Anglo American South Africa awarded Best Managed Company at Top 500 Awards

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Up against competing heavyweights Naspers, Zeder Investments and Woolworths, Anglo American South Africa took top honours at the inaugural Top 500 Awards, held at Melrose Arch.

Anglo also walked away with the Top 500 Best Managed Company in Resources Award, topping the likes of Gold Fields, Exxarro Coal, Trans Hex Group Limited and The Petroleum, Oil and Gas Corporation of South Africa.

Other (Category) award winners at these inaugural annual awards included Mercedes Benz South Africa, Woolworths, Adcorp, Bidvest, EOH and Flight Centre. Keynote Speaker Home Affairs Minister, Malusi Gigaba emphasised the importance of reigniting economic growth and building a South Africa that is inclusive to all. Meanwhile, VIP speaker Asher Bohbot, CEO of Africa's largest tech company EOH, spoke about his personal experiences and insights on what it takes to be a successful Top 500 company.

Top 500 Awards winners
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The Top 500 Awards' finalists were drawn directly from the annual Top 500: South Africa's Best Managed Companies publication; now in its eighth edition, which ranks the top five companies across 100 different business sectors. By distilling those 100 sectors into a handful of broader categories, the Top 500 Awards presented to the nation companies that are truly 'Best in Class', in terms of what they do. Viewed collectively, they comprise the vanguard of the regional economy: employing over 800,000 people and contributing a total of R109bn towards economic growth every year.

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Ralf Fletcher, CEO of Topco Media, commended the Top 500 finalists on their global growth and ability to keep the economy robust, as well as on their commitment to South Africa (the private sector, as a whole, spends between R8 - R9bn a year on charitable causes or socioeconomic development): "These giants of industry are investing back into the country that has been their bedrock - by creating jobs, supporting SME's, facilitating skills development, empowering their supply chains, and through direct Corporate Social Investment. Their success is really our success, as a nation".

2017 Top 500 Award Winners:

Top 500 Resources Award	Anglo American South Africa Limited
Top 500 Basic Industries Award	Engen Petroleum Limited
Top 500 General Industrials Award	Bidvest Group Limited
Top 500 Consumer Goods Award	Mercedes Benz South Africa
Top 500 Best Managed Organisation in Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals Award	Discovery Health Medical Scheme
Top 500 Retail Award	Woolworths Holdings Limited
Top 500 Hospitality Award	Flight Centre
Top 500 Media Award	Naspers Limited
Top 500 Business Support Services Award	Adcorp Holdings Limited
Top 500 Transport Award	Bidvest Panalpina Logistics

Top 500 Financial Services Award	Standard Bank of South Africa Limited
Top 500 ICT Award	EOH Holdings Limited
Top 500 Best Managed Company Award	**Anglo American South African Limited**

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