

Who are SA's top 5 most exciting startups for 2019?

Cape Town Startup Week 2019 rounded off on a celebratory note with the final event announcing 'SA's Top 5 Most Exciting Startups 2019'.



With over 600 nominations, months of preparation and weeks of anticipation, South Africa's Top 5 Most Exciting Startups 2019 were announced at Workshop17 Watershed in Cape Town.

The inspiring event hosted by Heavy Chef and Workshop17, MCs Caley Africa and Siyabonga Mbaba Wilson announced the top five final selection after the chairman of Heavy Chef Foundation, Louis Janse van Rensburg recapped the adjudication process.

The Top 5 were selected from a shortlist of 12 startups. The twelve companies had been chosen after entries closed in November and a panel of six judges pored over the results.

Top 5

The final five, in alphabetical order:

- 3x4 Genetics
- DigsConnect
- LULA
- MamaMoney
- Myfanpark

Van Rensburg said after the event: “This was an extraordinary tough challenge. Anyone who says that South Africa is ‘going down’ has another thing coming. It was such a privilege to attain a close-up view of the remarkable talent the SA startup sector is displaying. It was extremely tricky for the judges to make the final selection. There are some real standouts in the final 12, and even in the running before the shortlist.”

The judges includes Alexandra Fraser, Fraser Consulting; Shirley Gilbey, director of UK-SA Tech Hub; Keet van Zyl, Knife Capital; Lauren Dallas, CEO of Future Females; Louis Janse van Rensburg, CEO of Glengarry Capital (Judge Chairman); Lukhanyo Neer, investor and GM of TMF Youth Hub; Paul Keursten, CEO of Workshop17 and Sandras Phiri, GM of Startup Grind.

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