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Nick Dodd, 31

Finance director, Pure Leisure Group, Carnforth

Farmer-turned-entrepreneur John Morphet saw something in Nick Dodd that he liked when Dodd, then with KPMG, was advising him on the sale of South Lakeland Caravans. Dodd joined Morphet and saw through the sale. Now he's deeply involved in running Morphet's next venture, Pure Leisure.

Roberta Fulford, 34

Interior designer

She has landed several high-profile projects

since launching her own company in 2003, including completing work on the Lotus Bar and Dim Sum and the *Manchester Evening News* Arena in her home city, and things haven't stopped for her. She was commissioned to be the project manager for the Yang Sing Hotel in Chinatown, which completed in spring 2006, and is launching the new design for the Yang Sing restaurant.

Robert Heys, 29

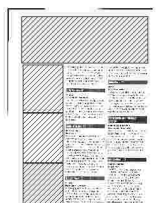
Chief executive, Accrington Stanley Football Club

No more will jokers utter "who are they?" now that a return to the Football League for one of its founder members has been

achieved. Part of that has been a dream come true for fan turned chief executive Robert Heys. He joined Stanley four years ago after working as a computer programmer but has thrown himself into making the team off the pitch fit to support the ambitions of a winning team on it.

Richard Hoggart, 34

Managing director, DSG Financial Services Group, Bredbury
DSG is one of the UK's largest motor finance brokers placing in excess of £60m finance per annum. Hoggart, as a very young managing director in the 1990s,





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successfully guided the company through the early difficult years to the prominent position it now has in the marketplace. The group has recently developed both a successful vehicle contract hire arm (DSG Auto Contracts) and an internet-based new car sales business (newcar4Me.com).

Billy Kochha, 37

Director,

SK Chemists, Manchester

Pharmacist and developer Kochha is widely admired in the regional pharmacy sector where his growing cluster of stores battles bravely against creep from the imperial ambitions of the large chains. He's also a classic entrepreneur with his fingers in all kinds of property pies in Liverpool and Manchester.

Andrew Lazare, 28

**Chief executive,
Northern Lynx**

Working with property developer Urban Logic has taken Andrew Lazare to the point where he is now one of the youngest chief executives of a Stock Exchange quoted company. He won the special contribution award at *Insider's* Young Professionals Awards and was shortlisted for the young property professional award. Last year he took a group of young Jewish adults on an educational trip to Israel and organised a meeting with Moshe Katsav, president of Israel and has helped to establish a charity to ensure that the continuing needs of youth within the community are met.

Dougal Paver, 38

Founder,

Paver Smith, Liverpool

As managing director of Liverpool's largest public relations consultancy, Paver Smith, which advises many of the city's leading companies and public agencies, Paver is variously described as "Liverpool's most networked man"; "rent-a-rant" and *Insider's* marketing and media professional of the

year 2006. Through his own online diary, or blog, he's also a champion of free trade, small government and the balance between rights and responsibilities.

Mike Perls, 38

Owner,

MC2, Manchester

The growth of advertising agency MC2 in the professional services sector has seen the business take many of the established stalwarts by surprise. Perls (of Wisdom), the energetic founder of the business has also been a proud advocate for Manchester with the work he's done with professional organisation Pro.Manchester.

Mark Salvin and Phil Knight, both 34

**Joint managing directors,
Telecomplete, Manchester**

Telecomplete is an award-winning, Internet Service Provider and deals with the hot new area of a voiceover IP. Fast growing with 100 per cent year-on-year growth, joint managing directors Phil Knight and Mark Salvin are currently in the middle of a successful acquisition strategy, which looks set to secure Telecomplete's future growth.

Lee Southern, 41

Managing director,

Barking Mad

The 37-franchise kennel business was founded by Lee Southern, who hated the thought of leaving her Dalmatian, Bronte, in a kennel and didn't want strangers coming in to her home to walk and feed her while she was away. The Barking Mad concept is simple, dogs are cared for by a host family who maintain home life routines for exercising and feeding in a loving home environment. The Kirby Lonsdale-based kennel franchise has big ambitions to expand overseas, starting in Ireland and Cyprus.