

Top 500 to publish Pravin Gordhan's take on the way forward

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Furthering its mandate to share the successes and vision of South Africa's premier organisations and their leaders with the global economy, *Top 500 South Africa's Best Managed Companies* is proud to showcase an exclusive interview with Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan in its 8th annual edition, to be available in November 2016.



Finance Minister, Pravin Gordhan

Few public figures hold more prominence on the sociopolitical landscape at this time than Finance Minister and former Minister of Cooperative Governance, Pravin Jamnadas Gordhan. Few public figures are tied to the health of the rand, and the South African economy, as intimately. Few public figures can match his reputation for grace under pressure, wisdom in turbulent times and perseverance against the odds.

In conversation with the man responsible for stabilising, prioritising and protecting the country's finances, *Top 500* has sought to gain Minister Gordhan's in-depth insights on key issues facing the country right now, including the fiercely-debated 'Wealth Tax'; the Ministry's strategy for strengthening and sustaining international investor confidence; the implications of Brexit locally, and the sweeter aspects of the Sugar Tax. The result is a must-read overview of the opinions of one of the sharpest minds ever to hold dear this country's destiny.

Once again this year's *Top 500 South Africa's Best Managed Companies* will outline, following stringent research and analysis (in conjunction with the University of Cape Town's Development Policy Research Unit) the top five companies in 100 business sectors - companies with a collective turnover of over R3.5trn. To more broadly qualify, these companies must be excelling in three key spheres, namely financial performance, empowerment, and policy and accreditation. Yet *Top 500* is more than the essential annual directory for local and global decision-makers - it also pulls together profiles of, and interviews with, a number of high-profile private- and public-sector figures who drive the economy forward amid changeable currents. While their individual approaches may differ they, like Minister Gordhan, all share an unflappable commitment to stability, growth and South Africa's best interests.

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