

Alexforbes Paragon Impact Awards 2026

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Overview

The **Alexforbes Paragon Impact Awards** recognise leading impact performance among **JSE Top 100 listed companies**, based on an **independent, data-driven assessment** aligned to the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

The Awards form part of a broader Alexforbes commitment to strengthening **transparency, accountability and impact-led decision-making** in South Africa's listed equity market.

Why this matters

South Africa faces complex economic, social, environmental and governance challenges and opportunities that increasingly influence corporate performance, opportunities and long-term value creation.

The Impact Awards aim to:

- Highlight companies demonstrating **credible, relevant and measurable impact**.
- Encourage improved **governance, disclosure and accountability**.
- Support a deeper understanding of how sustainability factors are linked to **long-term business performance and resilience**.

Assessment approach

The awards are underpinned by a double materiality framework, considering:

- ✗ The real world impact of company activities on key national challenges and opportunities;
- ✗ National data showing South Africa's progress and positioning against the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); and
- ✗ The financial implications of these elements for long-term resilience and value creation.

The assessment is:

- ✗ Aligned to double materiality concepts;
- ✗ Independent and evidence based;
- ✗ Based on publicly available information; and
- ✗ Designed to be consistent and repeatable over time.

No additional submissions are required from companies.

Award categories

Companies are assessed across the following impact dimensions:

- Earth and Climate Stewardship;
- Responsible Resource Use and Innovation;
- Basic Human Needs and Social Outcomes;
- Just Transition and Economic Inclusion; and
- Governance, Ethics, Impact Integration and Accountability.

An **Overall Best Impact Award** recognises leading performance across all dimensions.

Who it is for

The Alexforbes Paragon Impact Awards are relevant to:

- JSE Top 100 listed companies;
- Company executives and boards;
- Risk, governance, sustainability and communications teams; and
- Stakeholders with an interest in long-term economic resilience, social outcomes and environmental stewardship.



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