

LAKOU CAPITAL

Vision statement

The concept of *Lakou* originates from within the indigenous philosophy of the people of Haiti, who fought and survived slavery from the French in the country. This indigenous philosophy symbolizes liberty and freedom for the Haitian people, as well as their cooperation and healing through connection with ancestors. *Lakou* translates from Haitian Kreyol to English as ‘yard’, or “courtyard” (Jean-Denis, 2022). The vision of *Lakou* capital is to facilitate investment and education into Haitian entrepreneurs who are developing the country. Our organization will resemble a hybrid between an educational platform and a venture capital fund dedicated to Haitian startups.

Lakou capital will provide educational and marketing content which will help these client firms develop their business models and perform valuations so that they are prepared to receive capital and grow. Our impact will be seen in the economic contributions and societal changes that the associated entrepreneurs will make in their communities. Furthermore, we are developing an investment network where any investor can invest directly into for-profit Haitian businesses or sectors with impactful ideas. Please contact us if you want to partner and support this vision.