

woman&home
POWER LIST
2012

**THE JEWELLERY DESIGNER
KIRSTEN GOSS, 37**

This year's success Kirsten was the winner in the Design Indaba's Most Beautiful Object in South Africa competition for her Lily Pad ring, a beautifully crafted ring made from 18ct gold vermeil and sterling silver, set with a faceted green amethyst. Kirsten, who already has a store in London, opened her first SA boutique in Birdhaven, Johannesburg, in November 2011, and recently expanded on her jewellery range to include a range of lifestyle products. In May last year, Kirsten, who splits her time between SA and London, was named Entrepreneur of the Year at the 2011 SA Business Club Awards, which were held in London.

OUR TOP WOMEN

This year, we've launched the woman&home Power List to highlight the impact and influence South African women are having locally, and abroad, and to celebrate their amazing achievements. It was no easy task to whittle our list down, but we present the women who have most inspired us over the past year. Congratulations to all those on the w&h Power List 2012!



**THE INTERIOR DESIGNER
NTHABI TAUKOBONG, 39**

This year's success In March this year, interior designer Nthabi launched the Pink Label Collection, which is a range of furniture she designed in collaboration with JVB Furniture. In December 2011, her incredibly successful TAU by Nthabi Taukobong range of room fragrances, hand washes and lotions, candles and room diffusers, became available at Loads of Living stores around South Africa. Nthabi already has a range of fabrics, named African Queen, in collaboration with Hertex Fabrics, and is currently developing the TAU'kobong range of cushions and throws. She started her business, Ditau Interiors, in 2005 and was inspired to offer more than simply an interior design service when many of her clients began asking for her advice on which luxury lifestyle products and accessories to introduce to their homes.

All of our winners have had proven success between October 2011 and September 2012

**TOP ENVIRONMENTALIST
YOLAN FRIEDMANN, 40**

This year's success In July, Yolana won joint first place with Mondi SA's Viv McMenamin in the Environment and Waste, Forestry and Paper category of the 11th annual SA's Most Influential Women in Business and Government Awards. Yolana was appointed CEO of the Endangered Wildlife Trust in 2007, making her the first woman to hold this title since the EWT was established in 1973. Last year, South African Breweries Limited presented Yolana with the Nick Steele Memorial Award for the SAB Environmentalist of the Year, which recognises her as a dedicated environmentalist and leader in the field of conservation – she's the first woman to receive this award. Yolana also won the Miss Earth SA Organisation's Green Globe Award for Conservation this year and she was the first South African to serve as a Regional Councillor for Africa on the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Council.



**AWARD-WINNING JOURNALIST
NIKIWE BIKITSHA, 34**

This year's success Nikiwe was accepted into the prestigious Hubert H Humphrey Fellowship for 2012/2013 and left SA in August to spend the next year in the USA. Each year, around 200 professionals from around the world are awarded the Fellowship and spend 10 months at one of 18 participating US universities. The Fellowship is granted to those professionals who have shown leadership qualities and a commitment to public service. Nikiwe left her job as an anchor on eNews Channel Africa's News Night in order to take up the Fellowship.



**THE SPORTING CHAMPION
NATALIE DU TOIT, 28**

This year's success Natalie was awarded three gold medals and one silver medal in the London 2012 Paralympics. With 13 gold and two silver Paralympic medals to her name, she is South Africa's most successful Paralympic athlete to date. She lost her left leg at the knee after a scooter accident in 2001, but went on to represent SA at the 2004 Paralympics, and qualified to compete in both the Olympics and Paralympics in 2008. In September this year, Natalie announced her decision to resign from competitive swimming.



