypto investors.

**Investors:**

Amnis Ventures

**Interesting Fact:**

The company expects with the backing of this seed round it could increase revenue from \$6m, with \$2.4m in profit, in its first year up to \$30m, with \$12m in profit, within 4 years.

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Feb 25,  
2020



#### Most Recent Coverage:

[eXchangily](#), an Ohio-based company creating a decentralized crypto exchange and wallet, is interested in raising more capital for marketing, CEO and co-founder Dora Tang told this news service. *(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)*

#### Brief Summary:

The company provides a universal crypto-currency wallet and a decentralized exchange for trading crypto including Bitcoin, Ethereum, USDT, FAB, and its token EXG.

CEO:

Dora Tang



#### Interesting Fact:

In addition to her position at eXchangily, Tang also teaches a blockchain class at Cleveland State University's business school. Last summer, eXchangily was voted #1 among more than 70 startups at the annual FUND Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

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Feb 20,  
2020



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

CoinTracker, a San Francisco-based provider of tax preparation software for the crypto industry, will likely be in the market for its Series A round this year, said Shehan Chendrasakera, Head of Tax Strategy. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

The company's product is comparable to TurboTax, but for the crypto industry, according to the executive.

**Investors:**

Initialized Capital, Kindred Ventures, Blockstack

**Interesting Fact:**

CoinTracker has been on the market for about two years and has about 100,000 users and is growing, Chendrasakera said. Most of its customers are individual cryptocurrency investors.

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Feb 17,  
2020

# linus

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#### Most Recent Coverage:

 [Linus, a startup developing a high-yield account that gives depositors access to decentralized, digital asset markets, is seeking its seed round, CEO and co-founder Matthew Nemer told this news service.](#) (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

#### Brief Summary:

Linus differentiates itself from traditional high-yield accounts such as Marcus by Goldman Sachs, Betterment or Wealthfront, by utilizing the Ethereum blockchain on the backend as well as incorporating the DeFi lending protocol, Compound.Finance.

#### Interesting Fact:

Linus converts its user's cash deposits into the stablecoin, USDC, and moves them into digital asset markets where demand to borrow the dollar exceeds that of traditional financial markets, according to the company. Linus says its depositors can earn 35x the national savings account average.

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Feb 13,  
2020



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

◆ [Ambisafe](#), a San Francisco-based blockchain infrastructure company focused on financial inclusion, is likely to start a capital raise in about 2 months, CEO and founder Andrii Zamovskiy told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Ambisafe licenses blockchain-based software to financial markets. It offers multiple products including white-label exchanges, brokerage software, and smart contracts.

**CEO and founder:**

Andrii Zamovskiy



**Interesting Fact:**

Originally from Ukraine, Zamovskiy is the founder of Ambisafe and Orderbook and also an advisor at Propy, a blockchain-based real estate platform. In 2016, he led a team that developed a prototype of a blockchain-based voting system for the government of Ukraine.

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Feb 10,  
2020



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [HTMLCoin](#), a Chicago-based cryptocurrency and blockchain firm, is interested in speaking with advisors about raising capital, CEO Amando R. Boncales told this news service (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

HTMLcoin has developed a hybrid blockchain, Althash Blockchain, that joins Bitcoin protocols and the Ethereum EVM. It previously launched a cryptocurrency, HTML, which is the gas for all smart contract transactions on its blockchain. The company has since launched its Althash Web Platform which serves as the main hub and implementation platform for decentralized applications (DAPPS) on the Althash Blockchain.

**CEO:**

Amando Boncales

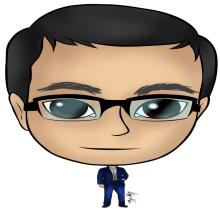


**Interesting Fact:**

The company is initially beta testing in developing nations because of the regulatory flexibility. Eventually, the company plans to monetize its platform by serving educational institutions, credential evaluation agencies, and accreditation firms throughout North America. Its platform could also be used by private enterprise with HR departments. The company estimates it could start to generate revenue in about a year, Boncales said.

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Jan 22,  
2020



 [website](#)

#### Most Recent Coverage:

 [Ubitquity](#), an enterprise-ready blockchain platform for real estate recordkeeping, is aiming to expand into the South East Asian market. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

#### Brief Summary:

Ubitquity introduced a recording and tracking system, which uses blockchain, adds transparency to the process and to ownership and property information. It also reduces search time. With its blockchain platform, it aims to strengthen and not replace its existing analog counterpart: the physical or paper records in real estate and its client base includes title companies, municipalities/land records offices, the CEO said.

#### CEO:

Nathan Wosnack



#### Interesting Fact:

Wosnack has been an entrepreneur since the age of 19 and has had a couple of successful exits. He considers Ubitquity to be the most fulfilling company he has ever started because it went from a startup with no money, no customers, and no platform to one that with a SaaS platform and API, a growing customer list and a healthy amount of revenue, he told FHM.

Jan 16,  
2020



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Tradis.ai](#), an AI-driven asset management startup, is seeking capital, CEO and co-founder Matus Poruban told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Tradis is completely driven by AI, Poruban said. From the time a client transfers funds to Tradis' wallets until the time they "cash-out" the company's AI engine is capable of executing trades for the client without any human intervention at all, he said.

**Interesting Fact:**

There is some competition from others who are trying to enter the space, but what differentiates Tradis is that some of its early internal users have already made significant profits on their trades in 2019, Poruban said. Additionally, some of the competition charges investors monthly fees. Tradis will be offering a model where it only charges investors after they make a profit. It also does not plan to charge transaction fees, the CEO said.

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Jan 03,  
2020



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

◆ [Tepleton](#), a Singapore-based startup seeking to combine its blockchain platform with underlying, secure cross-chain technology, may seek more funding next year to build its global presence, said CEO Juden Tao. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

The company's Tepleton Pay platform provides consumers with a TEP-card that can satisfy cross-border technology, said the CEO, while Tepleton Bank can process insurance and loan payments, provide consumers with access to credit as well as handle cash transfers, deposits and withdrawals.

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Jan 02,  
2020



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

◆ [Votem](#), a Cleveland-based blockchain technology company focused on tabulating ballots, is seeking more capital in its B round, CEO and founder Pete Martin told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Votem's blockchain technology can assign an identifier to the resident (and the resident's current phone number) that can become more specific and permanent than an address, thereby circumventing the labor-intensive review of signatures, ballots and addresses.

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Dec 31,  
2019



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [CoinGenius](#), a Southern California-based startup which aggregates data and then generates meaningful insights for crypto investors, is seeking additional seed capital, co-founder and CRO, Tim Bogert told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

CoinGenius could be described as the "Bloomberg for crypto," Bogert said. The company aggregates, much needed investment data, which is siloed throughout the Internet.

**Investors:**

Amnis Ventures

**Interesting Fact:**

In Q1, the company is planning to offer a sophisticated Wallet technology called "cointainers" which allows for the transfer of any digital asset, as it is blockchain agnostic, Bogert said.

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Dec 31,  
2019



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Dapix](#), the Denver based creator of the FIO protocol, a protocol that can standardize the manner in which cryptocurrencies are sent, wants to lauch its Interwallet Operability Protocol (IOP) in early 2021, CEO Dan Gold said. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

The FIO proposes a decentralized to act as a service layer enabling homogeneous usability across all other blockchains. The IOP would enable wallets and exchanges to empower industry-standardized features like wallet names and request flow. The IOP also, at the same time will not encumber underlying blockchains with complex integration projects. Rather, the teams that had developed the underlying blockchains could focus on their core blockchain technology.

**Investors:**

[Binance Labs](#), [Blockwall Capital](#), [NGC Ventures](#) and [LuneX Ventures](#)

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Dec 30,  
2019



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

[Unum ID](#), a San Francisco-based company building blockchains aimed at governments and companies, likely will go after a Series A round next year, said Liam McCarty, co-founder and co-CEO. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

UNUM ID registers the mobile phone owner's identity by linking the identity to his or her device.

**co-founder and co-CEO:**

Liam McCarty



**Interesting Fact:**

Aidan McCarty, Liam's brother, also is co-founder and co-CEO of UNUM ID.

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Dec 27,  
2019



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Totle](#), a Detroit-based company which is creating tools for developers and traders on top of a network of decentralized exchanges (DEX), plans to seek \$3m in capital, said CEO David Bleznak. *(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)*

**Brief Summary:**

Totle also offers services in portfolio management and institutional trading. Totle provides portfolio managers with historical trade data in crypto currencies, as well as timely execution and settlement. Institutional traders rely on DEXs because of the need to settle client accounts daily. As with portfolio managers, the Totle API provides the necessary daily liquidity that institutional traders require to maximize blockchain-based digital assets.

**CEO:**

David Bleznak



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Dec 26,  
2019



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

BitMinutes, an Atlanta-based company which leverages blockchain and tokenization to deliver secure phone and financial services, expects to raise \$10m next year, said CEO Tom Meredith. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

BitMinutes plans to use its Trusted Agent Network (TAN) to reach the unbanked. TAN is built on blockchain tokenization and cloud service to deliver multiple digital financial services via smart phone. Instead of the “bricks-and-mortar” of traditional financial services, the TAN Network consists of local merchants who already have a strong presence (and a high level of trust) in remote communities.

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Dec 23,  
2019



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

◆ [Rivetz, the Richmond, MA-based company that is the creator of technology which provides security for blockchain transactions, is seeking \\$10m in a Series A round, said Bryan Feinberg, an advisor to Rivetz and CEO of the blockchain venture firm Etheralabs. \(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article\)](#)

**Brief Summary:**

The principle behind Rivetz technology is smartphone devices power “chains” of personal transactions, decisions and information. The Rivetz ecosystem provides security to those transactions and decisions inherent in the distributed blockchain for government, finance and consumer services, starting with the Trusted Execution Environment (TEE).

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Dec 20,  
2019



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

Finnovant, a Mountain View, California-based company that plans to soon release an open-source blockchain phone that enables trading in digital currencies, crypto-mining and investing, likely will enter a \$5m strategic partnership in the first quarter of 2020, said Brian Maw, CEO and co-founder. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Finnovant believes voice authentication is “the winner” among other biometric options for personal phones. To that end, Finnovant has been self-funded through sales of its Say-Tec voice ID software. Say-Tec eliminates the need to remember passwords when signing on to a mobile device, website, or to approve a financial transaction.

**CEO:**

Brian Maw

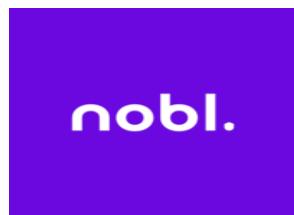


**Interesting Fact:**

Maw said “banks are circling” blockchain technology for internal and external use. Security breaches in financial transactions are so costly, banks and financial institutions want to offer reliable options and solutions, he added. Instead of offering \$500 to open a \$10,000 checking account, Maw suggested banks could offer a Phenix X1 that would approximate the \$500 and provide security for the bank and the customer. The CEO said banks could offer the phone for free to high net worth customers.

