



Northern
Finance Director Awards
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Celebrating Exceptional Talent
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Introduction

Overview

The Northern Finance Director awards champions everything that is exceptional about the North's finance leaders, who are often the unsung heroes in any successful business. The best FDs & CFOs now have to be creative and strategic thinkers, inspiring leaders and influencers of various key stakeholders to the business. They are a critical piece of any thriving organisation.

The awards span 11 categories, paying tribute to the enterprise, leadership, resilience, social impact and all-round excellence of our finance leaders and their teams over the past 12 months.

The awards are sponsored by leading recruitment firm Michael Page, business & corporate finance advisory and accountancy firm BHP/Translink, law firm Hill Dickinson, global banking company Barclays and insurance advisory business Partners&.

The judging process to select our shortlist was rigorous and incredibly hard. Our panel of highly experienced judges have robustly selected our finalists, all of whom worthy of significant praise for their accomplishments. This year's categories are set out below.

Company Size and Structure

- Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company up to £25 Million
- Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company £25 Million – £100 Million
- Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company Over £100 Million
- Best Northern Finance Director of a Private Equity-backed Company
- Best Northern Finance Director of a Family-Owned Company

Outstanding Achievements

- Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – Growth/Scale Up
- Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – Leadership
- Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – One to Watch
- Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – Deal of the Year
- Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – Turnaround
- Northern Finance Team of the Year 2026

The Northern Finance Director Awards continue to recognise and celebrate the exceptional talent of our finance leaders and their teams across the North of England.

Our Sponsors

As both partners and promoters of the Northern Finance community, Michael Page, BHP/Translink, Barclays, Hill Dickinson and Partners& are incredibly proud to be sponsoring the Northern Finance Directors Awards 2026. Our sponsors are extremely committed to the commercial success of the North and are delighted to be able to play a key part in the recognition and support of its finance community.

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Michael Page



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Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company up to £25 Million

This category showcases exceptional finance directors of businesses with revenues of up to £25 million annually.



Adam Longfield
Finance Director, Harte Companies



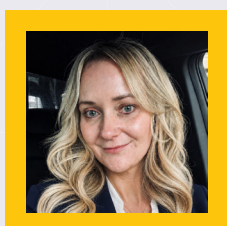
Annabel Mantel
*Chief Financial Officer,
Brisant Secure Ltd*



Claire Algar
*Group Finance Director,
Queensway Advisory Limited*



Claire Elcock
*Chief Finance & Operations Officer,
Boxphish*



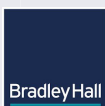
Leanne Davies
*Finance & Administration Director,
JTM Service Ltd*



Matt Peters
Chief Finance Officer, Ello Group



Paul Czerepok
Group Finance Director, Bradley Hall



Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company £25 Million – £100 Million

This category showcases exceptional finance directors of businesses with revenues between £25 million and £100 million annually.



Andy Haslam
Chief Financial Officer, Smiffys
(Now Financial Director, Purston
Park Group)



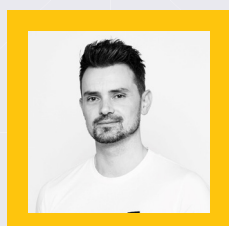
David Sadler
Finance Director, Global Autocare
Ltd



Jenny Telford
Finance Director, Rudding Park



Kieran Eblett
Group Chief Financial Officer,
Bailie Group



Mark McQuade
Finance Director
Classic Football Company Ltd



Nadeem Memon
Group Chief Financial Officer,
Panaz Ltd



Steve Wilcockson
Chief Financial Officer,
CoGri Group Ltd



Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company Over £100 Million

This category showcases exceptional finance directors of businesses with revenues over £100 million annually.



