**ANDELA COMPANY**

**About Us**

 Andela builds distributed engineering teams with Africa’s most talented software developers.

**Solving the Global Tech Talent Shortage**

We’ve seen time and again the impact that great engineers can have on the world. But over the past decade, we’ve seen a severe shortage of top-tier technology talent. The world needs millions more developers than we currently have, and that number is growing.

We started Andela to solve that problem (severe shortage of top-tier technology talent) Andela helps companies move in that direction faster. We’ve built the tools to identify extraordinary developers, anywhere in the world, and connect them with the right companies in a way that scales.

In the past four years, we’ve screened 100,000+ applicants, hired more than 1,000 developers, and matched them with hundreds of companies around the world. We’ve opened tech campuses in Nigeria, Kenya, Uganda, and Rwanda to attract and retain the best talent in Africa, and quickly become known as “The Best Place to Work” across the continent.

Andela developers work as full-time engineers with companies ranging from the Fortune 500 to high-growth tech startups like Cloud flare and in vision. Backed by Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, GV, Spark Capital, and CRE Venture Capital, Andela is powering global engineering teams while catalyzing the growth of tech ecosystems across Africa.

FARMCROWDY

***Empower a famer***

## About Us

Farmcrowdy is Nigeria’s **First Digital Agriculture Platform** that empowers rural farmers by providing them with improved seeds, farm inputs, training on modern farming techniques and provides a market for the sale of their farm produce. This gives the farmers the capacity to farm more acres and by extension leads to increased food production and security in Africa.

Since launching in 2016, Farmcrowdy has empowered over 11,000 small scale-farmers across Nigeria. We are committed to expanding our reach in order to continue to empower local farmers, positively impact their lives and their families while boosting food production and sustainability in Nigeria.

**GOAL**

* To be the foremost digital agriculture platform in Africa admired for its impact on collaborative food production and boosting food security across the continent.
* To enable everyone participate in the achievement of global food security.

**OUR VALUES**

**HUMILITY**

In achieving success, we can never underestimate the value of our personnel, farmers and farm sponsors. Therefore to each one, we accord Respect and Humility.

**HUNGER**

Our people have a ‘Hunger for More’ attitude which can drive us to eradicate ‘Hunger for All.’ We must be seen as people who are constantly and consistently thinking out of the box and re-inventing themselves by making today's achievements the starting point for our success stories for tomorrow.

**EXCELLENCE**

We embrace excellence in order to create better ways of doing the things we do. **Excellence** for us is not a watchword, it’s an intrinsic habit. It’s the default mode’ for all our operational standards so that mediocrity and half-measure become alien to our culture.

**INTEGRITY**

At Farmcrowdy we do not only comply with regulations, good business practices and ethical standards, but we are also honest, reliable, and trustworthy people. We project these standards when dealing with farmers and farm sponsors.

**PEOPLE-SMART**

We have Interpersonal Intelligence and are constantly seeking ways of improving relationships with our personnel, farmers and farm sponsors. This allows us to effectively communicate with clarity. In doing so, we are constantly exchanging constructive feedback, influencing others positively and are team players who promote the 'We' in all we do, never the 'I's.

**HAVE FUN**

All Work and no Play will not only make us dull but will dampen our creative talents. Having fun allows us to be flexible and also creates an enabling environment where we can exhale every once in a while.

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**GROWSEL**

Growsel is an **agricultural crowd funding** platform. It connects underserved smallholder farmers with lenders across the globe. Since its debut in 2017, Growsel has connected more than 200 smallholder farmers with over 1,300 lenders, profiling and verifying about 1.2 million smallholder farmers available for crowd funding through its field partners in remote communities, particularly in West Africa. In pursuit of its mission of changing lives, creating opportunities, connecting smallholder farmers with lenders to alleviate poverty, growsel also empowers smallholder farmers through agricultural crowdfunding in developing economies, using local field partners and trustees.

## Growsel Funds First Set of Farmers for 2018

Growsel, **a leading AgTech company in Nigeria** has reaffirmed its commitment towards increasing food production and improved employment opportunities in the agriculture sector. It said as parts of the efforts, it will disburse the initial tranche of loans to first set of farmers in 2018.

