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## TiECon Detroit Announces Keynote Speakers for November Conference

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**TiECon Detroit is expected to draw 1,000 people.**

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TiE Detroit, the Detroit chapter of the global non-profit organization for entrepreneurs, has announced that its TiECon Detroit entrepreneurial conference will take place Nov. 9-10 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

This year's theme is Ignite2Disrupt: The World of Connectivity, which will focus on multiple areas of innovation, including mobility, health, smart cities, financial technology, blockchain, and artificial intelligence.

"Detroit is leading the mobility revolution and TiE Detroit has been at the center of gravity for entrepreneurship in Michigan over the last several years," says Tel Ganesan, president of TiE Detroit. "TiECon Detroit 2017 aims to create a stronger, more vibrant entrepreneurial community that will help attract the best talent, improve infrastructure, and increase access to employment and health care in the city of Detroit."

TiECon Detroit, which is expected to draw 1,000+ participants, will showcase

technological pioneers, innovators, venture capitalists, and technology firms from around the world to help advance entrepreneurship.

Keynote speakers will include:

- Vinod Dham, known as the "Father of the Pentium Chip," is the founding managing director of IndoUS Venture Partners, an early stage venture capital fund focused on investing in India. Previously, he served as the CEO of Silicon Spice, a chip design start-up he sold for \$1.2 billion, COO at NexGen, a microprocessor design start-up, and as Intel's vice president of the pentium processor division. He was celebrated at a first-ever exhibition on South Asians in the National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian.
- Kurt Hoppe, the global head of innovation for connected car at General Motors Co., where he manages the global innovation roadmap for the GM connected car. Throughout his career he has served in positions such as the head of smart home solution Innovation at LG Electronics.
- Mallory Brown, founder of Travel Mal, an impact production studio that creates humanitarian films and philanthropic campaigns that connect charitable audiences to causes around the globe. She is also the director of creative engagement for Chefs4Kids Foundation and director of CrowdRise 24-Hour Impact Project
- Jonny Imerman, chief mission officer and co-founder of the Chicago-based Imerman Angels, which carefully matches and individually pairs a person touched by cancer with someone who has fought and survived the same type of cancer. The organization was born from his own fight against cancer at 26-years-old when he realized he never met anyone his age who was a cancer survivor.

TiECon Detroit will allow local entrepreneurs to exchange ideas, explore new businesses, discuss emerging technologies, share growth strategies, and obtain insight from industry leaders and experts. The conference will also host a Mobility Competition and TiE20, which showcases the most promising 20 startup companies across TiECon Detroit's five focus segments: health and fitness, mobility, financial technology and block chain, artificial intelligence/virtual reality, and sensors.

Additionally, the conference will now feature a career expo, where candidates in the technology space can submit resumes to potential employers, and host a women's forum with a panel on multi-cultural perspectives on women in entrepreneurship.

More information about TiECon Detroit 2017 can be found [here](#).

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