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## Austin Weekly Deal Highlights

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Let me be (assuming one of) the last to wish you a Happy New Year Austin! As expected, a pretty slow week, so I am going to go out on a limb and guaranty things will only go up from here (but shoot, we still had a \$750mm acquisition this week...) Hope you had the chance to spend some time with your favorite people, and welcome back!

### Austin Financing Activity

- [CollBox](#), a bookkeeping-integrated application that lets business collect on past due invoices and monitor the health of Accounts Receivable, [raised](#) \$1M in seed funding led by **Bala Investments** with participation from **Long View Technology Ventures**, **Capital Factory** and the **Alamo Angel Network**.
- [Swimtopia](#), an online swimming platform designed to help teams manage all necessary activities related to swimming, raised \$305,000 of angel funding in the form of convertible debt from **Gordon Daugherty**, **Joel Trammell**, and **Peter Eckert**.

### Austin M&A Activity

- **Janssen Pharmaceutical Cos.**, a subsidiary of **Johnson & Johnson**, [just completed](#) its \$750 million acquisition of the rights to bermekimab, a new drug candidate being studied as a potential treatment for multiple dermatological conditions, from Austin-based **XBiotech Inc.**

### Austin People

- These Austin Companies Added New Execs in [December](#)

### Austin News

- [The Top Venture Capital Funding Deals and Acquisitions in December](#)
- [These Austin Tech Companies](#) Raised Over \$1.7B in 2019 Funding
- Car sharing company **Car2go** to lay off 47 in Austin
- Top UT Austin [Rankings of 2019](#)
- Top UT Austin Research of [2019](#)
- **Zillow** predicts Austin will have nation's hottest housing market in 2020 -
- Here is Silicon Hills News' [Top 10 Stories of 2019](#).
- Coworking space **Industrious** [opens](#) in downtown Austin
- 2019: [Austin's year in review](#)
- **Waymo**, an autonomous vehicle company owned by Google, [closed down](#) its Austin operations. The company had fewer than 10 employees located in Austin.

Thank you!  
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If I missed a deal, major announcement, etc., shoot me an email and happy to include in the next one.

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