

**Category: Business Leader**

**Finalist: Dr. Jonathan Ciano**

**Position: Group Managing Director/ Group CEO of Uchumi Supermarkets Limited**



Dr. Jonathan Ciano is the Group Managing Director/ Group CEO of the Uchumi Supermarkets Limited Group of Companies in the Eastern African region. Since their launch in 1976, Uchumi Supermarkets have become one of the leading supermarket chains in East Africa.

With over 25 years of experience in East African and Global multi-national companies, Jonathan's expertise extends to managing organisations, corporate strategy development, finance and assets management, consultancy, information technology, and more.

Jonathan has had wide exposure at senior management and board levels in various Shell Group of companies; Kenya Petroleum Refineries; and Kenya Power & Lighting Company.

Dr. Jonathan Ciano is graduate of Bachelor of Commerce and MBA (Strategy & Finance) from the University of Nairobi, Kenya; Fellow of Certified Public Accountant, Kenya-FCPAK; Fellow of the Kenya Institute of Management-FKIM; and decorated by

His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya with Order of the Moran of the Burning Spear-MBS; an honorary doctorate in Humanities (PhD) in 2010 from United Graduate College & Seminary-California; and an Honorary Doctorate in Business (DB-MKU) in 2012 from Mt. Kenya University.

**Finalist: Dr. James Gatera**

**Position: CEO of Bank of Kigali**



Dr. James Gatera was appointed as CEO of the Bank of Kigali in 2007.

During his tenure, the Bank has been internationally recognised for four years running as the Best Bank in Rwanda by Emeafinance; and Bank of the Year by The Banker. It has been awarded the Company of the Year by the Kenya Institute of Management, the Best East African Bank Award by the African Banker magazine in 2012 and recently received the Best Rwandan Bank 2013 Award by Euromoney. The Bank became the first Company and Bank to be rated by a credit rating agency in Rwanda and received a rating of A+/A1/ by Global Credit Rating Company (South Africa).

Prior to being the Chief Executive Officer, James was the Deputy Managing Director of Bank of Kigali from 2005-2007.

In December 2012, James received an Honorary Doctorate Degree by the Commonwealth University of Belize in recognition of his exemplary leadership of the Bank and his tremendous achievements in the Banking Sector in Rwanda.

James holds a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Psychology from Simon Fraser University, Canada and Bachelor of Commerce from National University of Lesotho.

**Finalist: Duncan Kabui**

**Position: CEO of Chase Bank (Kenya) Ltd.**



Duncan Kabui was appointed as the CEO of Chase Bank (Kenya), a fast paced Mid-Tier Bank that focuses on the SME market and has branches located in most major cities in Kenya, in 2009. Duncan joined the Bank in 1996 as a Dealer in the Treasury Department.

Duncan holds numerous qualifications, including a Bachelor of Science Degree in Pure and Applied Mathematics, as well as a Masters of Business Administration, Finance Major. He has also attended various local and international banking courses.



**Category: Entrepreneur**

**Finalist: Patrick Bitature**

**Position: Founder, Chairman and Group CEO of Simba Group of Companies, East Africa**



Patrick Bitature founded the Simba Group of Companies in 1998 with a flagship telecoms business. The Group is now a conglomerate of East African-based companies spanning telecoms, properties, power generation, agro-business, mining, tourism and media.

In 2003, Patrick was named one of the East African Business Leaders of the Future by the Price Waterhouse Coopers World Survey, and was named the Entrepreneur of the Year in 2011, by Ernst & Young.

As founder of the Patrick & Carol Bitature Foundation, and a member of several educational boards, Patrick is an avid philanthropist.

**Finalist: Peter K.C. Ndauti**

**Position: Founder and CEO of Resolution Health East Africa Ltd.**



Peter Ndauti founded Resolution Health East Africa Ltd. In June, 2003. It has become the first network model medical Insurance provider that utilises managed care principles in East Africa.

Peter has over 18 years of experience in upper management, and is a seasoned entrepreneur, having founded First Benefits Ltd. prior to founding Resolution Health.

Peter holds a Bachelor of Arts Honours in Economics, a Masters of Arts in Insurance and Economics, is a Chartered Insurer, holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Marketing, and a Diploma in Personnel Management and Industrial Relations.

Peter is the Chairman of the Young Professionals Investment Club, as well as the Chairman of the Board of Advisors for the AIESEC Daystar University, a Director of the Kenya Rugby Football Union and participates in several other institutions and boards.

**Finalist: Zafrullah Khan**

**Position: Group Managing Director of the Chase Group of Companies**



Zafrullah Khan is the Group Managing Director Of the Chase Group of Companies, and oversees strategy and key partnerships.

He was previously the Managing Director of Indosuez Merchant Finance (K) Ltd. and at Price Waterhouse Coopers in various capacities.

He is an Associate Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales; he is also a member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK) and Institute of Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya and an active member of the Banking Committee of ICPAK.

A Harvard Alum, Zafrullah is also an active Rotarian, classic car enthusiast and an avid golfer.