## Growsel targets more jobs, increased food production with funding for farmers

Growsel, a AgTech company in Nigeria has reaffirmed its commitment to increased food production and improved employment opportunities in the agriculture sector by disbursing the initial tranche of farm loans to its first set of farmers in 2018. The crowd funded loans which would be repaid after sales of the planted crops are meant to help smallholder farmers in the country upgrade from subsistence farming to commercial farming. Speaking on the disbursement, the Chief Executive Officer, Growsel**, Jerry Oche** in a statement, said **“Growsel is happy to announce the funding of the first set of farmers for 2018, “we are happy to announce the disbursement of first tranche of funds to our farmers after a thorough verification process”**, he said.

## Growsel Visa Financial Inclusion Awards

Disrupt Africa reported in March on the Sub-Saharan African launch of the Everywhere Initiative for the first time in Sub-Saharan Africa, with 12 startups eventually selected and Growsel Visa Financial Inclusion Awards.

## Growsel Wins Visa Everywhere Initiative Financial Inclusion Challenge

**Growsel has won the 2018 edition of the Visa Everywhere Initiative (VEI) Financial Inclusion Challenge for Sub-Saharan Africa**. The event, which held on **25th July 2018**, **in Johannesburg, South Africa**, had Growsel™ competing with solutions from two other Nigerian startups, as well as a Kenyan startup, at the final stage. According to VEI's official landing page, the initiative is aimed at **“cultivating new relationships with the global startup community to create the next big thing in commerce.”** Since the programme’s inception in 2015, over 2,000 startups in the fintech industry have participated in the initiative globally. By this feat, Growsel solution becomes one of the top flyers.

## Growsel receives software donation from Oracle NetSuite

Growsel, the award-winning nonprofit agricultural crowdfunding organization that connects underserved Base of the Pyramid smallholder farmers with lenders across the globe, and winner of the 2018 Visa Everywhere Initiative Award for Financial Inclusion(Sub Saharan Africa edition), **has received a software donation from Oracle NetSuite Social Impact for growing social enterprises.** With the strength of NetSuite, Growsel will be able to operate more efficiently, freeing up resources to help it focus on its core mission of connecting underserved smallholder farmers with lenders around the world.

## Growsel Partners Union Bank of Nigeria to Provide Agro-credit for smallholder farmers

Growsel, Nigeria’s leading agricultural technology startup has **partnered with Union Bank of Nigeria (UBN)** to **provide agro credit for smallholder farmers across the country**. According to Growsel, farmers across the country that would want to be beneficiaries of such loans should visit any Union Bank branches across the federation to open special savings accounts for…

**SAFE BODA COMPANY**

Safe Boda is a community of entrepreneurs and boda drivers **working together to improve professional standards across the urban transportation industry in Africa**. Our aim **is to improve the industry for both drivers and passengers by increasing the number of safe trips taken per day and by making travel around cities convenient and stress-free.**

## Our Drivers

### **Our community of drivers all receive extensive training to make them the safest and most professional drivers on the streets.**

* Trained in road safety, first aid, bike maintenance and customer care
* Equipped with hairnets and a spare helmet
* Identifiable and trackable through our system

When drivers join the SafeBoda community they typically see their business increase by 30 – 40%, providing valuable income to many men and their families.

# PEZESHA

**Pezesha (Meaning Financial Empowerment) aims to be the first AFRICA-FOCUSED digital Financial Marketplace that converges lending, financial education and debt counseling amongst other financial services for borrowers, lenders and investors, facilitating a peer to peer network effect.**

### **Our Values**

#### **Reliability**

We ensure quality and consistency in fulfilling our customer and partners’ needs. We test, measure and deliver our customers promises on time and efficiency.

#### **Integrity**

Consistency of actions, honesty, ethical values, principles, expectations and outcomes. Our word is our integrity.

#### **Security**

We serve our customers and partners in the spirit of mutual confidence, privacy and trust. We continue to uphold high standards, best practices and consumer protection.

#### **Excellence & Team Work**

We support team spirit and personal discipline in all our endeavors. We are dedicated, loyal, and honorable.

#### **Innovation**

We value and build for the future. We challenge ourselves to go over and above the status quo. We strive to raise expectations and break through barriers others deem impossible to breach.

#### **Accountability & Responsibility**

We accept responsibility for our actions. We make and support business decisions through experience and good judgement.

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**PAY STACK TECHNOLOGY COMPANY**

Paystack is a **technology company solving payments problems for ambitious businesses**. Our mission is to help businesses in Africa become profitable, envied, and loved.

### **A growth engine for modern businesses in Africa**

Paystack builds technology to help Africa’s best businesses grow - from new startups, to market leaders launching new business models.   
  
