

Africa's top brands from Brand Africa 100

Brand Africa released its 'Brand Africa 100 – Africa's Best Brands', earlier this week, with Samsung rising to become the Most Admired Brand in Africa; and Google coming in as the Most Valuable Brand in Africa after being valued at \$109bn. MTN, valued at \$2,975m is the Most Valuable African Brand from the continent.



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African brands represent a 0.75% share of the value of the Top 100 brands. Other highlights include:

- MTN drops from top spot to #9 overall, but retains top rank as Most Admired African Brand.
- Non-African brands are the Top 3 brands in all markets, except in Nigeria (with Glo at #3); Kenya (with Safaricom/Mpesa #2, and Tusker #3); and Tanzania (with Azam #2).
- African brands' share among most admired brands drops from 23% to 16%.
- Europe leads the table with 42 of the Top 100 most admired brands. USA leads all countries with 25/100. South Africa leads Africa with 6/100.
- Lacoste (+52) made the most gains. Levi's (-68) lost the most ground.

In a representative survey across 19 countries covering every political and economic region, overall, it doesn't bode well for African brands which have lost ground to their non-African rivals.

Despite its recent crisis with its Galaxy Note 7 model, which notably was never launched in Africa, Samsung takes the #1 spot as the Most Admired Brand in Africa, displacing perennial leader MTN. However, MTN has retained its ranking as the Most Admired African Brand despite challenges, particularly in Nigeria, which have knocked some shine off Africa's leading brand.

As recently reported in the annual Brand Finance 500, Google, which is valued at \$109bn globally, has displaced Apple as the Most Valuable Brand in Africa. MTN, valued at \$2,975m, retains its position as the Most Valuable African Brand, with a 15% rise y/y, following a 36% decline in the 2014/5 rankings.

Non-African brands have entrenched their positions in Africa, growing their share of the Top 100 Admired brands from 77% in 2014/5 to 84% in 2016/7. In a country by country review, non-African brands rank the top three brands in every market, except for Nigeria (with Glo at #3), Kenya (with Safaricom/Mpesa #2 and Tusker #3) and Tanzania (with Azam #2).

Samsung is the #1 brand in eight countries; Nike in four countries; Coke in three countries; Adidas in three countries; and Airtel in one country. Non-African brands represent 99.25% share of the value of the Top 100 Valuable brands in Africa.

Brand categories

Among the Top 100 Most Admired Brands in Africa, Europe leads all regions with 42/100, followed by North America (25/100), Asia (17/100) and Africa (16/100). The United States leads the top countries of origin with 25/100, followed by the UK (8/100), Japan (6/100), Germany (6/100), South Africa (6/100), France (5/100) and China (5/100), Italy (4/100), Nigeria (3/100), Ireland (3/100), Netherlands (3/100) and Spain (3/100).

The Top 100 Admired brands are distributed among 11 categories across apparel (19%), consumers (13%), electronics (13%), telecommunications (12%), auto manufacturers (11%), alcoholic beverages (10%), food (6%), non-alcoholic beverages (5%), media (4%), sports & fitness (4%), retail (2%) and cosmetics (1%).

Between the 2014/5 and 2016/7 survey periods, a majority of the leading brands have retained their presence in the Top 100, with 31 new brands, notably South Africa's Shoprite and Pick n Pay; Morocco's Marwa; Ethiopia's Anbessa Shoes; and Nigeria's Lady Care, entering the Top 100 in 2016/7, compared to 34 between 2014/5. A resurgent Lacoste (+52) made the most gains on the table and Levi's (-68) lost the most ground.

Because of the categories' transformational impact in Africa, Brand Africa also conducted a separate parallel survey to determine the Most Admired Brands in Media and the Most Admired Brands in Financial Services. In the financial services category, Nigeria's GTB Bank leads the overall rankings in Africa and Barclays retains its position as the number 1 non-African financial services brand. In the media category, BBC and DSTV retain their positions as the top non-African and African media brands respectively.

"These rankings are an important metric of the progress Africa is making in creating competitive world-class brands that respond to African conditions, needs and ambitions," says Thebe Ikalafeng, founder and chairman of [Brand Africa](#) and chairman of Brand Finance Africa.

Made in Africa

"It is a great concern that the share of African brands is so low and even declining. African entrepreneurs ought to know their consumers better than anyone. It is a wake-up call for African governments to create enabling environments to support these entrepreneurs to build Made in Africa brands which in turn will enable the governments to fund and drive their own development agenda," added Ikalafeng.

Brand Africa 100 was developed by pan-African branding and reputation advisory firm, Brand Leadership Group supported by Kantar TNS; GeoPoll, the mobile survey platform with a database of over 300m users in emerging markets; and Brand Finance independent valuation consultancy.

Brand Africa 100 is a two-phase process that starts with a comprehensive consumer research across 19 countries in

Africa to establish a consumer generated list of admired brands. These 100 most admired brands are then valued and re-ranked according to value by Brand Finance.

GeoPoll used their sophisticated mobile SMS technology to identify the most admired brands in Africa among a representative sample of African consumers in 19 African countries. These countries collectively represent an estimated 74% of Africa's population.

"Because of its high penetration across Africa, the mobile phone is a valuable tool in its ability to collect data from diverse geographical areas. GeoPoll's method of collecting data through mobile surveys demonstrates the power and reach of mobile technology in its delivery of real-time, actionable data," says Steve Gutterman, CEO, GeoPoll.

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Kantar TNS then collated this vast dataset and analysed the data to create a weighted consumer admiration score that reduced over 11,000 brand mentions to the Top 100 Most Admired Brands in Africa. With such diverse populations between countries and regions, the weighted index ensured the results are representative of the population within each country and Africa overall to reflect a unique ranking of the Top 100 Most Admired Brands in Africa.

"Success for brands is about establishing an emotional connection, creating intimacy and being more present in consumers everyday lives. This survey is a timely assessment of the various brands that play a vital role in Africa," says Karin Du Chenne, Kantar TNS chief client officer, Africa Middle East.

In conclusion, Brand Finance used the royalty relief methodology which is compliant with International Valuation Standards Authority as a basis for determining the fair market value of brands to establish the Top 100 Most Valuable Brands.

"African brands have an important role in helping to build the African continent," concluded Oliver Schmitz, managing director, Brand Finance Africa. "As Africa builds competitive and valuable brands, it helps to tell a positive story of the continent."

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