Barry Hope
Chief Financial Officer, Fox Group



John Dunsford
Group Finance Director, Symphony Group



Paul Ross
Finance Director, SES Ltd



Phil Bennett
*Finance Director, Hatfields
(Now CFO at Williams Motor Group)*



Steve Jones
Group CFO, Tunstall Group Ltd



Tom Mather
Group Finance Director, LNT Group



A Message from Page Executive

We are immensely proud to be involved with the Northern FD Awards again this year and as ever the senior finance leadership of the region has shown us just how talented they are. The stories, challenges and successes we are privileged to hear about are always the highlight, and this year has been as strong as ever with the challenging economic backdrop providing difficulties as well as opportunities – but all meaning the FD/CFO role has been critical in helping navigate companies through whatever has been thrown at them.

Thanks to everyone who has taken time out to be involved, from the nominees, judges and all those who help with the organisation – these awards do not exist without you – and I wish everyone good luck and, whether you are a winner or not, you can be very proud of the critical role you play in the region's economy – I hope you have a great evening.



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A Michael Page Business

Best Northern Finance Director of a Private Equity-backed Company

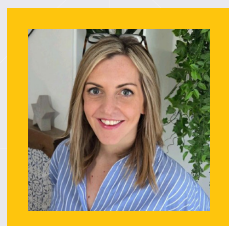
This category shines a spotlight on the exceptional talent of finance directors in private equity-backed businesses in the North.



Annabel Mantel
Chief Financial Officer,
Brisant Secure Ltd



Barry Hope
Chief Financial Officer, Fox Group



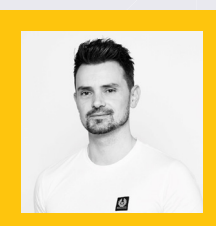
Becky Marshall
Chief Financial Officer,
Fleetondemand



Claire Elcock
Chief Finance & Operations Officer,
Boxphish



Lucy Bolton
Chief Financial Officer,
Wireless CCTV Ltd



Mark McQuade
Finance Director,
Classic Football Company Ltd



Richard Waumsley
Chief Financial Officer, Cura Terrae



Steve Jones
Group CFO, Tunstall Group Ltd

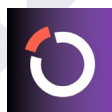


Best Northern Finance Director of a Family-Owned Company

Our shortlist demonstrates the value of a good finance director on a Family-Owned company.



Amanda Hawthorne
*Group Finance Director,
Oscar Recruitment*



Claire Algar
*Group Finance Director,
Queensway Advisory Limited*



Jenny Telford
Finance Director, Rudding Park



Jocelyn Morgan
*Chief Financial Officer,
Scorpion Automotive Limited*



Kieran Eblett
*Group Chief Financial Officer,
Bailie Group*



Nadeem Memon
*Group Chief Financial Officer,
Panaz Ltd*



Paul Ross
Finance Director, SES Ltd



A Message from BHP LLP & Translink UK Corporate Finance

We're delighted to be supporting the Northern FD Awards once again and are proud to be entering our third year as sponsors. Having met another exceptional group of finalists, we've once again been reminded of the talent, leadership and ambition that exists across the North's finance community.

This year has not been straightforward for business leaders. Against a backdrop of economic uncertainty, geopolitical challenges, cost pressures and changing market conditions, finance professionals have played a critical role in helping their organisations remain resilient, adapt to change and continue to grow. Their ability to balance strategic ambition with financial discipline has never been more important.

As part of the judging process, we had the privilege of hearing first-hand about the achievements and experiences of this year's finalists. What stood out was not only their technical expertise and commercial insight, but also their personal resilience and leadership. Time and again, we heard stories of individuals guiding their businesses through uncertainty, supporting their colleagues, and helping to create confidence when it was needed most.

As ever, selecting winners was no easy task, which is a testament to the strength of this year's field. Every finalist should be immensely proud of their achievements and the impact they have made within their organisations.

On behalf of everyone at BHP LLP and Translink UK Corporate Finance, congratulations to all of this year's finalists. We look forward to celebrating with you in Leeds and to continuing our support for the finance leaders whose resilience, insight and leadership help make the North such a dynamic place to do business.

Here's to a fantastic evening!



