

Kantar announces South Africa's Top 10 Best Liked Ads for Q1 and Q2 2019

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Kantar's Best Liked Ads list celebrates South Africa's favourite TV commercials. These are the ads that have been rated as the best liked by the South African audience whom we believe to be the most important critic - the person who ultimately chooses to buy your brand or not.

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Ben Parr mentions in his book 'Captivology' that consumers these days are forced to process the content of nearly 174 newspapers in a day. And what makes it worse is that we are more distracted than ever before.

At Kantar, we often challenge our clients to consider [three pillars](#) of a strong brand with the first and most critical starting block being 'is your brand salient?' Can consumers recall your brand amongst not only your category but the multiple messages that they are faced with daily? Then once we crack saliency, we would challenge the brands unique meaning for the people that it serves.

The TV adverts that South Africans have chosen as their best liked for Q1 and Q2 demonstrate expertise in all three areas. In first place for Q1 we see the hilarious Heineken "Unmissable" advert which demonstrates a common experience for many of us - it's when you're not looking that your team will score the goal! The distinctive creative style as well as brand placement throughout the advert makes this copy unique to Heineken. The bonus of using a common human experience such as this, is that, more often than not, it allows the ad to "cross borders" and deliver a great ROI.

We were delighted to see Sasol at the top of the Q2 list, with the renewed take on 'Glug Glug'. Brands that take advantage of these historical brand assets and cues are placed favourably within consumer's minds as they don't have to work hard to know what the ad is about. Interestingly, the legacy [Glug Glug ad](#) from 1991 still tops Kantar's Best Liked ads of all time, highlighting that difference plays a critical role in a brand's personality.

It's worth repeating that ads that are emotionally engaging, and build memorable and lasting impressions are more effective. By working with people's brains engaging advertising can seed ideas, associations and feelings that are triggered during the purchase process, even long after the ad was last seen. But whatever the format used, it is essential for the brand to be integrated into the story of the ad.

Emotional meaningful difference often comes from dramatising a brand's purpose – what the brand stands for, its point of view, and its values, and it's wonderful to see a sprinkling of purpose driven adverts from Nike, McDonald's and OMO appearing in the Best Liked Ads, demonstrating the brands' commitments to long term brand building vs short term sales. Ads that deliver an explicit message won't benefit brands to the same degree as an ad focused on building impressions.

When there is a need to reinforce functional benefits, deliver the message in a creative way. In general, 'show' don't 'tell', the Samsung PowerShare ad is a classic example. People tend not to remember explicit messages without lots of repetition but a creative demonstration will help improve memorability. We aren't advocating 'dumping' the message in ads altogether; there will be situations, such as product launches, where specific product messages will be beneficial but in the majority of cases, they may be a hindrance rather than a help.

Congratulations to the following brands and agencies:

#1 AD Q1 2019

#1 AD Q2 2019

Heineken: Unmissable

Sasol: This is more than fuel, this is #GlugGlug

Publicis Milan

FCB Joburg

2019 Q1 ^{best liked} ads

RANK	AD	CREATIVE AGENCY
1	Heineken "Unmissable"	Publicis Milan
2	Edgars "Don't tell me what to do"	VMLY&R
3	Cadbury Lunch Bar "Treadmill"	Ogilvy Johannesburg
4	Vodacom "It's a tie!"	Openfield Marketing Johannesburg
5	Wimpy "Great Getaway Grill'r"	FoxP2 Joburg
6	Future Life "...is the future of breakfast"	Old Friends Young Talent
7	FNB "Extended Family"	FoxP2 Joburg
8	Amstel "Timeless (Wedding)"	VMLY&R
9	Standard Bank "#GoodtoGo"	Collective ID
10	McDonalds "The Ritual"	Leo Burnett

2019 Q2 ^{best liked} ads

RANK	AD	CREATIVE AGENCY
1	Sasol "This isn't just any fuel. #ThisIsGlugGlug"	FCB Joburg
2	Savanna "#RulesDontApply"	FCB Joburg
3	Nike "Dream Crazier"	Wieden + Kennedy Portland
4	Debonairs "Cram-Decker"	FCB Joburg
5	Cadbury Dairy Milk Chocolate "Mom's birthday"	Ogilvy Johannesburg
6	Ariel "Palesa"	Leo Burnett Beirut

7	Rajah "Follow your nose"	The Hardy Boys
8	OMO "...believes through dirt we are better people"	Ogilvy Durban
9	Samsung "Galaxy S10. Wireless PowerShare"	Cheil South Africa
10	Samsung "The next generation Galaxy A. Built for the era of live"	Cheil South Africa

To view the PDF of all the ads for Q1&2 2019, [click here](#).

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