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Tech Startup news

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NYC's on-demand housekeeping service Handy raises \$50M

NYC-based on-demand platform for household services [@Handy](#) raised a \$50M Series C round led by [@Fidelity](#) along with [@HighlandCapital](#), [@gcvp](#) and others, its valuation is reportedly around \$500M; total funding just under \$111M; the funds will go for investing in 28 active markets and new including London.

Berlin-based apartment renting platform Nestpick scores

[@RocketBerlin](#)-backed [@nestpick](#) raised a \$11M Series A round from Rocket Internet, [@mangrovevc](#) and Enern; it will use it to improve its mid to long term real estate renting platform; simplifies the process and reduces the time; tenants receive conformation in less than 48 hours.

Asia / Enterprise Finance

Pitango VC launches its first growth fund

Israeli VC firm [@Pitango](#) announces its new Pitango Growth Fund of \$250M; founder of C4 Ventures and former GM and VP of Apple Europe Pascal Cagni is joining the company; general partner Aaron Mankovski said that Israeli entrepreneurs are now more focused in building large companies.



USA / Startups Marketing

Sprinklr buys marketing automation startup Booshaka

Social media management platform [@Sprinklr](#) acquired marketing automation startup [@booshaka](#); terms undisclosed; Booshaka's team of 10 will join Sprinklr; NYC-based Sprinklr recently raised \$46M in funding at a valuation over \$1B; Booshaka had investors like SV Angel, PivotNorth Capital, FF Angel.



Window shades smart motorisation AXIS Gear is on Indiegogo

Toronto-based [@theaxislife](#) is crowdfunding on [@Indiegogo](#) with AXIS Gear; raised \$33K out of \$100K goal, 23 days left; it's a smart device that motorises window shades in minutes; fits any window shade, 2 minute installation, smartphone control, smarthome automation, sensors, solar powered.

Atlanta's cloud sales platform N3 scores

Atlanta-based cloud sales platform [@n3results](#) closed a \$35M round from RedBird Capital Partners; it will use it to expand across Asia-Pacific and Europe and create around 500 jobs in the next year, bringing its headcount to over 1,400 employees; also plans to develop new digital marketing and predictive analytics tech and create new partnerships.



London's shared workspaces HUCKLETREE raises funds

London-based community of innovators, entrepreneurs, startups and freelancers [@huckletree](#) raised a £2.4M Series A round from [@fomcap](#) and others; it offers coworking environments to 200 people in Clerkenwell, and is opening a 400-place object in Finsbury Square in early 2016.



NYC'ss Zeta Interactive buys eBay Enterprise's CRM business

NYC-based big data-driven marketing and CRM company [@ZetaInteractive](#) acquired [@eBayEnterprise](#)'s CRM division; the deal is reportedly worth between \$80M and \$90M in cash and stock; eBay Enterprise has also sold several other business units including Magento platform; 300 employees will join Zeta Interactive bringing its total to 1,000.



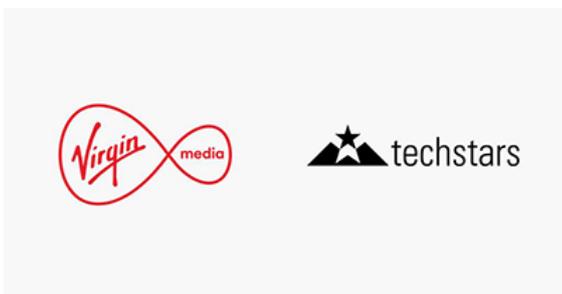
Autonomous delivery robots startup Starship emerges

Tallinn and London-based self-driving delivery robots startup [@StarshipRobots](#) launches; designed to deliver goods locally within 30 minutes; small, safe, practical, free from CO2 emissions, autonomous 99%; founded by former Skype co-founder Ahti Heinla and tech entrepreneur [@amartinson](#).



Virgin Media and Techstars partner for London accelerator

[@virginmedia](#) and [@techstars](#) are launching a London accelerator programme; 10 startups will receive \$20K for 6% of their company, 13 weeks of mentorship, workspace in London, executive assistants, personal trainers, nutritionists; optional \$100K convertible loan note for additional 4%; applications are open until 9 January 2016.



