Roundup: Antler expands to India; Singapore's AngelCentral invests in **Pslove**

NTUC has partnered with Facebook to launch data centre specialist programme, and CWA Store has raised seed funding



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Antler expands to India, hires Rajiv Srivatsa to head country's ops

Global early-stage VC Antler has announced its plans to launch in India to enable more entrepreneurs to build startups through its platform, support, and global reach.

The local operation will start in Bangalore and be led by Rajiv Srivatsa, Co-founder of Urban Ladder, who is joining as Partner.

Magnus Grimeland, Founder and CEO of Antler said it plans to invest in up to 40 companies within its first year of operations in India through a dedicated fund.

Antler also has plans to expand to other major cities in the country in the next three to five years.

Headquartered in Singapore, Antler already has a global presence in 11 locations around the world. The firm said that it democratises entrepreneurship and works with exceptional founders regardless of background or geography.

Singapore's AngelCentral invests in female essential products PSlove

AngelCentral, a Southeast Asian community of angel investors, has announced that it has invested an undisclosed pre-Series A amount in homegrown consumer brand for female essential products, PSlove.

With the amount raised from this funding round, PSlove will be expanding its product range and add more markets across Southeast Asia.

PSlove did a zoom virtual pitch to over 40 angels and hosted zoom office visits where founders showcased their numbers and products.

NTU, Facebook collaborate to launch data centre specialist pilot programme

The Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and Facebook have announced to jointly launch a nine-month pilot programme that will offer new courses aimed at developing local data centre talent, *Channel News Asia* <u>reported</u>

(https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/ntu-facebook-pilot-data-centrecerti cate-courses-12791206).

The public programme will be started in August and offer four specialist certi cates and one graduate certi cate, all eligible for funding and mid-career subsidies from SkillsFuture Singapore.

The four specialist certi cates are in Design Engineering, Network Engineering, Site Operations, and Facility Operations, while the graduate certi cate is in International Construction Management.

After the nine-month pilot, NTU's Centre for Professional and Continuing Education will progressively introduce more courses in subsequent phases.