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PERSPECTIVES by Steve Payne

10 Crypto Private Financings Raised: $25M
Rolling 3-Month Average: $283M
Rolling 52-Week Average: $410M

In a very slow week for crypto financings, the largest disclosed round drew investors spanning digital assets, Web3 infrastructure, decentralized AI, and capital markets. NeoSoul, an AI economic infrastructure platform built on BNB Chain and the 0G ecosystem, closed an $11 million Pre-A round with participation from MH Ventures, Amber Group, ArkStream Capital, 0G Foundation, Kirin Capital, CatcherVC, and New Oak International. The syndicate is crypto-native: Amber Group is a digital-asset market maker and wealth manager; ArkStream has backed Aave, Filecoin, Ethena, and BitGo; and 0G Foundation funds decentralized AI infrastructure directly. Kirin Capital, rooted in Vietnam and Southeast Asia, should support NeoSoul's regional expansion.

The raise follows NeoSoul's launch of NeoTrade, an agentic trading workbench that lets users configure AI trading agents to make decisions and execute trades autonomously. NeoSoul is betting that on-chain infrastructure, with its programmable, verifiable execution and settlement, is a more natural home for agent-controlled capital than a conventional brokerage account with AI access bolted on.

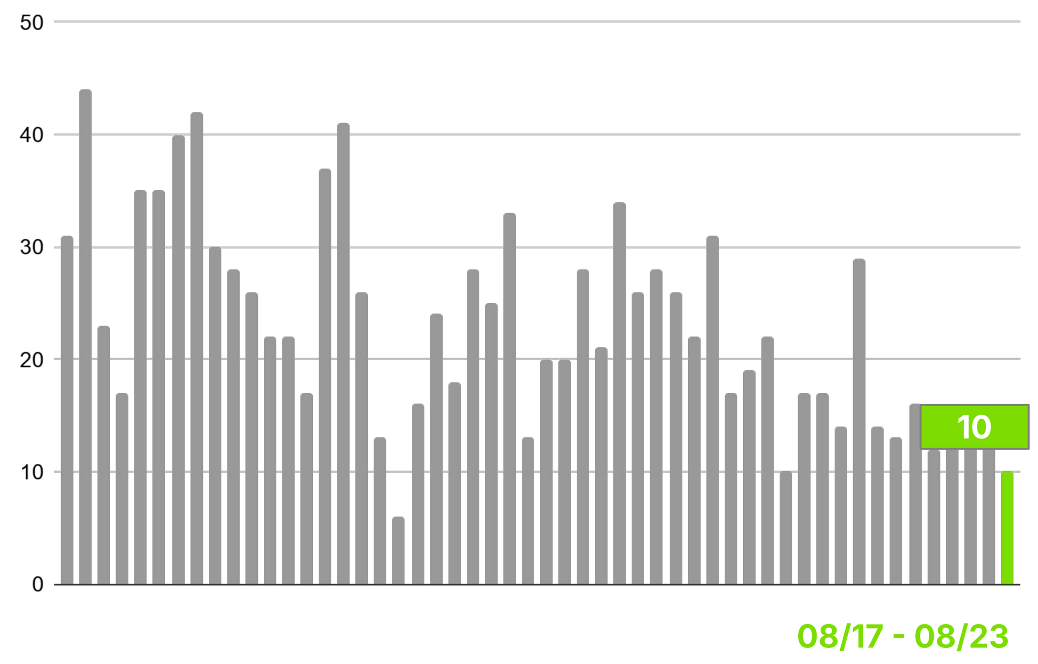
Elsewhere in trading, others are offering similar capabilities. Robinhood has rolled out agentic accounts that connect third-party AI agents to a dedicated, budget-limited account within its existing centralized infrastructure, and Gemini launched a comparable agentic trading feature for crypto in April, with prebuilt "skills" for market data and risk monitoring. Both rely on permissioning within centralized systems rather than on-chain controls.

The common thread across approaches is the same hard problem: as AI agents gain more autonomy over capital, firms are looking at guardrails such as funding limits, kill switches, and permissioned execution, whether enforced by a brokerage or a smart contract. NeoSoul's wager is that crypto rails can handle that enforcement more natively, and its funding suggests investors are still willing to back that thesis even as the category gets crowded.

PAST WEEK NOTABLE TRANSACTIONS

Company	Size ($M)	Date	Post-Money Valuation ($M)	Stage	Lead Investors	Subsector
NeoSoul	11.0	8/20	Undisclosed	Seed	MH Ventures	Investing & Trading Infrastructure
Beldex	8.0	8/20	Undisclosed	Later Stage VC	Sigma Capital	Blockchains & Protocols
Twyne	2.5	8/17	Undisclosed	Seed	Cyber Fund, Ethereal Ventures	Investing & Trading Infrastructure
Botanika	1.5	8/18	Undisclosed	Seed	CRIT Ventures, Baboon Ventures	Crypto / Blockchain
Investly	1.1	8/17	Undisclosed	Seed	VO2 Ventures	Brokers & Exchanges
Pouchers	0.5	8/17	Undisclosed	Seed	Stack Directory	Payments Infrastructure
Hertzflow	Undisclosed	8/23	Undisclosed	Angel	Undisclosed	Brokers & Exchanges
Blueprint Finance	Undisclosed	8/20	Undisclosed	Early Stage VC	Polychain Capital	Investing & Trading Infrastructure
TravelX	Undisclosed	8/19	Undisclosed	Series A	Kaszek	Enterprise Solutions
SlinkyLayer	Undisclosed	8/17	Undisclosed	Seed	Undisclosed	Payments Infrastructure

LAST 52 WEEKS DEAL COUNT



LAST 52 WEEKS CRYPTO FINANCING BY CAPITAL INVESTED ($ in M)