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Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – Growth/Scale Up

Our Growth/Scale Up shortlist showcases finance directors that have taken affirmative action to grow their businesses and contributed to their company's success story.



Barry Hope
Chief Financial Officer, Fox Group



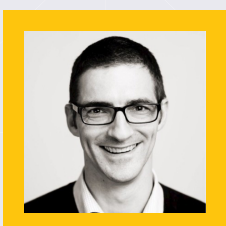
David Sadler
Finance Director, Global Autocare Ltd



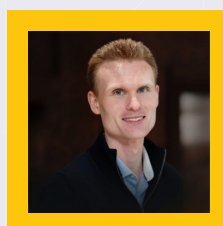
Matt Tollefson
Chief Financial Officer, HubRx Ltd



Paul Ross
Finance Director, SES Ltd



Stuart Mellis
Chief Financial Officer, Optalysys Ltd



Tom Mather
Group Finance Director, LNT Group



A Message from Barclays

It's been fantastic to see the calibre of Finance Directors shortlisted this year. Not only have they delivered strong financial performance within their organisations, but they've also played an important role in supporting growth across the region, creating jobs and making a real difference to their local communities.

The independent judging panel has a rigorous process in place, and every finalist should be incredibly proud of what they've achieved.

We're looking forward to welcoming all applicants to the awards evening and celebrating their successes alongside peers from across the region. It promises to be a great opportunity to recognise some truly outstanding achievements.



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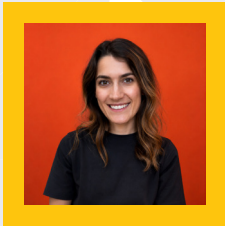
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Northern Finance Director of the Year – 2026 Leadership

Our shortlist has demonstrated exceptional leadership, driving forward strong business growth and innovation strategies, with people who are prominent role models within their sectors.



Aisha Anwar
Finance Director, On the Beach



Amanda Hawthorne
*Group Finance Director,
Oscar Recruitment*



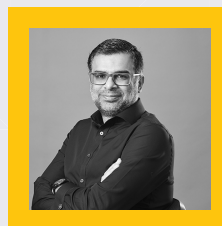
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Jocelyn Morgan
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Matt Peters
Chief Finance Officer, Ello Group

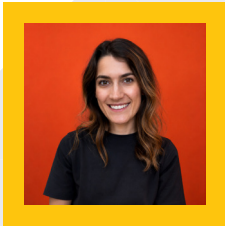


Nadeem Memon
*Group Chief Financial Officer,
Panaz Ltd*



Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – One to Watch

Our One to Watch category focuses on emerging talent, those finance directors making a real impact within their businesses and sectors, and our next generation of role models.



Aisha Anwar
Finance Director, On the Beach



Amy Branche
*Group Finance & Operations Director,
OTL Limited & Spot On-Line Limited*



Becky Marshall
*Chief Financial Officer,
Fleetondemand*



Guy Hewitt
*Chief Financial Officer and Group
Controller, QA Ltd*



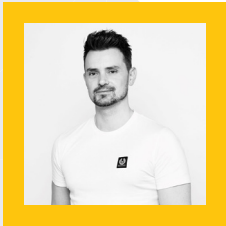
Jaward Munir
*Chief Financial Officer,
TK Components Ltd*



Jenny Telford
Finance Director, Rudding Park



Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – One to Watch



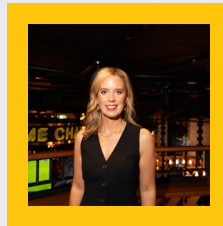
Mark McQuade
*Finance Director,
Classic Football Company Ltd*



Matt Tollefson
Chief Financial Officer, HubRx Ltd



Richard Waumsley
Chief Financial Officer, Cura Terrae



Vicki Musto
*Finance Director,
Arc Inspirations Limited*



A Message from Hill Dickinson

We are delighted once again to be a headline sponsor of the Northern Finance Director Awards, which showcases the incredible talent in the Finance sector across the region.