We make it easy for businesses to accept secure payments from **multiple local and global payment channels, and then we provide tools to help you retain existing customers, and acquire new ones.**  
  
As makers and business owners ourselves, we’re inspired by a vision of millions of exceptional businesses across the continent who’re profitable, envied, and loved. We believe that in our lifetimes, businesses in Africa will routinely go toe to toe with the best companies on the planet, and win. Building that world gives us purpose, every day.

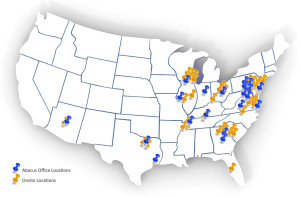
## Our Values

We’re a deeply mission-driven company, and these are the core ideas we return to when we make decisions.

Paystack is entirely designed and built in the dynamic, entrepreneurial city of Lagos!

### **ABACUS**

### **Abacus was founded in 1944 in Baltimore and today has a wide network of office locations and more than 5,000 employees throughout the United States.**



Abacus originally entered the marketplace as a commercial janitorial and maintenance service provider in the Baltimore-Washington corridor. More than seven decades later, Abacus is now a complex organization with [locations](http://abacuscorporation.biz/locations/) across the United States and offers a rich variety of [corporate services](http://abacuscorporation.biz/our-services/) to customers across many [industries](http://abacuscorporation.biz/our-services/industries-we-serve/). We specialize in providing **best-in-class temporary staffing services, security services, and facilities management services to our customers.** Our continued success is a testament to the dedication of our service workers, the value of our services and vision of our leadership.

Abacus was founded more than 70 years ago **by Jesse McGee**.  Following the same principles that we were founded on – hard work, dedicated service and relationships of trust – we continue to be owned and led by the McGee family.  We are headquartered in **Baltimore, Maryland** with a continuously growing network of regional and district offices supported by recruiting centers and on-site offices across the nation.

### **A Commitment to Customer Service**

 Our diversified customer base includes federal, state and local government entities, Fortune 500 companies, universities, hospitals, retailers, property management companies and third-party logistics providers.

### **An Employer of Choice**

With an active role in day-to-day management, our dedicated leadership team understands what makes Abacus an employer of choice to our contingent workers: competitive pay, financial stability, opportunities for advancement and growth as well as real, tangible benefits.  Since our inception in 1944, we have provided gainful and exciting employment opportunities to thousands of people across the country.

### **We offer our customers industry-specific solutions tailored to each organization’s needs based on market trends, business goals and specific budgetary requirements.**

Abacus has the expertise and capability to fill virtually any open position with high quality employees. Our recruiters and account management personnel are familiar with current labor trends within specific industries and have the resources available to find experienced and qualified employees with the necessary skills and training to fulfill your specific requirements.  
We pride ourselves in our ability to develop a deep understanding of specific industry trends and requirements, which helps us to deliver solutions tailored to the complexities of your business.

**GEARBOX**

Gearbox is **an initiative that aims at improving the ecosystem for hardware entrepreneurship** by **providing flexible working space, shared prototyping facilities, training in manufacturing, fabrication and design as well as mentorship, investment opportunities, incubation and community development.**

**Overview**

We understand the importance of time and resources in industrial manufacturing. Our community provides a mix of industry professionals, artists, designers, inventors, entrepreneurs, engineers, makers, fabbers, potential partners, and creatives within an environment deliberately designed for designing and building. These individuals and businesses helps you realize your innovation / target without you having to worry. You can engage us either through:

### [**Contracting**](http://www.gearbox.co.ke/contractingwithgearbox)

Gearbox Contracting has a diverse team of technical experts and world class tools  to help you achieve your innovation.

**We engage three types of clients:**

1. Innovators who have a concept that needs design and prototyping
2. Innovators that already have fit to concept design and need prototyping services
3. Individuals and businesses who require specialized manufacturing processes.

# Gearbox is located in Nairobi’s industrial area. Our 20,000 square feet space provides a network of like-minded individuals and businesses with the know-how and resources that enable you take your innovation to the market.

## Why you should rent Space with us;

1. Provides a one stop shop for networking both for members and businesses renting the space to be able to network and share ideas. ideas through networking and brainstorming
2. Opportunity for mentor-ship and incubation
3. Provides a network of like-minded individuals and businesses with the know-how and resources that enable you take your innovation to the market..

## ABOUT KENYA BUZZ

KenyaBuzz is the **leading provider of event and lifestyle information in Kenya.**

Through our various media- website, newspaper and e-newsletters, we provide the most comprehensive and accurate information about what’s happening around the country in sports, nightlife, music, theatre, movies, the arts, kids events and more.

