

Tech Beach Retreat 2017 Innovates with leaders in ICO

This year's retreat leads the way with an iconic I.C.O. (Initial Coin Offering) Panel

KINGSTON , JAMAICA, September 18, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Tech Beach](#) Retreat is back for a second year and continues to be a leader in innovation across emerging and major industries. For three (3) days, at The Iberostar Grand Rose Hall Resort in Montego Bay, the Nov 30-Dec 2 2017 event seeks to bring together an energetic global community of tech entrepreneurs, investors, executives and influencers. The Retreat is customized to connect the Caribbean's best tech-based entrepreneurs and organizations with their global counterparts - thus creating an immersive experience with an international community of like-minded individuals.



2016 Future of Marketing Panel headed by Tech Beach Co Founder and Director Kyle Maloney; Whitney Headen, Head of Digital Marketing at Essence Magazine; Rinoti Amin, Head of Marketing Strategy for Paypal; Peter Corbett, Founder and CEO, iStrategy Labs and

This year's theme is 10X S.C.A.L.E. – will offer exciting educational sessions on the business pillars Strategy, Capital, Access, Leadership and Execution. The Retreat is not only about inspiring speakers but seeks to develop technology based companies that can tackle cybercrimes and data security issues and that employ Artificial Intelligence

in their functioning - leading the way to the next billion dollar Fintech, Health Tech, Media Tech and Consumer Tech enterprises, right here in the Caribbean.

This year, founders Kirk-Anthony Hamilton, Founder, The Infiniti Partnership, Phin Mpofu, Chairman, Global Symbiotic Partnerships and Kyle Maloney, Director, F1RST.com have lined up an I.C.O. (Initial Coin Offering) Panel that brings Silicon Valley to Montego Bay. With cryptocurrencies beginning to dethrone venture capital as a means of raising capital for early stage companies, it's the perfect introduction of this method of fundraising to the Caribbean from entrepreneurs who all completed successful I.C.O.'s.

This year's ICO panel includes the likes of:

- Lauren Slade: Co-Founder of Swarm City - Peer to peer ridesharing service, which raised \$800K in Nov 2016 - quickly turned into \$40M when the price of crypto-currency Ether spiked.
- Logan Golema: Co-Founder Blockchain Exchange - one of the leading authorities in smart contracts.

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- Russell Castranago: Co-Founder Wampum - the digital architect of the first end to end supply chain for the unbanked, making the use of US currency unnecessary.
- David Werba: Co-Founder Musiconomi - revolutionizing the music industry using smart contracts for licensing, instant payouts and accountability with revenue share for artists via the blockchain. The music industry will never be the same.
- Adryenn Ashley; Author, Influencer and Entrepreneur - Deep into crypto, AI and AR, her new venture, Loly, aims to disrupt the way people meet, mingle and make magic online. Funding Loly through an ICO (Initial Coin Offering, crypto currency funding mechanism) gave her the content for her next book, Minting the Future (available Spring 2018)



Kirk-Anthony Hamilton and Kyle Maloney, Co-Founders and Directors Tech Beach Retreat

“We couldn’t have Tech Beach this year without introducing and exploring what is poised to be a viable alternative funding method for start ups” said Kirk-Anthony Hamilton in reference to the addition of the Cryptocurrency panel “this novel approach to fundraising has allowed startups to raise more than \$1.2 billion this year alone - it could not be overlooked.”

Beyond cryptocurrency, and true to their mandate of building bridges to yield increased investment, partnerships and mentorship; spurring an entrepreneurship and innovation revolution in the Caribbean, the list of speakers involved are the who’s who in the tech world. CEO’s, Industry leaders and global shapers, influencers, comprise the list which includes Jamaica’s own Lloyd Carney – CEO of Brocade which was recently sold to Broadcom for US\$6 billion, Michael Montano - Director of Engineering, Twitter, Alain Benjamin – VP; Poshmark, Mike Masserman - VP Policy and Strategy; Lyft; Nancy Duoyon – Uber; Jamaican Kamilah Taylor - Senior Software Engineer, LinkedIn and Nic Brathwaite, Managing Partner at Riverwood Capital a US\$2.2 billion private equity growth fund with a focus on technology are just a few of the world class keynote speakers and participants you will see in panel discussions, fireside chats and workshops over the three day summit.

“Each year we look for what’s new and noteworthy in tech and what synergies we see to empower, influence or disrupt our Caribbean markets, then we head out across the globe to meet with these companies and leaders of innovation in order to bring them to Tech Beach.” said Phin Mpopu, Chairman, Global Symbiotic Partnerships and Tech Beach Co-Founder.

“This can’t happen without amazing partnerships such as the ones we have formed with exclusive hotel partner Iberostar, The Jamaica Tourist Board, The Development Bank of Jamaica, Connexus (a Ohio based company) and Kuelap, (a Seattle based start up).” said Kyle Maloney, Director, F1RST.com and Tech Beach Co-Founder “we are placing Jamaica and the Caribbean back in the Global ecosystem and elevating its position as a business destination, with immersive opportunities and great innovative minds.”

The Tech Beach Retreat offers the best platform for participants to connect, interact and initiate valuable, long term partnerships and relationships through memorable experiences -whether part of a high-growth start-up, or, an entrepreneur looking to grow his/her business or an established corporate

executive seeking to be more innovative and entrepreneurial. The Tech Beach Retreat is for those who want to learn from top industry players, connect with peers, build partnerships and meet stakeholders in the global tech ecosystem.

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