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In case you missed last week's HUGE news -- we sent out a special digest to announce it -- Joby Aviation is going public in a \$6.6B (yes, B!) SPAC deal led by LinkedIn co-founder Reid Hoffman and Zynga founder Mark Pincus. Joby has been quietly engineering an all-electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft for the last 10 years. Check out [video footage](#) that Joby is sharing for the first time. From Joby: *"Designed to carry a pilot and four passengers up to 150 miles at speeds up to 200 miles per hour, we plan to deliver new ways of moving around congested cities and under-served rural communities, starting in 2024."*

This week, Einar Vollset tells us about TinySeed, an early stage SaaS fund that just raised \$25M. Dennis Donohue talks about building up the talent pipeline in agtech. Learn more about the upcoming Startup Challenge Monterey Bay.

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