

## Finalists of South African Small Business Awards announced

The National Small Business Chamber (NSBC) has announced South Africa's Top 20 Small Business & Entrepreneurship Award winners and the finalists of the 2016 South African Small Business Awards. The Awards acknowledge South Africa's most outstanding businesses and the exceptional people behind them.



With a record number of entries, Mike Anderson, founder and CEO of the NSBC, says that the awards continue to grow in strength year on year. "It is gratifying to see so many small businesses striving not only to build a successful business, but to also contribute to the South African economy in such a meaningful way."

The 2016 awards are sponsored by Adams & Adams, FNB and DHL and World Famous Events, all of which have a vested interest in the growth and development of small business in South Africa. Anderson says that the 2016 entries were very diverse. "Over 14 vertical sectors were represented in the top 20 submissions; ranging from beauty, education and music to retail, engineering and transportation."

Within the top 20, technology-related businesses dominated, proving that this industry continues to grow exponentially. "Technology is pervasive and is becoming a dominant sector globally, as well as locally. Within the entries the NSBC noted exciting developments and the growth of business solutions that focus on assisting other small businesses to grow and develop."

The top 20 winners not only are acknowledged for this accomplishment, but are also in line to win one of the following three categories:

- 2016 National Small Business Champion
- 2016 National Entrepreneur Champion

- 2016 National Woman in Business Champion

All the categories will have two runners-up and one national winner.

"The 2016 submissions were of an incredible standard, making the voting process extremely hard. We are humbled by the hard work, dedication and innovation adopted by all the entries submitted," concludes Anderson.

## Winners

In no particular order, the top 20 winners and the 2016 South African Small Business Awards finalists are as follows:

- SassyChic (Roxanne Page)
- Eco Furniture Design (Tameron Haralambous)
- ShiftOne Digital (Dylan Kohlstadt)
- Yoco (Katlego Maphai)
- Xabisa Human Capital Solutions (Sivis Pillay)
- Myteksonic (Pty) Ltd (Jonathan Kgatshe)
- Calvin And Family Group (Calvin Mathibeli)
- Gabsten Technologies (Iniel Dreyer)
- Setsmol Enterprise (Solly MolefeSchoaro)
- Old School Cool (Tiffini Wissing Hein)
- TFS Holdings (Dwayne Malcom)
- LA Consulting Engineers (Vino Govender)
- Karl De Leau Natural Skincare (Karel Vermeulen)
- Little Green Number (Juanita Van Der Merwe)
- Nkazimulo Applied Sciences (Bathabile Mpofu)
- Arrero Premium Car Perfume (Lizelle Beukes)
- Lets Collaborate (Veronique Palmer)
- Mcd Squared (Lizelle Mcdermott)
- The Supremacy Group (Carien van Dijk)
- The Pianoman (Pty) Ltd (Raymond Cugnolio)

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