

# Factory of the year launches in SA



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Factory of the Year launched at this year's Manufacturing Indaba. A benchmarking competition that recognises manufacturing excellence, Factory of the Year has been running since 1992 in 30 countries across the globe, including Germany, the United States (US) and the United Kingdom (UK), with over 2 000 factories participating.



Theo Sibiya, partner at AT Kearney. Image credit: Creamer Media.

Sponsored by AT Kearney, the competition measures manufacturing companies and benchmarks them against their local peers and global counterparts. The competition has added in the 4th Industrial Revolution or how organisations are future proofing their business.

Theo Sibiya, partner at AT Kearney says the only way to ensure manufacturing excellence and have world-class manufacturing companies is to create excellence. "All participants receive a report benchmarking their results and are given insights into how they compare to their competitors with a summary of their strengths and improvement potential. Organisations shortlisted receive a factory visit."

Previous winners include Bosch, Ford, VW, Mercedes, BMW, Siemens and Proctor & Gamble to name just a few.

The trophy is 3D printed by the CSIR with an aspirational African look and the growing tree is inspirational while the trophy also presents encouragement through all the all the cogs and manufacturing elements it.

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The competition is judged by an independent jury. In South Africa, it is presented in partnership with the Manufacturing Circle, the CSIR, Engineering News and the Manufacturing Indaba.

To register and participate visit the [dedicated competition webpage](#). Submission deadline is 20 August 2018 and the awards event will be held in early 2019.

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