We also provide business listings, movie reviews and updates, buy and sell information and a wide range of lifestyle information.

### **THE FARMDRIVE STORY**

As young girls, both **Rita Kimani and Peris Bosire** witnessed the frustration their families and communities faced in agriculture. Despite toiling away for months on end, their harvests were meager. They did not have the capital to purchase the critical farming inputs that could increase their yields and revenues.

On their first day as students at the University of Nairobi, Rita and Peris crossed paths and became instant friends. Throughout university they honed their computer science skills together in competitions and internships at top technology firms. **In their final year, they resolved to use their personal and academic experiences to bridge the gap between smallholder farmers and financial institutions**. **In 2014, after graduating with First Class Honours, Rita and Peris founded FarmDrive.**

## What can Farm Drive do for you?

* Sustainable agriculture is the most effective tool to end poverty. When farmed properly, with quality inputs, the fertile land in Kenya and throughout Africa has the ability to lift millions out of poverty.
* Enabling the 50 million smallholder farmers in Africa to increase their productivity will help them feed 9 Billion people by 2050.
* Farm Drive’s alternative credit scoring model ensures financial inclusion for the disenfranchised women that make up 60% of African smallholder farmers.
* We aim to revitalize agri-business and provide Africa’s youth with quality, sustainable economic opportunities by introducing data-driven tech solutions for the challenges faced in agriculture.
* When smallholder farmers have access to credit, they can sustainably contribute to economic development while improving their livelihoods.
* Farm Drive offers financial institutions products and services to efficiently increase their agriculture portfolios, mitigate risks, and reduce costs.

**Increased Portfolio**

Farm Drive helps financial institutions reduce the time spent manually assessing farmer creditworthiness and creating agriculture loan products, thereby accelerating agricultural portfolio growth.

**Risk Mitigation**

The first line of defense against credit risk is our algorithm which produces credit scores that account for the many factors that affect the repayment capacity of farmers. Additionally, by providing decisioning tools and bundling the loans with hybrid index insurance, we help financial institutions create loan products that are more likely to be repaid on time and protected in the event of unforeseen environmental circumstances.

**Cost Reduction**

Working with Farm Drive helps financial institutions cut costs in three ways. First, digital farmer acquisition eliminates the need for costly on-the-ground recruitment. Secondly, alternative risk assessment

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**FLUTTERWARE KENYA.**

**Developer’s Playground**

We focus on our technology because we know a strong, flexible infrastructure will provide the **payment processing** experience you need. Use our libraries, plugins and SDKs to start collecting payments in minutes. With Flutterwave, join a leading community of engineers in developing the next standard of payments technology in the industry.

**We’re changing the way the world does business globally.**

Our mission is to inspire a new wave of prosperity across Africa by building payments infrastructure to connect Africa to the global economy.   
  
We’ve made it easier for Africans to build global businesses that can make and accept any payment, anywhere from across Africa and around the world. The world’s digital economy is progressing around us and we want to include African businesses in the journey.   
  
Founded in 2016 by a team of ex-bankers, entrepreneurs and engineers, we provide the award-winning technology core needed to provide business all around the world a powerful, reliable and intelligent payments gateway. We stay ahead of the industry by challenging our products and improving on every feature we offer. Our HQ is in San Francisco with offices in Lagos, Nairobi, Accra, and Johannesburg.

Why We Invested: Flutter wave

Digital payments are one of the most exciting economic success stories in Africa.

**Businesses that use Flutter wave**

Partners in growing the global community

**Uber**

With Flutterwave it’s a one-time set up to take care of all your payment processing needs.

When Uber decided to step into the African market, the first concern was being able to accept and payout in local currencies that would be beneficial for everyone. With Flutterwave, they were able to focus on the ride-sharing experience, knowing that our secure solid infrastructure would manage verifying transactions and ensuring payouts occurred consistently. We created an inclusive platform that handles marketplaces with ease.

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TransferWise takes going global seriously, which is why they came to us. Building a business model across borders can get complicated when making sure to maintain within regulations, verifying foreign accounts, and staying on top of exchange rates. Our technology takes on those challenges with a simple dashboard. Plus, we’ve done the legwork to stay compliant as a global payments gateway and in each country you want to operate.

### JAMBO PAY

Jambo Pay is **an online payment gateway that allows users to securely make and receive payments through mobile phone over internet.**

Through Jambo Pay, shoppers can pay for goods and services online while sellers can receive payments for purchases made online.

