

BUILT IN NYC

Netflix announces plans for major NYC hub, with more than 127 new local positions: NYC is home to thousands of film and TV productions, ranging from big-name blockbusters to your friend’s weird web series that you guest starred in that one time. Now, as announced by Governor Andrew Cuomo and the Empire State Development Corporation in a statement, the city is set to welcome major investments from Netflix totalling as much as \$100.0 million. (April 19)

Payfone raises \$24.0 million to tell scammers apart from the rest of us: The company, which has offices in New York and Denver, announced that it has closed \$24 million in funding to address the issue of authentication and bring those services to other countries. (April 17)

NYC blockchain startup raises \$12.7 million from Harvard University, among others: NYC-based Blockstack has built a “parallel internet” where those who access and build on the platform maintain autonomy over all of their own data. The company acts as a sandbox and tutorial center for those curious about the decentralized internet, while also maintaining in-house engineers who work on building blockchain-based apps. Most recently, Blockstack secured \$12.7 million in additional investments. But the funding, which resulted from companies trading real cash for equity and STX token shares, is not actually the company’s first ICO. To date, the firm has raised a total of \$52.6 million, in the form of a token offering and a \$5.1 million Series A round. (April 16)

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Armory Square Ventures raises \$31 million to invest in upstate NY: Armory Square Ventures just raised a second fund of \$31 million to invest in cities and towns in upstate New York, according to an SEC filing. The firm, which now manages \$50 million in capital between its two funds, will continue to focus investment efforts in Ithaca, Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo. (April 17)

INDICES THIS MORNING

	Current Value	(%) Change*	1W% Change
DJIA**	26,559.5	-	0.6%
S&P 500**	2,905.0	-0.1%	
NASDAQ Comp.**	7,998.1	-	0.2%
FTSE 100**	7,459.9	-	0.3%
DAX 30**	12,222.4	-	1.9%
CAC 40**	5,580.4	-	1.4%
Nikkei 225	22,217.9	0.1%	1.5%
Hang Seng 40**	29,963.3	-	0.2%
Shanghai Comp	3,215.0	-1.7%	2.6%
Kospi	2,216.7	0.02%	-0.8%
BSE Sensex	38,710.5	-1.1%	1.0%
S&P/ASX 200**	6,259.8	-	0.1%

Current Values as at 8:15 EST, *%Chg from Thursday Close, **As on Thursday Close

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Lyft's fast-slumping stock quickly leads to investor lawsuits: Snap Inc.'s IPO honeymoon in 2017 gave way to investor lawsuits within 10 weeks. With Blue Apron Holdings it was just seven weeks. (April 20)

Amazon launches free music streaming to juice Alexa-Device sales: Amazon.com Inc. is hoping an ad-supported music-streaming service will help it sell more speakers and other devices that work with its voice-activated Alexa platform. (April 19)

Amazon and Google end boycott of each others' video services: The two tech giants announced that they would begin letting each others' video services appear on their respective streaming gadgets. YouTube will soon be available on Amazon's Fire TV while Amazon Prime Video will show up on Google's Chromecast and Android TV devices. (April 18)

Amazon is preparing to close a Chinese e-commerce store: Amazon.com Inc., the e-commerce giant plans to shut down its Chinese marketplace business in July as it shifts its focus to offering mainland consumers overseas products rather than goods from local sellers. (April 18)

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