Web Summit launches today with 42k attendees

[@WebSummitHQ](#) launches with 42,000 attendees from 134 countries; 1,000 speakers across 21 different Summits and night time events; speakers include Instagram founder [@mikeyk](#), Slack founder [@stewart](#) and author [@AuthorDanBrown](#); 2,141 startups from around the world; 1,907 in ALPHA early stage startup programme, 139 make up the BETA, 95 the START.



AppDynamics is raising a massive funding round

SF-based application performance management (APM) solutions provider [@AppDynamics](#) raised \$83.4M in Series F round targeting up to \$150M; the round valued it at over \$1B; last year it has raised pre-IPO growth financing worth \$120M; it recently announced new CEO [@dwadhvani](#), a former Adobe digital chief; it has over 1,300 customers



Gadget marketplace BYEBUY raises seed funding

German marketplace for gadgets [@saybyebuy](#) raised a €1M seed round from [@mainincubator](#), [@seedcamp](#), [@RocketBerlin](#)'s Global Founders Capital and others; aimed for US expansion; it allows users to consume the hottest tech on a monthly rental basis, switch or upgrade any time; 1,000 members including the UK, Netherlands and Austria.



Web Summit Machine Stage: Moovit CEO Nir Erez

[@NirErez1](#) CEO of local transit app [@moovit](#) was on [@WebSummitHQ](#) Machine Stage; the startup just received investment from [@aplusk](#)'s s Sound Ventures to accelerate growth in India and China; the app reportedly surpassed competitors including Google Maps.



Cybersecurity startup iboss raises funds

San Diego-based cybersecurity startup [@ibossconnect](#) raised a \$35M Series A from [@GoldmanSachs](#)' Private Capital Investing group; the co notes its valuation is over \$500M; plans to go public in the next 25 months; just bought a new global HQ in San Diego; its tech actively monitors all network traffic to prevent large-scale data breaches.



Intel Capital invests in smart tone startup LISNR

Cincinnati-based audio-beacon startup [@lisnr](#) raised \$10M in Series B led by [@intelcapital](#) aiming to connect devices across various verticals; the co also plans to develop technology for contactless payments and home/office connected devices; it has over 100 clients including Heineken, AT&T, the Dallas Cowboys.



Student accommodation booking platform Uniplaces scores

London-based wireless charging network [@Chargifi](#) raised a \$2.7M Series A round led by [@intelcapital](#) with [@techstars](#), [@RGAVentures](#) and [@BrettAkker](#); the tech powers devices via magnetic resonance

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Location tech startup what3words raises funds

London-based location pinpointing startup [@what3words](#) closed a \$3.5M Series A found led by [@IntelCapital](#) along with [@HorizonsHK](#), bringing its total to \$5M; founded in 2013; it develops a global addressing system with each addresses with 3 simple words; available in nine languages; plans to add more languages, voice recognition and a Silicon Valley office.

Outerwall buys pre-owned gadget marketplace Gazelle

Automated kiosk [@Outerwall](#) acquired Boston-based online marketplace for pre-owned consumer electronics [@gazelle](#) for \$18M; Gazelle launched in 2008 and has become a popular marketplace; it has around 100 employees, raised nearly \$56M in funding

Lending platform Avant raises a massive round

Chicago-based marketplace lending platform [@Avant_US](#) closed a \$325M Series E equity financing round led by [@generalatlantic](#) along with [@jpmorgan](#), Tiger Global Management and others, bringing its total funding to \$650M; the platform uses big data and machine learning algorithms; issued over 310k loans; works in the US, UK and Canada.



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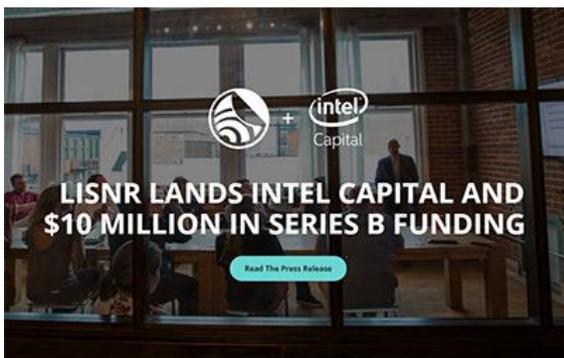
IBM buys cloud brokerage platform Gravitant

[@IBM](#) acquired Austin-based cloud brokerage platform [@Gravitant](#); terms undisclosed; Gravitant helps companies assess, buy and manage cloud computing services from multiple vendors; offers virtual, public and private cloud services; IBM also bought SoftLayer, Cloudant and Cleversafe.



