

PIONEERING SOUTH AFRICAN SKINCARE INNOVATION HONoured AT PRESTIGIOUS WOMAN & HOME



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Environ Skin Care has once again been recognised for its pioneering innovation in professional skincare, winning Best Micro-Needling Roller for its Cosmetic Roll-CIT® at the 2025 Woman & Home Beauty Awards, held on 21 October in Cape Town, South Africa.

This recognition from Woman & Home, one of South Africa's most respected beauty authorities, reinforces Environ's global reputation for developing results-driven, science-based skincare. Winners were selected by a panel of expert judges after extensive testing across hundreds of skincare, makeup, and wellness products.

Developed by Dr Des Fernandes, world-renowned Plastic Surgeon and Founder of Environ Skin Care, the Cosmetic Roll-CIT® represents a true milestone in the evolution of modern skincare. In 2002, Dr Fernandes launched the world's first at-home micro-needling roller, a breakthrough that changed how the world approached skin rejuvenation.

"When I first introduced skin needling in the 1990s, the concept was seen as unconventional and even impossible," says Dr Fernandes. "But I was convinced that creating microscopic channels in the skin could trigger its natural healing power, increasing collagen production and improving the delivery of essential vitamins. The Cosmetic Roll-CIT® and Medical Roll-CIT® made that science accessible to everyone."

Dr Fernandes' early research into skin regeneration led to the development of the micro-needling technique now recognised and adopted by medical and aesthetic professionals around the world. His pioneering work not only introduced a new way of achieving healthier, more resilient skin but also inspired the evolution of professional needling devices used in clinics globally today.

Dr Fernandes was present at the award ceremony in Cape Town to personally accept the award.

"Through my research into vitamin A and skin regeneration, I saw remarkable improvements, but I

also realised the skin's natural barrier was limiting penetration. To achieve better results, I needed a way to deliver more vitamin A to where the skin needed it most. That's what led me to develop the first cosmetic roller."

ABOUT DR DES FERNANDES

Dr Des Fernandes is a Cape Town based Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, internationally acclaimed for his pioneering work in medical and cosmetic Skin Needling as well as his scientific innovations in skin health. He founded Environ Skin Care in 1990, becoming one of the first medical professionals to harness the benefits of topical vitamin A and antioxidants in cosmetic formulations. Dr Fernandes has published extensively in medical and aesthetic journals, lectured globally, and remains at the forefront of research into skin regeneration, health and longevity. His lifelong commitment to innovation has influenced both surgical and non-surgical skincare worldwide.

ABOUT ENVIRON SKIN CARE

Environ Skin Care is a globally recognised and loved professional skincare brand that is built on science, beauty and care. Since 1990, Environ has used the science of beauty to change the way the world sees skincare. The introduction of vitamin A to skincare formulations was a ground-breaking development, first successfully included in cosmetic products by world renowned Plastic Surgeon and Environ founder Dr Des Fernandes. His sister, Val Carstens, Environ's Chairman, has built the brand from a dream to a global success. Today, Environ has over 140 products in more than 70 countries. Environ has received over 100 international awards which have recognised the brand for its outstanding products, most recently being voted Top Medical Skincare Line in the highly revered Aesthetic Everything® Aesthetic and Cosmetic Medicine Awards for the eighth consecutive year.

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