

# All of Machine\_'s entries convert to finalists at the 2023 New Gen Awards

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The New Generation Social & Digital Media Awards list of 2023 finalists was announced on 30 August. Creative-solutions agency, Machine\_ successfully had each of their entries convert to a finalist, creating 12 in total, across creative and content marketing.



The [New Gen Awards](#) recognise both the leading local corporates and agencies that produce outstanding and innovative campaigns that build brands in ground-breaking ways. This year, [Machine\\_](#) entered a range of work from its creative and content marketing specialist department, with all entries converting to finalists.

Four of the entries consisted of work from Machine\_'s long-standing client, [Sanlam](#). "We're thrilled to see our work across the Sanlam Group recognised," says Alex Forrester-Strydom, Machine\_ Cape Town business unit director. "It's testament to our ability to build client partnerships which allow for us to innovate, refresh and re-imagine, based on data, to create excellent work and value within their businesses," says Alex.

Machine\_ also proudly submitted work from its recent campaigns for Spotify South Africa, including the viral mockumentary, "Ons Praat Nie Afrikaans Nie, Ons Sing Dit". Read more about the campaign, featuring comedic genius, Schalk Bezuidenhout, [here](#). Spotify's "[You Like It, We Got It](#)" integrated campaign was also the first time that Spotify had done a campaign speaking purely to South Africans on such a scale – TV, OOH, radio, online audio, social media and digital. And it received incredible results.

"This list is a testament to the depth and breadth of what Machine\_ does – and does well. Our finalists range from internal comms and content marketing to innovative use of social and integrated brand campaigns. These are for both proudly South African as well as global brands, making their mark in the country – with help from us," Jabulani Sigegge, Machine\_ Cape Town executive creative director.

**Machine\_'s 12 2023 New Gen Finalists:**

### **Blogging Excellence:**

- Sanlam Reality [“Wealth Sense Blog”](#)

### **Most Innovative use of Social & Digital Media:**

- Prime Video “Jack Ryan S3 Binge-Watching Calendar”
- Spotify SA “You Like It, We Got It”

### **Best Integrated Marketing Campaign:**

- Spotify SA “You Like It, We Got It”

### **Best Influencer Marketing Campaign:**

- Spotify SA “Ons Praat Nie Afrikaans Nie, Ons Sing Dit”

### **Most Viral Campaign by Agency:**

- Spotify SA “Ons Praat Nie Afrikaans Nie, Ons Sing Dit”

### **Most Innovative use of Social & Digital Media by a Med-Large Agency:**

- Prime Video “Jack Ryan S3 Binge-Watching Calendar”

### **Best Influencer Marketing Campaign by an Agency:**

- Spotify SA “Ons Praat Nie Afrikaans Nie, Ons Sing Dit”

### **Best Marketing Automation Campaign:**

- Sanlam Reality “Open Market Acquisition”

### **Best Online Newsletter:**

- Sanlam “Retail Mass Takeover”

### **Best Online Magazine:**

- Nutun Digital Brand Services “From TCR Ngage to Nutun Ngage”
- Sanlam “Connect”

This year's awards gala ceremony will be hosted at [The Hilton Hotel](#), Sandton on Wednesday 27 September. Read more about the New Gen awards [here](#).

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