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"42nd annual listing of America's largest black companies" with the publication of the BLACK ENTERPRISE 100s.

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Business, investing and wealth-building resource *Black Enterprise* has published its "42nd annual listing of America's largest black companies" with the publication of the BLACK ENTERPRISE 100s.

The report is considered an authoritative analysis and annual ranking of the nation's top grossing black-owned companies. The BE 100s consists of rankings of America's 100 largest black-owned industrial/service companies, 60 automobile dealers, as well as listings of the top advertising agencies, banks, asset managers, investment banks and private equity firms.

The 2014 BE 100s Report: Scale Up Your Business is published in *Black Enterprise Magazine* (currently on newsstands) as well as online at BlackEnterprise.com.

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report — collectively grossed more than \$21.8 billion in 2013, a \$2 billion increase in revenue over the previous year. The BE 100s industrial/service companies employed 56,452 people in 2013. The 60 largest black-owned auto dealers generated \$7.9 billion in revenues and employed 9,298 people in 2013.

In addition to the BE 100s listings, the magazine also features profiles of the chief executives of the 2013 *Black Enterprise* Companies of the Year:

- Industrial/Service Company of the Year: ChemicoMays L.L.C., Southfield, MI; CEO, Leon C. Richardson. Business: Chemical Management Services
- Auto Dealer of the Year: Rodgers Chevrolet Inc., Woodhaven, MI; CEO, Pamela Rodgers. Business: Retail sales for GM
- Financial Services Company of the Year: Vista Equity Partners, San Francisco, CA; CEO, Robert F. Smith. Business: Private Equity (focus on technology)
- Advertising Agency of the Year: commonground marketing, Chicago, IL; CEOs, Sherman Wright/Ahmad Islam

"The BE 100s – the nation's largest black businesses – continue to be the standard bearers for all American enterprises, demonstrating that sustained business growth comes when ideation and innovation is wedded to execution and excellence." says *Black Enterprise* Senior VP/Editor-in-Chief Derek T. Dingle. "As such, most exhibit elasticity, capability, technological adaptability and branding power in a seesaw economic recovery and hyper-competitive business environment."

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