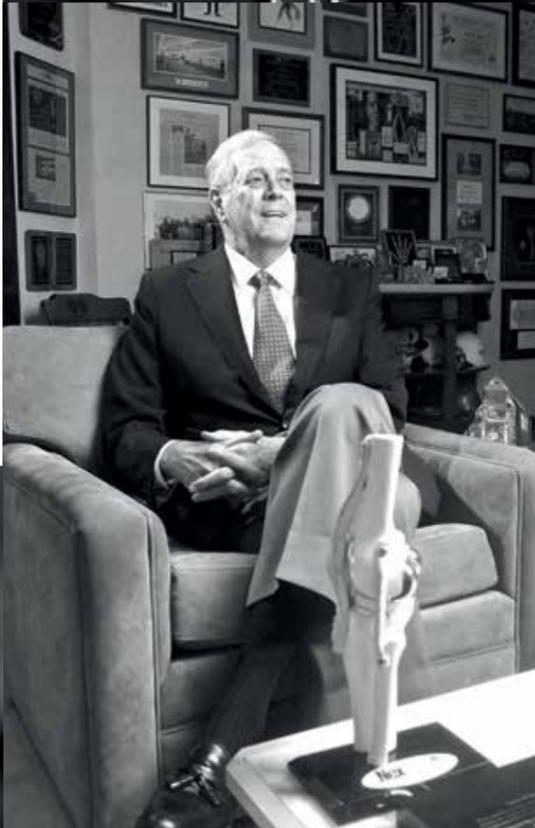


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Fortune favours the brave and these entrepreneurs are not just resting on fortune but a clear path of hard work, innovation and right choices that have made them part of this elite club.



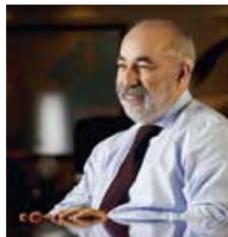
## AT THE TOP OF THEIR GAME

Peter Drucker once said, "Innovation is the specific instrument of entrepreneurship. The act that endows resources with a new capacity to create wealth." It is perhaps this exact sentiment that these entrepreneurs epitomize which is why they are easily among the best in the world. So let's see who made it to the list this time.



#100  
**Aliko Dangote**  
**\$14.1 Billion**  
Source: **Dangote Group**  
Country: **Nigeria**

With interests in sugar, cement and flour, Aliko Dangote is Africa's richest person. The group plans to foray into the oil sector.



#99  
**Viktor Vekselberg**  
**\$14.4 Billion**  
Source: **Renova Group**  
Country: **Russia**

Aluminum baron Viktor Vekselberg knows how to convert an opportunity into cash. His first million came from selling scrap copper from worn-out cables!



#97  
**Emmanuel Besnier**  
**\$14.7 Billion**  
Source: **Lactalis**  
Country: **France**

With sales revenues to the tune of \$20 billion, Paris-based Emmanuel Besnier's firm Lactalis is the world's largest cheese maker.



#96  
**Robert Kuok**  
**\$14.8 Billion**  
Source: **Kuok Group**  
Country: **Malaysia**

As owner and founder of Kuok Group, Wilmar Group and Shangri-La hotels, Robert Kuok is Malaysia's richest man.

# #98



**Shiv Nadar**  
**\$14.6 Billion**  
Source: **HCL**  
Country: **India**

Did you know HCL Technologies started in a garage in 1976 to make calculators and microprocessors? Today Shiv Nadar's company has revenue totalling \$7.5 billion and is the fourth-largest software services provider. His Shiv Nadar Foundation backs education-related causes and he has donated \$662 million to date. He also supports girl child and women empowerment. Chandni Dassani, Co-Founder Etasaa Home & Lifestyle says, "Shiv Nadar is a global inspiration for all, but his philanthropy and the drive to educate is a reflection of his true entrepreneurship. His work ethics and vision to create an ecosystem of empowered skilled workforce in corporates is the need of the hour."

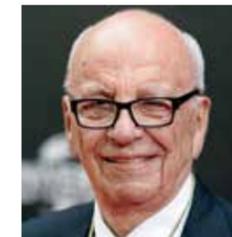
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-Chandni Dassani, Co-Founder Etasaa Home & Lifestyle



#95  
**Dhanin Chearavanont**  
**\$14.9 Billion**  
Source: **Charoen Pokphand Group**  
Country: **Thailand**

Dhanin Chearavanont heads Thailand's largest closely held company that delves into food, agro, retail and telecommunications.



