

## **JAVAD MARANDI - British Businessman and Investor**



Javad Marandi OBE is a British entrepreneur, philanthropist and investor with over 25 years of experience in business, both nationally and internationally.

Javad's investment portfolio consists of a varied set of assets across retail, real estate, hospitality and construction including: a number of residential developments throughout the UK and premium British brands such as Emilia Wickstead, Anya Hindmarch, The Conran Shop and Wed2B, the UK wedding apparel retailer.

In 2017, Javad co-founded The Marandi Foundation with his wife, Narmina. The foundation supports disadvantaged children, families and communities as well as art and cultural initiatives in the UK. It is the core funder of The Royal Foundation for TRH The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, their primary philanthropic and charitable vehicle. The foundation is also the founder and sole funder of The Watercolour World, where HRH The Prince of Wales and HRH The Duchess of Cornwall are joint patrons. Javad is Co-Chair of the Growth Board of homelessness charity, Centrepoint and Narmina is Co-Chair of the British Fashion Council Foundation and the Serpentine Cultural Committee. In 2021, the foundation sponsored the inaugural 'The Conran Shop and Marandi Foundation Award for Designer of the Future' at the prestigious New Designers Awards.

He has a BSc in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from Cardiff University and is a chartered accountant. Prior to his solo career, he worked for PwC, CocaCola International and Philip Morris International. He was awarded an OBE in the 2020 New Year Honours List for services to business and philanthropy.