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Landoop raises $1 million in seed financing to establish Lenses as the de-facto streaming Application Manager for Apache Kafka

London, UK, December 13, 2017 - Landoop Ltd., provider of modern data streaming management platform Lenses for Apache Kafka, announces today a $1 million seed round by Marathon Venture Capital.

Landoop was founded in 2016 by Antonios Chalkiopoulos and Christina Daskalaki with the mission to democratise the power of streaming data. Antonios, a published book author and open source contributor, has lead successful Big and Fast Data projects in Tier 1 Investment Banks, Media and Betting companies. Christina, open source contributor, has lead digital transformations of large organisations, micro services transition and data projects in Retail and Financial industries.

The company recently introduced Lenses for Apache Kafka, a data streaming platform that simplifies the management of Apache Kafka clusters and allows both developers and analysts to tap the power of streaming data with the introduction of Lenses' flagship functionality, Lenses SQL.

A number of businesses across a range of industries like Finance, Telecommunication, Utilities and Retail have adopted the Lenses platform to simplify, manage and configure their Apache Kafka cluster. The proceeds of the investment round will be used to expand the company's product footprint, nurture its open source community and broaden its global reach of clients.

"*Distributed messaging systems provide the engine, but people nowadays are also looking for convenience. Data pipelines need to be built in minutes - not in weeks - and operated with confidence. Data scientists require access to streaming data and business analysts need to be building real-time streaming analytics*.", noted Antonios Chalkiopoulos, CEO & Cofounder of Landoop.

"*Large enterprises are standardizing on Apache Kafka to transfer, integrate and now analyze data in-motion, however the lack of specialized engineers is slowing the transition. Lenses is this magical product that helps accelerate the adoption of streaming data solution by operations, developers and analysts. I think the Landoop team has the potential to lead in this tidal shift*" said Panos Papadopoulos, Marathon VC's partner and former Product Manager at data analytics pioneer, Splunk.

"*Customer demand is really strong and we have an ambitious product roadmap. With this round of funding and rising revenues we are planning to hire across key roles in engineering and partnerships to support the growth of our flagship product Lenses*.", added Landoop co-founder, Christina Daskalaki.

About Lenses
[Lenses](#) is a data streaming product based on Apache Kafka that provides [SQL semantics](#) for building and operating real time data pipelines at scale. With Lenses, businesses and developers can jumpstart their data streaming projects and applications quickly, slashing development time, cost, and management overhead. Lenses is used by IT operators, engineers and analysts alike, providing a turn-key solution for real-time data analytics & integration.

About Landoop
Landoop Ltd., the company behind the data streaming product Lenses, and a significant contributor in the Apache Kafka ecosystem, was founded in 2016 by data architects and operators with the mission to help companies build and use data streaming platforms and products that meet the modern enterprise needs. The solutions of Landoop are used by some of the world's most innovative organizations including SAS Software, Accenture, Barclays, Cision, Argos and others. Landoop has offices in London, UK, Amsterdam, Netherlands and Athens, Greece.

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