

# Bandwidth Barn opens new Cape Town co-working space

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The Bandwidth Barn innovation hub in Cape Town has opened a new co-working space at its base in Woodstock, The Basement, which will be home to alumni of the Telkom Futuremakers InnoTech alumni and other paying tenants.



The new space comes complete with 300 Mbps, uncontended, low latency fibre connection, powered by Telkom, which the Bandwidth Barn said is amongst the fastest in the country and set to remove the constraints on innovation due to lack of access to high-speed connectivity. This internet connectivity should serve to make The Basement an attractive space for big data analysts and gamers in particular, as well as other tech startup entrepreneurs.

“Thanks to this fibre and the dramatic step change in connectivity, we are providing the Bandwidth Barn’s ecosystem with the foundation for exponential growth, allowing our entrepreneurs to leapfrog their innovation and stay ahead of the game,” said Ian Merrington, CiTi chief executive officer.

“To paint a picture of how much connectivity our members now have access to: downloading or uploading a full-length, full high definition movie will take two to three minutes. Think back to how your world changed when you moved from dial-up to ADSL – this is just a fraction of the multiplier effect that this fibre-based connectivity will have.”

Merrington said the connectivity complemented the Bandwidth Barn’s other value added support of our co-working space,

which includes speciality clusters for collaboration, skills development and also incubation and acceleration programmes.

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