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Holdings In the News

Brain Corp signed an exclusive technology agreement with Tennant, propelling the development and manufacturing of autonomous floor cleaning robots. Along with the partnership Tennant invested \$32 million in Brain Corp, adding board representation.

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Cerebras Systems announced three major milestones, including the unveiling of the word's fastest Al chip, the Wafer Scale Engine 3 which broke the previous record by double.

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<u>Discord</u> released Quests, a way for players to discover new games and earn rewards through the Discord platform.

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WiTricity highlighted real-life applications of wireless charging with the SK electlink charge point.

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Tracking IPOs

Reddit's shares jumped 48% during its IPO debut, landing the company among top gainers on the New York Stock Exchange

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Bloomberg reports Encyclopaedia Britannica, which anounced confidentially filing for an IPO in January, is seeking a \$1 billion valuation

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Astera Labs, designer of chipbased connectivity products, raises \$713 million, IPO topping expectations

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Taking the Leap, The Compelling Opportunity in Secondaries

In partnership with <u>Altruist</u>, "Taking the Leap, The Compelling Opportunity in Secondaries" explores a shift in the private markets, evolving dynamics in secondaries, and the backlog of IPO candidates.

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Sector Spotlight: CRN Security 100 List

CRN, the source for technology news, insights, and analysis at The Channel Company, released its Security 100 list, naming eight of The Private Shares Fund Holdings.



In the categories for:

- Endpoint And Managed Security Companies
 - Malwarebytes
 - Tanium
- Identity Access
 Management and Data

 Protection Companies
 - o Code42
 - Rubrik
- Security Operations, Risk and Threat Intelligence Companies
 - Arctic Wolf
 - Exabeam
- Web, Email and Application Security Companies
 - Contrast Security
 - o Snyk

Notably, global research firm Gartner, predicts spending will rise to \$215 billion in 2024 for security and risk management.

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The Private Shares Fund Top 10 Holdings As of 2/29/2024*

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

*Represents 32.20% of Fund holdings as of February 29, 2024. 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: <u>top holdings</u>; <u>total holdings</u>.

Important Disclosures

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.

Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing. For a prospectus with this and other information about The Private Shares Fund (the "Fund"), please download <a href="https://example.com/heres

The investment minimums are \$2,500 for the Class A Share and Class L Share, and \$1,000,000 for the Institutional Share Investment in the Fund involves substantial risk. The Fund is not suitable for investors who cannot bear the risk of loss of all or part of their investment. The Fund is appropriate only for investors who can tolerate a high degree of risk and do not require a liquid investment. The Fund has no history of public trading and investors should not expect to sell shares other than through the Fund's repurchase policy regardless of how the Fund performs. The Fund does not intend to list its shares on any exchange and does not expect a secondary market to develop.

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