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Chimera Information Systems

AI and Natural Language Processing ESG asset tracking and risk management

Asset managers face
environmental risks

Risks from climate change, from changing views, political events

Risks from a constant
“always on” news cycle

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CIS monitors news, social media, and corporate reporting to track developments that might impact your investments, your reputation, or your fund thesis.

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What you get…

We aggregate documents and content for you.
Tweets, disclosures, news articles, press releases, or internal documents…
We'll integrate everything into one searchable database for future reference.

We extract information relevant to your investments.
Information is synced against your asset classes, holdings, or other categories.
We only extract what is relevant to your firm, so you can focus on the most critical and relevant news.

We send this information to wherever you need it.
Email updates, newsletters, SMS messages, API calls… We'll send the relevant and important information wherever you or your analysts need it.

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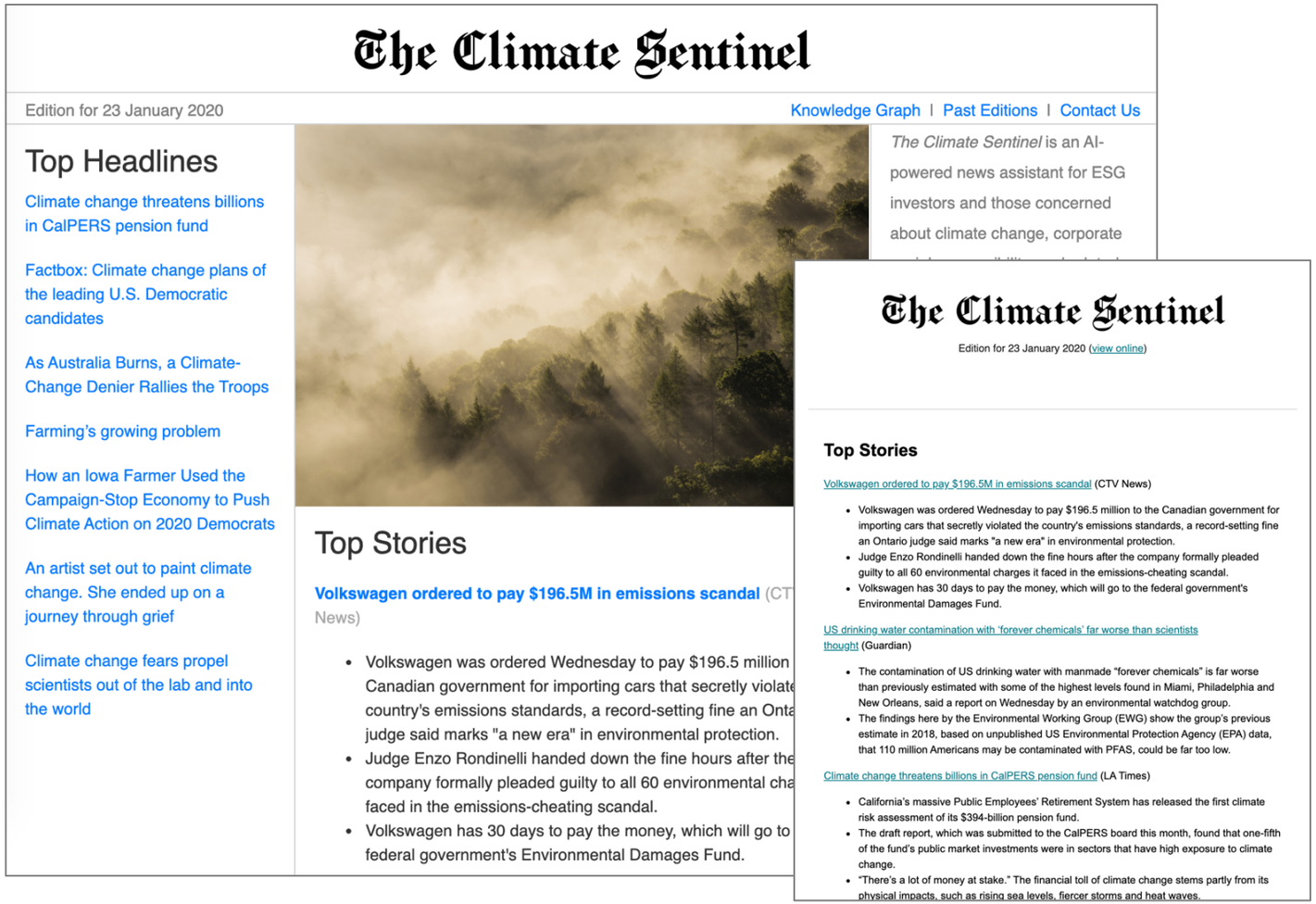
Case Study: The Climate Sentinel (TCS) for ESG investing news, currently being used by a major ESG investor



