

# 2020 South African Small Business Awards winners

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As we wrap up 2020 and look towards 2021, the time has never been more perfect to honour entrepreneurs and leaders in the small business sector. The National Small Business Chamber (NSBC) hosted the 2020 South African Small Business Awards to announce the 2020 Champions in various categories.



These prestigious awards have gathered a diverse range of entries all with one thing in common - a driving entrepreneurial force. Most of the working world never realise success, in fact only 5% are successful and 1% are super successful.

Leanne Rhodes, head of creative and social media at The National Small Business Chamber (NSBC), welcomes guests saying "Today is all about recognising the tireless journey, hard work, outstanding achievements and vision of small businesses and entrepreneurial success"

Mike Anderson, CEO and founder of NSBC says it has been tough out there, probably more this year than any other year.

"We hear a lot of doom and gloom out there but in fact, it's not all that doom and gloom. The sector is positive. The sector is

resilient. Yes, there's been casualties in hospitality and tourism, but when the pandemic arrived into the world, we had to adapt at the NSBC. We took a stance that we will be positive, and that we will drive hard and that we will adapt"

“ This year has been more about challenging the status quo. Adapting, doing different things, swimming upstream and those SMEs who have come out strongest have done this. ”

"Two-thirds of our working population work at a small business. Small business is the backbone of our economy. It's the engine of our society. So whether we're a consumer, or a small business or a big business, we have to make it a priority to rally behind small businesses. We must collectively mobilise the nation to go big by supporting the small. In that way, our local small businesses will build infrastructure, employ more from the local communities. That's really true nation building!" says Anderson.



## South African Small Business Awards 2020 announces Top 20

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The Top 20 all receive a Top 20 Winner Award and were all automatic finalists for the Main Category and Special Awards.

Anderson says "the categories are selected with strategic intent, paying homage to sectors within the business landscape that potentially present greater stumbling blocks to success."

### The 2020 Special Award Winners

- **National Innovation Award Winner:** Medinox – Mike Labuschagne
- **National Funding Award Winner:** Bridgement – Daniel Goldberg
- **National Retail Award Winner:** ACDC Express Rustenburg – Thabo Kgowana
- **National Franchisee Award Winner:** The Tax Shop Hartbeespoort – Kimberly Ebersohn
- **National Creative Award Winner:** TASK Interior Styling - Malehu Langa
- **National Fintech Award Winner:** Elenjical Solutions – Tinu Elenjical
- **National Youth Development Award Winner:** Mintor – Leanne Viviers

### The 2020 Main Category Award Winners

- **National Small Business Champion:** Xero – Colin Timmis
- **National Entrepreneur Champion:** Global Unique Fabric - Shakeel Karjieker
- **National Woman in Business Champion:** Kopano Creative Concepts - Melita Mohlala
- **National Start-Up Champion:** Tigerfish Software – Gary Goldie

“Each entrant has in some way made a difference to someone’s life, either through employing them or by offering services to them. At the heart of this great nation is its people and I am proud to be associated with all these worthy winners,” says Anderson.

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