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# Satellite & NewSpace Snapshot

INDUSTRY INSIGHTS - DECEMBER 2022

## The Festive Season is Upon Us, and the Satellite Industry is Shining Brighter than the North Star

Is that the North Star shining bright in the sky or another rocket launch?!

The industry continues its ascent with launch after launch, and it seems soaring growth and investment is not slowing down either as we head into the New Year.

There's certainly a festive feeling to the industry this December with multiple acquisitions and mergers bringing teams together as one big happy space family.

But wait, there's more... Artemis 1 has returned to earth, making leaps and bounds for Humankind returning to the Moon.

We can hardly keep up! Who knows how 2023 will take off...

## In this issue:

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## Featured Companies

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| NASA               | Boeing              |
| L3Harris           | Maxar               |
| Aerojet Rocketdyne | Advent              |
| Arianespace        | Slingshot Aerospace |
| EUMETSAT           | E-Space             |
| SES                | CommAgility         |
| SpaceX             |                     |

## Fancy a listen?



## Artemis 1 Returns to Earth Marking a Leap towards Space Exploration for Humanity

NASA's Artemis 1 mission has successfully returned to Earth, having completed a trip around the moon in the uncrewed Orion vessel, marking new technology and a vision for the future to continue exploring the heavens.

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## L3Harris and Aerojet Rocketdyne - \$4.7 Billion Acquisition Deal

Defense firm L3Harris Technologies agreed to purchase propulsion tech provider Aerojet Rocketdyne for \$4.7bn to gain significant presence in missile defense, space exploration and hypersonics.

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## Slingshot Aerospace Space Safety Platform Raises \$41 Million in Funding

Space situational awareness firm Slingshot Aerospace has raised \$40.85m in an oversubscribed series A2 funding round, led by Sway Ventures. The company's CEO, Melanie Stricklan, said the funding is "validation that we're on the right track, and that space isn't getting any safer".

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## Arianespace's Triple Payload Ariane 5 Mission Successfully Launches Key Weather and Media Satellites

Arianespace successfully launched MTG-I1 meteorological satellite for EUMETSAT, Intelsat Galaxy 35 and 36 C-band satellites, as part of its Ariane 5 mission from French Guiana. This marks one of the final launches for the Ariane 5 before the Ariane 6 debut.

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## First Two O3b Satellites Launched Successfully

The two O3b mPOWER satellites – built by Boeing – were successfully launched into space by SpaceX. They mark the first phase of SES’s second-generation MEO system which incorporates state of the art software defined payload technology.

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## US Senate and NASA Act to Tackle Space Junk

US Senate passes the “Orbital Sustainability (ORBITS) Act” to direct NASA to establish a program to remove orbital debris via unanimous consent. NASA will focus on debris which poses the greatest immediate risk to the safety and sustainability of orbiting satellites and on-orbit activities.

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## Advent International Acquire Maxar in \$6.4 Billion Cash Deal

Maxar Technologies announced that Advent International will acquire the company through an all-cash transaction valued at \$6.4 billion, which will see Maxar remaining a US-controlled and operated company.

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## E-Space to Acquire 3GPP NTN Leaders CommAgility

The deal will provide E-Space with a proven 5G source code which will enable E-Space to accelerate 5G NTN, 5G-Advanced, and 6G innovation, and will bring with it an expert, in-house hardware and software development team.

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