

Prestigious Top 500 Awards to showcase SA's business elite

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Every year, *Top 500 - South Africa's Best Managed Companies* profiles the top five companies in 100 business sectors. Together making up the economy's lauded "Top 500", these heavyweight companies have an annual combined turnover of over R3.5 trillion and comprise the vanguard of corporate South Africa.

The *Top 500* publication sits in the top drawer of local and international CEOs' desks and is frequently referenced to inform their business decisions, investments and partnerships worth billions, in both the private and public sector. Companies qualify for inclusion in its pages based on research methodology designed by the Topco Research Department and the University of Cape Town's Development Policy Research Unit. The 2016 performance of more than 2,000 companies was researched and quantified for the latest edition, published ahead of the new year.

Now, for the first time, qualifying leading companies in *Top 500's* 100 business sectors will be able to step out of its pages and vie for grand honours at the inaugural Top 500 Awards, taking place in Johannesburg this year.

This new annual black-tie event will see an elite inner circle of companies named as the best of the Top - admirals at the helm of the economy. The hundreds of distinguished individuals in attendance to salute their success will include a host of governmental leaders, CEOs and magnates, celebrities and industry analysts.



Who will be crowned South Africa's Best Managed Company?

The Top 500 Awards will distill the latest publication's 100 sectors into 14 broader categories, while also introducing three standalone awards: CEO of the Year; Lifetime Achievement Award and, for one top company, the supreme award for South Africa's Best Managed Company of the Year. This accolade will conclude the evening's roll-call of honour, which will comprise:

- Resources Award
- Basic Industries Award
- General Industrials Award
- Consumer Goods Award
- Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals Award
- Retail Award
- Hospitality Award
- Media Award
- Business Support Services Award
- Transport Award
- Financial Services Award
- ICT Award
- Governmental Award

- Diversified Holdings Award
- CEO of the Year Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- South Africa's Best Managed Company Award

A small suite of select partnership and sponsorship opportunities still remain, for companies wishing to share the limelight at the highly anticipated Top 500 Awards. For more information, contact angelique.edwards@topco.co.za or call 0860 009 590.

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