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Dec 19,  
2019



 [website](#)

#### Most Recent Coverage:

 [Nobl Insurance](#), an Auburn Hills, Michigan-based startup, which is planning to launch an insurance policy to protect crypto investors, is actively seeking funding, said Brandon Brown, CEO. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

#### Brief Summary:

The company is focused on marketing its policy mainly through online cryptocommunities. California, New York, Florida and Texas are markets of interest due to the amount of cryptocurrency investors living in those geographic regions.

#### Advisors:

Quantum Capital Advisors, Locke Lord

#### CEO:

Brandon Brown



#### Interesting Fact:

Brown and Nick Hurst, who are majority owners, co-founded Nobl in 2017 after identifying a gap in the market for hot wallet insurance offerings to cryptocurrency investors. The co-founders prefer to remain majority owners after its Series A round, but its valuation and investment will dictate the post-raise ownership structure, Brown said.

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Dec 19,  
2019



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**Most Recent Coverage:**

↗ [TraDove](#), a Palo Alto, California company that has created a B2B blockchain trading platform, is targeting up to \$20m for its next investment round after previously securing \$10m in capital, said Kent Yan, chairman & CEO. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

TraDove combines a B2B social network platform with a B2B blockchain payment system. It has a focus on the international B2B market. Rather than relying on a network of company computer transactions, TraDove links buyers and sellers of supplies via a light infrastructure in which transactions are only stored on the devices of the individuals conducting the transaction.

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Dec 17,  
2019



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

⌚ **Innovesta**, the Tel Aviv-based company behind an AI-based Innodex platform which has a novel algorithm used to evaluate private company investment, expects to raise more capital in 2020 as it expands its investment decision-making platform to more family funds, accredited and non-accredited investors, said Keren Kay, co-founder and Chief Marketing Officer (CMO).  
*(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)*

**Brief Summary:**

The company's AI-based Innodex platform provides a novel algorithm to evaluate private company investment. Innodex enables investors to "Innodex" their different investment considerations, creating customization areas in which they can conduct a deep dive based on their experience and goals.

**Investors:**

Goren Holm Ventures, BSeed Group, Hana Rado, and Mobileye investor Yigal Tamir

**Interesting Fact:**

Kay said demand for the Innodex is increasing among private investors and family offices because of the fees and occasional questions on returns provided by private equity investors and other money management funds. While stock market indices are approaching record highs this year, the appetite for private investors to enter venture-type deals early remains very high, according to Kay.

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Dec 11,  
2019



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [DriveTrust](#), based in Paris, France, expects it will rely on blockchain technology to expand its AI-powered, IoT device that monitors driving behavior, said Luca de Mori, network engineer. *(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)*

**Brief Summary:**

The company initially is offering its system to truck fleet owners and insurance companies. Insurers see the DriveTrust system as a record of driver behavior, both internally and externally. If an accident takes place, the DriveTrust system provides insurers with an accurate record of events in which to negotiate claims.

**Investors:**

Horizon 2020, IMEC and Centro Ricerche Fiat

**Interesting Fact:**

In 2020-21, the main source of revenue will be from device sales, reaching a total of €18m, according to company forecasts. By 2023, when the company forecasts sales of nearly €80m, cloud and data service sales should become more predominant. Cloud and data sales are expected to account for 50% of total sales in 2023, according to DriveTrust

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Dec 10,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

Streetcred ID ([Trinsic](#)), based in Provo, Utah, believes it has the answer to the personal ID space by using blockchain software to install protected code that can be used within distinct groups and municipalities, said Michael Boyd, chief marketing officer. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Streetcred ID believes it has the answer to the personal ID space by using blockchain software to install protected code that can be used within distinct groups and municipalities.

**Interesting Fact:**

While the goal is to provide a Streetcred ID to individuals, the company initially is building the system for municipalities and distinct groups, which will provide revenue on a project basis until the personal ID system can be expanded. The company relies on historical documents such as diplomas, utility bills and driver's licenses because people trust the documents and trust the entity that issued them. They also can be difficult to forge.

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Dec 06,  
2019



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Coinmine](#), a Los Angeles-based provider of cryptocurrency mining tools, is raising its Series A round over the next three months, said Farbood Nivi, CEO and co-founder. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Coinmine is a personal crypto device, for the home. Plug in, connect to WiFi, and tap the currency you want to mine in the Coinmine app, according to the company. Coinmine's flagship product is Coinminel, which is a coin mining device about "the size of an xbox" and could also be described as an "Alexa for coin mining" because it is simple and easy to use. It launched in 2018 and uses crypto influencers, podcasts and online advertising to penetrate the market.

**Advisors:**

Gunderson

**Investors:**

M13, Republic Labs, Gumi Crypto, Canaan Beta and early Uber investor Shervin Pishevar

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Nov 27,  
2019



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

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

**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.

**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.

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Nov 25,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

❖ **Certificial**, a New York-based company focused on streamlining insurance verification, is now considering a capital raise as it advances its platform, CEO Peter Teresi said. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

a New York-based company focused on streamlining insurance verification

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Nov 19,  
2019

## HYDROGEN

❖ [website](#)

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

**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.

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Nov 12,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

❖ Minds, a Wilton, Connecticut-based social media and cryptocurrency startup, expects to close its Series B in summer 2020, said Jack Ottman, COO. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Minds is a social media company that uses its own cryptocurrency to offer users rewards. Members of the website can earn tokens in exchange for interacting with the site and creating content.

**Advisors:**

Masur Griffitts

**Investors:**

Medici Ventures

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Oct 18,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

❖ [Galileo Platforms](#), a Hong Kong-based startup that has built a platform that uses blockchain to connect all of the participants in the insurance ecosystem, is looking to raise an A-1 round starting this month, CEO Mark Wales said. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

a Hong Kong-based startup that has built a platform that uses blockchain to connect all of the participants in the insurance ecosystem

❖ [website](#)

**Investors:**

Greenlight Re

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Oct 18,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

❖ [Wyre](#), a San Francisco, California-based cross-border cryptocurrency payments company, may begin early-stage Series C discussions toward the end of the year, said Jack Jia, founding member and director of partnerships. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

a San Francisco, California-based cross-border cryptocurrency payments company

❖ [website](#)

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Oct 11,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

◆ [Phaze](#), a Toronto, Canada-based startup that connects retailers to the cryptocurrency market using digital gift card technology, is in the final stages of closing early-stage funding round, said Kyle Collier, CEO and founder. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

a Toronto, Canada-based startup that connects retailers to the cryptocurrency market using digital gift card technology

◆ [website](#)

**Investors:**

Anthony Di Iorio, BlockHero

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Oct 10,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

💡 **ALTR**, an Austin, Texas-based company which is using blockchain technology as a way to provide greater security for enterprise data, plans to initiate a Series B venture round before the end of the year, said Dave Sikora, CEO. *(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)*

**Brief Summary:**

an Austin, Texas-based company which is using blockchain technology as a way to provide greater security for enterprise data

💡 [website](#)

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Oct 08,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

👉 [Minka](#), a Bogota, Colombia-based startup whose technology provides the infrastructure for faster money-transfer, is likely interested in raising capital from US investors in the near future, CEO Domagoj Rozic said. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

a Bogota, Colombia-based startup whose technology provides the infrastructure for faster money-transfer

👉 [website](#)

**Investors:**

Crestone Venture Capital, angel investors

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Sep 26,  
2019



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**Most Recent Coverage:**

◆ **Baton Systems**, a Fremont, California-based provider of bank-to-bank payments infrastructure modeled on blockchain technology, is interested in investor approaches now for its raise in 2021, said Andrés Choussy, president and COO. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Baton's distributed ledger-based technology enables its clients to securely move real assets sitting in real bank accounts in near real-time, according to the company. It has been deployed at three of the world's top ten global banks, as well as multiple exchanges and clearinghouses, the executive said.

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Sep 19,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

❖ [Goodr, an Atlanta, Georgia-based startup using blockchain technology to manage food waste to help battle hunger, is targeting early next year for its Series A raise, CEO Jasmine Crowe told this news service. \(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article\)](#)

**Brief Summary:**

an Atlanta, Georgia-based startup using blockchain technology to manage food waste to help battle hunger

❖ [website](#)

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Sep 10,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

❖ [Interlapse, the Vancouver-based public company behind the online virtual currency platform, Coincurve.com, could raise capital in a private placement for international expansion, CEO Wayne Chen said. \(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article\)](#)

**Brief Summary:**

the Vancouver-based public company behind the online virtual currency platform, Coincurve.com

❖ [website](#)

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Sep 05,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

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

**Brief Summary:**

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

❖ [website](#)

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Aug 29,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

❖ [AnthemGold](#), a Montgomery, Texas-based company offering an insured, micro-weighted, gold bullion-backed cryptocurrency, is looking to raise \$5m in a private placement, CEO Anthem Hayek Blanchard told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

a Montgomery, Texas-based company offering an insured, micro-weighted, gold bullion-backed cryptocurrency

❖ [website](#)

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Aug 27,  
2019



REITIUM

**Most Recent Coverage:**

👉 **REITIUM**, a Vancouver-based startup developing a real estate investment platform utilizing blockchain, is now raising its seed round, CEO and Co-Founder Thomas Park told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

a Vancouver-based startup developing a real estate investment platform utilizing blockchain

👉 [website](#)

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Aug 22,  
2019



MoneyClip

**Most Recent Coverage:**

👉 **MoneyClip**, a Toronto-based company which provides a mobile app that can be loaded with a debit card, allowing users to make payments with friends or participating merchants, is seeking more capital to advance its platform, CEO Chanan Steinhart and CFO Brian Lock told Fintech Horizons in a joint interview. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

a Toronto-based company which provides a mobile app that can be loaded with a debit card, allowing users to make payments with friends or participating merchants

👉 [website](#)

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

**Brief Summary:**

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

❖ [website](#)

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Aug 20,  
2019



❖ [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

❖ **ShapeShift**, a Denver-based company behind a non-custodial platform to buy, sell, send, receive, trade, track, and hodl most major cryptocurrencies, is now getting ready for its Series B raise, a source told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

company has launched multiple products including CoinCap, which offers pricing data, and KeepKey, a hardware wallet. Last month, ShapeShift launched a new platform, which marries all of the company's products into an integrated platform.

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Aug 16,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

❖ **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. (*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

❖ [website](#)

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Aug 02,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

❖ **Elementus**, a New York City-based startup whose protocol provides block-level insight on most public blockchains, including on the amount of a token held and its ownership, prefers traditional venture financing to a security token offering (STO), CEO and founder Max Galka told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

a New York City-based startup whose protocol provides block-level insight on most public blockchains, including on the amount of a token held and its ownership

❖ [website](#)

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Jul 30,  
2019

## OWNERA

### **Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Ownera](#), a company that is building a “blockchain for ownership” using the Hyperledger Fabric that is headquartered in Vaduz, Liechtenstein, although it has employees in London, Israel and greater Los Angeles, is raising a seed round and views building partnerships with investment banks as a top priority as it builds out its platform, CEO and co-founder Ami Ben-David told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

### **Brief Summary:**

a company that is building a “blockchain for ownership” using the Hyperledger Fabric that is headquartered in Vaduz, Liechtenstein, although it has employees in London, Israel and greater Los Angeles

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Jul 22,  
2019



website

**Most Recent Coverage:**

◆ [ShoCard](#), a Cupertino, California-based startup that uses blockchain technology to store information on user identity for mobile applications, has raised prior funding, but still stays in touch with venture capital firms, CEO and founder Armin Ebrahimi told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Among ShoCard's offerings is an app that verifies a user's identity without requiring a password. Using blockchain, identification data is kept on the user's phone, rather than stored in a central location. Users of its mobile app include banks and other financial institutions in the US and abroad. It also has customers in travel and health care.

