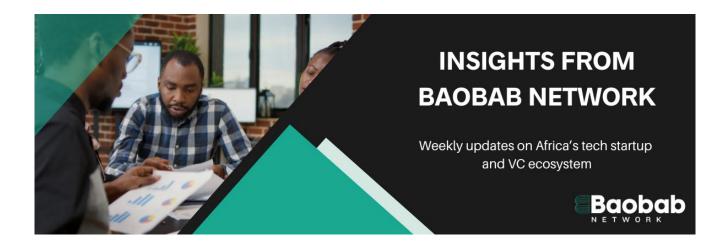
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## Hello there,

In this week's edition, we go to Egypt for early-stage HealthTech funding, an InsureTech deal from South Africa, and spotlight a Moroccan super app. Also, we explore a new partnership to support African tech.

# Egypt's Almouneer secures \$3.6 million seed

<u>Almouneer</u>, an Egyptian HealthTech, has secured \$3.6 million USD in a seed funding round led by Global Ventures. Other participants in the round included <u>Proparco</u> and <u>Digital</u> <u>Africa</u>, through the Bridge Fund, Wrightwood Investments, and other international funds. The female-led, Giza-based, HealthTech was founded in 2017 by <u>Noha Khater</u> and <u>Rania</u> <u>Kadry</u>. They offer a digital transformation platform offering practice management and networking solutions serving both patients and doctors. They focus on chronic diseases including diabetes.



The new funding will support the development of <u>Dru</u>, an app offering a digitally-enabled lifestyle and diabetes management platform. It will also go towards talent acquisition and expansion into new geographies including Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Nigeria and Kenya.

Read more on this deal here

## Deals

Egyptian e-commerce startup <u>Awfar</u> has secured a six-figure sum in funding from <u>Value</u> <u>Maker Studio</u> (VMS). (<u>Source</u>) Was this newsletter forwarded to you? Want to receive weekly updates on the latest deals and significant developments in Africa's start-up and VC space?



## News

#### SA's Inclusivity Solutions scores \$1.5 million Series A extension

South African InsureTech, <u>Inclusivity Solutions</u>, has closed \$1.5 million USD in a Series A extension round led by <u>Goodwell Investments</u>. The funding will support expansion into 12 new African markets over the next year, as well as product development.

Founded in 2015 by <u>Jeremy Leach</u>, Inclusivity Solutions delivers insurance solutions that meet the needs of emerging consumers via mobile. They provide APIs to introduce and grow insurance solutions, and build sustainable inclusive insurance markets.

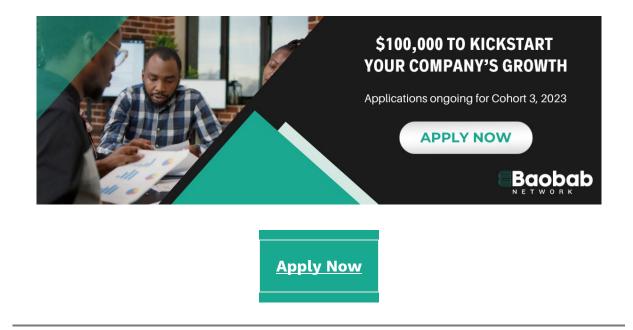
Source: Disrupt Africa

#### SBI Holdings and Novastar Ventures partner in new \$80 million fund for Africa

Japanese VC firm, <u>SBI Holdings</u> has partnered with African VC, <u>Novastar Ventures</u>, to bolster Novastar's funds with a \$40 million USD multi-fund investment. The terms of the strategic partnership also included SBI investing capital in exchange for a minority stake in Novastar.

Novastar was launched in 2014 with the aim of supporting founders that create financial, social and environmental value across diverse sectors. Their portfolio includes Kenya's <u>Turaco</u>, and Nigeria's <u>Moniepoint</u>. SBI Holdings launched in 1999 and support businesses across various sectors including FinTech, crypto, Web3, and healthcare.

Source: Novastar Ventures



#### Chart of the week

This week's chart looks at the top 5 of the 6 InsureTech rounds in Africa this year. By comparison, African technology startups in the insurance sector raised over 55 million USD last year in disclosed funding over 9 rounds (excluding non-equity assistance).

<b>Baobab</b> Top 5 rounds: Africa Insuretech 2023			
	FUNDING DETAILS	SELECTED INVESTORS	
Naked	\$17 million USD Series B February 2023	IFC, DEG, Yellowwood, Hollard Insurance.	
inclusivity solutions	\$1.5 million USD Series A Extension November 2023	Goodwell Investments.	
रि root	\$1.5 million USD Venture round September 2023	Invenfin.	2
a mycover.αι	\$1.25 million USD Pre-seed round July 2023	Ventures Platform, Founders Factory Africa, Techstars.	ADDITIONAL INSIGHT \$22.4 million USD Raised in disclosed funding by African InsureTechs in 2023.
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Explore our research on Africa's VC ecosystem

### Start-up spotlight

We continue our pledge to support more female-led start-ups by featuring them in the Startup Spotlight segment in every edition of this newsletter. Know an African female-founder that you want to see in the spotlight? Let us know.



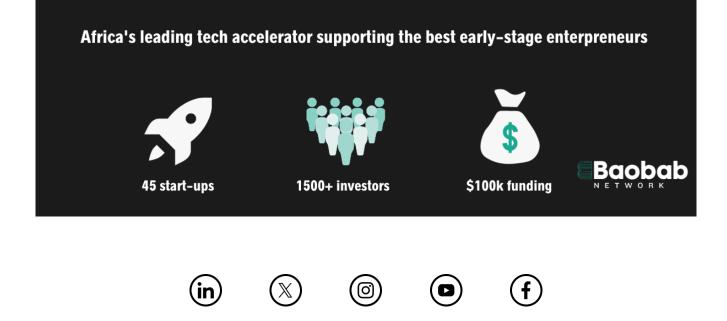
<u>ORA Technologies</u> is a Moroccan super-app.

Founded in 2023 by <u>Camelia Tazi</u> <u>Saoud</u>, <u>Ayman Touhami</u>, <u>Omar</u> <u>Alami</u>, <u>Mokhtar Alami</u>,

Yacine Mabsate, Hakim ELmansouri, and Homame Soussi. ORA offers an e-commerce platform enabling users to buy and sell goods. The platform hosts a variety of products and services, ranging from food to technology to booking services. ORA also offers marketing and customer relationship management tools to help small businesses.

The startup recently closed a \$1 million pre-seed funding supported by undisclosed local private investors.

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