

About Vusi Thembekwayo - Short

Vusi Thembekwayo is the Founder and CEO of MyGrowthFund. He is a venture capitalist, a renowned global business speaker, the author of *The Magna Carta of Exponentiality* – a business mogul who has successfully built and transformed businesses in South Africa and abroad.

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About Vusi Thembekwayo - Long

Vusi Thembekwayo is a South African venture capitalist, global business speaker, entrepreneur and today, the Founder and CEO of MyGrowthFund. He is also the author of his debut book - *The Magna Carta of Exponentiality* and a business mogul who has successfully built and transformed businesses in SA and abroad.

Vusi's business pedigree is shown in delivering remarkable and proven value for businesses. At 25, Thembekwayo ran a R400 million division at a renowned Multinational and was one of the youngest Directors of a JSE listed company. He is the former CEO of a boutique investment and advisory firm Motiv8 Advisory. In early 2017, he sold a majority stake of his management advisory and growth consultancy business Motiv8 Advisory to United States based Watermark Advisory LLP.

A portion of the sales proceeds of Motiv8 Advisory went towards the establishment of MyGrowthFund, to which today, Vusi is the Founder & CEO. He launched his mentorship program, #Top40 as part of MyGrowthFund, an initiative that discovers and nurtures high-growth black entrepreneurs through funding, incubation and enterprise development.

In 2017, Vusi was invited to deliver the esteemed Annual Dr. Richard Maponya Lecture at the University of Johannesburg. Dr. Richard Maponya is the chief patron of MyGrowthFund.

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A global business speaker:

Vusi began his career at age 17. At that time, he was already ranked first in Africa for public speaking and went on to secure third place in the world at the English-Speaking Union International Competition. He delivered his first professional talk in 2002 and over the past 15 years, he has graced the global stage with his humour, charisma and thought-provoking content.

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In 2017, Thembekwayo also took his business talks to the world with his 2017 Global Inspiration Tour, making stops in cities such as Las Vegas, Stockholm and Dubai. In 2017 alone, Vusi delivered 450 keynote addresses to private organisations

His career highlights include an invitation to address the World Bank and the British House of Commons. He was recently named as one of the MeetingsNet Editor's Pick Top 12 International Speakers of 2016, sharing the limelight with global business leaders, including Levi Strauss & Co-executive VP James Curleigh, Arianna Huffington – Co-founder and editor-in-chief of The Huffington Post, and crisis management superstar Judy Smith.

Not only business and changing the world are Vusi's talents – an avid petrol-head he is too. He doesn't just love cars for love-sake, but has a deep appreciation for mechanical constructs, design philosophies and ultimately, performance. A self-confessed V12 addict and loves racing cars in his spare time. Heck, he's even raced cars against F1 champion, Mika Hakkinen. He challenges himself to accomplish one 'terrifying' thing every year.