**CEO and founder:**

Armin Ebrahimi



Jul 10,  
2019



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [RE-Sure](#), a Detroit, Michigan-based company which has created an on-demand, micro-duration insurance product, is planning a commercial launch this fall and is now laying the groundwork for a Series A round, CEO and founder Gautham Peddibholta told this news service. *(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)*

**Brief Summary:**

The company has created an on-demand insurance policy and partners with insurers who will carry the risk, Peddibholta said. The policy will run on RE-Sure's policy administration system, which it has built on a blockchain stack. The policy will be delivered to policyholders through a mobile application, the CEO said.

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Jun 17,  
2019



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [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:**

Solidus 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.

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May 29,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

❖ [RouteFire](#), a San Francisco-based company offering trading technology and execution services to institutional crypto traders, is planning to seek its Series A round this year, CEO and founder Jason Victor told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

a San Francisco-based firm offering trading technology and execution services to institutional crypto traders

❖ [website](#)

**Interesting Fact:**

Customers don't just need a company that offers an algorithmic solution, they need a company that does that solution very well, Victor said. "Algorithms are kind of like pizza," he said. "Is it Dominos or is it Giordano's?"

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May 24,  
2019



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

**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.

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May 23,  
2019



Unlocking Institutional Crypto

 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 **Omniex**, a San Francisco-based company that has developed an institutional-grade trading and investment platform for crypto assets, is likely to raise its Series A round by the end of the year, CEO and co-founder Hu Liang told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Omniex' platform is an algorithmic execution and smart order routing service. The platform provides position management, market data, and an OTC settlement center. It integrates with banks, fund accounting, wallets and custody and also offers portfolio risk and compliance tools.

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May 22,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

◆ [Lumina](#), a San Francisco-based company providing an interface for institutions to manage, bookkeep and trade their digital asset portfolio, will probably raise a follow-on seed round later this year, CEO and co-founder Chen Fang told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

a San Francisco-based company providing an interface for institutions to manage, bookkeep and trade their digital asset portfolio



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May 20,  
2019



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

[Paxos](#), a NYC-based regulated custodian and stablecoin provider which offers institutional and retail investors a platform to buy, sell and trade digital assets, is planning to raise its Series C by the end of the year, co-founder Rich Teo told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Paxos is a New York State Trust Company, which is regulated by the New York Department of Financial Services (DFS). The company says it is the oldest digital asset custodian and it is the only regulated fiat and cryptocurrency escrow agent in the world. Paxos was founded in 2012, according to a published report. Paxos offers digital asset trading on its digital asset exchange, itBit, which also receives oversight from DFS.

**CEO and co-founder:**

Charles Cascarilla



May 20,  
2019



#### **Most Recent Coverage:**

Follow My Vote, a Denver-based company that looks to use blockchain to provide transparency to the election process, will look at options for raising more capital, CEO and founder Adam Kaleb Ernest said. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

#### **Brief Summary:**

a Denver-based company that looks to use blockchain to provide transparency to the election process

 [website](#)

#### **Interesting Fact:**

Ernest is the founder and CEO of Follow My Vote. The company was started in 2012 and is working towards the creation of a secure, end-to-end voting system using blockchain technology. In the Q&A, Ernest discusses the company's minimum viable product (MVP), its options for raising funds, and its efforts to create awareness on how blockchain can be used to bring transparency and security to elections. When did you start Follow My Vote? What was your initial motivation for creating the company? I started Follow My Vote on July 4th, 2012. I initially founded the company with a different idea in mind. My motivation has always been to look at societal problems and see what I could personally do to help solve them. During that time period, Congress was in gridlock and couldn't agree on anything. I wanted to do something to alleviate the impasse. My initial idea was to create an app that would let voters view legislation as it went through Congress – both before and after their representatives had voted. The before part would almost work like a game, where a constituent could put themselves in the shoes of the elected official and in turn, let the elected official know how they would vote on a given piece of legislation. The aim then was to hold elected officials accountable, by making them aware of their constituents' views on specific legislation in real-time. After working on the idea for a few years I moved from Florida to Blacksburg, Virginia in 2014 and began searching for a technical co-founder for the project. I graduated from Virginia Tech in 2004 as did Dan Larimer, the founder of BitShares, who later co-founded Steemit and EOS. While in Blacksburg, I was introduced to Dan and we talked about ways that technology could be used to improve elections. From our discussions, it became clear to me that before we could really begin gathering voter data on specific bills, there first needed to be in place a transparent and secure election system. With BitShares, Dan built a really interesting platform, one on which an end-to-end verifiable blockchain-based voting system could potentially be built. After some initial collaboration with developers from the BitShares team, I changed the focus of Follow My Vote to that of using blockchain to create a secure and transparent election system. Those discussions with Dan really brought back memories of my first time voting, in the 2000 presidential election between George Bush and Al Gore. I had just turned 18 and was living in Germany. I was passionate about politics and I was anxious to cast my vote. The election turned out to be most controversial in the nation's history. If you remember, the election ended up before the Supreme Court, where the main issue revolved around what constituted a hanging chad. At the time though, what really caught my attention was that the media had announced Gore had won, but later retracted that determination. I remember thinking, what is really going on here behind the scenes? It was clear to me that the election system was a black box, that we didn't have a guarantee that everything was completely honest through and through. So in 2014, after deciding to focus the company's efforts on using blockchain to create a secure, transparent voting system, our team began doing as much research as we could on elections, the technology and players involved, and the problems plaguing our voting system. We found all kinds of vulnerabilities with voting machines, with the registration process, even issues around paper-based ballots. The more we learned, the more we tried to educate people about these vulnerabilities and the more we focused on how technology could be leveraged to bring honesty and integrity to the process. My background was in digital marketing and I worked on educational marketing campaigns to get key influencers in Computer Science to get behind the idea of blockchain voting, as there remains a common misconception among the public that there is no way to build a secure voting system online. Are you considering any options to raise additional funds? We are thinking through our options. A while back, we completed a small friends and family raise of \$50,000. Other than that, I have bootstrapped the company with my own funds, and we have continued building our platform at a slow and steady pace, the CEO said.

May 17,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

❖ **ALGOTrader**, a Zurich-based designer of trading software for all asset classes, including cryptocurrencies, has just started raising its Series A round, a source familiar with the company told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

a Zurich-based designer of trading software for all asset classes, including cryptocurrencies

❖ [website](#)

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May 16,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

❖ **Medicalchain**, a Switzerland-based company advancing a blockchain-based telemedicine application, is considering converting its utility token to a security token, COO and co-founder Mohammed Tayeb told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

a Switzerland-based company advancing a blockchain-based telemedicine application

❖ [website](#)

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May 15,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

◆ [Hxro, a Bermuda-based company that has created a bitcoin trading game, is in the midst of a capital raise, a company source told this news service. \(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article\)](#)

**Brief Summary:**

a Bermuda-based company that has created a bitcoin trading game

◆ [website](#)

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May 14,  
2019



**bitsian**

[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

Bitsian, a New York City-based startup that is developing an institutional-grade cryptocurrency trading platform, is now working on its Series A round, CEO and co-founder Raakhee Miller told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

The company's trading platform includes real time bids and offers across multiple exchanges, preview pricing, a smart order router, as well as synthetic pairs, for trading any coin to any coin with implied pricing and multi-leg trade support, according to company information.

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May 13,  
2019



**BLOXROUTE**  
LABS

**Most Recent Coverage:**

bloXroute Labs, a Chicago-based company developing a blockchain distribution network for increased throughput, is likely to launch a security token offering in October, a company source told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

a Chicago-based company developing a blockchain distribution network for increased throughput

[website](#)

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May 09,  
2019

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**Most Recent Coverage:**

❖ [InterRemit \(Financial Technology Applications Inc\)](#) a Bay Area startup whose software helps businesses find the optimal FX rate for large cross-border money transfers by using cryptocurrencies, could seek seed funding in a few months, CEO Christos Stoumpos told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

a Bay Area startup whose software helps businesses find the optimal FX rate for large cross-border money transfers by using cryptocurrencies

❖ [website](#)

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May 02,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

❖ [Beriblock](#), a Bogota, Colombia-based startup that has built a private blockchain for document authentication, wants to expand into Mexico, Brazil and Argentina and is in the process of raising seed funding, CEO Salomón Muriel. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

a Bogota, Colombia-based startup that has built a private blockchain for document authentication

❖ [website](#)

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Apr 29,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

❖ **Bitcoin Solutions Inc. (Mybitcards.com)** the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania-based creator of a gift card that can be redeemed on its website for Bitcoin, is actively raising seed financing, CEO and founder Edward Gieske told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania-based creator of a gift card that can be redeemed on its website for Bitcoin

❖ [website](#)

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Apr 17,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

Pyrofex, a Provo, Utah-based startup specializing in blockchain development, is seeking funds to build CDelta, a decentralized payments network, CEO Nash Foster told this new service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

, a Provo, Utah-based startup specializing in blockchain development

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Apr 16,  
2019



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

Dolla, a startup headquartered in the Cayman Islands that is developing a decentralized payments network, plans to list its token and take its network live in July or August, CFO Nicole Herstik told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

The company's network utilizes blockchain-based technology, but the technology is also designed to be faster and more secure than other decentralized networks, the executive said.

**Interesting Fact:**

Dolla's code is written in Haskell, a functional language that is less prone to hacking, Herstik said. Additionally, all transactions on the Dolla network are final and its codebase cannot be forked, she said.

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Apr 15,  
2019



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Evernym](#), a Salt Lake City, Utah-based startup working on protocols and products for self-sovereign identity, is now raising an 'institutional round', co-founder Timothy Ruff told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

An emerging technology, verifiable credentials (VCr) is now being standardized by W3C and will provide much greater security than usernames and passwords, Ruff said. Evernym didn't invent VCr, but it is helping standardize the protocols. It is also developing proprietary products and tools that work on top of these protocols that it will license, Ruff said.

**Interesting Fact:**

The company is starting to generate revenue from some private beta customers including BarclayCard, Novartis, and some credit unions, Ruff said. On March 26, Evernym announced an expanded partnership with IBM with a goal to propel early adopters of decentralized identity from proof-of-concept to pilot, according to company information.

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Apr 15,  
2019



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [SALT Lending](#), a Denver, Colorado-based startup specializing in crypto-backed lending, is looking to leverage its existing SaaS platform to create additional revenue streams, COO Jennifer Shaver told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Salt is an acronym that stands for Secured Automated Lending Platform. The company provides cash loans that are backed by a borrower's digital currency.

**Interesting Fact:**

Salt is an acronym that stands for Secured Automated Lending Platform. The company provides cash loans that are backed by a borrower's digital currency. The company has over 70 employees and underwrites loans in 45 states and 11 countries. To date, Salt has underwritten more than \$50m in loans without a default, Shaver said.

