

# THIS MONTH IN VENTURE



### **Holdings In the News**

Axiom Space announces an accelerated timeline for the assembly of Axiom Station, the commercial space station set to replace the current International Space Station (ISS). The new sequencing will allow Axiom Station to become an independent orbital platform as early as 2028.

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<u>Carbon's</u> founder, Joe DeSimone, discusses his optimism for the industry over the next two years, overcoming challenges in 3D Printing, and thoughts on going public in a TCT Magazine feature.

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**SpaceX** launched 21 Starlink satellites in the final Falcon 9 flight of 2024. **Read More >>** 

**XAL** raised \$6 billion in Series C funding, valuing the company at over \$40 billion. Since the prior round, xAI has focused on several initiatives to improve its hardware, the Grok 2 language model, and its proprietary image generation model. **Read More >>** 

### Tracking Headlines

Databricks raised \$10 billion in its latest funding round; the company is now valued at \$62 billion.

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President of the New York Stock Exchange, Lynn Martin, sees an active IPO market in 2025.

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Crunchbase forecasts: "13 Companies That Could Go Public In 2025 If The IPO Market Gains Steam" naming three of The Private Shares Fund's holdings:

- Cerebras Systems
- Snyk
- Discord

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### Private Shares Fund Quarterly Webinar

Portfolio managers Christian Munafo and Kevin Moss share their review and outlook on the current market landscape and provide a portfolio update in The Private Shares Fund Q4 2024 Webinar.

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Beta Technologies on TODAY: "Batterypowered planes: Get an inside look at the future of flying"



NBC's Tom Costello takes a look inside Beta Technologies' battery powered planes on a recent segment of TODAY. The feature includes a highlight of the technology interface within Beta's aircrafts.



Costello spoke with Beta's founder and CEO, Kyle Clark, about the future of electric aircrafts.

The segment also features Beta's partnership with Air New Zealand, the airline that has an order placed for planes to deliver mail across islands.

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#### The Private Shares Fund Top 10 Holdings As of 12/31/2024\*

SpaceX, GrubMarket, Tradeshift, Motive, Nanotronics, Betterment, EquipmentShare, Arctic Wolf, CaaStle, Contrast Security

\*Represents 37.85% of Fund holdings as of December 31, 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: top holdings; total holdings.

#### **Important Disclosures**

## 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 <u>here</u>, or call 1-855-551-5510. Read the prospectus carefully before investing.

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IPO: Initial public offering VC: Venture Capital LEO: Low Earth Orbit FAA: Federal Aviation Administration

Free cash flow: the cash that a company generates after accounting for cash outflows to support operations and maintain its capital assets. Revenue run rate: an indicator of financial performance that takes a company's current revenue in a certain period (a week, month, quarter, etc.) and converts it to an annual figure to get the full-year equivalent

Nasdaq: a global electronic marketplace for buying and selling securities.

Green shoots: is a term generally applied to signs of recovery from an economic downturn.

Unicorn: term used in the venture capital industry to describe a startup company valued at over \$1 Billion