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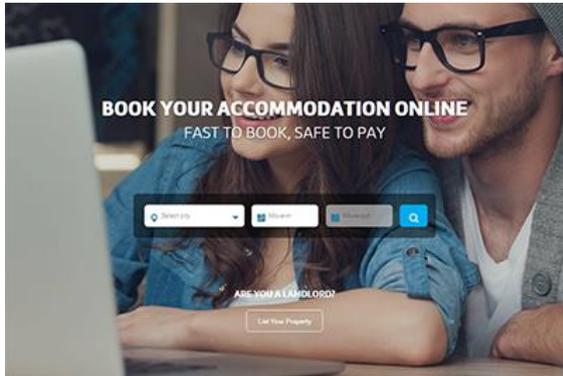


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Student accommodation booking platform Uniplaces scores

Lisbon-based online booking platform for student accommodation [@Uniplaces](#) raised a \$24M Series A round led by [@atomico](#) along with [@Caixa_capital](#), angel investors; it provides a 'Uniplaced Verified' badge which means the company has visited the property. Checken if it meets Uniplaces' standards; works in 38 cities and has over 40k rooms



Wireless charging startup Chargifi raises funds

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IT automation Chef buys erman security startup VulcanoSec

Seattle-based IT automation company [@chef](#) acquired German compliance and security tech startup [@vulcanosec](#); it will launch a new product Chef Compliance; Chef raised a \$40M Series E in September bringing its total to \$103M; founded 2008, has 230 employees and over 750 customers including Facebook, GE, Nordstrom, IBM.



Online tools for restaurants Zenchef raises funds

French startup [@Zenchef](#) closed a €6M funding round led by Edenred Capital Partners along with [@Elaiia_Partners](#), [@kimaventures](#) and others; it helps restaurants go online with website creation tools and bookings; rebranded from 1001menus; for small interdependent restaurants to attract and keep more customers.



Web Summit: Angels' Choice Award Day 1 winners

[@WebSummitHQ](#) introduces Angels' Choice Award this year; then startups chosen by the panel of investors on day 1: Open as App, [@blynk_app](#), [@ChatSimEN](#), [@DoubleRobotics](#), [@finstackio](#), [@incisivelyltd](#), [@medifi](#), Terabee, [@aylien](#), [@Freedactis](#).



Nightlife app Crowdit raises funds

London-based nightlife discovery app [@GetCrowdit](#) closed a \$2M seed round led by Hong Kong's First Eastern Investment Group; it operates also in Denmark and Sweden with Shanghai, Tokyo and NYC in plan; venues can promote their special night offer directly to the people walking by; owned by [@samamrani](#) with Carlsberg as a minority shareholder.



Platform for luxury watches Chronext scores

Cologne, Germany-based marketplace for luxury watches [@CHRONEXT](#) closed \$5.3M financing round from [@partechventures](#), [@IV_Partners](#), [@playfaircapital](#) and others; founded in 2013 it provides a secure experience in buying, selling and servicing luxury watches; it also has branches in London and Zug.



Intel Capital invests in chip design startup Sckipio

Israeli chip design startup [@SckipioTech](#) raised an undisclosed funding round from [@intelcapital](#); the chip industry is worth \$335B dominated by cos like Intel; Sckipio was founded in 2012; 30 employees; focuses on G.fast modem standard technology providing ultra high-speed bandwidth.



Platform for creating AR and VR content WakingApp scores

Tel Aviv-based platform for creating AR and VR content [@WakingApp](#) raised a \$4.3M Series C round from Youzu Interactive, [@InimitiVC](#) and others; founded in 2013; the ENTiTi platform allows creation of advanced interactive AR and VR content including live data feeds, HQ 3D imaging and animation, games.



Fast growing mobile marketplace OfferUp reveals its funding

Seattle-based startup [@offerup](#) publicly announces \$90M in funding; \$73M in Series C closed in March this year; founded four years ago; it connects buyers and sellers of everything; transacted \$2.9B worth of merchandise; it grown fivefold over 10 months and is one of the biggest mobile marketplaces; OfferUp app ranks No. 56 in the iTunes store.



Bitcoin value jumps drastically

[@Bitcoin](#) value jumps to over \$450 after \$236 in the beginning of October; at the start of the year it was worth around \$320; users are performing more Bitcoin transactions than ever; during the year VCs have invested \$468M in Bitcoin startups - more than in any previous year; Bitcoin ATMs are on the rise.