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Apr 12,  
2019



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [\*\*Aliant Payment Systems\*\*](#), a Fort Lauderdale, Florida-based payments processor, will “no doubt” see interest from a larger payment processor, CEO Eric Brown told this news service. *(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)*

**Brief Summary:**

Today, there are still only a few payment processors that provide merchants with the ability to accept crypto, Brown said. The company made the decision to provide crypto payment options to merchants because it already had a large number of customers in e-commerce, because it wanted to offer those customers greater choice, and because it saw the world moving in the direction of digital currencies, he explained. Even so, the decision to do so required a “leap of faith,” Brown said.

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Apr 05,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

◆ [Titan Labs](#), a NYC-based startup that has developed a blockchain-based identity and access management platform, is now raising a seed round, CEO Steven Evans told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

a NYC-based startup that has developed a blockchain-based identity and access management platform, is now raising a seed round

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Apr 01,  
2019



◆ [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

◆ [1Kosmos](#), a New Jersey-based startup using blockchain technology for identity management, is interested in securing a strategic partnership, which could include an equity investment, a company source said. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

The company is developing Block ID, a blockchain-based platform which allows users to create a single identity. Block ID users take photos on their mobile phones of several different forms of identifications, including their driver's license, passport and credit cards which are then verified for accuracy through the company's app.

**Interesting Fact:**

1Kosmos' technology is aimed at eliminating the need for multiple usernames and passwords for identity verification. It also seeks to eliminate the use of physical documents in various verification processes,

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Mar 27,  
2019



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [BitInka](#), a Peru-based company that has created one of the largest cryptocurrency exchanges in Latin America, plan to raise another round, but doesn't have specifics preferences yet on the nature of such financing, CEO Roger Benites said. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

BitInka is a digital currency exchange headquartered in Peru. BitInka also provides users with a secure digital wallet and is the creator of InkaPay, a Bitcoin-based payment app.

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Mar 25,  
2019



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

[Diro Labs](#), the creator of an identity verification platform that stores user information securely on the blockchain, plans to set up its corporate headquarters in the US in the next few months, CEO Vishal Gupta said. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Instead of relying on photos of these original documents, Diro verifies that a person can login to multiple third-party websites. These websites might include a government database from 1 of 200 countries, such as a social security website, as well as one or two additional websites, such as online portals the person uses for paying a phone or utility bill.

**Interesting Fact:**

Diro placed first this month at the DEMOvation Challenge at the Bank Innovation Ignite Conference in Seattle. Twelve presenters were narrowed down to two finalists, Diro, and OpenDoor, an online bond trading platform, through an audience vote. Diro was then crowned the winner by a three-judge panel after a follow-up presentation from both companies and a subsequent Q&A session with the judges.

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Mar 06,  
2019



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [AMSYS Group](#), a Houston-based company operating in six verticals, is considering raising equity capital, Chief Strategy Officer Aman Quadri said. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**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 brother-in-law, Khalid (Ken) Parekh, is founder, CEO and chairman of AMSYS Group.

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Mar 05,  
2019



 [website](#)

#### Most Recent Coverage:

 **Lendmarket**, a Madrid, Spain-based company that is building a secondary market for both non-bank and bank loans in Europe and whose technology roadmap includes leveraging blockchain to allow loan originators and investors in any country to connect, is working with a Spanish agency to launch a \$5m euro STO via a loan title fund, CEO Alejandro Villalonga said.  
*(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)*

#### Brief Summary:

The company's aim is to build a secondary market for corporate loans throughout Europe using blockchain that will eventually serve both banks and non-banks alike.

#### CEO and co-founder:

Alejandro de Villalonga



#### Interesting Fact:

the company would like to form partnerships in Mexico and Brazil to attract investment capital to support the secondary market for European corporate loans, the CEO said.

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Mar 01,  
2019



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**Most Recent Coverage:**

➲ [Teledactyl](#), a Palm Beach, Florida-based startup developing a blockchain-based healthcare platform, is raising a pre-seed round and will soon be venture-backed, a source familiar with the company said. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Teledactyl was founded in July 2017. The company is developing a blockchain-based healthcare platform that will let patients store and share their health information digitally.

**Interesting Fact:**

The company's name "Teledactyl" was first thought of by a futurist in 1921. The futurist gave the name to what then was an imaginary device for conducting telemedicine.

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Feb 27,  
2019



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#### Most Recent Coverage:

 [Omnichain Solutions](#), a Los Angeles-based startup that has created a SaaS-based solution that also leverages blockchain technology, providing visibility into all parts of a customer's supply chain, has sought to first create a market-ready product before seeking any type of external capital, CEO Pratik Soni said. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

#### Brief Summary:

The company leverages blockchain/distributed ledger to provide a technological solution for the supply chain.

#### CEO and founder:

Pratik Soni



#### Interesting Fact:

We first wanted to have a product that was 100% ready for market. I am of the theory – “if you build it, they will come,” which is different than a lot of technology companies these days, the CEO said. Often today a company starts raising money off a concept or whitepaper, but with that approach, it can sometimes be difficult to advance beyond the launch phase, he said.

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Feb 26,  
2019



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**Most Recent Coverage:**

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

**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.

**Interesting Fact:**

The 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.

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Feb 22,  
2019



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**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Craxel](#), a Chantilly, Virginia-based data security company, is launching a subsidiary focused on financial services, CEO Donald Robinson said. To support the new entity, the company is raising a small equity round and has held talks already with some possible angel and strategic investors, he said. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

The company has developed a searchable data layer that only receives encrypted information. This “trust” layer does not possess the encryption keys needed to decrypt that data, which makes that data “impervious to theft,” according to the company

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Feb 21,  
2019

# CoolBitX

Technology

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#### Most Recent Coverage:

 [CoolBitX](#), a Taiwanese startup offering a cold storage wallet for digital assets, may be interested in raising more "strategic capital," CEO and founder Michael Ou said. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

#### Brief Summary:

CoolBitX has developed the CoolWallet S— a cold storage digital wallet, which is the size of a credit card. CoolWallet S is a very secure, well-balanced wallet, Ou said. The product has Bluetooth, can connect to iOS and Android, and is sold with an external charging dock and a recovery card.

#### Interesting Fact:

Ou is also involved with a family business started by his father, SmartDisplay Technology, he said. Ou is chairman of the firm, which produces secure bank cards and is listed on the Taipei Exchange, according to media reports.

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Feb 20,  
2019



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Oxcert](#), a company offering an open-source framework for creating, managing and swapping digital assets, is interested in discussing financing options to fund product spin-offs, Chief Strategy Officer Urban Osvald said. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

The company's toolset allows users to build decentralized applications (DApps) on top of distributed and decentralized systems. Its framework reduces development time, risks and costs associated with developing DApps.

**Interesting Fact:**

The company has developed a framework but is now advancing proprietary products. Oxcert's plan includes spinning out each product into separate companies, which is likely to require external capital, Osvald said.

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Feb 19,  
2019



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Smartract](#), a startup which links digitally signed documents to smart contracts, is now raising an equity round, CFO Gary Peat said. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Smartract's protocol cross-links digitally signed contracts with smart contract code. The startup plans to serve multiple industries including financial services, real estate, and healthcare.

**Interesting Fact:**

Jay Jumper, SIGNiX CEO, and a few additional high-net-worth investors have funded Smartract to date, Peat said. Jumper is also the founder of ProNvest, a Chattanooga-based robo advisor, which has about \$1bn in assets under management, Peat noted.

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Feb 18,  
2019



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**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Swarm, a Palo Alto-based blockchain-technology startup whose platform is used for issuing security tokens, could eventually raise capital via another private token sale, COO Chris Eberle told this news service. \(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article\)](#)

**Brief Summary:**

The company is now operating a stake-to-issue model. This means if an issuer successfully raises capital, .5% to 1% of the proceeds are placed in Swarm tokens that are held for the life of the token. Swarm doesn't generate an income stream from stake-to-issue, but the model ensures that an issuer "has skin in the game," Eberle said.

**Interesting Fact:**

Swarm's network is not exclusive, as anyone can build services on top of it. Swarm plans to offer its own value-added services on the network. Eberle said he envisions Swarm's platform growing into something similar to Android's, where many apps work together via a common underlying infrastructure. Eberle joined Swarm as an advisor in 2017. He is an alumnus of Syracuse University and of The Harvard Business School.

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Feb 15,  
2019



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

PopulStay, a Singapore-based company advancing an Airbnb model, anticipates conducting a public token sale or a broader funding round in the first half of this year, according to Walter Wang, company founder and CEO. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

PopulStay enables its members – homeowners who share/lease their homes for certain periods – to participate in the equity of the company. For each use/rental of the home, members receive PopulStay tokens. As the value of the tokens increase, so does the individual's equity.

**Interesting Fact:**

Wang attracted seed investors to PopulStay one year ago and also contributed to the company's early funding through an equity sale of Igloohome, his previous company. Igloohome built smart-locks that were used by home sharing companies, including AirBnB. Igloohome reached \$3m in annual revenue. Wang said he sold his equity stake in the company for \$15m in December 2017.

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Feb 13,  
2019



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Aspire, a Las Vegas-based startup developing a platform for users to create their own digital assets, is planning to start its token sale in Q1, co-founder Jim Blasko said. \(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article\)](#)

**Brief Summary:**

Aspire is similar to Litecoin and is fully pre-mined, Blasko told this news service. Aspire now has 15 software developers, a group that is "small but quite efficient," the co-founder said. The company plans to use proceeds of the token sale to add additional developers to scale the project and create more apps to run on its platform, Blasko said.

**Interesting Fact:**

In addition to founding Aspire, Blasko is also a co-founder of bCommerce Labs and Bitcoin Talk Radio. He is an experienced programmer who started mining bitcoin early on using a \$100-dollar laptop.

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Feb 12,  
2019



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**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [AppFusions](#), a Wyoming-based software products and services company, is now seeking capital, co-founder and CEO Ellen Feaheny said (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

AppFusions could be considered a next-generation MuleSoft, according to Feaheny. AppFusions offers several software products and services. To date, packaged integrations have provided a significant amount of income for the company, she said.

**CEO:**

**Ellen Feaheny**



**Interesting Fact:**

At this point, Feaheny said she is not interested in an exit and foresees a near-term growth spurt. "I want to see this thing play out. We have been kicking at this for a long time and the market has finally cooperated," she said.

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Feb 11,  
2019



**Most Recent Coverage:**

[Securrency](#), a NYC-based company selling a platform for customers who want to issue security tokens, is in the process of raising a Series A round, co-founder and board member, Ron Poe said. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Security tokens could solve a myriad of problems associated with established financial markets, Poe explained. The ability for private companies to tokenize assets could increase access and liquidity, for investors in the private market, which is currently limited. For smaller companies that may struggle with the high costs related to going and staying public, security tokens could provide them access to similarly large pools of potential investors.

**Interesting Fact:**

Poe co-founded Securrency along with CEO Dan Doney and COO John Hensel. The three co-founders all attended the U.S. Naval Academy where they initially met. The group reconnected at their 20-year reunion, and later started Securrency, Poe said.

