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EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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Chamber's Note

Back on Stage

The year 2020 saw many losses. Amongst other things, it was the first time in 22 years that ItalCham did not host its annual Business Excellence Awards. Thankfully, this year the black tie event is back on the calendar, taking place on the 2nd of December 2021, at the Residence of the Ambassador of Italy in Pretoria.

Each year, the Chamber sets the spotlight on the achievements of our Italian-South African community, awarding and celebrating the companies, professionals and entrepreneurs that show initiative and who achieve the best results in their line of work. Whether a young professional or a seasoned executive, a small business or a big company, our honourees have prospered across the board. The Business Excellence Awards is the premier event in the calendar of South Africa's Italian business community and has a history of over twenty years, awarding many great names.

Back in 1999, the Directors of ItalCham took the decision to begin awarding South Africa's most successful Italian entrepreneurs. Thus, the Italian-South African Businessman of the Year Award was launched, to celebrate the achievements within the Italian-South African business community. A selection panel of eight eminent figures from the South African business world was formed to assess the candidates nominated for the award, and on the 4th of November 1999 Minister Alec Erwin delivered the first ever award to Domenico Cioffi of Mimmo's Pizzeria & Take Away.

In 2001 the format of the awards was redesigned to acknowledge Italian and Italian-South African companies, instead of individuals, that had made considerable investments of capital in the South African economy, and Fiat Auto South Africa was proclaimed Best Investor from Italy in 2001.

In 2004, under the new banner of Business Person of the Year Awards, the emphasis returned to individuals, and for the first time the Award for the Business Man of the Year was coupled with a corresponding award for Business Woman of the Year. The Chamber selected Mark Lamberti of Massmart Holdings and Giovanna Secco of Kudu Farms as winners of the respective awards.

In 2005 the Chamber saw the need to recognise both business people and business enterprises. In addition, the Chamber's Board for the first time chose to award a Young Entrepreneur and the Lifetime Recognition Award, which was designed to pay tribute to a person who, throughout his or her life, had made a contribution not only to business, but more importantly to the Italian-South African community in general.

Today the Business Excellence Awards continue to recognise and promote Italian business excellence in South Africa and are a true celebration of the thriving business and community dynamic within our Italian-South African community. This year, three awards are being given: the Business Person of the Year, the Business Enterprise of the Year and the Lifetime Recognition Award. We look forward to the 2nd of December, to when history will be further written.



Event Announcement

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EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Italcham
Business Excellence
Awards
2021

2 December 2021
17:00 for 17:30

Residence of the
Ambassador
of Italy, Pretoria

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

We are calling on the Italian-South
African community
to send in nominations for two
awards:

Business Person of the Year
Business Enterprise of the Year

Deadline:
22 October 2021

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[**NOMINATIONS**](#)



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PAST WINNERS

1999

Domenico Cioffi (Mimmo)

2001

Fiat Auto S.A. (Bruno De Mori)
Aeroporti di Roma (Carminé Bassetti)
Castellano-Beltrame (Pty) Ltd (Franco Beltrame)

2003

Domenico Cioffi (Mimmo)

2005

Business Person of the Year: Desmond Sacco (Assore
Ltd and Assmang Ltd)
Business Enterprise of the Year: M&F Giuricich
Developments (Pty) Ltd
Young and Upcoming Entrepreneur of the Year:
Andrea Deiana (Metal Lux SA (Pty) Ltd)
Lifetime Recognition Award: Claudia Giuricich

2007

Business Person of the Year: Antonio Cimato (Efficient
Engeneering)
Business Enterprise of the Year: Country Foods Ltd
Young and Upcoming Entrepreneur of the Year:
Marcello Palumbo (Filcon Group)
Lifetime Recognition Award: Domenica Ferrucci
Burzacchi
Honorary Chairperson's Special Award: Maestro
Edoardo Villa

2009

Business Person of the Year: Sandro Scherf (Pilot
Crushtec)
Business Enterprise of the Year: Ferrero Ithemba RSA
Young and Upcoming Entrepreneur of the Year:
Stefano Riccardi (CKR Consulting Engineers)
Lifetime Recognition Award: Ferdinando Riccardi
Honorary Chairperson's Special Award: Claudio
Conficioni (CMC Ravenna)

2000

Giovanni Ravazzotti (Italtile Ltd and Ceramic
Industries Ltd)

2002

Graniti Tecnica (Franco d'Agnolo)

2004

Business Man of the Year: Mark Lamberti
(Massmart Holdings (Pty) Ltd)
Business Woman of the Year: Giovanna Secco
(Kudu Farms)

