





On 16 November, the 2022 nominees will be celebrated at the glamorous "Oscars of the finance profession" for their hard work and achievements over the last year, and some will be crowned the winners of the prestigious CFO Awards.


Arno Daehnke
Standard Bank chief finance & value management officer

Before taking on the role of chief finance and value management officer at Standard Bank, Arno headed up the banking group's treasury and capital management function. He has extensive experience in key financial aspects such as financial planning under varying macroeconomic scenarios, managing a complex banking group balance sheet in volatile financial markets and a deep understanding of both local and international bank regulatory frameworks. Prior to joining Standard Bank, Arno was one of South Africa's leading seismologists, using mathematical models to interrogate how shocks move through rocks.


Boitumelo Mosako
Development Bank of South Africa CFO

Boitumelo was appointed CFO of the Development Bank of South Africa (DBSA) in 2018. She is a qualified CA(SA) with over 12 years' experience in financial services. Prior to joining the DBSA, she served as the CFO at the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS), and before that, as general manager of finance at the DBSA. She also worked at Triumph Venture Capital, Citigroup and EY, respectively. She has a BCom in accounting, a post graduate diploma in accounting and a higher diploma in accounting.


Mohammed 'Ashraf' Dindar
Council for Scientific and Industrial Research CFO

Ashraf was appointed CFO on 1 July 2020. He joined the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) from Foskor, where he was the CFO and executive director from January 2016, a position he was seconded to from the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC). At the IDC, Ashraf was the head of financial management from January 2002 to December 2015.

Ashraf is a qualified CA(SA), holds holds BCom and BAcc degrees from the University of Witwatersrand, and executive and development programme certificates from the Gordon Institute of Business Science and the Global Institute of Leadership Development.


Bradley Wentzel
Douglasdale Dairy CFO

Brad was appointed CFO of Douglasdale Dairy in November 2018. Prior to this he was the FD at Global-track SA and before that, at Nando's. Brad also worked as a finance manager at Cycle Lab and The Pro Shop. He was an auditor at BDO Spencer Steward Johannesburg for four years.

Brad is busy with his doctorate in business and a post-graduate diploma in accounting. He holds CA, CIMA, CGMA and ACMA accreditations, as well as a BCom accounting degree. He has also completed various industry-related courses.


Boipelo Lekubo
Harmony Gold FD

Boipelo was promoted to the position of FD of Harmony Gold in 2020 after serving as the group's CFO since June 2017. She is a qualified CA(SA) with extensive experience in group financial management and reporting within the mining industry. Her previous roles include CFO of Atlatla Resources Corporation and financial manager of Northam Platinum. She served as an independent non-executive director of Trans Hex Group from August 2013 until March 2017 and currently serves as an independent non-executive director on the boards of African Rainbow Capital and UBI General Partner.


Deepa Sita
Tiger Brands CFO

Deepa has been the CFO of Tiger Brands since 1 October 2020. She is a qualified CA and has an MBA (cum laude) from GIBS, where she also lectures. She has previously worked at Deloitte, Samsung Electronics, Entyce Beverages, and Mondelēz International. She joined the Masswarehouse division of Massmart as FD in 2016. In 2018, she was appointed as finance and commercial director. She has also served as the interim CEO and chief integration and strategy officer for Masscash.


Deon Smith
Thungela Resources FD

Deon joined Anglo American in 2007 and has headed up various finance departments within the company, including risk and assurance, accounting services, capital management and corporate finance South Africa. In 2017, he was appointed as the CFO of Anglo American's Coal South Africa division until it separated from the group and became Thungela in 2021. He then became the demerged Thungela Resources' FD.

Before his time at Anglo American, Deon was a senior manager at KPMG Advisory from 2000 to 2005, and prior to that, he served as the CEO of Cura Software Solutions for a year.


Julian Palliam
Foskor group CFO

Julian has several years of international experience in leading teams to deliver value on a large scale across many multinational organisations in finance, mining, chemical engineering and energy sectors.

Julian joined Foskor as its group CFO in November 2019. Before that, he served in vice presidency roles at Metso and ABB. He also served as a financial controller for ABB and ENRC.

He completed his articles at Deloitte South Africa, and has a B.Com degree in accounting and finance from the University of KwaZulu-Natal.


Dirk Viljoen
Hollard Insurance group CFO

Dirk has been the group CFO of Hollard since October 2018.

Dirk holds a masters of actuarial science degree from Wits and is a fellow of the Faculty of Actuaries in Edinburgh.

Prior to his current appointment, Dirk served in various actuarial roles within the Hollard Group. Before this, he held roles at Fedsure and Commercial Union Asset Managers in Cape Town. He holds directorship roles on the boards of various companies under the Hollard Holdings group, as well as non-executive directorship roles and chairman positions.


Kagiso Lerutla
Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality group CFO

Kagiso was appointed as the CFO of the City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality on 30 May 2019. He joined the City of Ekurhuleni in 2014 as divisional head of governance and compliance within the finance department. Prior to joining the City of Ekurhuleni, he worked in the office of the Auditor-General.

Kagiso is a qualified CA and SAICA member, with a BCompt degree from the University of Limpopo, and a BCom accounting Honours degree from the University of Johannesburg.


Elmarie Maritz
Sedibelo Platinum Mines CFO

Elmarie started her career as a cost accountant at Silvertown Engineering. After completing her articles and passing her board exam in 2022 she joined KPMG's tax department for two years, then joined the South African operation of an international software company as the financial manager.

