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T&T Chamber of Industry and Commerce: Champions of Business Awards 2026

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Good evening, Champions of Business!

Policy maps our potential, but this room powers our economic sovereignty. You are the builders, the innovators, and the relentless risk-takers championing Trinbagonian excellence worldwide.

At the Ministry of Trade, Investment and Tourism, private sector ambition isn't supported arbitrarily. It is the engine we actively build around, invest in, and support unapologetically. That is why we are proud to sponsor tonight's flagship accolade, The Internationally Known… T&T Owned Company of the Year!

This award is earned through industrial tenacity, global competitiveness, and relentless execution. Tonight's winner is a pillar of our economic history and a titan of modern manufacturing. 89 years ago, it began as a visionary collective of local coconut farmers. Today, anchored in its home community of Laventille and powering nearly 300 local jobs, it stands as a sustainable, cutting-edge powerhouse.

From household staples like Nariel and Marigold to eco-conscious, vegan personal care lines like Cedros Bay, they have redefined Caribbean manufacturing. Through strategic capital investments, digital transformation, and uncompromising international quality standards, they have driven Trinidad and Tobago's excellence across 13 export markets, from CARICOM to Amazon in the United States.

They prove every single day that Trinidad and Tobago is not just a consumer of world-class products. We are an undisputed creator of them.

Ladies and gentlemen, stand with me and celebrate the 2026 Internationally Known… T&T Owned Company of the Year, THE COCONUT GROWERS ASSOCIATION!