It has been extremely difficult to judge those involved. There have been challenging times for some of the businesses involved whereas for others there has been huge growth. What is consistent however is that each Director has shown adaptability, resilience and a real appetite for growth.

It is clear that Finance Directors have their fingers in every pie in the organisation they work in, providing data and growth opportunities for the businesses they are in, including strategic leadership. It demonstrates the exceptional commerciality and strategic influence that is needed especially in times of huge economic and political change.

It is clear responsibilities are constantly evolving.

We applaud their respective efforts and will continue to admire the journeys these individuals and businesses are on.



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Hill Dickinson

Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – Deal of the Year

This category shines a spotlight on the finance directors involved in noteworthy deals over the past year, for the impact these deals have on their business's successes.



Adam Longfield
Finance Director, Harte Companies



Annabel Mantel
Chief Financial Officer, Brisant Secure Ltd



David Sadler
Finance Director, Global Autocare Ltd



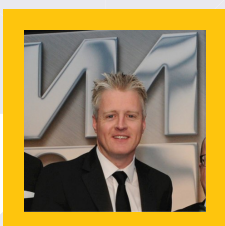
John Dunsford
Group Finance Director, Symphony Group



Lucy Bolton
Chief Financial Officer, Wireless CCTV Ltd



Mal Hartland
Group CFO, Cooper Turner Beck



Phil Bennett
*Finance Director, Hatfields
(Now CFO at Williams Motor Group)*



Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – Turnaround

This category shines a spotlight on the exceptional talent of finance directors as they face the challenges of turning around the financial position of their organisations.



Andy Haslam
*Chief Financial Officer, Smiffys
(Now Financial Director, Purston
Park Group)*



Becky Marshall
*Chief Financial Officer,
Fleetondemand*

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Guy Hewitt
*Chief Financial Officer and Group
Controller, QA Ltd*



Paul Rice
*Group Financial Director, Coral
Products PLC*



A Message from Partners&

We are delighted to be sponsoring the Northern Finance Director Awards and celebrating the exceptional talent within the finance community across the North. These awards shine a well-deserved spotlight on individuals whose leadership, strategic thinking and commercial insight play a vital role in the success of businesses throughout the region.

Having had the privilege of being involved in the judging process, I can say first-hand that the quality of nominations was outstanding. Every finalist demonstrated a commitment to driving performance, navigating challenges and creating opportunities for growth, often against a backdrop of significant economic uncertainty. Selecting a shortlist was no easy task.

What stood out most was the breadth of influence today's Finance Directors and CFOs have within their organisations. Their role extends far beyond financial stewardship. They are strategic leaders, trusted advisers and key drivers of business transformation, helping their organisations manage risk, seize opportunities and build for the future.

At Partners&, we're passionate about supporting ambitious businesses, and we see every day the value that strong financial leadership brings. The individuals recognised through these awards embody the resilience, adaptability and forward-thinking mindset needed to help businesses thrive in a rapidly changing environment.

Congratulations to all those who have been shortlisted. You should be immensely proud of your achievements and the impact you continue to make within your organisations and across the Northern business community. We look forward to celebrating with you and recognising your success at what promises to be a fantastic evening.



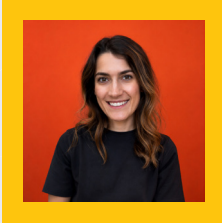
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Northern Finance Team of the Year 2026

Recognising collaboration and collective success, this award celebrates the finance teams that have demonstrated excellence in their field and positively impacted the wider business through outstanding achievements.



Aisha Anwar
Finance Director, On the Beach



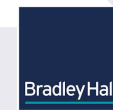
Barry Hope
Chief Financial Officer, Fox Group



John Dunsford
Group Finance Director, Symphony Group



Paul Czerepok
Group Finance Director, Bradley Hall





Meet Our Judging Panel



Andy Haigh
*Partner & Head of M&A
(UK)
Translink Corporate
Finance*

Andy joined the firm in 2015 and is now Head of Corporate Finance with responsibility for setting and delivering strategy for the Corporate Finance team and the wider firm, while ensuring the delivery of excellent results for clients.

