

Carrol Boyes, Marc Wainer and Antoinette Joubert honoured



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Trailblazers within South Africa's retail and shopping centre industry were recognised at the 23rd South African Council of Shopping Centres' Annual Congress, being held at the CTICC from 16 to 18 October.



Lifetime Achievement Award winner: Marc Wainer, Redefine Properties founder

The SACSC Legacy Awards acknowledge the exceptional contributions of the retail industry's top talent.

Each year, members of the Council nominate the industry professionals they feel are most deserving, for approval of the South African Council of Shopping Centres (SACSC) board, who then selects the winners of the respective categories: Industry Pioneer, Lifetime Achievement and Young Achiever.

SACSC president Stephan Le Roux took the stage yesterday to award this year's deserving winners of the SACSC Legacy Awards.



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Industry Pioneer Award winner: Carrol Boyes

This award identifies innovators in the industry who have done things differently to the way they were done in the past. This year's recipient is Carrol Boyes, the founder and CEO of the Carrol Boyes home decor brand and retailer. Boyes sadly passed away in August this year.

Boyes was honoured for being a visionary designer and businesswoman who successfully merged art with retail, and represented SA design on the global stage.



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SACSC Lifetime Achievement Award winner: Marc Wainer

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognises industry giants who have been actively involved by contributing their experience and time, who mentored the younger generation, and who have achieved a lot during their career that results in a legacy upon which the next generation can build.

This year's recipient, Marc Wainer, founder of Redefine Properties, was awarded for his dedication and leadership. Wainer founded Redefine in 1999 and listed it in 2000 with a market capitalisation of R463m.

While accepting his award, Wainer encouraged the industry to embrace change and nurture young professionals and business owners.

"We need a different approach to how we've been doing things over the years. Our tenants and retailers are facing huge costs, not just in terms of rental, but operating costs like electricity. We need to nurture and bring in a lot more young people. I can tell you from my mentorship challenge that there are many that would make great tenants in a shopping centre if we just gave them a chance. We have to do this if we want a better country and if we want more profitable investments in our sectors," Wainer said.

Wainer dedicated the award to his wife, who passed away recently.

SACSC Young Achiever Award winner: Antoinette Joubert

This award acknowledges the under 40's in the industry whom in a short period of time have achieved much in their career. Taking influence from the legacy of prior trailblazers and admired by her peers, this year's award went to Antoinette Joubert, Mr Price Group's new business director.

In her speech, Joubert thanked Marc Wainer and Redefine COO David Rice. "They took me out of stockbroking and brought me into the property industry. I wouldn't be here without them," she said.

Joubert is also the SACSC Congress chairman.

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