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

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Naspers, Sasol, Zeder Investments, Woolworths or Anglo American SA: Who will be crowned South Africa's Best Managed Company?

Following on from the recent publication of the 8th edition of *Top 500 - South Africa's Best Managed Companies*, the eagerly-awaited <u>Top 500 Awards</u> will take place on Tuesday, 7 March 2017, at Melrose Arch, Johannesburg.

Annually, the Top 500 team measures thousands of companies against strict criteria set in conjunction with the University of Cape Town. To be ranked in the Top 500, companies must be shown to excel in three spheres: performance, empowerment and policy & accreditation.

Through this process, the top five companies are ranked in 100 sectors. Their inclusion in the publication positions these companies at the forefront of the economy, in the eyes of top decision makers nationwide. Yet their Top 500 journey can now go further...

500 AWARDS

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For the first time, less than 70 qualifying companies from amongst the Top 500's (for financial year 2016) - including EOH, Liberty, Standard Bank, Bidvest and Sun International - will step forth to vie for grand honours at the inaugural Top 500 Awards. Companies cannot enter these awards. Rather, finalists are directly contacted and invited to take part, based on their official ranking as the inner circle of the Top 500 elite; best of the best.

Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan praised business leadership in the 8th edition of *Top 500 - South Africa's Best Managed Companies*, and said "We are strong, resilient enough and creative enough to manage and overcome our economic challenges. All of us want jobs, thriving businesses, engaged professionals, narrowing inequality, less poverty. It is critical that we should continue to raise confidence in the stability of our systems, ensure policy certainty in order to raise investment confidence, reignite growth and tackle our triple challenges of poverty, inequality and unemployment."

As a new annual black-tie event, the Top 500 Awards will see winning companies lauded as the admirals at the helm of the economy. The host of distinguished individuals expected to be in attendance to salute their success will include government leaders, CEOs, celebrities and industry analysts. The Top 500 Awards will distill the publication's 100 sectors into 12 broader categories, with one winner in each category. The evening will culminate in one company being crowned South Africa's Best Managed Company overall. Event host Topco Media wishes the "Platinum five" - Naspers, Sasol, Zeder Investments, Woolworths or Anglo American SA - best of luck on the night.

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