

## These are Shoprite's standout suppliers for 2019

The Shoprite Group honoured its most innovative and reliable suppliers at its annual Supplier Awards this past weekend. Pieter Engelbrecht, CEO of Africa's largest food retailer, said the integrity and efficiency of the Group's supply chain is key to its success.

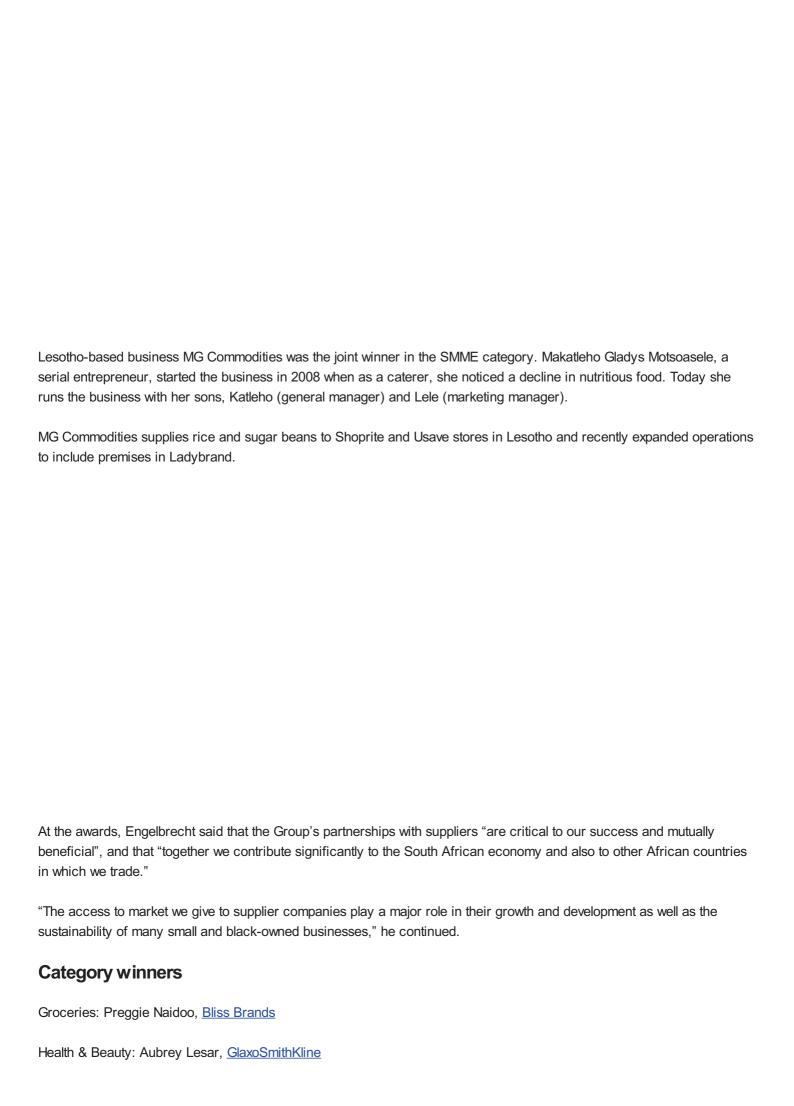


Supplier of the Year 2019 winners

The Group works with 19,398 suppliers across 15 African countries and 13 other countries to provide customers with products and services. Shoprite's centralised distribution model also enables smaller women- and black-owned suppliers to enter the formal retail sector through an established route to market.

Some of these suppliers were among the winners at the 2019 Supplier Awards, including SMME owner Leanne Hansmann, who started The Little Cake Company after her husband passed away and she was left with two children to care for.

The Little Cake Company in Glen Anil, Durban, supplies cakes and cupcakes under its own brand and under the Group's private label convenience brands. All of the company's employees are women from informal settlements near Glen Anil.



Perishables: Shaamil Abrahams, Pioneer Foods

Convenience Foods: Charlotte Alho, Emperor Foods

Liquor and Wine: Conrad Stickling, KWV

Private Label: Mark Chiocchetti, Centillion Trading

Fruit and Vegetables: Janus Goosen, Goosen Boerdery

Butcheries: Juan Slabbert, West Peak Speciality Meats

General Merchandise: André Bimray, Efekto



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## **Building an inclusive economy**

Shoprite's partnership with suppliers helps it contribute to growing an inclusive economy. It provides additional opportunities and support for small- and medium-sized enterprises and spent 8.51% of supplier spend on black-owned suppliers and 4.66% on black, woman- owned suppliers in the last financial year.

It has also launched an innovative investment fund in partnership with Empowerment Capital Investment Partners to unlock much-needed growth capital for some of its suppliers.

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