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Top Headlines

Climate change threatens billions in CalPERS pension fund

Factbox: Climate change plans of the leading U.S. Democratic candidates

As Australia Burns, a Climate-Change Denier Rallies the Troops

Farming's growing problem

How an Iowa Farmer Used the Campaign-Stop Economy to Push Climate Action on 2020 Democrats

An artist set out to paint climate change. She ended up on a journey through grief

Climate change fears propel scientists out of the lab and into the world

The Climate Sentinel is an AI-powered news assistant for ESG investors and those concerned about climate change, corporate

Top Stories

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US drinking water contamination with 'forever chemicals' far worse than scientists thought (Guardian)

- The contamination of US drinking water with manmade "forever chemicals" is far worse than previously estimated with some of the highest levels found in Miami, Philadelphia and New Orleans, said a report on Wednesday by an environmental watchdog group.
- The findings here by the Environmental Working Group (EWG) show the group's previous estimate in 2018, based on unpublished US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) data, that 110 million Americans may be contaminated with PFAS, could be far too low.

Climate change threatens billions in CalPERS pension fund (LA Times)

- California's massive Public Employees' Retirement System has released the first climate risk assessment of its $394-billion pension fund.
- The draft report, which was submitted to the CalPERS board this month, found that one-fifth of the fund's public market investments were in sectors that have high exposure to climate change.
- "There's a lot of money at stake." The financial toll of climate change stems partly from its physical impacts, such as rising sea levels, fiercer storms and heat waves.

- Daily review of thousands of articles to find relevant insights for ESG investors
- Picks the top 5-6 articles
- Facts and figures can be prioritized for individual investors
- Bespoke newsletters on any topic

