



# TiE Detroit Announces Nithin Rai as Grand Keynote Speaker for TiECon Detroit 2017

*Nithin Rai Managing Director Elevate Capital will be Grand Keynote Speaker at TiECon Detroit 2017.*

FARMINGTON HILLS , MICHIGAN , US, October 27, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Detroit chapter of TiE, largest non-profit entrepreneurial organization, announced Nithin Rai as the grand keynote speaker for [TiECon Detroit 2017](#) "Ignite2Disrupt: The World of Digital Connectivity", Michigan's Largest Conference to be held November 09-10, 2017 at Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan. The announcement was made today by [TiE Detroit](#) President, Tel Ganesan.

"We are so excited to have Nitin Rai address the TiECon Detroit 2017 gathering. Nitin Raj is a man of incredible energy, enthusiasm and devotion to the entrepreneurial community," said Tel Ganesan, President TiE Detroit.

Nitin is an entrepreneur. He came to Oregon as a Software Engineer at Mentor Graphics after having worked for three software startups in Silicon Valley and Seattle. Nitin utilized his background to raise \$20 million in angel and venture capital for First Insight and in 2010 exited his investors via buy-back of their shares. He is currently President and CEO of First Insight Corporation, a Hillsboro, Oregon based software company which he founded in 1994. First Insight leads the eye-care industry in electronic medical records, practice management and e-commerce products for independent optometrists and ophthalmologists with its flagship product – MaximEyes. Since 2007 Nitin has been an active angel investor, mentor and is a founding charter member and President of the Board of TiE Oregon. In this role he has grown TiE to a full-fledged angel investment group with a successful mentoring program and launched several education and incubator programs. Nitin is currently serving as TiE Angels Oregon's Chair and in this role has led the group to over \$5 million in investments in 28 startups. Rai has personally invested in 17 startups with 7 successful exits. He is the member of Board of Directors at: Chirpify, EdCalibur, GlobeSherpa (Sold to RideScout), CloudEngage and Mobile RQ, Scout Military Discount, Hubb, RFPIO, AgriCool. Nitin holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Dalhousie University (Halifax, Canada).

In accepting the invitation to be the keynote speaker, Rai said, "I am happy to be a part of TiECon Detroit 2017. My advice to budding entrepreneurs is to quit your job and put some skin in the game before you raise capital! If you have the drive and passion to build something, you should go ahead and build it. TiECon is an excellent platform for all budding entrepreneurs to network, learn and grow."

TiECon Detroit 2017 will bring together TiE members, entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, top industry executives and thought leaders in two action-packed days. TiECon Detroit 2017 will provide 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 Detroit's five focus segments: Health & Fitness, Mobility, Fintech & Blockchain, Artificial Intelligence/Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality, and Sensors.

Online registration and more information are immediately available for TiECon Detroit 2017 at [www.tiecondetroit.org](http://www.tiecondetroit.org). For more information about the conference, please contact Jacqueline Perry,

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#### About TiECon Detroit 2017

TiECon Detroit 2017 is Michigan's largest entrepreneurial conference, attracting hundreds of entrepreneurs, venture capitalists and other professionals. This year's theme is Ignite2Disrupt- The World Of Digital Connectivity. This year's TiECon Detroit is being held on Nov 09-10, 2017 at Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan. For more information, visit <http://www.tiecondetroit.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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