

Business closures and SA's Love Index - 18 Feb 2019

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In top news this week, Grand Parade Investments is **closing all Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins** outlets in South Africa following poor performance. And **Woolworths finds itself in the midst of another plagiarism accusation**. This time, Michelle Legge of local beverage brand Superlatte claims that the retailer copied the idea for her superfood drinks.

Then, with Valentine's Day top of mind last week, **Mastercard released the results of its annual Love Index**, revealing South Africans spend more on romantic experiences rather than traditional gifts.

With Zando celebrating its 7th birthday, I chat to **MD Grant Brown about the fashion retailer's growth** and future plans. And less than a year after Toys 'R' Us liquidated its assets and shut the doors to hundreds of stores in the U.S., the **company has reemerged under a new brand dubbed Tru Kids**.

In other must-reads, these are the **5 businesses you'd be smart to start** in 2019, according to Silvertree Internet Holdings. And IBM has revealed the five significant changes driven by innovation in science and technology that will **transform the food supply chain within the next 5 years**.

Until next week!

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