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Leading with Purpose



Introducing the 2025 Veuve Clicquot Bold Woman Award Finalists

Now in its fourth year in South Africa, the Veuve Clicquot Bold Woman Award continues to champion the fearless women who are redefining entrepreneurship on their own terms. The 2025 finalists are visionaries, trailblazers, and community-shapers. Women who lead with courage, innovation, and heart. From eco-conscious energy solutions to wellness innovations and heritage-inspired brands, these women are proving that purpose-led business is the future. Rooted in the legacy of Madame Clicquot, the audacious woman who revolutionized the champagne industry at 27, this award honours women who dare to challenge norms and create meaningful impact. The Bold Woman Award remains one of the most iconic platforms globally for women in business, spanning more than 50 years in multiple countries.

This year's judging panel includes business leaders and past award winners Amanda Dambuza and Morongwe Mokone, alongside experts like Erik Kruger, Happy Ralinala, Timothy Maurice Webster, and Aimee Kellen of Moët Hennessy MEA.

BOLD WOMAN AWARD FINALISTS

Recognising women who have led and scaled their businesses for 5+ years with purpose and impact.

Botheo Lentsoane - Founder, Khetho Healthcare

Botheo is redefining healthcare access in Southern Africa, focusing on speech therapy and dysphagia through her digital platform Health Connect App.

Retang Phaahla - Founder & CEO, Setšong Tea Crafters

Blending ancient botanical wisdom with modern entrepreneurship, Retang's Limpopo-based social enterprise produces Indigenous herbal teas while uplifting rural communities.

Sydelle Willow Smith - Co-Founder, Sunshine Cinema

A filmmaker-turned-social entrepreneur, Sydelle co-founded Africa's first solar-powered mobile cinema.

BOLD FUTURE AWARD FINALISTS

Celebrating leaders in businesses under 5 years old who are already making bold moves.

Dr. Phindi Cebekhulu-Msomi - Founder & CEO, Hazile Group

Through her climate-smart enterprise, Phindi is tackling food insecurity, water scarcity, and energy inequality while centering women and rural development.

Phumzile Khoza - Founder, Lathitha Biodiesel

At just 13, Phumzile was selling handmade skirts. Today, she leads an award-winning biodiesel company turning waste cooking oil into clean energy and green jobs.

Vanessa Mhlom - Founder & CEO, Pleroma Patch

Vanessa's wellness brand Pleroma Patch delivers plant-based vitamins via transdermal patches designed for sleep, recovery, and hormone balance.

Winners of both categories will join an international network of powerhouse women entrepreneurs who share the Veuve Clicquot spirit which is bold, brilliant, and unafraid to lead differently.