**THE SINGER AND CAMPAIGNER
YVONNE CHAKA CHAKA, 47**

This year's success Yvonne became the first African woman to receive the WEF's Crystal Award in January, at the World Economic Forum in Switzerland, in recognition of her humanitarian efforts, especially for her role as Goodwill Ambassador for the Roll Back Malaria global partnership. Yvonne began campaigning for malaria awareness after one of her back-up singers, Phumzile Ntuli, died of the disease in 2004. A well-known and loved songstress, Yvonne has shared the stage with industry greats including U2's Bono and Annie Lennox, and was recognised by the SA Music Awards with the Lifetime Achiever Award in 2009. Aside from her crusade for malaria awareness, Yvonne also championed the Film and Publication Board's Campaign against Child Pornography. >>





THE FINANCIAL WHIZ
KATE MOODLEY, 35

This year's success Kate, who is Franchise Director at Discovery, received a Rising Star Award, in the Financial Services and Accounting category, from BlackBark Productions in partnership with HCI Africa. She also published her first book, *I Inc. Be the CEO of your Brand*, in February. Kate won the Top Woman Executive and Top Woman of the Year in Business awards at the 2011 Top Women Awards, which honours SA's corporate pioneers, government employees and entrepreneurs at the forefront of gender empowerment. Kate also mentors young women in the business sector.

CHAMPION OF EDUCATION
RELEBOHILE MOLETSANE, 52

This year's success In August, Relebohile received the Distinguished Women Scientists award in the Social Sciences and Humanities category as part of the Department of Science and Technology's 2012 Women in Sciences Awards, in recognition of her contribution and achievements in the field of education in SA.

She was also one of the editors on a book published in March, entitled *Was it Something I Wore? Dress, Identity and Materiality*. Relebohile is a professor in the School of Education at the University of KwaZulu-Natal and is currently working with two other professors on a project called *Through the eyes of women teachers: Indigenous knowledge systems and teaching in rural schools in the age of AIDS*. The project helps teachers in rural schools to make use of digital storytelling to identify issues and find possible solutions.



THE FILMMAKER
JANN TURNER, 48

This year's success Jann, who grew up in SA, made her US directing debut this year with two episodes of *The Big C*, starring Laura Linney. She is due to direct episodes of two new TV dramas, *The Carrie Diaries* and *Emily Owens, M.D.*, in the next few months. Jann won an Emmy Award in 1994 for sound editing on National Geographic's *Wolves of the Air*. She was a producer and presenter on the *Truth Commission Special Report* and co-created the award-winning local dramas *Mzansi* and *Hard Copy*. Her first feature film, *White Wedding*, was the SA entry to the 2010 Oscars for Best Foreign Picture; she released her second film, *Paradise Stop*, in 2011.

AGRICULTURAL LEADER
MADELÉ FERREIRA, 45

This year's success In September, Madelé, who established Mooihoek Boerdery in 1998, was named Job Creator of the Year at the 2012 Sanlam and Business Partners Entrepreneur of the Year Awards. Madelé currently employs 120 people – mostly women – in the Gamtoos Valley in the Eastern Cape, an area with high levels of unemployment. Fourteen years ago, she leased a small patch of land from her husband in order to grow fresh produce. Today, Madelé has grown this small business into a successful farming enterprise. She runs a 40-hectare farm that produces spinach, leeks and strawberries, which she sells to three of SA's top retailers.



THE BUSINESS LEADER
MARGARET HIRSCH, 62

This year's success In August, President Jacob Zuma presented Margaret with the Businesswoman of the Year Award in the Entrepreneurial category.

Margaret, who is Chief Operations Officer for home-appliance superstore Hirsch's, set up the business 33 years ago with her husband, Allan. Hirsch's has grown from a small 'mom and pop' business to a billion-Rand company with 12 branches and four concept stores nationwide. Despite a global recession, the family-run business has seen a 26% increase year on year.



THE FASHION DESIGNER
SUZAAH HEYNS, 31

This year's success Suzaan, who opened her second store in Melrose Arch in Joburg this August, was one of nine SA designers chosen to exhibit at the eKhaya village in London (home to the SA team during the Olympic Games).

She participated in the 2012 Vodacom Durban July's Invited Designers' Fashion Showcase with seven others, and she was asked to take part in the International Design Collective Fashion Show as part of the Volvo Ocean Race festivities in Ireland in June. Suzaan started her design studio in 2008 and opened her first store in Melville, Joburg, in April 2011. Last year, she was also nominated for a Naledi Theatre Award for Best Costume Design, and caused a stir at SA Fashion Week 2012 by partnering with PPC to incorporate cement in her collection.