It enables users to pay for bills, fees, make donations and other payments over the internet or on mobile phone.

Jambo Pay allows for mobile payments such as M-PESA, Airtel Money, and YU-CASH, Bank payments, Visa and MasterCard Debit and Credit cards.

Using Jambo Pay any resident of East Africa can sell and receive payments from anywhere in the world.

Jambo Pay is secure and compliant to local and international standards on electronic payment systems.

**CELLULANT**

***Connecting everyone to everything every day.***

**Mission**

Build a world class business led by entrepreneurial, value-driven people; for Africa, by Africans, in Africa.

* Named as the Best Payments and Transfer Fintech in Africa by Fintech 100
* Delivered the Liberia Agricultural Transformation Agenda (LATA) 350k farmers registered in 100 days, $4.6M accessed.
* Our digital payments ecosystem connects 95 banks in 13 countries servicing 34 countries & 500 mobile projects
* Launched Mula, a consumer product in Kenya, Tanzania, Ghana, Uganda, Zambia, and Mozambique-branded and launched the Cellulant e-wallet Technology to Agrikore.
* Named as Company to Inspire Africa by the London Stock Exchange
* Became the first Sub-Saharan Company to join Endeavour Global Entrepreneurs Network
* Named Company of the year as the African Diaspora Awards in New York City

**PIGGYBANK**

**Our Mission:**

To give people the power to manage their finances by making it clearer and more transparent.

Known for transparency, clarity, ease and innovation.

Piggy banking is more than a bank. It's the largest online savings & investing platform in Nigeria. For over 3 years, Piggy banking users have saved and invested billions of Naira that they would normally be tempted to spend.

**RIVERBANK SOLUTIONS**

**Powering transactions**

Our purpose **is to empower organizations to reduce costs, increase efficiency and stay ahead of competition through technology.**

### In a world where payment technologies and services have become central in shaping the behavior of Industries and Markets, **we pride ourselves in delivering payments solutions and services that are Creative, flexible and dynamic.**

### **Our core principles**

Creativity

* Develop solutions that solve people’s and institutions’ problems.
* Transform existing solutions and business problems with custom solutions

Flexibility

* Build custom solutions that can be forked into a broad range of applications.
* Have perpetual research and development.

Dynamic

* Apply a range of technologies to deliver solutions i.e. no limits on the tools, libraries and methodologies to use in developing systems.

**SENDY**

**Sendy caters for safe deliveries**

Sendy **takes away the uncertainty of conventional delivery methods and makes the process simple, transparent and secure..**

**One fixed price across the city**

Sendy offers you one price for all your Nairobi deliveries. No zones or maximum distance. Know exactly what it's going to cost.

**Insurance**

All goods are insured against loss or damage while in transit. Enjoy peace of mind when delivering to your customers.

**Share arrival time**

Keep your customer in the know by sharing the expected delivery time. This will improve your client's experience.

**MOOKH**

Mookh was born out of an idea **to help anyone with a dream and a talent to make money online.**

It developed a business payment solution which makes it easy for people in Africa to buy and sell tickets, music and products from their favorite social media pages and websites.

All one needs is to create an online store on MOOKH, embed on your page and let people buy from it.

**THRIVE AGRIC**

Thrive Agric gives one the opportunity to fund a farm , empower farmers, learnt practical agricultural tips and share in the harvest.

Their focus is to make the world better by;

* Solving food shortage.
* Developing farming communities.
* Deploying technology to increase yield and productivity.

**SURE REMIT**

It is used to send digital vouchers for accessing goods and services at local merchants all over the world pay bills and send mobile airtime.

It gives one assurance that value transferred is being utilized for its intended purpose.

**KISAFI**

Kisafi is a platform **that connects skilled, vetted home service providers with folks who need them.**

Their goal is to be the trusted home assistant in a your pocket.

They have helped thousands handle household chore such as laundry and gas delivery.

They have also increased income in women and youths who make up 90% of their connected service provider.

**GIG.CO.KE**

* Gig is a digital platform that allows anyone to create an event and engage with their attendees to get meaningful insights.
* Their services includes;
* RSVP and Check-In
* Ticketing
* Event Mobile App
* Event Analysis & Reports
* Event feedback

**AFRICA TALKING**

* It’s a unified API platform for software developers in Africa building SMS, USSD, Voice ,Payments and Airtime applications.
* Over the years they have worked on creating a platform that fully supports a growing community of over 25000 developers, spread across the continent and beyond.