



Registry Upstart StartingDot Has Sold its Small Portfolio of new gTLDs to Afilias



.archi, .bio and .ski are the three components of the package. While the size of the deal was not disclosed, retail prices and zone file volumes suggest the portfolio probably brings in about \$2 million a year in revenue. The biggest seller of the three is .bio, which was originally intended for farmers but it is basically unrestricted and has a variety of use cases.

Given the high ticket price, around \$90 a year retail, .bio has a surprisingly impressive 14,000 names under management. .archi and .ski have fared less well, with 3,500 and 6,200 names in their respective zones. Both have premium fees, retailing at about \$100 and \$60 a year respectively.

Due to the high prices, Afilias gets to call these TLDs “premium”. .archi is the only one of the three to have registration restrictions, you need to be an architect to get one.

Both .archi and .bio have been available to buy for a couple of years, while .ski’s first renewal cycle is about a month away. All three sell predominantly through European registrars. Starting Dot is itself based in Paris and Dublin.

Source: domain incite

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The .Top registry added a mind blowing 422,133 domain registrations in one day, according to RegistrarStats.com.

.Top gained 422,133 domain registrations and now sits at 3,215,489 domain names making it the 6th most registered gTLD.

Only .com, .net, .org, info and .xyz have more registrations.

According to new gTLD stats .TOP has 3,266,487 registered domain names with the domain name registrar Alnames having 1,116,264 or 34.17% of all .Top registrations followed by Chengdu West Dimension Digital Technology Co., Ltd with 929,253 registrations representing 28.45%.

So the top two domain registrars are responsible for over 60% of all .Top registrations. .Top domain name registration at Alnames.com is priced at \$.40 as of publication.

Source: the domains

Character & Certain 2-Letter Domains In .BANK and .INSURANCE To Become Available



fTLD, the .bank and .insurance registry announced that previously reserved names in .BANK and .INSURANCE will become available on first-come, first-served basis subject to fTLD's Registrant Eligibility and Name Selection Policies. As these names are deemed premium, they are subject to a higher initial and renewal registration fee.

•**.BANK:** These names will become available on September 15, 2016, at 12:00pm EDT. The two-letter names ICANN has authorized fTLD to release are available at <http://goo.gl/0l61gU> and <http://goo.gl/sxJSPK>. Through

its previously conducted Request for Proposal process, fTLD has already allocated these domains: CB, T, TD, US, VR, WB and WE.

•**.INSURANCE:** These names will become available on October 6, 2016, at 12:00pm. The two-letter names ICANN has authorized fTLD to release are available at <http://goo.gl/YCJwAa>. Subsequent to the authorization, ICANN communicated that AC should not have been included thus it is not available. All single-character names are available.

Source: online domain

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.Webcam has lost around 60% of its registrations in July, according to registrarStats.com and mTLDstats.com

.Webcam which was offered at very low pricing at Alpnames.com, had over 97,000 registration on July 15th, before its anniversary date, now has just over 34,000 registrations after losing 5,288 domain registrations yesterday.

That means .Webcam has lost 60,000 registrations in just over a month and the bleeding is still ongoing.

Like .Party the new gTLD .Webcam was offered for free and then prices as low as \$.49 at launch.

At the moment, the cost of a new .webcam registration at Alpnames.com is \$.85

Source: the domains

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