STORMING THE BOARDROOM
NICKY NEWTON-KING, 45

This year's success Nicky, who has worked at the Johannesburg Stock Exchange Ltd since 1996, serving as Deputy Chief Executive Officer for the last eight of those years, took on the role of CEO in January. Finally, after 125 years, the JSE, the largest stock exchange in Africa, has its first female CEO. She is also a member of the JSE Board of Directors.

Recognised as an up-and-coming leader early in her career, Nicky was awarded Businesswoman of the Year in 2003 by the Businesswomen's Association of South Africa, was named as one of the World Economic Forum's Global Leaders of Tomorrow the same year, and became a Yale World Fellow in 2006. >>



MUSICAL POWERHOUSE
LIRA, 33

This year's success In June, Lira released her debut US album *Rise Again* and, in July, after being nominated for Best International Act (Africa), she attended the LA ceremony for the BET Awards, which recognises African Americans and other minorities for work in the entertainment industry. Lira released the DVD *Lira – The Captured Tour – Concert Film* through her newly established production company ARIL Films in the same month.

Her music was featured in Africa.com's 30-minute documentary, *Africa Straight Up*, which was released worldwide in September, and she starred in Antonio Falduto's drama *The Italian Consul*, which premiered at the Taormina Film Fest in 2011. To date, she has four studio albums.

Lira has scooped up nine South African Music Awards since 2003



**BUSINESSWOMAN AND ACTIVIST
JENNA CLIFFORD, 53**

This year's success In September, Jenna celebrated the 20th anniversary of her business, Jenna Clifford Designs. Known as much for her work in the jewellery industry as for her philanthropic initiatives, Jenna recently launched the Jenna Clifford Rhino campaign in collaboration with *StopRhinoPoaching.com*; proceeds from the Jenna Clifford Rhino Collection go to rhino conservation. In the past year, Jenna has also acted as a spokesperson for Fur Free SA, and collaborated with them on a campaign that saw her investing in the production of a specially designed, hand-crafted collectable sugar spoon in fine pewter. Each person who buys a spoon is asked to make a pledge never to buy fur and all proceeds have gone to Fur Free SA. Another milestone for Jenna was the launch of Jenna Clifford, The Collection in 2011, a signature dinnerware and glassware range distributed exclusively through Boardmans' top 10 flagship outlets.



**THE HEALTH-CARE CRUSADER
TINA BOTHA, 52**

This year's success In July, the Shoprite Checkers Women of the Year Awards honoured Tina with the Health Care-Givers Award and R100 000 toward The Sunflower Fund for her incredible work as its CEO.

Tina set up the non-profit organisation in 1999 while searching for a bone marrow donor for her son, Chris, who sadly passed away in 2000 after his battle with leukaemia. The Fund has raised millions to pay for testing of bone-marrow donors to build up the SA Bone Marrow Registry, which had just 600 donors in 1999, and now has over 64 500. **w&h**

**THE GROUNDBREAKING SCIENTIST
JILL FARRANT, 51**

This year's success Jill was named the African/Arab States recipient of the 2012 L'Oréal-UNESCO Award for Women in Science at a ceremony held in Paris in March, receiving US\$100 000 (about R818 800) for the achievement. Each year, the award is given to five exceptional women scientists around the world for work that has the potential to resolve major global issues.

Jill was recognised for her pioneering work with desiccation-tolerant 'resurrection' plants. Her research could be used to develop drought-tolerant crops for arid areas to tackle the issue of food security. Jill is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Southern Africa, UCT and of TWAS (The Academy of Sciences for the Developing World).

**CELEBRATED ARTIST
MARLENE DUMAS, 59**

This year's success Marlene was presented with the 2012 Johannes Vermeer Award by Halbe Zijlstra, The Netherlands' State Secretary for Education, Culture and Science, at the Prinsenhof in Delft in October 2011. This Dutch state prize for art is awarded for outstanding artistic talent. Marlene, who was born in Cape Town, moved to The Netherlands in 1976. Her artworks have been widely exhibited in galleries around the world, including the Tate Gallery in London, the MoMA in New York and the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam. She's garnered many

awards during her career, including the Swedish Rolf Schock Prize in the Visual Arts in 2011. The University of Stellenbosch also awarded her an Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy *honoris causa* last year. The Iziko SA National Gallery houses 45 of Marlene Dumas' artworks in its Permanent Collection.

