

Best performing companies in South Africa

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The Sunday Times Top 100 companies list reveals which South Africa companies have delivered the best return for investors over the past five years.

The Top 100 Companies awards acknowledge those listed companies which have earned the most for their shareholders.

The share-price performance of every company listed on the JSE is calculated on the basis of R10 000 invested over five years — from October 1 2010 to the end of September 2015.

The winner is the company that earns the most for its shareholders in terms of share-price growth, after taking into account normal and special dividends and bonus shares reinvested.

For 2015, Fortress Income Fund took top honours, delivering a 72.7% average annual compound return to shareholders.

Trustco Group Holdings, with an average return of 70.4%, took second place, followed by listed ICT group, EOH Holdings, with 69.38%.

Fortress Income was the JSE's top performing stock in 2014. It is a hybrid fund, which offers investors exposure to other local and offshore listed property groups, as well as its own property portfolio.

Its own properties typically cover retail centres in lower-income and rural areas.

Trustco, another top performer on the JSE in 2014, is a Namibian small-cap investment group, which is diversified in banking, insurance, property and other investment channels in Namibia, South Africa and Brazil.

The group is listed in South Africa, Namibia and plays in the Nasdaq's over the counter market.

Top 25 companies in South Africa

#	Company	Average annual compound return
1	Fortress Income Fund	72.70%

2	Trustco Group Holdings	70.43%
3	EOH Holdings	69.38%
4	Taste Holdings	53.06%
5	Coronation Fund Managers	51.47%
6	Afrimat	49.38%
7	Brait SE	48.28%
8	Capital & Counties Properties	47.76%
9	PSG Group	47.27%
10	Onelogix Group	45.53%
11	Mondi	44.92%
12	Naspers	42.09%
13	New Europe Property Investments	42.07%
14	Conduit Capital	42.06%
15	Super Group	41.18%
16	Consolidated Infrastructure Group	40.37%
17	Mr Price Group	40.06%
18	Cashbuild	39.34%

19	Resilient Property Income Fund	38.40%
20	Pioneer Foods Group	38.07%
21	Steinhoff International Holdings	36.94%
22	Famous Brands	36.49%
23	Woolworths Holdings	35.81%
24	Mediclinic International	35.70%
25	AVI	32.98%

Other notable tech companies that are listed in the top 100 include:

- Net 1 UEPS Technologies – 37th, with 29.3%;
- Vodacom – 53rd, with 24.8%
- Mustek – 54th, with 24.5%
- Remgro – 56th, with 23.3%
- Pinnacle – 59th, with 22.1%
- Mix Telematics – 67th, with 20.2%
- Reinet Investments – 69th, with 19.8%
- Datatec – 71st, with 19.8%
- Blue Label Telecoms – 76th, with 19.2%
- Telkom – 92nd, with 15.2%

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