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2023 IMM Marketing Excellence Awards' finalists announced

The Institute of Marketing Management South Africa (IMM) Marketing Excellence Awards' finalists have been announced.



Source: © Bizcommunity <u>Bizcommunity</u> Alistair Mokoena – country director for Google Africa is one of the finalists in the IMM Institute South Africa's (IMM) Marketing Excellence Awards' Marketer of the Year

The Marketing Excellence Awards gala dinner will be held at The Venue in Melrose Arch on 8 November 2023.

Through the Awards, the IMM seeks to recognise contributions to the industry by bold brands and marketers who display thought leadership and commitment to excellence in the art of marketing.



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The finalists

This year's finalists:

Marketer of the Year

Sponsored by IMM Graduate School: Celebrating the individual marketer who has demonstrated excellence in their field.

- Alistair Mokoena country director for Google Africa
- Chantal Sombonos-van Tonder CEO of Chicken Licken
- Andisa Ntsubane managing executive: brand, marketing and communications Africa for Vodacom Group
- Firoze Bhorat chief marketing officer at Discovery

Emerging Marketer of the Year

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- Charles Poulter account director for SWM Communications
- Tanya James business owner at The MarketHear
- Pat Mahlangu CEO: Lerato Agency; Top 16 Youth-owned brands awards; Pat On Brands

Marketing Student of the Year

Sponsored by UXi Private Education: Acknowledging the outstanding achievements of marketing students who are the future of our industry.

- Dhashika Ramgolam An honours student at the IMM Graduate School
- Justin Beswick An honours student at Vega School
- Nico v d Westhuizen 1st Year student at the IMM Graduate School

Corporate Marketing Team of the Year

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- Old Mutual Insure
- Deloitte Africa Consulting
- Tiger Brands Albany

Lifetime Achievement

Sponsored by SAB (ABInBev): Celebrating a seasoned professional's lifelong contribution to the field. This winner will be announced at the Awards Gala Evening.

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Inspiration to others

Irene Gregory, CEO of the IMM Institute and organiser of the event, congratulated all the finalists.

"The finalists have received the endorsement of their peers, who have not only acknowledged their outstanding work but also their inspiration to others in the industry to strive for excellence."

A committee of South Africa's top business and marketing executives as well as marketing education specialists, have



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Classic marketing strategies not enough

Angela Bruwer, academic head of IMM Graduate School and also a judge, says: "Classic marketing strategies are no longer enough to move businesses forward, and today's marketers must hone their technology skills to drive their competitiveness and that of their clients."

To this end, the 2023 IMM Marketing Conference is this year venturing into the realm of AI and exploring its potential in marketing.

Gregory adds: "The evolving landscape of influencer marketing will also be explored, and we will redefine its impact. In addition, delegates will learn how to navigate the intricacies of user-generated content. Striking a balance between its vibrant energy and potential risks is critical."

Attendees will enjoy an array of practical case studies, panel sessions, and insights from international and local industry giants as they share what it means to be a marketer in 2023.

The 2023 IMM Conference takes place at the IMM Graduate School in Parktown Johannesburg on 8 and 9 November 2023.

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