

## Best in class: Top 500 Awards finalists announced

After almost a decade of researching, ranking and showcasing SA's titans of industry in prestige publication [Top 500: South Africa's Best Managed Companies](#), B2B networking and recognition leader [Top Media & Communications](#) (Pty) Ltd decided to take the *best* of them from the page to the stage, with the launch of the **Top 500 Awards** in March 2017. Winners included Mercedes-Benz, Discovery Health Medical Scheme and Anglo American South Africa. Given that such established titans of industry tend to evidence steady and sustained growth over several years, it's no surprise that all three are back to duel for top honours once again, when the second annual awards take place on **7 March 2018**.

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Joining them will be Ogilvy & Mather SA, EOH Holdings, Adcorp Holdings, Avis and a host of other blue-blooded contenders. In line to take the evening's headline award, Best Managed Company of the Year, are Old Mutual Investment Group SA; Truworths International Limited; Naspers Limited; Adcorp Holdings Limited and Anglo American South Africa Limited - current holder of the title from the 2017 awards. [Click here](#) to view all 2018 finalists.

### A champion's journey from page to stage

Every year, Top Media measures 1,000+ top South African companies against stringent people-, policies- and performance-based criteria, drawn up together with the University of Cape Town's Development Policy Research Unit. 500 companies meeting these criteria qualify to list as the top five companies across 100 sectors, in the *Top 500* publication. From there roughly 10% - the absolute elite among the best - go on to become awards finalists following a second round of even more intensive research, weighing heavily on growth and turnover. For more on the research process, contact Top Media Research Head [Sandra.Bock@Topco.co.za](mailto:Sandra.Bock@Topco.co.za)

### Custodians of outstanding corporate management

As at the time of writing, four companies have thrown their weight behind the awards' manifesto (good business is great for the economy) as official Top 500 Sponsors. They are Award Sponsors [TagIt](#), which shuttles jet-setting executives into the digital age through pioneering technology; [Public Sector Manager](#) magazine, which showcases excellence in public sector service delivery, and 52-years-strong [BestMed](#) - which is sponsoring a brand new category, The Workplace Wellness Award. Unlike the other qualification-based categories, finalists for this category will be selected through an entry and adjudication process. Entering companies must be listed in the latest *Top 500* publication and submit a motivation detailing visionary workplace health and wellbeing initiatives. Entries are open - [click here for more details](#).

### Turfside tables going fast

This year's Top 500 Awards will be hosted at the prestigious **Inanda Club** which, with its grand surroundings, makes a fitting venue to field South Africa's titans of industry on 7 March. [Watch the video preview here](#) and visit [www.inandaclub.co.za](http://www.inandaclub.co.za) for more on the venue. For Awards Gala Dinner table bookings, contact [Odelia.Fester@Top500.co.za](mailto:Odelia.Fester@Top500.co.za).

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