## **Category: Businesswoman of the Year**

**Finalist: Joanne Muthoni Mwangi**

**Position: Founder and CEO of Professional Marketing Services Group**



Joanne Muthoni Mwangi is a Kenyan entrepreneur, who founded the Professional Marketing Services Group, which was 2010's top company, from the Top 100 medium-sized companies in Kenya.

Prior to working at PMS Group, Joanne also served in leading multinationals and led Kenya's most successful marketing program through the Kenya Tourist Board and the European Union.

Joanne is the founder and chair of the Federation of Women Entrepreneur Associations (FEWA), and is the first ever woman to hold a national position, having been elected National Vice Chair of the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Joanne has received several awards and commendations, including being awarded the highest marketing accolade possible – an MSK FELLOW - and has been decorated by the Head of State, holding the title HSC – Head of State Commendation - for her role in promoting entrepreneurship in Kenya.

Joanne completed her Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Nairobi graduating with 2nd Class Honours and her Masters of Business Administration: Majoring in Marketing at United States International University (USIU) – Africa.

**Finalist: Nasim Devji**

**Position: Group CEO of Diamond Trust Banks in East Africa**



Nasim Devji joined the DTB Group in 1996. She was appointed Group Chief Executive Officer of Diamond Trust Banks in East Africa in 2001.

She is a director of DTB Tanzania, DTB Uganda, DTB Burundi, Diamond Trust Insurance Agency Limited and Jubilee Insurance Burundi. She is also a member of the Deposit Protection Fund Board, Kenya.

Nasim was recognised as the Leading African Woman in Business of the Year at the 2010 Africa Investor Investment and Business Leader Awards. In 2011, she also received the CEO of the Year award, during the Capital Markets Awards, and the Chief Executive of the Year in the Banking awards, organised by Think Business in 2011 and 2013.

Nasim is a Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales, an Associate of the Institute of Taxation (United Kingdom) and a Fellow of the Kenya Institute of Bankers.



**Finalist: Priya Budhabhatti**

**Position: Head and Director of Human Resources, Craft Silicon.**



Priya Budhabhatti was appointed as the Head of Craft Silicon Human Resources in 2000. She has been associated with Craft Silicon since its inception, and now manages over 300 employees across the globe.

Craft Silicon Ltd. is a Kenya-based global software development and services company, and is one of the biggest software houses across emerging markets.

Priya was instrumental in scaling up the HR department as the company grew with 300 associates. She furthermore heads the Craft Silicon Foundation, which is a social initiative focusing on inspiring Kenya's youth in the information technology sector.

Priya was recently awarded the CIO Award for the Craft Silicon Foundation.



## **Category: Young Business Leader**

**Finalist: Dr. Gachao Kiuna**

**Position: CEO and Managing Director of Trans-Century Group**



Dr. Gachao Kiuna is the CEO and Managing Director of the Trans-Century Group, headquartered in Nairobi. The company's primary focus is investing in Power Infrastructure, Transport Infrastructure and Engineering across the African Continent.

Gachao earned a PhD in Biotechnology from Cambridge, Corpus Christi College and started his career at McKinsey and Company, where he advised corporate clients in emerging markets on finance, strategy, operations and organisational effectiveness. He also focused on economic development (e.g. country strategy), electric power (particularly generation), global health and education and was the principal consultant that led the McKinsey assignment to develop Vision 2030 project for the Government of Kenya.

Forbes recently named Gachao amongst the 10 Youngest Power Men in Africa. He also holds a BSc in Biochemistry (First Class Honors) from Imperial College.

**Finalist: Joshua Oigara**

**Position: Group CEO of the KCB Group**



Joshua Oigara was appointed as the KCB Group CEO on January 2013. Joshua previously served as the Chief Financial Officer of the Bank prior to his appointment as CEO.

He holds a Masters in Business Administration with a distinction in International Business Management from Edith Cowan University, Australia (2011), Bachelor of Commerce Degree, Accounting Option, from the University of Nairobi, Kenya (1997), Advanced Management Program Graduate from INSEAD, Fontainebleau, France (2010).

Joshua is also a graduate of the Program for Management Development (JuMP), Fuqua School of Business, Duke University, North Carolina, USA (2006) as well as a Certified Public Accountant of Kenya, CPA (K), School of Accountancy, Strathmore University, Kenya (1997).

He is a Board member in KCB Bank Tanzania Board and sits in the Risk, Credit, Human Resources, Procurement, Transformation, Strategy and Information Technology committees.

**Finalist: Kamal Budhabhatti**

**Position: Founder and CEO of Craft Silicon Ltd.**



Kamal Budhabhatti founded Craft Silicon in October 2000. Today, under his leadership and vision, Craft Silicon has been recognized as one of the biggest software house across the emerging markets with its other development center and relationship office in India and USA respectively.

Craft Silicon was founded with the social intention of educating aspiring young Kenyans in the area of Information Technology.

Kamal is an expert programmer with expertise in C#, Java and Mobile Computing.

In 2010, Kamal was awarded with the “Africa Award 2010 for Entrepreneurship” for his leadership traits and achievements in the field.