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Feb 08,  
2019

## OB1



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### Most Recent Coverage:

💡 OB1, a for-profit, Washington, D.C.-based company that is launching products and services on top of the free, open-source marketplace, OpenBazaar, is likely to raise more equity capital, CEO Brian Hoffman said. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

### Brief Summary:

OB1's next product is likely to be a decentralized web application, Hoffman said. It is also planning to offer advanced merchant services, from which it expects to generate income from.

### CEO:

Brian Hoffman



### Interesting Fact:

Hoffman described Haven as a "WeChat for crypto". The app is interoperable with OpenBazaar and includes a wallet and social media. Users of Haven are able to shop, chat, and send cryptocurrencies privately, according to the company.

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Feb 07,  
2019



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**Most Recent Coverage:**

◆ [Edge](#), the San Diego, California-based creator of a non-custodial wallet for multiple cryptocurrencies, is in the process of closing a seed round, CEO and co-founder Paul Puey said. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

**Brief Summary:**

San Diego-based Edge launched its first bitcoin wallet in 2014. It then spent about a year and a half developing a more advanced version capable of supporting several cryptocurrencies in addition to platform technology which now supports other applications, the CEO said.

**CEO:**

**Paul Puey**



**Interesting Fact:**

Puey holds degrees in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from UC Berkeley. Prior to co-founding Edge, he held lead engineering positions with Nvidia and Chromatic Research and also owned and operated several non-technical small businesses in California. He is an advocate for bitcoin and an avid rock climber who frequently climbs at Joshua Tree.

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Feb 05,  
2019



 [website](#)

#### Most Recent Coverage:

 [Flipsr](#), a startup developing an interface for crypto asset management, is now seeking a seed round, CEO Rossco Paddison told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

#### Brief Summary:

The company is creating what it says is a new class of product for desktop and mobile applications. Its interface connects the best features found in hot wallets, cold wallets, and decentralized exchanges.

#### CEO:

Rossco Paddison



#### Interesting Fact:

Flipsr will initially charge a 0.1% fee for exchange transactions, but eventually, it would like to reduce that fee even more for end-users. Once its tech is adopted, the company expects there will be a myriad of ways to generate revenue. This is likely to include income from referrals and integrations, the CEO said.

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Feb 04,  
2019

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**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Anchor AG](#), a Switzerland-based company that is creating its own stablecoin, is planning to start its pre-sale in about 8 weeks, CEO Daniel Popa told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Anchor is developing a two-token system consisting of the Anchor coin, the system's currency, and the Dock, a collateralized utility token that is used to ensure system stability, according to company information. Its token is backed by sovereign debt holdings, Popa said.

**Interesting Fact:**

Popa started to follow bitcoin in 2013 and he began thinking about the concepts behind Anchor only a short time after that while flying on a plane. He thought that bitcoin was such a great idea but needed more stability. He began refining the concept for the Anchor system in 2014, but didn't start development work until March 2018, he said.

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Feb 01,  
2019



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**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [MakerDAO, A Q&A with the company's CEO Rune Christensen](#) (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

MakerDAO, is the creator of Dai, a stablecoin whose price is kept 1 to 1 with the US dollar. its peg is kept via a complex system that includes collateralized debt positions managed with Ethereum-based smart contracts and a decentralized community of actors who are incentivized to take actions that keep Dai's price stable.

**Interesting Fact:**

The company's first priority is to get greater adoption among the unbanked. It is seeing the start of this in Argentina, and it is looking to get even more adoption there and in other places, the CEO said.

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Jan 30,  
2019



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**Most Recent Coverage:**

◆ [Devv.io, the New Mexico-based creator of a blockchain protocol designed to be faster and more business-friendly, has interest in pursuing a security token offering \( STO\), CEO and founder Tom Anderson told this news service. \(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article\)](#)

**Brief Summary:**

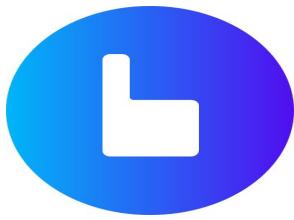
Devv.io is aiming to create a faster, more business-focused blockchain protocol.

**Interesting Fact:**

Anderson described himself to this news service as a “cyberpunk” with a “practical bent.” Prior to Devv.io, Anderson founded Novint, a robotics startup that went public and later sold its IP to Facebook, according to the company.

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Jan 29,  
2019



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

[Blockparty](#), a NYC-based company using blockchain to ensure fair and secure ticket transactions, will probably seek a Series A round in about six months, CEO and founder Shiv Madan told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Blockparty is a blockchain-based platform designed to solve many of the problems affecting ticket sales including scalpers, bots, fake tickets, unfair prices, and empty stadiums. Its technology links a user's ticket to their digital identity, and then tracks the ticket from issue, through the secondary market, to the event gate.

**Interesting Fact:**

Blockparty competes with companies that facilitate ticket sales on the secondary market, such as StubHub, Madan said. The company is interested in integrating with primary market vendors, he said. Two of the largest companies in the primary market are Eventbrite and Ticketmaster, he noted.

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Jan 25,  
2019



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Netki](#), 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.

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Jan 23,  
2019



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**Most Recent Coverage:**

 **ImpactPPA**, a Los Angeles-based renewable energy provider that is using blockchain technology to manage power in unbanked nations, is raising capital in a Reg. D offering, CEO Dan Bates told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Impact's goal is to provide power generated from its wind and solar projects to people in several underbanked countries.

**Interesting Fact:**

Bates was previously CEO and founder of WindStream Technologies, a hybrid renewable energy company which had projects in more than 35 countries. Prior to Windstream, Bates helped launch technology companies including Extreme Audio Reality and Avant Interactive, according to his company bio.

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Jan 22,  
2019



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

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

**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.

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Jan 21,  
2019



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**Most Recent Coverage:**

◆ [Athena Bitcoin](#), a Chicago-based provider of cryptocurrency ATMs, is seeking capital to finance expansion in Latin America, Matias Goldenhörn, Director of Latin America, told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

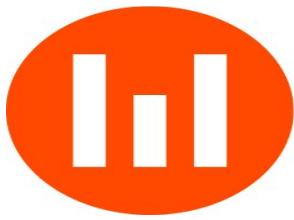
Athena has about 30 ATMs in Latin America, with locations across Mexico, Chile, Argentina, and Colombia. Business is "booming," Goldenhörn said, with revenue from its initial LatAm machines outpacing revenue from its initial machines in the US.

**Interesting Fact:**

Athena's growth to date has been largely organic, but early on it also pursued M&A. The year after the company was founded, it acquired Dayton, Ohio-based BitQuick.co, a web service specializing in peer-to-peer buying and selling of bitcoin. This was a customer-focused acquisition for Athena and BitQuick benefited from Athena's KYC/AML program, according to the deal announcement. BitQuick.co and MercadoAthena.com enable individuals to buy and sell bitcoin and bitcoin cash without an ATM, according to company information.

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Jan 18,  
2019



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**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Mint Exchange](#), the Palo Alto, California-based creator of a clearinghouse that allows institutional investors to trade cryptocurrencies across multiple exchanges, expects to expand its investor base in 2019, chairman Harpal Sandhu told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

While Mint Exchange is a separate entity from Integral, it licenses Integral's software and its clearinghouse is built on top of Integral's Forex trading platform.

**chairman :**

Harpal Sandhu



**Interesting Fact:**

In addition to being Mint's chairman, Sandhu is also CEO of Integral, a firm he co-founded in 1993. Integral has more than 200 customers of its trading platform, including a number of large investment banks and asset management firms.

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Jan 17,  
2019



 [website](#)

#### Most Recent Coverage:

 [Nexus Mutual](#), a London-based startup that aims to use blockchain technology to provide peer-to-peer insurance, initially for Ethereum-based smart contracts, is in the process of raising funds to build out its decentralized platform, CEO and founder Hugh Karp told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

#### Brief Summary:

The company designed its initial offering to focus on protecting Ethereum-based smart contracts. Such smart contracts cannot be guaranteed, which creates a need for those who enter into them to have some protection, the CEO explained.

#### Founder:

Hugh Karp

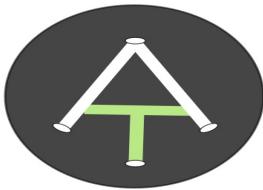


#### Interesting Fact:

Karp's typical day is split between technical pursuits in the morning, including writing code and reading up on economic theory, and afternoons spent meeting with people online or in person. "It can make me a bit schizophrenic," he said, of this daily split of duties. Nexus has a distributed team, including employees in London, Ibiza, and India, among other locations. he said.

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Jan 14,  
2019



 [website](#)

#### Most Recent Coverage:

 [\*\*Abstract Tokenization\*\*](#), a Q&A with Abel Cuskelly, CEO and co-founder of Abstract Tokenization, a greater Seattle and Denver-based startup that is building a platform that uses blockchain technology for securitizing commercial real estate ownership interests. In the Q&A, Cuskelly discusses the industry's need for automation and his company's own plans for growth. *(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)*

#### Brief Summary:

The company is developing primary issuance financial infrastructure that utilizes blockchain technology to convert private, illiquid ownership in real estate into more tradeable, regulatory compliant digital securities that are stored and transferred using distributed ledger technology and tradable after one year or less.

#### CEO:

Abel Cuskelly



#### Interesting Fact:

Converting the ownership of such a large base of assets into a digital format is a massive undertaking and requires involvement by numerous entities to be successfully executed. Consequently, we are big advocates of partnering out non-core competencies to provide a comprehensive offering incorporating best in class providers in the space, the CEO said.

Jan 10,  
2019



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

uDuo, a startup which is headquartered in Zurich, but conducts most of its R&D in Canada and that has designed a biometric bracelet that can securely store a person's digital identity, expects to launch an ICO in the coming months, CEO Vincent Ramoutar told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

The company is aiming for its wearable biometric bracelet, uBolt, to become the first device that can securely store a person's digital identity. uConekt is also marketing uBolt as a secure crypto wallet, where digital assets are only accessible if a person's identity can be verified through its fingerprint scanner and/or through voice recognition technology.

**Interesting Fact:**

In addition to launching its ICO, uConekt's goals for 2019 include obtaining level 1 certification from Mastercard and Visa. The company hopes its wearable technology can be utilized for making secure payments at retail shops, the CEO said. It also plans to test its biometric technology on a variety of hardware configurations beyond wearable bracelets, he said.

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Dec 27,  
2018



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Coinme](#), a Seattle-based provider of cryptocurrency ATMs, expects to seek a capital raise between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000 to expand into more locations, according to Sung Woo Choi, VP of corporate development. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

While the company has succeeded in expanding in the western United States, it wants to add more ATMs and services in the Southeast, Midwest and eventually the Northeast. Coinme operates several ATMs in New Mexico and Texas, and one location in Louisiana. The company is scouting locations for expansion in other US regions. In total, it operates approximately 70 ATMs, the executive said.

