



# TESS AI Raises US\$5 Million Seed Funding

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Gunderson Dettmer represented TESS AI (TESS), a Brazilian startup that makes different generative AI models communicate with each other to create agents that help companies, in its \$US 5 million seed funding round. Hi Ventures led the round with participation from DYDX Capital and Honeystone.

TESS is an autonomous agent platform that orchestrates over 250 AI models with one single goal: letting professionals build agents that are truly autonomous.

“Welcome to the era of vibe-working!,” Ricardo Barros, CEO of TESS AI, said in [his LinkedIn post](#) announcing the round. “Vibe-Work is waking up to find a 200-page report written in your name — while you slept. It’s building a complex HR system even if you’re not a tech person. It’s watching your career reach new heights while still being, well, you, but with an entire squad of AI agents running behind the scenes.”

The capital raised will help the company begin its international expansion, initially focusing on the US. In connection with the round, TESS is offering [exclusive invites](#) to companies and their teams to test the platform for 28 days at no cost.

The Gunderson team was led by Christel Moreno and included Stefania Gomes Toschi.

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