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**Georgia's Most
Influential Leaders**

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JP JAMES

Chairman & CEO, Hive Financial Assets, Atlanta



Hive Financial Assets is a micro-finance consumer-lending focused fund cofounded by JP James in 2017. Since that time, it's helped raise more than \$100 million in assets under management with an aim to help its customers survive recessions and high-volatility markets.

JP James was a cofounder of the fund and aided in scaling it. He started at Hive in 2017 and by this year assisted in raising over \$100 million in assets. It yields consistently over 12% to its investors since 2017.

Prior to founding his company, James was chairman of Libreum International LLC

where he scaled it into a multi-national consulting firm with more than 150 clients across 15 industries such as fintech, financial services, medical devices, manufacturing, logistics, restaurants and apparel. He is also a former partner and shareholder for Lending Science DM.

He is a frequent lecturer and is a co-author of several patents. He is a board member for several groups including the Buckhead Club, the Himalayan Children's Charity, the Association for the Recovery of Children and TiE Atlanta.

ANANT MADABHUSHI

Executive Director, Emory Empathic AI for Health Institute, Atlanta



To say that Anant Madabhushi is dedicated to using technology to improve healthcare is an understatement. In addition to his role as an Emory University and Georgia Tech professor primarily focused on biomedical engineering, he is the inaugural executive director of Emory Empathetic AI (Artificial Intelligence) for Health Institute.

Dr. Madabhushi is also a member of the cancer immunology research program at the Winship Cancer Institute and has authored more than 475 peer-reviewed publications. He also holds more

than 200 patents issued or pending in the areas of AI, radiomics, computational pathology, medical image analysis and computer vision.

Launched in late 2023, the Institute is part of AI Humanity, a Emory University-wide initiative dedicated to harnessing AI to better human health, generate economic value and promote social justice. Its goal is to transform how healthcare systems prevent, diagnose, treat and cure diseases by innovating, deploying and scaling up accessible, cost-effective and equitable artificial intelligence tools into the healthcare environment.

"Over the last 20 years, I have dedicated myself to machine learning in the context of health and medicine," he says. "This is a huge opportunity to improve."

Madabhushi is a Fellow of the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering, the Institute for Electrical and Electronic Engineers and the National Academy of Inventors.

PAUL JUDGE

Chairman & Managing Partner, Open Opportunity Fund, Atlanta



Paul Judge is a technology entrepreneur, inventor and investor. He's launched several companies, serving as the cofounder and partner of TechSquare Labs and cofounder and executive chairman of Pindrop, which protects some of the world's largest banks, insurers and retailers. In all, he's invested in more than 100 technology startups to date and has created some 30 patented and patent-pending computer security technologies inventions.

Open Opportunity Fund, where Judge serves as chairman and managing partner, launched in 2020 as part of SoftBank. It offers venture

capital to minorities who are marginalized and often overlooked in the venture capital world.

"Thirty percent of the country's population is Black and Latino, but they receive only two percent of venture capital. Our mission is to close that gap," he says. "This is an opportunity for significant gains and returns as a big section of the population is being overlooked. There is no compromise in showing returns and also backing diversity."

Judge has received many awards for his efforts, including being named one of the top 100 innovators under 35 by MIT's *Technology Review Magazine*, one of *Fortune's* 40 Under 40 in 2016 and one of *Black Enterprise's* 50 Most Powerful Players Under 40. He has spearheaded multiple research initiatives, including founding the Internet Research Task Force's Anti-Spam Research Group and is a member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network at Aspen Institute.

PAT MCHUGH

CEO, Scientific Games, Alpharetta



Pat McHugh leads Scientific Games and its global lottery business, from scratch-off games to digital play experiences, for clients in more than 50 countries across six continents. He oversees global strategy and growth in game content, systems technologies, digital lottery and sports betting.

In 2022, McHugh led the \$6-billion sale of Scientific Games Lottery to Brookfield Business Partners, aiming to modernize and grow the company. McHugh joined

Scientific Games in 2004, previously serving as senior vice president global lottery systems, where he spearheaded innovations like expanded distribution channels, cashless payments, sports betting and digital lottery platforms.

"This recognition reflects our mission to support lotteries globally, generating billions for good causes, exemplified by the Georgia Lottery Corporation's success with the HOPE Scholarship and Pre-K programs," McHugh says.

Before joining Scientific Games, he worked on large-scale systems for government agencies, including IGT Online Entertainment Systems.