He has been providing corporate finance and deal making advice to privately owned businesses for over 17 years, both within the M&A and Private Equity team of one of the large consulting firms and at Translink Corporate Finance. Proven deal leader, skilled negotiator with a track record of delivering exceptional results for clients, without losing sight of the importance of relationships and the big picture.

Family is super important to Andy – particularly striking a good work/life balance so he can be a great husband and dad to his 2 young children as well as having a successful career.

Andy lives in Leeds and in his spare time enjoys playing golf, socialising with family and friends and supporting Leeds United.



Chris L'Amie
*Head of CFO
Page Executive*

Chris L'Amie is a Partner in Page Executive's CFO Practice across the North of England, focusing on senior financial leadership search mandates for clients.

Chris began his career in 2002 after graduating from Manchester University, and has spent the majority of his time focused on the senior finance market working for the two largest specialist recruitment firms in the UK. Based from the Manchester and Liverpool offices, Chris spends much of his time managing search mandates, meeting and assessing the best finance talent for clients, supporting hundreds of different clients from large FTSE listed plcs, through to startups and entrepreneurial privately owned businesses.

Chris spent four years between 2013 and 2017 managing senior search mandates across the Middle East and Africa from Dubai, before returning to the UK to focus again on the senior market in the North of England.

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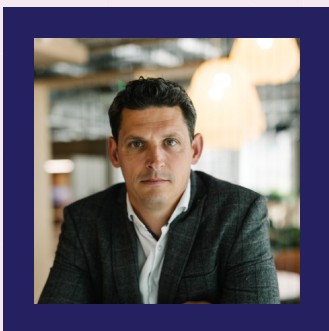
Chris Neale
Joint Head of Audit
BHP LLP

Chris is a Partner and Joint Head of Audit for BHP LLP, Yorkshire's largest independent firm of accountants and advisors. BHP and Translink Corporate Finance specialise in providing expert transactional, commercial & structuring advice as well as compliance services to the region's thriving privately owned mid-market businesses.

He joined BHP in 2020 following 14 years working at PwC across both Yorkshire and the Midlands. He has provided audit, accounting advisory and other assurance services to a number of renowned listed and privately-owned businesses across various sectors and has supported a number of his clients through high profile transactions including IPOs in the UK and the US. Since joining BHP his focus has been on the Leeds Corporate market where he has successfully and significantly grown both his team and his client base.

Chris lives in York with his wife and two energetic (!) young boys. He is a big football fan and enjoys spending time with his boys and running.

Quote: We're proud to again be sponsoring the Northern FD Awards and celebrating the outstanding finance talent driving businesses across the North. The region is home to some truly remarkable organisations, and the impact of its CFOs and FDs in shaping success and resilience deserves real recognition. It's a pleasure to support these awards and champion everything the North has to offer.



Glenn Hayes
Partner
Hill Dickinson

Glenn is a partner and specialist in all aspects of employment law. He advises both companies and individuals on non-contentious and contentious matters. He has practised employment law for over 20 years and was previously National Head of Employment Law at a large regional law firm.

Mainly acting for companies and senior executives, his experience covers all aspects of employment law including high value discrimination and whistleblowing complaints.

Glenn has significant experience of appearing in the Tribunals of England, Scotland and Wales. As well as being an experienced Employment Tribunal advocate, he also advises on a wide range of employment law matters, including:

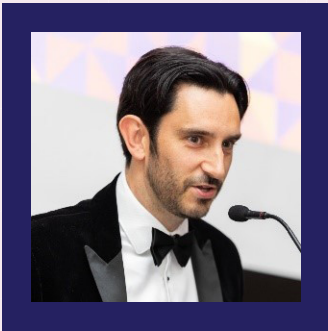
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- The enforcement and defence of restrictive covenants
- Senior level appointments and exits
- Outsourcing
- Large scale reorganisations and redundancy.

