

#### TAG INVEST CONNECT

TAG Invest Connect, took place on November 7th at Morris, Manning & Martin. In this event, startups owned by Georgia's entrepreneurs pitched their companies to a panel of investors, competing for a first-place prize of \$10,000 and a second-place prize of \$5,000.

#### **NOVEMBER 7TH, 2023**



TAG Bridge Builders hosted a successful TAG Invest Connect on November 7th, a premier gathering aimed at bridging the gap between tech entrepreneurs and top-tier investors. This year's event offered a platform for early-stage Georgia-based startups to showcase their innovative ideas and network with a select group of over 40 distinguished investors.

The event featured a pitch competition with high stakes: a \$10,000 first-place prize and a \$5,000 second-place prize. Startups ranging from pre-seed to seed stages presented their business ideas, demonstrating the rich innovation coming out of Georgia's entrepreneurial ecosystem.

TAG Invest Connect 2023 wasn't just about the prizes; it was about creating opportunities. This exclusive gathering underscored TAG's commitment to fostering opportunity in technology and ensuring entrepreneurs have access to resources and relationships that can fuel their growth. Congratulations to this year's winners and participants who continue to redefine what's possible in the tech industry. TAG remains proud to support these startups and looks forward to seeing their continued success.



### 2023 TAG INVEST CONNECT PITCH COMPETITION FINALISTS



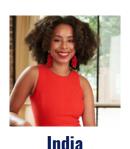
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Achike, Esq.
Co-Founder & CEO
DEI Detective



Lisa Jones CEO EyeMail, Inc.



Marcus King Co-Founder & CTO Lavni, Inc.



Jha CEO Mini City, Inc.



Peart
CEO
Untapped Solutions

Andre



**Norman**President

WaterWatch Pro

Gene

#### **2023 TAG INVEST CONNECT PANEL JUDGES**



Avoilan Bingham General Manager Drive Capital



**Carter**Director of Operations
FP Omni Technologies Inc.

**Tamira** 



Michael Davis CEO & Co-Founder Homegrown



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Larry



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## 2023 TAG INVEST CONNECT PITCH COMPETITION WINNERS

#### **First Prize Winner**

Marcus King Lavni Inc.



#### **Second Prize Winner**

**Andre Peart**Untapped Solutions





#### **Venue Sponsor**



## \$10k First Prize Sponsor



#### \$5k Second Prize Sponsor



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