

Startup Riot Returns

Sanjay Parekh's annual pitch festival made a triumphant return after skipping 2014. This year, the event moved from the Tabernacle in downtown Atlanta to the cool new westside digs of Terminal West. The facility broke up the big crowd feel of the event, and created smaller, more intimate groupings for networking and watching the LIVE stream of the event.

Stephen Fleming, Executive Director of ATDC, commented on this year's event, and in particular, the venue.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/-GfvH9HCrSw>

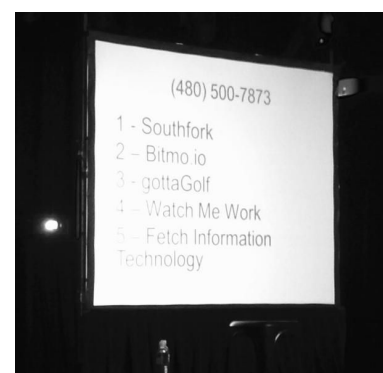
The tradition of hand screen printing the official T-shirts of the event continued with four new designs representing this year's event, and Octane provided the caffeine for the morning.



Parekh noted that there were over 350 people in attendance at the all day event to enjoy 29 startups making their best pitch to a panel of three judges and an audience popular vote. In the end, the top five selected by the judges were:

- Southfork
- Bitmo
- GottaGolf
- Watch Me Work
- Fetch Information Technology

After the judges selected the top 5, the audience voted via text, and selected the three winners:



1. Southfork
2. GottaGolf
3. Watch Me Work

Runner up CEO & Co-Founder Clint Jarvis expounded on the best and most difficult parts of competing in such an event.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBAxneaWpCQ>

Startup Riot 2015 was a great event, with great support from the community, great pitches from the startups, and great networking among all the attendees.