

# THIS MONTH IN VENTURE



### **Holdings In the News**

**WiTricty** unveils wireless charging for golf carts and neighborhood electric vehicles at the Consumer Electric Show in Las Vegas, NV.

**Invaio** acquires Peptyde Bio, a company focused on designing novel peptides for agricultural use.

<u>Nanotronics</u> announced its strategic partnership with OrbiMed, an investment in revolutionizing the health tech industry through Al.

**Axiom** has completed its third launch to the International Space Station (ISS). The Ax-3 mission will further research in microgravity.

### **Sector Spotlight**

Last month, Christian Munafo, sat down with Livewire Market reporter Sara Allen, to discuss the growing space economy and its on-earth impacts.

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### **Tracking IPOS**

Circle Internet Financial has filed for an IPO, reports Reuters <u>Read More >></u>

According to Nasdaq's CEO, Adena Friedman, nearly 100 companies have recently filed for IPO confidentiality with the SEC, reports Barron's **Read More >>** 

Smith Douglas Homes IPO points to positive signs for an opening window in 2024 **Read More >>** 

### **IPO Backlog in 2024**

Christian Munafo joined Morgan L Brennan on CNBC's 'Closing Bell: Overtime' to discuss what investors should keep top of mind as they navigate private markets in the new year, share his 2024 IPO outlook, and highlight the investment opportunities across sectors, underlining the space economy.

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**BETTING ON IPOS IN 2024** 

### Fortune Cyber 60

<u>Fortune</u> released its Cyber 60 2024 ranking the "most important" venture-backed startups offering enterprisegrade cybersecurity solutions, and four of <u>The Private Shares</u> <u>Fund</u> holdings made the list.

The recognized PSF holdings make up 20% of the featured "growth-stage companies" category:

- Arctic Wolf
- Exabeam
- Rubrik
- Snyk



In the newly unveiled Fortune Cyber 60, Fortune and Lightspeed Venture Partners collaborated to evaluate 300 cybersecurity, venture-backed startups that offer enterprisegrade cybersecurity solutions and have not yet had an IPO, acquisition, or other significant exit event. Of those 300, 60 were selected based on a review of business operations and market data provided by Pitchbook.

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#### The Private Shares Fund Top 10 Holdings As of 12/31/2023\*

GrubMarket, Nanotronics, Tradeshift, SpaceX, Axiom Space, Contrast, Motive, Arctic Wolf, Betterment, NextRoll

\*Represents 31.80% of Fund holdings as of December 31, 2023. Holdings are subject to change. Not a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold any particular security.

The Fund's website updates top holdings and total holdings frequently. Please visit the Fund's website for the most current information here: top holdings; total holdings.

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As of December 9, 2020, Liberty Street Advisors, Inc. became the adviser to the Fund. The Fund's portfolio managers did not change. Effective April 30, 2021, the Fund changed its name from the "SharesPost 100 Fund" to "The Private Shares Fund." Effective July 7, 2021, the Fund made changes to its investment strategy. In addition to directly investing in private companies, the Fund may also invest in private investments in public equity ("PIPEs") where the issuer is a special purpose acquisition company ("SPAC"), and profit sharing agreements.

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