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Dec 18,  
2018

## TRUST SCIENCE<sup>®</sup>

 [website](#)

### Most Recent Coverage:

 Trust Science, the creator of a multi-tiered scoring system for assessing the trustworthiness of subprime borrowers, is seeking to raise equity capital, CEO and founder Evan Chrakpo told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

### Brief Summary:

Trust Science has more than 27 patents and utilizes six separate scores, including financial and non-financial metrics, to assess the trustworthiness of borrowers. Its scoring system is often used for assessing the creditworthiness of subprime borrowers and for prospective borrowers who may not have an established credit history.

### Interesting Fact:

Chrakpo sold his first company, DocSpace, which he also started with his brother, to Critical Path in early 2000. The total consideration at the time of the transaction was valued at \$295,000,000 comprised of cash and stock, according to a published report.

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Dec 17,  
2018



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**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Crypto PR lab](#), a Q&A with CEO and co-founder Alexandra Karpova and CLO and co-founder Maria (Masha) Prusakova (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Regulators often make comments that show how little they understand about cryptocurrency and blockchain technology. Still, there are a few who are thoughtful and make meaningful contributions to the overall dialogue, the CEO said.

**Interesting Fact:**

Pruskova, who holds an LLM from UC Berkeley Law, worked at Clifford Chance and Gowling WLG and as a private banker for UBS and HSBC before co-founding the firm. Before her time in law and banking, Pruskova excelled in snowboarding, representing Russia in the 2006 Winter Games as the youngest half-pipe contestant in the field. She is fluent in English, French, German and Russian.

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Dec 13,  
2018



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**Most Recent Coverage:**

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

**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.

**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 be 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.

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Dec 11,  
2018



Powering the Blockchain

[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

💡 Soluna, a private equity-backed, NYC-based company planning to build renewable energy projects to power crypto mining and other blockchain-related technology operations, is seeking capital for a wind farm and computing facility in Southern Morocco, a company source told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

The company's token is EverWind (EVW), an ERC-20 smart contract digital token issued by Soluna. Soluna plans to distribute proceeds from mined cryptocurrencies to holders of the token. It also expects to earn additional proceeds by selling any unused power back to the grid if it chooses.

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Dec 10,  
2018



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

💡 Bitex, a manufacturer of digital mining hardware and an operator of mining farms, is planning to go public, a source told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**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.

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Dec 07,  
2018



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**Most Recent Coverage:**

◆ **BravoCoin**, a Scottsdale, Arizona-based startup advancing a blockchain-based platform for reading and writing reviews, could decide to raise capital through the sale of tokens held by its founders, CTO and co-founder Adam Barlam told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Built on the blockchain, BravoCoin is a place to read and give reviews on restaurants, hotels, movies, video games, and local shopping destinations.

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Dec 06,  
2018



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [\*\*Travelit Network\*\*](#), a Las Vegas, Nevada-based startup developing a blockchain-based platform that enables users to monetize their own travel data, is proceeding with its utility token sale and expects its platform to be live by late 2019, CEO and founder Oscar Lloyd Andrade told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Travelit is developing a blockchain-based economy around traveler reviews and recommendations.

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Dec 05,  
2018



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

Blockchain App Factory, a Chennai, India-based company offering a wide range of blockchain-related products and services, is now considering a capital raise, a company source told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Blockchain App Factory has completed 42 projects and is working on 20 more. The company is headquartered in Chennai, India and was founded eight years ago. It has been bootstrapped to date and it is profitable.

**Interesting Fact:**

Eventually, Blockchain App Factory will likely become an acquisition target for a strategic buyer, the source said. This most likely will occur once there is more regulatory clarity in the industry and blockchain technology becomes more mainstream, the source said. In the next three to four years, digital assets will be more ubiquitous, and STOs will start to take the place of traditional offerings, including IPOs, he said.

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Dec 04,  
2018



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**Most Recent Coverage:**

[Monarch](#), a Woodside, California-based crypto payments processor startup with a digital wallet, has reached the softcap in its ongoing security token sale, CEO Sneh Bhatt told this news service. *(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)*

**Brief Summary:**

Monarch recently launched its minimum viable product (MVP) for its digital wallet, which is capable of holding BTC, ETH, XRP, and all ERC-20 tokens. The wallet is available in several app stores and its android wallet was downloaded by 18,000 users the first day it became available, the CEO said.

**Interesting Fact:**

The company has been bootstrapped to date with about \$4,000,000 from the company co-founders, the CEO said.

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Dec 03,  
2018



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Fincross](#), a startup developing a cryptocurrency-focused investment bank, is seeking equity investment as it prepares to launch its banking platform in January, a company source told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Fincross's distributed ledger will allow its users to create smart contracts, enabling them to launch ICOs, STOs, tokenized securities, and create debt and financing contracts. The company also plans to offer crypto custody, a crypto exchange, and asset management and advisory services.

**Interesting Fact:**

Companies that could be considered competitors include Galaxy Digital and SEBA, two other firms developing crypto-focused investment banks, the source said. That said, there are some key differences between those companies and Fincross, the source added. Those companies are strictly focused on institutional offerings, whereas Fincross is planning to serve retail investors and smaller private funds, as well as large institutional clients. Fincross is also launching its own proprietary blockchain and heavily focused on leveraging AI software solutions, the source explained.

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Nov 30,  
2018



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [BlocPal](#), a Vancouver-based cryptocurrency payments startup, is conducting a security token offering (STO), but is also considering a reverse merger, Blair Lowther, EVP of Corporate Development and Legal, told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

BlocPal allows users of its digital wallet to spend cryptocurrency to purchase items from its merchant partners.

**Interesting Fact:**

In addition to its token sale, BlocPal is also mulling a reverse takeover of a shell company. This could allow the company to list on the TSX venture exchange, Lowther said. BlocPal has been holding conversations with a few publicly listed companies that have shown interest in a reverse merger. If the company pursued this strategy, it is possible BlocPal could be listed on TSX-V in the first half 2019, the executive explained.

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Nov 28,  
2018



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

[Rivetz, the Richmond, MA-based developer of blockchain-based mobile security technology, is considering raising more equity capital, CEO Steven Sprague told this news service. \(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article\)](#)

**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.

**CEO and co-founder:**

**Steven Sprague**



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Nov 27,  
2018

## BLOCKSAFE™

❖ website

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

### 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.

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Nov 19,  
2018



[website](#)

**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:**

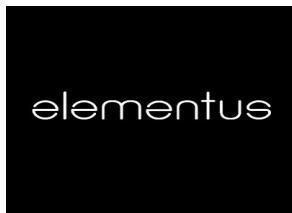
Sedicii would like to create a global, public, blockchain-based network that will leverage its technology to enable secure information transfer. The company envisions that the network would be comprised of a number of identity providers, including governments, telcos, and banks. These identity providers 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.

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Nov 16,  
2018



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Elementus](#), 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.

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Nov 14,  
2018



**Most Recent Coverage:**

💡 [Vault Logic](#), a West Hollywood, California-based smart ATM provider whose kiosks let users purchase digital currencies with cash, is planning to launch a security token offering (STO) in December, co-founder and CEO Douglas Scribner told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

a West Hollywood, California-based smart ATM provider whose kiosks let users purchase digital currencies with cash

💡 [website](#)

**Interesting Fact:**

Scribner was also featured in an article in the Wall Street Journal that explored Bitcoin's role in family division. The article, titled "Let Me Tell You Some More About Bitcoin—Hello? Hello?" looked at how some families are increasingly fed-up with the one member of the family who constantly discusses Bitcoin.

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Nov 13,  
2018



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

◆ [TangoTrade](#), a San Mateo, California-based startup that uses blockchain technology to provide payment assurance for importers and exporters, will probably pursue a Series A round during the middle of next year, CEO and Co-founder Scott Reynolds told this news service. *(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)*

**Brief Summary:**

TangoTrade is developing a blockchain-based product which uses smart contracts to govern transactions between small and medium-sized importers and exporters. It expects its product will be a significant improvement over the Letter of Credit, which is commonly used in payment assurance.

**Scott Reynolds:**

**Interesting Fact:**

Reynolds was previously the founder and CEO of Armor Payments, which was acquired by Payoneer in 2016. He then served as General Manager of B2B Services at Payoneer before starting TangoTrade. Prior to founding Armor Payments, Reynolds was Director of Product Management at PayPal and also held a management role at MasterCard, according to his company Bio.

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Nov 09,  
2018



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

◆ [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.

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Nov 07,  
2018



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Wyre](#), a San Francisco-based startup that uses blockchain technology to facilitate real-time, cross-border payments and transfers, is close to finalizing a Series B round, director Jack Jia told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Wyre is also developing product offerings outside of cross-border payments. In September, the company announced it had acquired technology from Hedgy Inc. to support the launch of a compliant, derivatives product. The product will allow users to create and execute smart swap contracts.

**CEO:**

Michael Dunworth



**Interesting Fact:**

The company has no current plans to sell, Jia said. Instead, Wyre is positioning itself to capitalize on an industry that is still in its infancy. "It's anyone's game right now," Jia explained.

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Nov 02,  
2018



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Bloq](#), a Chicago-based provider of blockchain technology solutions, is in the midst of finalizing a growth round and plans to launch a security token offering (STO) in the first quarter of 2019, chairman and co-co-founder Matthew Roszak told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Chicago-based Bloq helps businesses create and deploy blockchain-based solutions. The company was founded in November 2015. In February 2017, it purchased Skry, a Palo Alto-based blockchain analytics firm, for an undisclosed sum.

**Interesting Fact:**

Roszak is a well-known investor and entrepreneur who has taken to heart the mission of promoting the utility of blockchain to a wider audience. Roszak first introduced former president Bill Clinton and entrepreneur Richard Branson to Bitcoin, according to a February 2018 article published in Forbes, which estimated Roszak's crypto net worth at between \$900,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000.

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Oct 30,  
2018



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Rover Network](#), a Palo Alto-based startup that creates private, permissioned blockchains for businesses, is in the process of finalizing a strategic investment, SVP of business development David Boucher told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Rover Network develops fast, scalable blockchain solutions, which can be integrated with any IT infrastructure, the executive said. It can develop and implement custom blockchain solutions in about a week, according to the company.

**Interesting Fact:**

More than \$1,000,000 has been invested in Rover Network to date from family and friends, Boucher said. The company was founded in 2016, but R&D work on the technology has been underway for about three years, he said. Part of the proceeds from the investment will be used to hire more computer programmers, Boucher said. Rover now has 15 employees including 10 programmers, he said.

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Oct 25,  
2018

# ABRA

 [website](#)

## Most Recent Coverage:

 **Abra**, the San Francisco-based startup which offers the BIT10 Index token, likely will go after another capital raise in the next six months to help fuel the global expansion of its platform, said Bill Barhydt, CEO. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

## Brief Summary:

Abra recently introduced the BIT10, a new token that tracks the Bitwise 10 Large Cap Crypto Index. The BIT10 tracks the 10 largest assets that currently make up 80% of the cryptocurrency market. Retail investors who want exposure to Crypto currencies, such as Ethereum, Bitcoin or Digibyte, can purchase the BIT10 token through Abra's app.

## Co-founder:

Pete Kelly



## Interesting Fact:

Barhydt said Abra's international growth is increasing rapidly, with more users from the United Kingdom, Europe, Singapore and Nigeria. First-generation Bitcoin investors are driving some of the growth of the BIT10 token, re-investing gains in Bitcoin into the BIT10, added Barhydt.

