

# Young Director of the Year Finalists



**Martin Bamford**

Managing director, Informed Choice Ltd

Martin Bamford is managing director of Informed Choice, an award-winning firm of chartered financial planners in Cranleigh, Surrey. He is a chartered financial planner, chartered wealth manager and CFP professional, specialising in later life advice as an accredited later life adviser. Martin is the author of several bestselling personal finance books and produced his first feature-length documentary in 2014, about the post-war baby boomer generation in retirement.



**Julianne Ponan**

Owner and CEO, Creative Nature

Julianne Ponan is the young entrepreneur behind high-growth superfood brand Creative Nature. After taking over the company when she was 22 and it was operating at a £56,000 loss, she pulled the firm into profit and launched it into the UK's major supermarkets, pharmacies, gyms, retailers and health food stores. Julianne is a motivational speaker and mentor for Virgin Startups, and is taking Creative Nature to new territories such as Scandinavia and the UAE. In 2016 she was named the *Guardian's* Leader of the Year.



**James Morris**

Managing director,  
Trafalgar & JF Marquees

James set up JF Marquees in 2007, initially as a sideline to his university studies. It soon became obvious that it was a fantastic business opportunity. Since partnering with operations director Stephen Shiner, the pair have seen Trafalgar & JF Marquees grow substantially over the last six years. James handles the day-to-day running of the business and looks after the company's corporate clients.



**Tevin Tobun**

CEO, GV Group (Gate Ventures)

Tevin Tobun is the CEO of GV Group (Gate Ventures), a multi-sector business that specialises in food logistics and distribution which he founded in 2001. Its food logistics division focuses on food transportation within the education, social services, healthcare, retail and business sectors and currently delivers over seven million food and food-related items a year throughout the UK. Tevin is one of the JP Morgan Black Powerlist's 100 most influential black people in the UK.