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## UCT to open the Innovation Hub

**Date: Wednesday, 15 November 2017 | Venue: The Think Tank Room, Third Floor,  
Leslie Commerce Building, Department of Information Systems, Upper Campus,  
UCT | Time: 17:00-18:30**

Africa's newest billionaire, Sam Paddock, is to open a novel 'Innovation Hub' at the University of Cape Town's Department of Information Systems at 17:00 on Wednesday, 15 November.

The hub will be set up with a range of innovative equipment, from drones and 3D printers to holograms and micro-controllers. It will be open to postgraduate students and staff to use and experiment with throughout the year.

Paddock, who is a former Information Systems Honours student in UCT's Faculty of Commerce, is the co-founder and CEO of GetSmarter, the Cape Town-based TechEd company, which collaborates with leading universities to offer certified online short courses to working professionals. GetSmarter was recently acquired by Nasdaq-listed 2U in a deal valued at US\$103 million.

"Tech is a constantly shifting field, and UCT needs to be at the forefront of change," said Professor Kevin Johnston, head of the Department of Information Systems.

"The aim of the Innovation Hub is to allow people to play, to test the equipment and collaborate, so that they can continuously evolve, and move into their futures with confidence."

All media are invited to the launch.

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