



# DarcMatter Wins "Best Growth Stage Startup" Award, With Plans to Expand into Singapore

*NYC Based FinTech Startup DarcMatter Receives Next Money 2017 Award and Announces Singapore Expansion Plans*

CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, SINGAPORE, January 25, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [DarcMatter](#) ("DM"), a global investment platform for alternative investments, won the "Best Growth Stage Startup" Award at Next Money Hong Kong 2017. The Next Money Fintech Finals 2017 was hosted by StartmeupHK Festival and is one of Asia's largest fintech conferences. Sponsored by Visa, Next Money's annual event was held at PMQ in Hong Kong with hundreds of attendees. The top 24 startup finalists were selected from fierce competition in over 24 cities globally, including Bangalore, Singapore, and Shanghai, where DarcMatter won first place and secured the startup's place in the finals. Finalists gathered to pitch in front of conference attendees, which included venture capitalists, fintech entrepreneurs, top financial services institutions, and government officials. After pitching, speakers, judges, and attendees from across the globe gathered in Hong Kong to discuss and share insights on topics such as trending innovations in fintech and technology's direct influence on the financial services industry in Asia.

The top 24 fintech finalists from around the globe presented in front of a live audience and fielded questions from judges in the financial services industry. DarcMatter's fintech platform from the United States was selected as the winner of the "Best Growth Stage Startup" award. As the company continues to expand into South East Asia, Singapore is a region key to DarcMatter's growth.

Singapore's business clout and competitiveness as one of the world's top financial centers continues to grow with its recent ranking as the #3 top business hub in the world by the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI). Trailing only behind London and New York City, Singapore's low tax environment, quality infrastructure, ability to drive change and innovation, along with its business-friendly environment, are just some of the factors which have helped Singapore to remain as one of the world's top financial hubs.

Sang H. Lee, CEO and founder of DarcMatter, stated, "We are thrilled and honored to be named the 'Best Growth Stage Startup' at the Next Money Fintech Finals. While fintech has been garnering a lot of attention throughout the world, it is especially even more exciting to receive this recognition in Asia given the tremendous opportunity that exists in Singapore and throughout Southeast Asia. Singapore and its government have been supporting the development of fintech, which allows fintech companies to thrive and advance. Combining this with the tech-savvy population, Singapore, presents itself as an exciting market that DarcMatter will be a part of. We have started initial discussions with financial institutions in Singapore and we look forward to developing partnerships throughout South East Asia."

Known as the gateway into Southeast Asia, Singapore serves as an entry point for fintech companies to access the rising consumer class in Southeast Asia. With Singapore's government and regulators' support for fintech on the rise, DarcMatter will bring its expertise in financial technology and alternative investments to Singapore, a rising global player in fintech.

As DarcMatter continues to expand and develop partnerships throughout Asia, the team will work with

select partners in Singapore interested in providing their investors in Asia with direct access to alternative investment opportunities abroad in the United States.

#### About DarcMatter:

DarcMatter is a global alternative investment platform that provides global investors with direct and transparent access to U.S. private investment opportunities such as hedge funds, private equity funds, and venture capital funds. Headquartered in New York, DarcMatter works with fund managers to provide global investor diversification and with an array of investors, including high-net-worth individuals, financial advisors, family offices, and institutional investors.

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