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Oct 08,  
2018



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Kanga Exchange](#), a startup, which runs an exchange for the listing and trading of ICOs, will launch a presale of its token later this year, with its ICO launch planned for 2Q 2019, CEO Slawomir Zawadzki told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Kanga is capable of handing the full ICO process, including automatic token listing following the ICO. It is adding tools for ICOs, including a personal token creator and a smart contract builder and validator. The company's exchange was designed for utility tokens and built in-house.

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Oct 03,  
2018

**TOKEN IQ**

 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Token IQ](#), a Scottsdale, Arizona-based company that helps businesses with issues related to the tokenization of securities and asset-backed investments, is raising another round of equity financing, said Aleksander Dyo, co-founder and President. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Token IQ works with startups, investors, public and private enterprises and financial institutions on issues related to security tokenization. Such issues include token creation and issuance, KYC compliance, investor management, and market making mechanisms such as futures, options and swaps.

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Oct 02,  
2018



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

◆ [Bee Token](#), a decentralized home sharing network, may consider selling a stake of its community tokens to a strategic buyer, CEO Jonathan Chou told this news service. (Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)

**Brief Summary:**

The Bee Token operates Beenest, a blockchain-based platform where Bee Token holders can book accommodations and hosts can earn income from renting their homes. The Beenest dApp and the Bee Protocols are powered by an ERC-20 utility token. The company was founded in 2017.

**CEO:**

**Jonathan Chou**



**Interesting Fact:**

Prior to starting Bee Token, Chou worked at Uber's Security & Fraud division. He has also held positions at Grindr and Dongwei. Prior to that, Chou was active in family-owned businesses which were eventually sold to Sun Chemical and 3M.

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Sep 28,  
2018



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Ripio](#), a San Francisco-headquartered tokenized peer-to-peer lending platform, will likely consider a Series B financing at some point next year, CEO Sebastian Serrano told this news service. *(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)*

**Brief Summary:**

The Ripio Credit Network (RCN) protocol is based on blockchain technology and smart contracts, and connects lenders and borrowers in any currency, anywhere in the world, through RCN tokens.

**CEO:**

**Sebastian Serrano**



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Sep 27,  
2018

## BLOQBOARD

 [website](#)

### Most Recent Coverage:

 [Bloqboard](#), a San Francisco-based company providing an application for users to access peer-to-peer lending protocols, is likely to consider a Series A financing early next year to fuel the development of its framework, CEO Vitaly Bahachuk said. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

### Brief Summary:

Bloqboard has developed a desktop application, where users are able to interact with exchange protocols that define how financial instruments are issued and exchanged over decentralized networks, such as the Ethereum blockchain. The company is focused on creating a distribution channel for several decentralized finance protocols including lending, debt and derivatives protocols.

### Interesting Fact:

Bloqboard was awarded zk Capital's sponsor prize at the MIT Bitcoin Hackathon in March for its Dharma protocol relayer prototype.

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Sep 26,  
2018



**Most Recent Coverage:**

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

**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](#)

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Sep 25,  
2018



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

◆ [Orbise](#), a New York City-based company looking to create a full-suite of financial products and services for digital currency holders, plans to launch a security token offering (STO) in November, seeking \$100,000,000, CEO Oded Shoshany told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Orbise is headquartered in New York City, but also has offices in Estonia and Bulgaria. The company is part of Management Financial Group (MFG) a European non-banking financial institution with about 6,500 employees. Orbise was launched with about \$3,000,000 in seed funding, the CEO said.

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Sep 24,  
2018



[website](#)

**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.

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Sep 21,  
2018



**Most Recent Coverage:**

[Blueshyft](#), the Sydney, Australia-based developer of an iOS-based platform that lets businesses accept cash for Bitcoin and other digital assets, is considering raising capital to fuel international expansion, CEO Kain Warwick said. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

the Sydney, Australia-based developer of an iOS-based platform that lets businesses accept cash for Bitcoin and other digital assets

[website](#)

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Sep 20,  
2018



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

👉 [Hosho](#), 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.

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Sep 18,  
2018



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

 [Totle](#), the Detroit, Michigan-based creator of a trading platform for ERC-20 tokens, is planning its own token sale and could become an attractive target as the crypto market ripens, CEO and co-founder David Bleznak told Fintech Horizons. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Totle is an order routing, peer-to-peer trading platform, which aggregates order books from multiple decentralized exchanges, including Kyber Network, Radar Relay, AirSwap and Bancor. The platform is now in beta and is currently offered free of charge.

**Interesting Fact:**

As the crypto market ripens and Totle's platform continues to mature, it is likely the company will become an attractive acquisition target for a strategic buyer, Bleznak said. Larger retail trading exchanges which have yet to enter the space, are a potential universe of buyers and could eventually show interest in Totle, the CEO noted.

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Sep 17,  
2018



 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

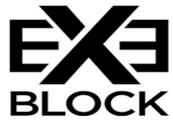
 [easyMINE](#), the Poland-based designer of software for managing cryptocurrency mining operations, is targeting an IPO next year, CEO and co-founder Łukasz Żeligowski told this news service. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**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.

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Sep 11,  
2018



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

[\*\*eXeBlock Technology\*\*](#), a Debert, Canada-based blockchain development company, is seeking ways to commercialize its blockchain-based technology, including its eXe50/50 DApp ("50/50 Labs"), new CEO Jamie Davison told Fintech Horizons. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

The company plans to launch a minimum of two blockchain-based DApps a year targeting large industries, including diamonds and precious metal markets to the music industry and beyond.

**Founder:**

**Jonathan Bahá'i**



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Aug 27,  
2018



**Most Recent Coverage:**

👉 [Bitcoin price falls won't kill blockchain development](#) an analysis by Karen Padley (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

an analysis by Karen Padley

👉 [website](#)

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Aug 16,  
2018



👉 [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

👉 [Flexa, a crypto-currency payment processing company, is completing a private token sale](#), a source familiar with the company told Fintech Horizons. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

The Flexa app allows users to spend cryptocurrency at partner locations.

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Aug 15,  
2018



**Most Recent Coverage:**

💡 [CriptoHub](#), a São Paulo-based company developing a cryptocurrency exchange, is interested in raising equity, a source familiar with the company said. *(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)*

**Brief Summary:**

a São Paulo-based company developing a cryptocurrency exchange

💡 [website](#)

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Aug 15,  
2018



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

[Larecoin](#), a Reno, Nevada-based startup behind a platform for students, businesses and educational institutions built on the Ethereum blockchain, is reaching out to investors to raise equity financing, CEO and founder Daniel Fainman told Fintech Horizons. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Larecoin's institutions' platform is still at an early stage of development. The company expects to gain more traction with accredited schools once it releases its MVP, or minimal viable product for institutions.

**CEO:**

**Daniel Fainman**



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Aug 13,  
2018



**Most Recent Coverage:**

Fr8 Network, the NYC-based creator of a blockchain-based protocol for the freight industry, is in the process of raising funds through a public pre-sale of its FR8 token and is tentatively planning to launch an ICO in October, co-founder Sloane Brakeville told Fintech Horizons. *(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)*

**Brief Summary:**

the NYC-based creator of a blockchain-based protocol for the freight industry

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Aug 10,  
2018



**Most Recent Coverage:**

Merit Labs, a cryptocurrency company, is going to launch a 50-month token sale, according to a source familiar with the company. *(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)*

**Brief Summary:**

a cryptocurrency company

[website](#)

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Aug 09,  
2018



**Most Recent Coverage:**

➡ [ConsenSys](#), the parent company of Ujo Music, a decentralized platform for music sales and services, could decide to spin-out the unit into a standalone company. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

the parent company of Ujo Music, a decentralized platform for music sales and services

➡ [website](#)

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Aug 08,  
2018



**Most Recent Coverage:**

➡ [ZAGG Protocol](#), a startup developing blockchain technology for the Gifts, Benefit, Rewards, and Loyalty (GBRL) industry, plans to raise up to \$40,000,000 in an ICO, according to its Global CTO Paul Reddy. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

a startup developing blockchain technology for the Gifts, Benefit, Rewards, and Loyalty (GBRL) industry

➡ [website](#)

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Aug 01,  
2018



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

[Loci Inc](#), a Reston, Virginia-based software company that utilizes blockchain technology to aid inventors, is considering raising an equity round in Q4, a source familiar with the company told Fintech Horizon. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Utilizing blockchain technology, the company's system serves inventors by offering immutable proof of intellectual property rights, according to the company. Its technology can also potentially link inventions in new ways or identify unforeseen opportunities to invent new products.

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Aug 01,  
2018



❖ [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

❖ [Kalibrate Blockchain](#), an Orlando, Florida-based healthcare-focused, blockchain-based technology company, is holding discussions to raise funds for its Universal Patient Index (UPI), company president Calvin Wiese told Fintech Horizons. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Kalibrate is using blockchain technology to develop what it says will be a fully autonomous UPI. This index will provide healthcare enterprises, providers, and patients, efficient binding of patient identities across health information transactions and offer undiscoverable tracking of patient health information associated with those patient identities.

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Jul 31,  
2018



❖ [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

❖ [Census](#), a Caribbean-based startup developing an application that lets users monetize their own data, is seeking equity funding to accelerate its offerings, CEO Luis Carranza told Fintech Horizons. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Census is developing an application that allows users to monetize their data, Carranza said. The company is developing several modules for its application, which is now live, including driver data and TV data sharing modules, the executive said.

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Jun 21,  
2018

# BitPesa

#### Most Recent Coverage:

👉 [BitPesa](#), a Nairobi, Kenya-based startup that uses blockchain technology to facilitate B2B payments, is likely to make a decision on a capital raise by Q4 or late Q3, a company source told Fintech Horizons. *(Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article)*

#### Brief Summary:

a Nairobi, Kenya-based startup that uses blockchain technology to facilitate B2B payments

👉 [website](#)

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Jun 20,  
2018



❖ [website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

❖ Hashed Health, a Nashville, Tennessee-based company building blockchain and distributed ledger-based solutions in the healthcare sector, is advancing three lead products while it raises another round of funding, CEO and founder John Bass told Fintech Horizons. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

Hashed Health is advancing three lead products. Its most mature product is a Professional Credentials Exchange, called ProCredEx, which is a healthcare professional credentialing platform built on distributed ledger technology, Bass said. In the near-term Hashed Health expects to be announcing some ProCredEx-related partnerships with insurance companies, hospital systems, and credentialing organizations, he added.

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Jun 11,  
2018



**Most Recent Coverage:**

❖ MaidSafe, a Scotland-based company working towards a safer, decentralized Internet, is pushing forward towards Alpha 3, following the company's release of PARSEC, its Protocol for Asynchronous, Reliable, Secure and Efficient Consensus, MaidSafe's Dug Campbell told Fintech Horizons. (*Please click on the hyperlink above to read this article*)

**Brief Summary:**

a Scotland-based company working towards a safer, decentralized Internet

❖ [website](#)

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Jun 06,  
2018



[website](#)

**Most Recent Coverage:**

>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.