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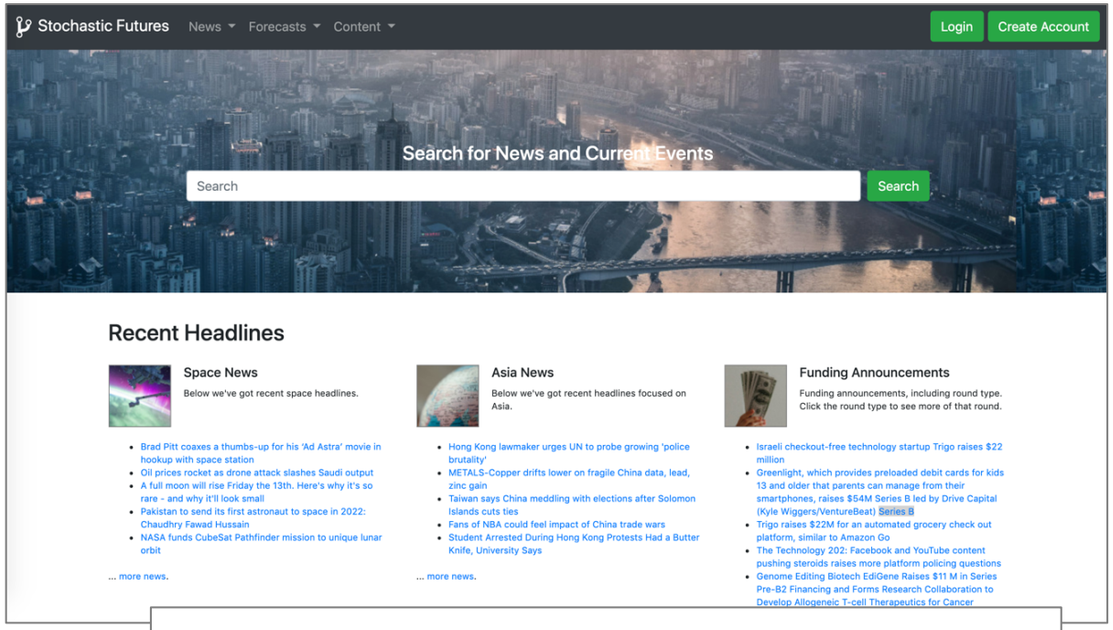
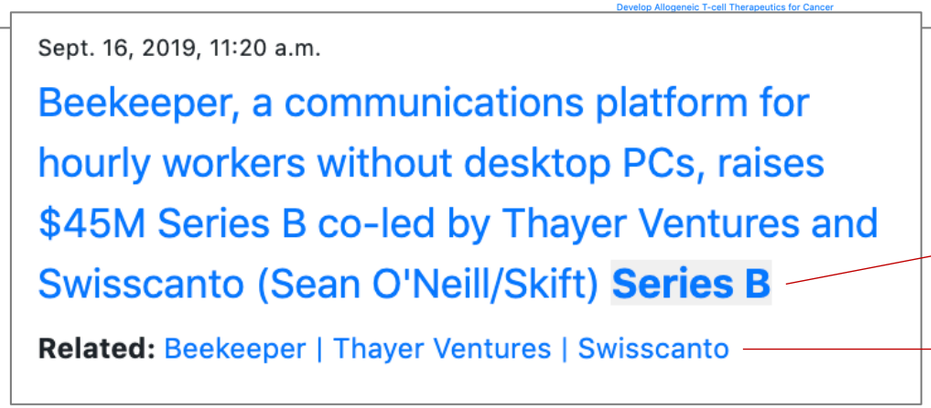
Case Study: automated workflows for early-stage investment opportunities





- Platform built on top of the CIS infrastructure and AI suite
- Monitoring over 400 tech and VC news sources on an hourly basis
- Articles are tracked to observe whether they discuss investment rounds, private equity deals, or other developments
- When such articles are discovered, entity information and funding round information is extracted and e-mailed directly to partners
- This happens within seconds of every article being discovered and read algorithmically

Funding type extracted automatically.

Entities extracted and cross-referenced.

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Fully automated workflows
to save hours of work per day.

Find niche news and facts
before everyone else.

Analysts can focus
on value-added insights.

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Appendix

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Our Founder and CEO

Wojciech Gryc, Founder and CEO

- Rhodes Scholar with MSc degrees in Mathematical Modelling and Social Science of the Internet
- Work experience at IBM Research (predictive modeling group) and McKinsey (focused on Big Data and AI)
- Serial entrepreneur
    - Founded and exited Canopy Labs, an AI-powered marketing technology platform
    - Founded Five Minutes to Midnight, a journalism organization with operations in Africa, Asia, South America, and North America
- Board experience with Journalists for Human Rights and other content/journalism organizations