2006

Business Person of the Year: Dean Fragale (Girlock)
Business Enterprise of the Year: Duferco Steel
Processing
Young and Upcoming Entrepreneur of the Year-
Joint Award: Sebastiano Iorio (Cargo Embassy) &
Stefano Lavarone (Great African Seating)
Lifetime Recognition Award: Domitilla Rota Hyams
(Little Eden)
Honorary Chairperson's Special Award: Giorgio
Gorelli (Fiat Auto SA)

2008

Business Person of the Year: Luciano Previtera and
Michele Miroto (Rialto Foods)
Business Enterprise of the Year: Putco
Young and Upcoming Entrepreneur of the Year:
Giovanni Contaldi (Courierit)
Lifetime Recognition Award: Adriana De Stefanis

2010

Business Person of the Year: Luigi Stravino (BLC
Plant Company)
Business Enterprise of the Year: Luxottica SA
Young and Upcoming Entrepreneur of the Year:
Roberto Regasto (Pagliari Group)
Lifetime Recognition Award: Andrea Bollo (Wanda
Bollo Estate)
Honorary Chairperson's Special Award: Giulio
Bertrand (Morgenster)

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PAST WINNERS

2011

Business Person of the Year: Franco Scribante
(Scribante Construction)

Business Enterprise of the Year: MA Automotive
Rosslyn

Young and Upcoming Entrepreneur of the Year:
Simone Zanetti (Allos Consulting)

Lifetime Recognition Award: Luigi Buccimazza

Honorary Chairperson's Special Award: Marco Alberti
(Southern Wind Shipyard)

2013

Business Person of the Year: Mr. Antonio Iozzo (IUM
(Pty) Ltd)

Business Enterprise of the Year: SMEG South Africa

Young and Upcoming Entrepreneur of the Year: Mr.
Tato Carello (Carello Autobody)

Lifetime Recognition Award: Mr. Piero Rossi

Honorary Chairperson's Special Award: Ms. Vera
Giovitto (Mosaic Art)

Chairperson's Excellence Award: Mr. Marcello
Fiasconaro

2015

Business Person of the Year: Dina Soukop (Soukop
Property Group)

Business Enterprise of the Year: Enel Green Power

Lifetime Recognition Award: Giuseppe Cimato

Honorary Chairperson's Special Award: Paolo Borzatta

Chairperson's Excellence Award: Franco Guidozi

2017

Business Person of the Year: Giuseppe Plumari
(Steyn City)

Business Enterprise of the Year: Pabar

Lifetime Recognition Award: Luciano Enrico Gastaldi
(Fruit & Veg City)

Young Entrepreneur of the Year: Gianluca Abela
(Nutrifit)

2019

Business Person of the Year: Giorgio Cavaliere (Sela
Brokers)

Business Enterprise of the Year: Alitalia

Lifetime Recognition Award: Robert Giuricich

Professional of the Year: Sara Andreotti (Inventor of
Sharksafe)

2012

Business Person of the Year: Carlo Gonzaga (Taste
Holdings)

Business Enterprise of the Year: Viglietti Motors

Young and Upcoming Entrepreneur of the Year:
Matteo Amatruda (A+L Unlimited Design)

Lifetime Recognition Award: Renato Fioravanti

Honorary Chairperson's Special Award: H.E.

Thenjiwe Mtintso

2013

2014

Business Person of the Year: Paolo Cavaliere
(Hollard)

Business Enterprise of the Year: IVECO

Lifetime Recognition Award: Carmine Angelucci

Honorary Chairperson's Special Award:

Constantino Bucimazza (BPB Construction)

2016

Business Person of the Year: Antontio Di Loreto
(Bribuck Building Supplies)

Business Enterprise of the Year: Ansaldo Energia-
Fata

Lifetime Recognition Award: Mathew Giuricich

Chairperson's Excellence Award: Gianni Ravazzotti

2018

Business Person of the Year: Fred Crabbia (Mining
Pressure System)

Business Enterprise of the Year: Lucchini South
Africa

Lifetime Recognition Award: Mario Marion

Professional of the Year: Tiziana Aduc

(Paediatrician)



Welcoming our New Member



Spirits and Bubbles SA (Pty) Ltd

Importers and exclusive distributors of
premium wines and spirits

Spirits and Bubbles SA (Pty) Ltd is an innovative drinks company that was born out of the passion of its director to supply the African market with their own and third party products that spoke to the values of innovation, premium quality and service.

Since opening their doors in September 2017, Spirits and Bubbles has been at the leading edge of international market trends and alcohol innovation and prides itself on achieving premium delivery while maintaining the customer service feel that has become the benchmark of our brand.

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