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Summertime in Space, Featuring Private Space Stations: Coming to an Orbit Near You

June represented a busy and diverse month in the Space sector, with new offices, launch locations and partnerships being announced.

The standout activity however came in the form of private space stations, with partnerships and collaborations between agencies and private players suggesting that the timing could be right for these 2001-style structures.

Is a new era for Space nigh? And what are the implications for humanity? We are excited to find out!

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Swedish Space Corporation	constellr
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Palantir	CesiumAstro
	Redwire Space

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SmallSat Optical Solutions Provider, Simera Sense, Open Optical Payload Hub in Toulouse

Simera Sense is opening an optical payload development hub in Toulouse, France, to meet growing demand and support its expansion strategy. The facility will focus on high-resolution optical payloads for small satellites, leveraging Toulouse's aerospace ecosystem and talent pool to build a strong engineering team.

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SSC and Firefly Aerospace to Launch Satellites from Sweden

Firefly Aerospace and Swedish Space Corporation (SSC) have partnered to launch satellites from Sweden's Esrange Space Center, using Firefly's Alpha rocket, starting in 2026. This collaboration establishes the first U.S. orbital launch service in Europe, supporting commercial, civil, and defense customers, and enhances transatlantic space capabilities, especially for NATO countries.

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Voyager Space Partner with Palantir to Leverage AI and Drive Space Station Innovation

Voyager Space and Palantir Technologies have partnered to integrate Palantir's AI tools into Voyager's space and defense operations. This collaboration aims to enhance defense solutions, communications, and space research, driving innovation and improving payload management and flight data optimization.

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VAST Space Sign MoU with ESA for Upcoming VAST Space Stations

ESA and Vast signed an MOU at ILA Berlin to collaborate on future human spaceflight missions in low Earth orbit. This partnership will enable ESA access to Vast Space Stations for astronaut missions and research, supporting European industry in providing subsystems and equipment.

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constellr Achieve Major Milestone Ahead of Q4 2024 Satellite Launch

Constellr successfully completed its Mechanical Qualification Test Campaign, a crucial step for its satellite launch in Q4/2024. The tests confirmed the satellite can withstand launch stress, ensuring both mechanical integrity and electrical functionality, marking significant progress towards the October launch.

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TERMA Signs Contract with Polish Military University of Technology to Deliver Ground Segment Suite

TERMA Ground Segment Suite (TGSS) is selected for Poland's PIAST project, aiding in the launch of its first satellites. The project aims to enhance national security through advanced satellite reconnaissance capabilities and will TERMA will deliver the ground segment.

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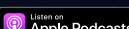
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CesiumAstro Secure \$65M in Oversubscribed Funding Round

CesiumAstro, a leader in space communications, closed a \$65 million Series B+ funding. The investment supports their innovative Vireo payload and Skylark SATCOM terminal, advancing global expansion and technology development in space and defense sectors.

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Redwire Space Awarded DARPA Contract for VLEO Demonstration

Redwire Space will integrate its SabreSat VLEO spacecraft design into DARPA's Otter program, showcasing novel electric propulsion in low-Earth orbit. This initiative supports national security with reduced orbital congestion and rapid debris deorbiting capabilities.

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