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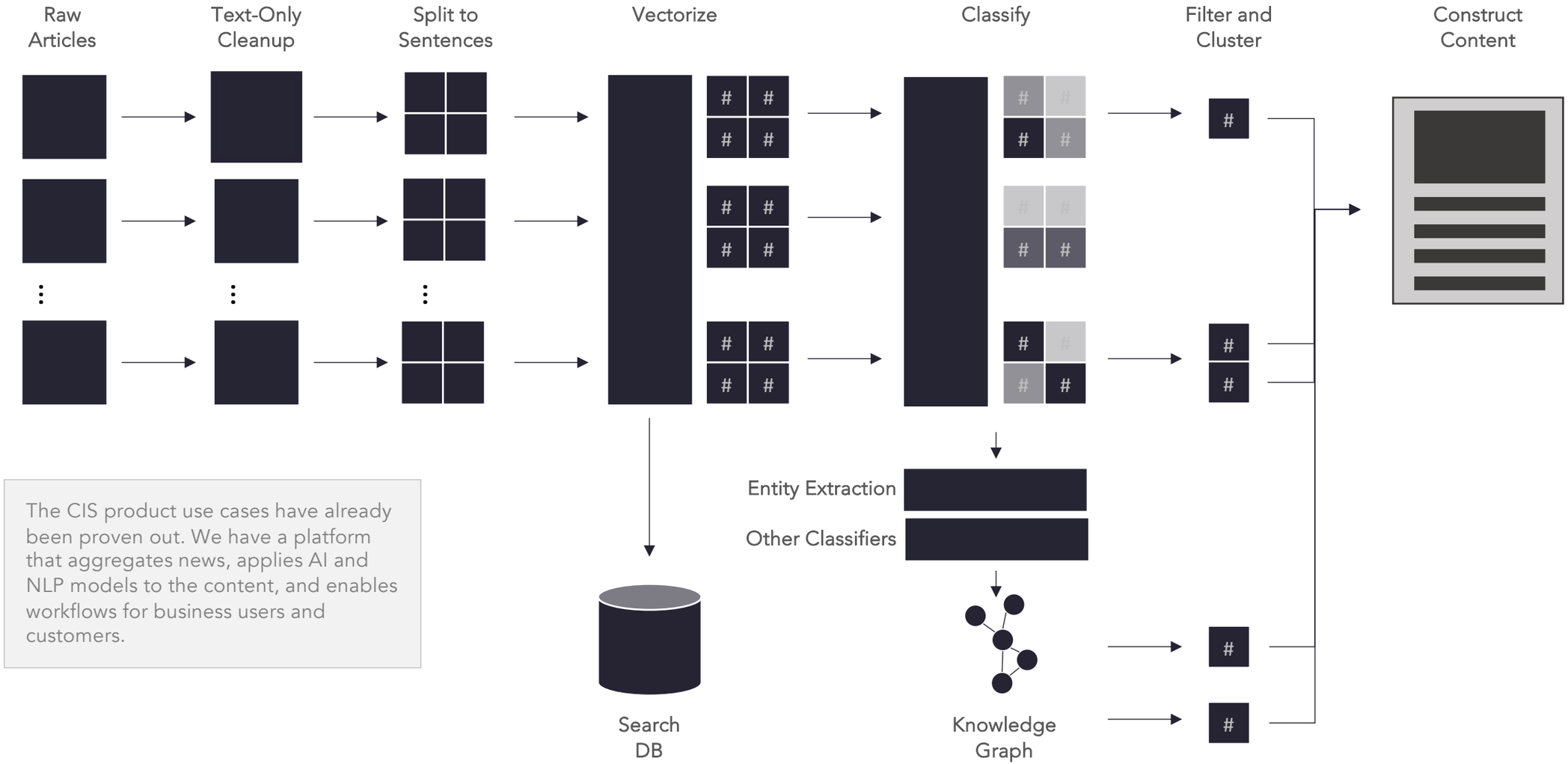
Deep dive into the CIS content aggregation and NLP platform



The CIS product use cases have already been proven out. We have a platform that aggregates news, applies AI and NLP models to the content, and enables workflows for business users and customers.

