

TiE Detroit Announces Jai Shekhawat as Grand Keynote Speaker for TiECon Midwest 2016

Jai Shekhawat, Founder and Former CEO, SAP Fieldglass will be Grand Keynote Speaker at Ignite2Disrupt.

FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN, U.S., October 11, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Detroit chapter of TiE, largest non-profit entrepreneurial organization, announced Jai Shekhawat as the grand keynote speaker for [TiECon Midwest 2016](#), Michigan's largest conference to be held October 27 and 28, 2016 at The Henry, Dearborn. The announcement was made by [TiE Detroit](#) President, Tel Ganesan.

"We are so excited to have well known technology industry investor and entrepreneur Jai Shekhawat address the TiECon gathering. Jai is a true entrepreneur and he will share his unique experiences, challenges faced in growing his businesses and the investment opportunities in Michigan.", said Tel Ganesan, President TiE Detroit.

Shekhawat is founder and former CEO of Fieldglass, a cloud-based technology system for the procurement and management of labor and services. The company was acquired by SAP, the world's third-largest independent software manufacturer, for over \$1 billion in 2015. While at Fieldglass, Shekhawat grew the company from a startup to more than 700 employees with customers in 100 countries.

Shekhawat has received numerous awards and honors, including being named Ernst & Young's 2012 Midwest Entrepreneur of the Year, and securing recognition for Fieldglass as Illinois Venture Capital Association's 2014 Private Equity Portfolio Company of the Year. He has also served various civic and board positions including Governor Rauner's Illinois Innovation Council, the Mayor's Council of Technology Advisors for the City of Chicago, the Field Museum Board of Trustees, the Membership Committee of the Economic Club of Chicago, and the Board of TiE Midwest. Additionally, Shekhawat is a founding member of the Firestarter Fund, an organization that mentors and invests in Chicago start-ups.



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In accepting the invitation to be the grand keynote speaker, Mr. Shekhawat said, "I was a charter member of TiE Midwest when I started Fieldglass. I'm excited about sharing my journey from an idea to a \$1b+ exit at TiECon Midwest."

TiECon Midwest 2016 will bring together TiE members, entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, top industry executives and thought leaders in two action-packed days. TiECon Midwest provides a unique opportunity to exchange ideas, explore new businesses, discuss emerging technologies, share growth strategies



and obtain insight from global business leaders, community leaders and worldwide experts. The conference will also host "TiE20", which will showcase the most promising 20 start-up companies across TiECon Midwest's five focus segments: IOT/ Sensors, Fintech, Transportation / Mobility, Health / Fitness and Manufacturing Devices/ Augmented Reality / Artificial Intelligence .

Online registration and more information are immediately available for TiECon Midwest 2016 at www.tieconmidwest.org . For more information about the conference, please contact Sarah Myrand, TiE Detroit (248) 254-4043 or via e-mail at sarahm@kyyba.com

About TiECon Midwest 2016

TiECon Midwest 2016 is Michigan's largest entrepreneurial conference, attracting hundreds of entrepreneurs, venture capitalists and other professionals. This year's theme is Ignite2Disrupt. Connected World. Connected Technologies. Our five main tracks will focus on Connected Mobility, Digital Health, Fintech, Artificial Intelligence and Global Connectivity. This year's TiECon Midwest is being held on Oct 27-28, 2016 at "The Henry", Dearborn. For more information, visit <http://www.tieconmidwest.org/>

About TiE

TiE is a global, not-for-profit, non-political, and non-religious organization dedicated to fostering entrepreneurs across its international network sponsored by top Venture Capital Firms, and Fortune 500 corporations; spread across 61 chapters in 18 countries comprising 2500 experienced entrepreneurs and business executives as charter members, 13000 aspiring entrepreneurs and professionals as members. TiE has grown to become the world's largest non-profit organization for entrepreneurs. For more information, visit <http://www.detroit.tie.org/>

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