He is regarded as a holiday pay expert and is well known for his straight-talking practical advice.

He studied law at the University of Newcastle graduating in 1999 with a 2:1 degree and then passed the Legal Practice Course at Northumbria Law School graduating with a distinction.



John Halton
Partner
Page Executive

John Halton is a partner within the Page Executive CFO practice and over his 17 years with the group, he has successfully supported a broad range of companies, across all industries, in their search for senior finance professionals.

Originally planning to pursue a career in academia, gaining his Masters Degree from Leeds University, John changed direction and after a successful career in sales and account management with an owner managed business, starting his career with Michael Page in the Sheffield office in 2008, successfully leading that business through the economic downturn.

Since then, he has managed Michael Page operations across the North West and Midlands with his remit for the past nine years being entirely dedicated to executive finance recruitment in the North of England – specifically leading hires into PE/VC-backed companies.

John is a keen football fan, watching Leeds Utd as often as possible and still trying to play; and is also an on and off enthusiastic amateur stand-up comedian.

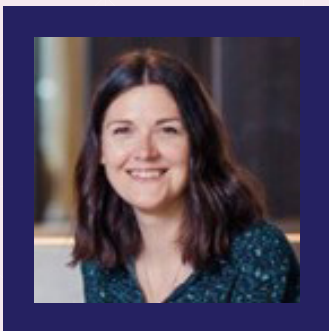
Meet Our Judging Panel



Pete Cunningham
*Relationship Director
Manufacturing, Transport & Logistics –
Barclays Corporate
Banking*

Pete has spent more than two decades in banking and works with large corporate businesses across the manufacturing, transport and logistics sectors throughout Yorkshire and the North East.

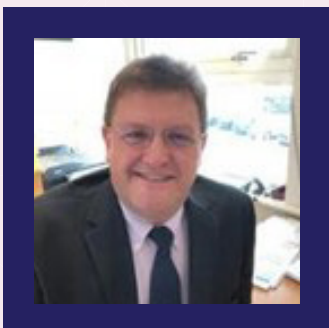
He partners with business owners, finance directors and leadership teams to provide strategic banking support, helping organisations fund growth, manage change and navigate an increasingly complex economic environment. Drawing on his experience in corporate lending, treasury management and financial analysis, Pete is passionate about building long-term relationships and supporting clients through every stage of their journey.



Rachel Smith
*Experienced Finance
Director*

Rachel is an experienced finance director, having worked across a range of industries, from retail to financial services to tech consultancy.

Qualifying as a chartered accountant with PwC, Rachel spent 15 years in finance roles in large complex organisations and for the past 8 years has worked as a fractional Finance Director, providing strategic financial support and advice to Leeds SMEs across a range of industries.



Ross Faith
*Highly Experienced
CFO/NED and Investor*

Ross is a highly experienced CFO/NED and Investor who has held board positions in a number of successful PE backed companies as well more recently helping the well known Booths Supermarkets grow and thrive through a successfully executed long term change programme.

Meet Our Judging Panel



Saeeda Amin
*Chartered Accountant
Former Chief Financial
Officer, Fox's Biscuits*

Saeeda Amin has over 20 years' experience holding senior executive roles, supporting both entrepreneurial owner-managed and listed businesses, primarily across the branded food sector. She is a Chartered Accountant with a background as a chief financial officer (CFO), corporate finance lead and transformation leader. Her skills have been gained through delivering turnarounds, business integrations, mergers and acquisitions, supporting manufacturing-footprint rationalisation, and building empowered and engaged teams. Saeeda has a strong strategy and change-management focus, ensuring delivery of results for all stakeholders. She recently led the sale of Fox's Biscuits to the Ferrero Group during the COVID-19 lockdown, successfully delivering the target transaction price.