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CIS logs every single sentence it crawls and scores it for relevance to your investment hypothesis; this is available in a variety of interfaces

Specific entities or sentence types can be reviewed in aggregate.

Shortcuts

Search for news to analyze trends or find relevant articles. Set alerts to be notified about later.

» **Search**

» **All News**

» **List Alerts**

» **Create Alert**

Search

Search Term | Search

Facts for 'BlackRock'.

Net-zero at Davos Japan Times - Top Stories on 2020-01-28

On my second day in Davos, I joined another breakfast session, this time hosted by BlackRock, the world's largest money manager, representing $7 trillion in assets. ... This year, BlackRock CEO Larry Fink's annual letter to investors included a new commitment to consider climate change and sustainability as key elements in all of the company's investment decisions. ... Fink evidently understands the responsibility that comes with great power and he has positioned BlackRock as Exhibit A of how corporate leaders are beginning to shift direction in response to the climate crisis.

UPDATE 2-Woodford's frozen fund investors to get first payout this week Reuters - Company News on 2020-01-28

Link appointed BlackRock and PJT Park Hill to sell the fund's assets and said this month that BlackRock had realised 1.9 billion pounds so far, representing 63% of the fund's value.

UPDATE 1-Half of Woodford Equity Income fund cash to be paid out Jan 30 -Link Reuters - Company News on 2020-01-28

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Financial News: Here's what a top adviser to UBS's chief executive learned at Davos Market Watch - Top Stories on 2020-01-28

"Climate change is investment risk" was the theme for a closed-door breakfast of financiers and chief investment officers, hosted by BlackRock CEO Larry Fink, that I joined with Bank of England Gov.

Coronavirus a bigger short-term risk than climate: Future Fund chairman Peter Costello The Sydney Morning Herald - Latest News on 2020-01-28

A "Knowledge Graph" interface where you can find related entities, model scores, warnings, and alerts.

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863505	22	no	2020-01-17 13:00	2020-01-22 20:49	The Sydney Morning Herald - Environment	What Fink had also come to see during his years at First Boston was how little his clients – pension funds, corporations, state and local governments – understood about the risks they were taking ... And so he decided to build a company that would not only invest money for clients but offer them sophisticated risk management too." That company is BlackRock and the very heart of its business model is its risk analysis.	First Boston, BlackRock, Fink	0.2100	0.2884	0.2
872811	52	no	2020-01-24 10:34	2020-01-24 10:52	The Sydney Morning Herald - Environment	If recent indications are any guide, such as $10-trillion asset manager BlackRock's move to ditch thermal coal, fossil-fuel exporting nations had better start diversifying their economies.	BlackRock	0.2100	0.0562	0.2
852794	140	no	2020-01-21 13:00	2020-01-21 13:07	Modern Diplomacy	The "Clients" naturally have a preference for low perceived risk in their investments; and BlackRock is, in that letter, providing its clients the sense that there will be no earthquake to their investments.	BlackRock	0.2100	0.0562	0.2
867008	6	no	2020-01-23 09:27	2020-01-23 10:55	Market Watch - Top Stories	BlackRock for example said it will divest from pure-play coal companies in its actively managed funds.	BlackRock	0.2100	0.0562	0.2
854690	6	no	2020-01-21 17:01	2020-01-21 18:29	Quartz	"It's a really slippery slope if we start to decide for them what opportunities they should have access to." In some ways, BlackRock and NYSE are in similar positions.	NYSE, BlackRock	0.2100	0.0562	0.2
869813	15	no	2020-01-23 18:17	2020-01-23 19:22	NY Times - Business News	BlackRock, the world's largest institutional investor, said it would place climate change at the center of its investment strategy.	BlackRock, 's	0.1701	0.2352	0.2
850199	6	no	2020-01-20 17:19	2020-01-20 17:41	Market Watch - Top Stories	But some big coal players may escape the BlackRock ban	BlackRock	0.2100	0.0562	0.2