Shortly after, she was approached by one of Sedibelo's group companies, Platinum South Africa, to be their group financial manager. In 2016, she was promoted to the group's CFO.


Lerena Olivier
Pick n Pay CFO

Lerena was appointed as the CFO of Pick n Pay in September 2019. Prior to that, she headed up the group's reporting and finance team.

She is a qualified CA(SA) and has 18 years of experience with JSE-listed companies in the retail sector, including serving as Shoprite's group financial accountant for 10 years, and an audit manager at PwC for three years.

Lerena has a BCom Honours degree in accounting, finance and tax from Stellenbosch University.


Mark Stirton
Mr Price CFO

Mark is an experienced financial professional with strong entrepreneurial agility and large corporate experience. He was appointed CFO of the Mr Price Group in January 2019 and the FD in January 2016. He has previously worked as a financial manager for the group. Before this he worked as group commercial manager of strategic business development and pharma affairs at Aspen Pharmacare. He also served as the managing director of Eurotap Investments for eight years. He served his articles at PwC and is a qualified CA(SA). Mark has a BCom from UNISA and an FCMA from CIMA.


Risto Ketola
Momentum Metropolitan Holdings FD

Risto joined Momentum Metropolitan Holdings in August 2016 to head up investor relations and business performance management. In 2017 Risto was appointed as the group's CFO.

Risto has extensive experience as a financial services analyst and researcher with Standard Bank, Ketola Research and Deutsche Bank. He is also a CFA charterholder, and is a fellow of the Institute of Actuaries and Actuarial Society of South Africa (ASSA). He graduated from the University of Cape Town with a BSc in economics and statistics.


Mpolaheng Mohlopi
Lanseria Airport CFO

Mpolaheng was appointed CFO of Lanseria International Airport in March 2018. She has over 15 years experience in finance management and executive positions, having previously served as the senior finance manager of rail networks at Transnet Freight Rail, as well as its senior manager of finance operations.

She has also served as an audit senior at Deloitte, as well as a consultant at the Auditor-General of South Africa. She is a qualified CA(SA) with a BAcc from the University of Cape Town and a commerce degree from the Lebowakgomo Commercial College.


Sandile Ntsele
**Liquid Intelligent Technologies
South Africa CFO**

Sandile was appointed CFO of Liquid Intelligent Technologies South Africa in April 2021. Sandile joined MTN in 1999 as a senior manager. He progressed through the ranks, becoming CFO of MTN Zambia in 2005 and CFO of MTN Cameroon in 2012. He was appointed CFO of MTN SA in April 2015. Prior to this, he served as a corporate financial accountant in 1998. Sandile was a trainee accountant at Deloitte from 1995 to 1998. A qualified CA(SA), he holds a BAcc Honours from UNISA and a BCom Honours from the University of KwaZulu-Natal.


Riaan Davel
DRDGold CFO

Riaan was appointed CFO of DRDGold in January 2015. Prior to this, he was an audit partner at KPMG for seven years. Riaan has over 17 years of experience in the mining industry. He also has experience as an IFRS Technical Partner, having represented SAICA in the International Accounting Standards Board's project on Extractive Activities from 2003 to 2010. He has also served on committees compiling or updating the South African codes for reporting and valuation of mineral reserves and resources. He has a Master's degree in accounting from the University of Johannesburg.


Sean Doherty
Transaction Capital CFO

Sean was appointed CFO of Transaction Capital in June 2019. Prior to this he worked at Standard Bank in a number of positions including head of new business innovation and ventures, and CFO and COO of Investment Banking. Sean ran his own consultancy for a year. Before this he worked at FirstRand and JP Morgan in London. He also served as a manager in the corporate finance division of Deloitte after completing his articles with the firm. He has an MBA from IE and a BCom Honours from the University of Johannesburg.



Tinyiko Sihlangu

Royal Bafokeng Holdings FD

Tinyiko is a qualified CA with a Masters degree in tax. She served her articles at PwC, which included one year of Academic Articles at the University of Pretoria.

She also spent three months on secondment in PwC's USA offices. She was appointed as the FD of Royal Bafokeng Holdings in July 2019 after having served as the group's group manager of finance for three years and a financial accountant for one year. Before that, she served as a financial reporting analyst at MTN for two years.



Yusuf Bodiati

**The Federated Employers Mutual
Assurance Company CFO**

Yusuf is a qualified CA(SA) and holds a BAcc degree from the University of the Witwatersrand. He is also a member of SAICA. Yusuf started his working life at Deloitte, where he gained experience in insurance, banking, medical aid, pension funds, private equity and parastatal industries, and was the acting CFO of Lion of Africa Insurance. He was appointed as the CFO at The Federated Employers Mutual Assurance Company (FEM) in February 2019.

Yusuf also joined the board of Legal Expenses Insurance Southern Africa Limited (LEZA) as an independent non-executive director in February 2022.



Zaf Mahomed

Former Cell C CFO

Zaf was appointed CFO of Cell C in December 2018. Prior to joining Cell C, he was CFO at McDonald's and Ellerines Holdings and FD at Johnson & Johnson. Zaf has more than 24 years of finance and business experience across major industries, multinational and listed companies and world-wide brands in multiple industries.

He is a qualified CA(SA) with a Masters in Business Leadership from the UNISA School of business leadership. Zaf also holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Natal and an BCom Honours degree from UNISA.