She is a passionate advocate for diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) inside and outside of the company's walls and is committed to building inclusive environments.

In her spare time, Saeeda is often seen at Anfield; a lifelong follower of Liverpool football club, she has been fortunate enough to have been at the Champions League final three times and was overjoyed to witness Liverpool lifting the trophy in 2019.



Sandip Khroud
*Partner
Hill Dickinson*

Sandip is a partner and heads the Leeds office and the Corporate team. He has expertise in private transactional work including venture capital, private equity, disposals, mergers and acquisitions.

Sandip advises on all aspects of corporate finance work. He acts for financial institutions, private equity houses, private companies, owner managed businesses and management teams in the acquisition and disposal of private companies, many of which are cross-border.

He regularly leads large legal teams on complex multifaceted deals for clients across a range of sectors including food, healthcare, engineering, business services and IT/Tech.

Meet Our Judging Panel



Simon Oldfield
Highly Experienced CFO

Simon is a former CFO and EY partner with nearly 40 years' business experience across a range of roles and sectors.

His most recent executive position was at Radius, a private equity backed provider of fleet and connectivity solutions. His role there, as part of a small executive team, was to deliver significant change over an eight-year period, increasing EBITDA c3x to over £100m.

Since retiring from full time work in 2023, Simon has carried out project based consulting work for various private equity investors alongside managing a select portfolio of non-executive director appointments. He is also an inclusive cycling volunteer at Seashell, a charity dedicated to educating and caring for children and young people with complex learning difficulties and additional communication needs.



Sinéad McCall
*Relationship Development Director
Barclays Corporate Banking – West & North Yorkshire*

Sinéad works with businesses across West and North Yorkshire to help them grow and thrive. As a Relationship Development Director at Barclays, she's all about building strong connections and finding smart financial solutions that fit each client's needs.

She's especially passionate about supporting organisations in education, healthcare, and tech services. She's played a key role in regional initiatives, where she champions innovation and community partnerships.

Whether it's helping clients navigate challenges or spotting new opportunities, Sinéad brings energy, insight, and a collaborative spirit to everything she does.



Stephen Cutler
*Client Director
Partners&*

Stephen is a Chartered Insurance Broker specialising in designing risk and insurance programmes for directors and businesses across the Northwest. With 15 years' experience in the mid-corporate space, his background provides a deep understanding of complex commercial risks and the challenges faced by mid-market and growth businesses.

Based in Manchester and a long-suffering Bolton Wanderers fan, Stephen spends time outside of work between walking his cocker spaniel and the gym.

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Tom Kendall
Managing Partner
Partners&

Tom has spent over 20 years in the insurance industry looking after commercial clients from SME to corporates. He is the Managing partner for Partners& in the North of England and his role spans across multiple offices in leading a team of client centric advisors to provide innovative insurance and risk solutions for their clients.

Tom is passionate about bringing an ecosystem of advisors around businesses in the Northern region and has used his network successfully to establish long term partnerships with professional services firms. Tom is also a voluntary board member of Connect Yorkshire who are a peer to per advisory community serving Yorkshire based businesses. Outside of work Tom is an enthusiastic Leeds United supporter and failing golfer. He lives in Leeds with his wife and daughter.



Comprehensive Shortlist

Name	Job Title	Organisation	Categories
Adam Longfield	Finance Director	Harte Companies	• Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company up to £25m • Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 - Deal of the Year
Aisha Anwar	Finance Director	On the Beach	• Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 –Leadership • Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 –One to Watch • Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 –Team of the Year
Amanda Hawthorne	Group Finance Director	Oscar Recruitment	• Best Northern Finance Director of a Family-Owned Company • Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – Leadership
Amy Branche	Group Finance & Operations Director	OTL Limited & Spot On-Line Limited	• Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – One to Watch
Andy Haslam	Chief Financial Officer (Now FD at Purston Park Group)	Smiffys	• Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company £25m – £100m • Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 –Turnaround
Annabel Mantel	Chief Finance Director	Brisant Secure Ltd	• Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company up to £25m • Best Northern Finance Director of a P/E backed Company • Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 –Deal of the Year
Barry Hope	Chief Financial Officer	Fox Group	• Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company over £100m • Best Northern Finance Director of a P/E backed Company

