

Search is on for next Nando's Hot Young Designer

Nando's has opened entries to its fourth Hot Young Designer (HYD) talent search, which seeks unearthen innovative new designs for Nando's restaurants around the world, and fire up the career of emerging local creatives.



Unit by HK Studio with pattern by Agrippa Hlophe. Source: Supplied

This time around, entrants have been tasked with designing a condiment unit that will display the brand's peri sauces. The challenge is to do so in such a way that these sauces and their piquant ingredients, which form an intrinsic part of the Nando's experience, remain visible and accessible to customers throughout the visit.

The Nando's HYD talent search is managed on behalf of Nando's by Clout SA. Clout SA is a creative agency and business-to-business market-maker for South African design. The competition is sponsored by Nando's. The end goal is to list the winning condiment unit on The Portal to Africa – Nando's online marketplace where interior designers working on Nando's restaurants around the world can shop for original pieces of furniture and lighting that are designed and manufactured in South Africa.



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Katlego Tshuma triumphs in Nando's Hot Young Designer Talent Search

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Linking designers with opportunities

Past years called for lighting solutions, patterns and benches; and these prior competition rounds have seen their respective finalists and winners propelled into the limelight and mentored in all things related to creating a sustainable business.

Thabisa Mjo (with her Tutu 2.0 pendant fitting) and Samantha Foaden (with her beaded Buhle Bulb) jointly in 2016; Agrippa Mncedisi Hlophe (with his vibrant, flowing pattern treatment) in 2018; and Katlego Tshuma

(with his Sangu Bench inspired by the organic forms found in traditional African grass mats) in 2020 are previous winners that have gone on to evolve and grow within the discipline.



Drum Unit by Dokter and Misses

Interior Studio Leelynch. Source: Supplied

“The biennial Nando’s HYD competition is a highlight of the design sector’s calendar. Every two years we meet and get to know 10 finalists, and these 10 finalists are mentored by Clout SA. They are then linked to opportunities within the Nando’s ecosystem such as prototyping, business mentorship and access to a global market to name a few highlights.

“Many of these designs - such as Thabisa Mjo’s Tutu 2.0 pendant - go on to become best-sellers on the Nando’s Portal to Africa, driving revenue to the designers’ startup businesses, and helping grow this exciting sector through inclusive access to opportunities within the Nando’s global market. Nando’s HYD is about changing lives by making sure we utilise the platform we have to shine a light on creativity and opportunity!” enthuses Tracy Lynch, creative director of the Nando’s Design programme and Clout SA.



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