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Startup Grind Names 50 Companies to the 2017 Global Startup Program

Startup Grind: Inspiring, Educating and Connecting Entrepreneurs

REDWOOD CITY, CA – February 16, 2017 – Startup Grind today announced the induction of 50 Companies to the 2017 Class of Startup Exhibitioners. The Startup Exhibition recognizes the top 50 companies handpicked from 200 cities from 80 countries around the world. Startup Grind Startup Exhibition companies are an elite group of companies whose founders range from 16 year-old founders who gained 20,000 paying customers in 2 months, to a professional basketball player, a Medical Director at Yale and even a Resident Neurosurgeon at Duke University Hospital.

Startup Exhibition companies are given access to our global audience through media and personal onsite reach at our annual Global Event (www.startupgrind.com/conference) held February 21st through February 22nd in beautiful historic downtown Redwood City.

The exhibition helps companies to accelerate their pace towards growth and success by gaining the visibility of mentors and investors in our network. "We started this program after seeing many of the Accelerators and Incubators not being able to do much to really help companies," says Derek Andersen, founder & CEO of Startup Grind. "We really wanted to make an actual, verifiable difference in the startups trajectory by leveraging all of our resources and network to their advantage."

"From over 6,000 startups that were considered, these 50 were selected representing the excellence in the Startup Grind community across 80 countries. These startups have great teams, traction, technology and massive markets," says Andersen. "Our biggest goal is for each startup to go back home with a new and improved game plan that would not have happened without the exposure to the exhibition, the mentors, and the resources that are gained through our network."

About Startup Grind

Startup Grind is the largest independent startup community, actively educating, inspiring, and connecting 1,000,000 founders in over 200 cities. We nurture startup ecosystems in 98 countries through events, media, and partnerships with organizations like Google for Entrepreneurs. The cornerstone of our global community are monthly events featuring successful local founders, innovators, educators and investors who share lessons learned on the road to building great companies. Founded in Silicon Valley, Startup Grind has now hosted 2,000 fireside chats since it's founding in 2010. To date, Startup Grind has helped millions of entrepreneurs find mentorship, connect to partners and hires, pursue funding, and reach new users. Learn more at http://www.StartupGrind.com.

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