

# Winners of the Oscars of South African Business announced

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On 20 November 2019, the 17th Annual National Business Awards - brought to you by Topco Media and held in partnership with the Vision 2030 Awards - celebrated top performing businesses and executives at Emperors Palace.



The 17th Annual National Business Awards winners

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Fifteen winners went on stage to receive their well-deserved accolades: Investec Bank Limited walked away with the Sustainability Award, outpacing 7 co-finalists. VISA impressed the judges and received the Business Enabler of the Year Award, while Johnson & Johnson emerged as the winner of the CSI Award from an impressive line-up of finalists which included the South African Breweries, Transnet Port Terminals and Adcock Ingram.

Triplo4 Sustainable Solutions', Aletta Pomp bagged the Entrepreneur of the Year Award. The Top Young Executive of the Year Award went to Brodwen Koen, the Managing Director of Koen & Associates Architecture.

The Fast Growth Business of the Year Award went to Boon Africa. CEO, Muhammadh Amod, had the following to say about winning: "The South African business spectrum is deeply rooted with entrepreneurs amassing significant potential, yet we are continuously being informed that the market is volatile. To have won the Fast Growth Business of the Year Award at the most prestigious South African Business awards is a demonstration that there are organisations that are working tirelessly to transcend the doctrine of volatility within the business spectrum. With accolades of this nature Boon Africa hopes to one day become the inspiration of an economically growing nation."

The headline award - National Business of the Year went to Bigen Africa Services. Bigen Group is one of Africa's leading infrastructure development solutions companies with solutions delivered through its bespoke development advisory and impact, financial, technical, environmental and institutional services that improve the quality of life, bring about social change, local economic development and create and share wealth for all its stakeholders.

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For a decade and a half, South Africa's National Business Awards has recognised outstanding achievements by private and public sector organisations across a host of focus areas: sustainability, customer focus, tech innovation, infrastructure development and more. Top Media and Communications founder, and then-CEO, Richard Fletcher launched the awards in 2002 - yet they began life on the page, rather than the stage, with Top Media and Communications researching the

performance of some 10,000 South African companies. Of those, roughly 2,500 qualified to list in the first edition of annual prestige-format Top Performing Companies publication; based on methodology developed in collaboration with the Deputy Director at UCT's Development Policy Research Unit.

Top Media and Communications then launched the awards to showcase the very best of its published companies, along with SA's most accomplished individual business leaders. At the time, Fletcher drew upon the Graduate School of Business to help devise stringent awards qualification criteria, for both its top performing companies and other external entrants. All qualified finalists were then assessed by an independent panel of judges: industry experts, CEOs, academics and association partners. This pioneering recognition model has since been repeated and refined over the past fifteen years of the National Business Awards, and has also been applied to Top Media and Communications' other recognition platforms.

Top Media and Communications would like to thank the National Business Awards judges, speakers, category sponsors, lifestyle sponsors, media partners and VIP and corporate and ministerial guests. Most of all, thank you to the Awards' 100+ esteemed finalists for sharing their inspiring journeys of success with South Africa.

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