

# The 17th annual Sunday Times Top Brands

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The 17th annual Sunday Times Top Brands awards took place on Tuesday the 25th of August. Hosted at the Maslow Hotel in Sandton by Times Media, the awards represent the outcome of 3,493 nationally representative consumer interviews and 300 interviews with business decision-makers. The research was conducted by leading market research company, TNS and reflects consumer and business perspectives on brands in South Africa.



These prestigious awards are recognised in the industry as a real reflection of the voice of the consumer and TNS is very proud to have conducted the research on behalf of Times Media in a partnership which is in its seventh year.

The methodology uses the concept of 'relative advantage' which means that the score a brand achieves is based on its brand penetration in the marketplace as well as its relative strength in the minds of users and non-users of the brand. This ensures that even small brands are given a fair opportunity if they are well loved by their users and strongly aspired to by non-users. The approach is in line with TNS thinking because it allows marketers to understand much about brand's relative power in the peoples' minds alongside their actual power in the market which is reflected by their market share.

In total there are 36 consumer categories, with four Grand Prix categories - Overall Favourite Brand, Green Award, Social Investment and the Robyn Putter ad agency award. For the business component there are 12 categories with three Grand Prix categories - Overall Favourite Brand, Green Award and Social Investment Award.

For a full list of all the winners - pick up a copy of the Sunday Times dated Sunday 30th August.

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