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Barry Hope (cont.)	Chief Financial Officer	Fox Group	- Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – Growth/Scale Up - Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – Team of the Year
Becky Marshall	Chief Financial Officer	Fleetondemand	- Best Northern Finance Director of a P/E backed Company - Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – Turnaround - Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – Leadership - Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – One to Watch
Claire Algar	Group Finance Director	Queensway Advisory Ltd	- Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company up to £25m - Best Northern Finance Director of a Family-Owned Company
Claire Elcock	Chief Finance & Operations Officer	Boxphish	- Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company up to £25m - Best Northern Finance Director of a P/E backed Company
David Sadler	Finance Director	Global Autocare Ltd	- Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company £25m - £100m - Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – Growth/Scale Up - Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – Deal of the Year
Guy Hewitt	Chief Financial Officer and Group Controller	QA Ltd	- Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – Turnaround - Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – One to Watch

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Jaward Munir	Chief Financial Officer	TK Components Ltd	Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – One to Watch
Jenny Telford	Finance Director	Rudding Park	- Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company £25m - £100m - Best Northern Finance Director of a Family-Owned Company - Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 –One to Watch
Jocelyn Morgan	Chief Financial Officer	Scorpion Automotive Limited	- Best Northern Finance Director of a Family-Owned Company - Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 –Leadership
John Dunsford	Group Finance Director	Symphony Group	- Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company over £100m - Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 –Deal of the Year - Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 –Team of the Year
Kieran Eblett	Group Chief Financial Officer	Baillie Group	- Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company £25m - £100m - Best Northern Finance Director of a Family-Owned Company
Leanne Davies	Finance & Administration Director	JTM Service Ltd	Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company up to £25m
Lucy Bolton	Chief Financial Officer	Wireless CCTV Ltd	- Best Northern Finance Director of a P/E backed Company - Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – Deal of the Year
Mal Hartland	Group CFO	Cooper Turner Beck	Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 –Deal of the Year

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Mark McQuade	Finance Director	Classic Football Company Ltd	• Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company £25m - £100m • Best Northern Finance Director of a P/E backed Company • Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – One to Watch
Matt Peters	Chief Finance Officer	Ello Group	• Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company up to £25m • Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 –Leadership
Matt Tollefson	Chief Financial Officer	HubRx	• Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – Growth/Scale Up • Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – One to Watch
Nadeem Memon	Group Chief Financial Officer	Panaz Ltd	• Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company £25m - £100m • Best Northern Finance Director of a Family-Owned Company • Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 –Leadership
Paul Czerepok	Group Finance Director	Bradley Hall	• Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company up to £25m • Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – Team of the Year
Paul Rice	Group Financial Director	Coral Products PLC	• Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – Turnaround

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Paul Ross	Finance Director	SES Ltd	• Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company over £100m • Best Northern Finance Director of a Family-Owned Company • Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – Growth/Scale Up
Phil Bennett	Finance Director	Hatfields	• Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company over £100m • Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – Deal of the Year
Richard Waumsley	Chief Financial Officer	Cura Terrae	• Best Northern Finance Director of a P/E backed Company • Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – One to Watch
Steve Jones	Group CFO	Tunstall Group Ltd	• Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company over £100m • Best Northern Finance Director of a P/E backed Company
Steve Wilcockson	Chief Financial Officer	CoGri Group Ltd	• Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company £25m - £100m
Stuart Mellis	Chief Financial Officer	Optalysys Ltd	• Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – Growth/Scale Up
Tom Mather	Group Finance Director	LNT Group	• Best Northern Finance Director of a Limited Company over £100m • Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – Growth/Scale Up
Vicki Musto	Finance Director	Arc Inspirations Limited	• Northern Finance Director of the Year 2026 – One to Watch



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