## Raise!

Date	Company	Amount	Type	Lead	City
Nov 03	3Commas.io	\$3 million	Series A	Alameda Research	Tallinn
Nov 03	NIFTEX	\$500k	funding	1kx	Singapore
Nov 02	Opium	\$3.25 million			Amsterdam
Nov 02	Keyrock	EUR 4.3m	Series A	SIX Fintech Ventures, MiddleGame	Brussels
Nov 01	DefiDollar	\$1.2 million	Seed	Divergence, Standard Crypto, Accomplice	
Nov 01	MoneyTap	undisclosed	strategic investment	Ripple	Bengaluru
Nov 01	The Graph	\$12 million	token sale		

Oct 29	<a href="#">Figment</a>	\$2.5 million	Seed	Bonfire Ventures	Toronto
Oct 29	<a href="#">Stablehouse</a>	\$2.18 million	Seed	Dragonfly, Liberty City	
Oct 28	<a href="#">Bitt</a>	\$8 million	equity raise (contolling interest)	Medici Ventures	
Oct 27	<a href="#">Nansen</a>	\$1.2 million	Seed	Mechanism, Skyfall	Hong Kong
Oct 21	<a href="#">Casper Labs</a>	\$14 million	private token sale	Digital Strategies	Cheyenne
Oct 21	<a href="#">O(1) Labs</a>	\$10.9 million	strategic round	Three Arrows, Bixin	San Francisco
Oct 21	<a href="#">Polymarket</a>	\$4 million	funding round	Polychain Capital	New York City
Oct 20	<a href="#">Peaq</a>	\$887k	angel	angels	Berlin
Oct 20	<a href="#">Decentriq</a>	\$3.8 million	Seed	Paladin Capital Group	Zurich
Oct 19	<a href="#">BTC Direct</a>	\$13 million	Series A	undisclosed	
Oct 15	<a href="#">Archax</a>	\$8 million	funding round		London
Oct 13	<a href="#">New York Digital Investment Group (NYDIG),</a>	\$50 million	Growth Capital	Fintech Collective	New York City
Oct 13	<a href="#">Persistence</a>	\$3.7 million	token raise	Arrington XRP	
Oct 13	<a href="#">Boardroom</a>	\$2.2 million	new funding	Standard Crypto	
Oct 12	<a href="#">Aave</a>	\$25 million	new funding		London
Oct 08	<a href="#">Gauntlet</a>	\$4.3 million	new funding	Paradigm	New York City
Oct 07	<a href="#">Covalent</a>	\$3.1 million	funding round	Woodstock, 1kx, Mechanism	Vancouver
Oct 07	<a href="#">Trality</a>	\$1.8 million	new capital	Austria-based angels	Vienna
Oct 06	<a href="#">Bitnomial</a>	\$11.6 million	Series B	Electric Capital	Chicago
Oct 06	<a href="#">Simetria</a>	undisclosed	investment	Draper Goren Holm	
Oct 05	<a href="#">Definer</a>	undisclosed	investment	SNZ Holding	Minneapolis
Oct 02	<a href="#">Propy</a>	undisclosed		Tim Draper	Palo Alto
Oct 01	<a href="#">Omphalos</a>	\$2 million	funding		San Francisco
Sep 29	<a href="#">Permission.io</a>	\$47 million	two financings		Austin
Sep 29	<a href="#">Multis</a>	\$2.2 million	Seed		
Sep 24	<a href="#">Nori</a>	\$4 million	investment	Chris Burniske (Placeholder)	Seattle
Sep 23	<a href="#">PureStake</a>	\$1.4 million	Seed	Hypersphere Ventures	Burlington
Sep 23	<a href="#">Dune Analytics</a>	\$2 million	Seed	Dragonfly Capital	Oslo
Sep 22	<a href="#">Skynet Labs</a>	\$3 million	venture round	Paradigm	Boston
Sep 20	<a href="#">PowerTrade</a>	\$4.7 million	private token sale	Pantera Capital, Framework Ventures	Lahore
Sep 17	<a href="#">ParaSwap</a>	\$2.7 million	capital raise		Paris
Sep 15	<a href="#">Mercuryo.io</a>	\$3.0 million	Seed	Target Global	
Sep 15	<a href="#">ZenSports</a>	\$1.46 million	Seed extension	LAUNCH	San Francisco
Sep 15	<a href="#">Gelato Network</a>	\$1.2 million	Seed	IOSG Ventures and Galaxy Digital	Berlin
Sep 15	<a href="#">VChain</a>	\$4 million	funding round		Houston
Sep 09	<a href="#">Diginex</a>	\$20 million	Convertible Note	family offices, hedge fund	Hong Kong
Sep 09	<a href="#">Linear Finance</a>	\$1.8 million	Seed	NGC, Alameda, Hashed, CMS	Hong Kong

Sep 09	<a href="#">VAIOT</a>	\$5 million	Seed	undisclosed	Valletta
Sep 03	<a href="#">Zero Hash</a>	\$5 million	Series C	tastyworks	Chicago
Sep 03	<a href="#">Cozy Finance</a>	\$2 million	funding round		
Sep 02	<a href="#">Dusk Network</a>	\$1m	strategic investment	IFinix	
Sep 02	<a href="#">Cashaa</a>	\$5 million	capital raise	01ex	London
Aug 28	<a href="#">Framework Labs</a>	\$8 million	Seed	Station 13	
Aug 27	<a href="#">i2invest</a>	\$1.2 million	Seed capital raise		
Aug 27	<a href="#">Acala</a>	\$7 million	capital raise	Pantera Capital	
Aug 25	<a href="#">Oin Finance</a>	\$1m			
Aug 25	<a href="#">Bella Protocol</a>	\$4 million	Seed	Arrington XRP Capital	Beijing
Aug 24	<a href="#">Dia</a>	\$15 million	token sale		Zug
Aug 24	<a href="#">Billon Group</a>	\$2.3million	new funding	VCs, UK Future Fund	London
Aug 21	<a href="#">Lootcakes</a>	\$2 million	Seed	Konvoy Ventures	New York City
Aug 20	<a href="#">BlockFi</a>	\$50 million	Series C	Morgan Creek Digital	Jersey City
Aug 19	<a href="#">VCC Exchange</a>	\$1.5 million	funding	100x Ventures (op of BitMex)	
Aug 18	<a href="#">Centi</a>	undisclosed		Jürg Conzett, Calvin Ayre	
Aug 14	<a href="#">Tinch</a>	\$2.8 milion	venture funding		
Aug 11	<a href="#">Chia Network</a>	\$5m	equity financing	Slow Ventures	San Francisco
Aug 11	<a href="#">IDEX</a>	\$2.5 million	Seed	G1 Ventures, Borderless Capital	San Francisco
Aug 06	<a href="#">Dapper Labs</a>	\$12 million	new funding		Vancouver
Aug 03	<a href="#">Pixelmatic</a>	\$3.1 million	private STO (for Infinite Fleet)		
Jul 31	<a href="#">altFINS</a>	\$1.2 million	Seed	CB Investment Management	
Jul 31	<a href="#">KeeperDAO</a>	seven-figure raise	venture funding	Polychain, Three Arrows	Hong Kong
Jul 30	<a href="#">Circle</a>	\$25 million		Digital Currency Group	Boston
Jul 29	<a href="#">Injective Protocol</a>	\$2.6 million	Seed	Pantera Capital	New York City
Jul 28	<a href="#">Polkadot</a>	\$43.3 million (Bitcoin)	private token (DOT) sale		Zug
Jul 23	<a href="#">Cambrian Asset Management</a>	\$4 million	venture funding	angels/family offices	Marin County
Jul 22	<a href="#">Bitcoin Suisse</a>	\$48 million	Series A	Roger Studer	Zug
Jul 22	<a href="#">Orion Capital</a>	\$3 million	dynamic coin offering	DYCO	Moscow
Jul 21	<a href="#">SharpShark</a>	undisclosed	venture funding	NEM Ventures	
Jul 21	<a href="#">VALR</a>	\$3.4 million	Series A	100x Group (BixMex parent)	Johannesburg
Jul 16	<a href="#">Teller</a>	\$1 million	Seed	Framework Venture	San Francisco
Jul 16	<a href="#">Sorare</a>	\$4 million	Seed	e.ventures	Paris
Jul 16	<a href="#">Everledger</a>	\$7 million	bridge financing	Tencent	London
Jul 15	<a href="#">Aave</a>	\$3 million	token sale	Framework Ventures, Three Arrows	London
Jul 15	<a href="#">Evertas</a>	\$2.8 million	Seed	Morgan Creek	Chicago

Jul 15	<a href="#">CrossAngle</a>	undisclosed	Series A2	Hanhwa Investment & Securities	Seoul
Jul 14	<a href="#">METACO</a>	\$17 million	Series A	Giesecke+Devrient	
Jul 14	<a href="#">Snowball</a>	\$.6 million	crowdfunding	crowd (republic)	San Francisco
Jul 14	<a href="#">Valid Network</a>	\$8 million	Seed	Ten Eleven Ventures	
Jul 13	<a href="#">Warren</a>	\$22.5 million	Series B	QED Investors	Sao Paulo
Jul 09	<a href="#">Hopr</a>	\$1 million	Seed	Binance Labs	Zug
Jul 08	<a href="#">Radix</a>	\$4.1 million	Seed		London
Jul 08	<a href="#">Wintermute</a>	\$2.8 million	Series A	Light Speed Ventures	London
Jul 07	<a href="#">Chain</a>	\$13 million	Series B extension	Ribbit Capital, Sound Ventures	New York City
Jul 01	<a href="#">B2C2</a>	\$30 million	minority investment	SBI Holdings	London
Jul 01	<a href="#">Curv</a>	\$23 million	Series A		New York City
Jun 25	<a href="#">W3BCloud</a>	\$20.5 million	Convertible Note	Advanced Micro Devices, ConsenSys	Dublin
Jun 25	<a href="#">Ternio</a>	\$1.07 million	crowdfunding	through Republic.com	Alpharetta
Jun 25	<a href="#">AVA Labs</a>	\$12 million	private token sale		New York City
Jun 24	<a href="#">HandCash</a>	undisclosed			Madrid
Jun 23	<a href="#">Sparrow Exchange</a>	\$3.5 million	Series A	HDR Group	Singapore
Jun 22	<a href="#">Opyn</a>	\$2.16 million	venture round	DragonFly Capital	San Francisco
Jun 22	<a href="#">CrossTower</a>	\$6 million	Seed	Gerard Lopez	New York City
Jun 19	<a href="#">Kyber</a>			ParaFi Capital	Singapore
Jun 17	<a href="#">River Financial</a>	\$5.7 million	Seed		San Francisco
Jun 17	<a href="#">Authenticiti</a>	undisclosed	venture round	Gravity Ranch	San Francisco
Jun 15	<a href="#">Ziglu</a>	\$6.54 million	Seed	high net worth individuals	London
Jun 11	<a href="#">Celsius Network</a>	\$10.5 million	Crowd	BnkToTheFuture(crowd)	London
Jun 10	<a href="#">Sun Energy</a>	\$4 million	Seed	Africa Renewable Power Fund	Cape Town