

Winners of the 2019 SA Professional Services Awards

Honouring professional excellence drawn from two main categories, namely the built environment and commerce law and management, the fourth annual South African Professional Services Awards (SAPSA) was held at Montecasino on 14 March 2019.



Multi-disciplinary engineering consulting firm, WSP in Africa, received the Engineering Firm of the Year award, with EY walking away with the Best Professional Services Firm Award.

Boogertman + Partners was crowned Architecture Firm of the Year, while Bob van Bebber - who is celebrating his 21st year at the company - was named Professional of the Year – Architecture 2018/2019. Van Bebber garnered further recognition as he was also awarded the Overall Professional of the Year 2018/2019.

“These awards are important as they give visibility to disciplines that are desperately needed in this country. They also reward entities for performing well in important areas such as transformation, customer service, contribution to the community and commitment to ethical best practice,” said Sipho Mncwabe, Regional General Manager – Sanlam Gauteng Region.



Bob van Bebber, SAPSA Overall Professional Award winner

Janette Minnaar, the chair of the adjudication panel explained how the winners were determined: “They were judged based on a host of attributes including demonstration of leadership skills, changing of paradigms and innovation within the bounds of available resources. We also conferred a number of Lifetime Achievement Awards to deserving recipients who had served their professions faithfully for many years.”

The full list of winners is as follows:

Category	Winner
Engineering firm of the year	WSP in Africa
Construction sector firm of the year	Turner and Townsend
Architecture firm of the year	Boogertman + Partners
Engineering professional of the year	Eduard Vorser (Aurecon)
Construction sector professional of the year	Eben Saayman (DNA)
Architecture professional of the year	Bob Van Bebber (Boogertman)
Engineering young professional of the year	Jeshika Ramchund (Bosch)
Construction young professional of the year	Shershen Naidoo (Bentel)
Law firm of the year	Werksmans
Big 4 firm of the year	EY
Accounting firm of the year	SNG Grant Thornton
Consulting firm of the year	Bosch Capital
Consulting/management professional of the year	Zizpho Nyanga (Masisizane)
Law professional of the year	Morne van der Merwe (Baker Mckenzie)
Big 4 professional of the year	Thiru Pillay (Deloitte)
Accounting professional of the year	Bashier Adam (Nexia SAB&T)
Woman professional of the year	Ziyanda Ntshona (Webber Wentzel)

Commerce, Law and Management young professional of the year	Lyle Malander (Malandar Inc)
Digital Industry Firm of the Year	Adapt IT
Digital Industry Professional of the Year	Brian Richardson (Wizzit)

Lifetime Achievement Awards: Penuell Maduna (Bowmans), David Hertz (Werksmans), Hein Boegman (PWC), Clifford Livingstone (PKF Octagon), Wilfred Ngubane (Ngubane & Co), Isaac Shongwe (Letsema), David Green (Proafrica), and Charles Israelite (SIPP).

Special commendations: Pierre Olivier (Hatch Africa), Aaron Mthimunya (SNG Grant Thornton), Siphosetu Plata (Akweni), Ayisha Ramasike (Nexia SAB&T), Guy Steenekamp (LYT Architecture), Keith Skinner (Turner and Townsend), and Valter Adao (Deloitte).

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