#94  
**Rupert Murdoch**  
**\$15 Billion**  
Source: **News Corp**  
Country: **United States**

Media mogul Rupert Murdoch controls Fox News, The Times of London and The Wall Street Journal as well as interests in 21st Century Fox and News Corp.



#93  
**Mikhail Fridman**  
**\$15.1 Billion**  
Source: **Alfa Group and LetterOne (Luxembourg)**  
Country: **Russia**

A billionaire, Fridman is part of the Alfa Group that delves in oil and gas, telecom, banking and food retailing. He is one of Russia's richest oligarchs.



#92  
**Li Shufu**  
**\$15.3 Billion**  
Source: **Geely Automobile Holdings**  
Country: **China**

Auto magnate Li Shufu is a hero in China. A peasant's son, he rose to become one of the wealthiest persons in the country. After buying Volvo in 2010, he has now a 10 percent stake in Daimler, making him the single largest stakeholder in the auto giant.



#91  
**Klaus-Michael Kuehne**  
**\$15.3 Billion**  
Source: **Kuehne + Nagel International AG**  
Country: **Germany**

The Uzbek tycoon turned plastic bags (prized in the former Soviet Union) into Metalloinvest, Gazprom with stakes in Facebook, Xiaomi and Arsenal.



#90  
**David & Simon Reuben**  
**\$15.5 Billion**  
Source: **Transworld**  
Country: **United Kingdom**

Born in India to a Jewish family and raised in the UK, brothers David and Simon Reuben are proud to have bagged the £35m Pall Mall property deal in their kitty this year.



#89  
**Andrey Melnichenko**  
**\$15.5 Billion**  
Source: **SUEK and SGK**  
Country: **Russia**

Russian billionaire Andrey Melnichenko is the largest shareholder of EuroChem, a fertiliser producer in the Europe, Middle East and Africa. He owns two superyachts, each worth over US\$ 300 million.

# #88



**Petr Kellner**  
**\$15.5 Billion**  
Source: **PPF Group**  
Country: **Czech Republic**

The richest man in the Czech Republic, Petr Kellner has morphed from starting as a retailer of office supplies to owning PPF Group and has stakes in finance and real estate firms. This year he has bought Nova, a broadcasting company and Telenor, a telecommunication company.



#87  
**Zhang Zhidong**  
**\$15.6 Billion**  
Source: **Tencent Holdings**  
Country: **China**

Playing games is easy for Zhang Zhidong having founded Chinese gaming and social media giant Tencent. As Advisor Emeritus of Tencent Charity Foundation, he supports educational causes in the poor regions of China. Here is one person whose heart is in the right place.



#86  
**Charlene De Carvalho-Heineken**  
**\$15.8 Billion**  
 Source: **Heineken**  
 Country: **Netherlands**

One of the richest women in the world courtesy her 23 percent controlling stake in Heineken. For someone who has no formal business education, she had one share of her father Freddy Heineken's company. Stepping into her father's role, today she is a self-made heiress who has learnt the hard way and walked the tight rope to emerge on top. So, well, if that did not get you heady, think again.



#84  
**Vladimir Potanin**  
**\$15.9 Billion**  
 Source: **Norilsk Nickel and Onexim Bank**  
 Country: **Russia**

A man of mettle, entrepreneur and oligarch Vladimir Potanin made most of his money from Russia's loans-for-shares program. The Interros Company controls Norilsk Nickel and has a 30 percent share here. He also has interests in ProfMedia, Russia's largest media group and Altpoint Capital Partners. He gave \$2.5bn to build a ski resort in Sochi for the 2014 Winter Olympics.



#85  
**Abigail Johnson**  
**\$15.9 Billion**  
 Source: **Fidelity Investments**  
 Country: **United States**

Heading one of the world's largest investment firms, CEO of Fidelity Investments Abigail Johnson is arguably the most powerful woman in finance. She is now actively looking at cryptocurrencies.



#82  
**Gennady Timchenko**  
**\$16 Billion**  
 Source: **Novatek and Sibur Holding**  
 Country: **Russia**

Gennady Timchenko has stakes in gas company Novatek and petrochemical producer Sibur Holding. This apart, he is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Kontinental Hockey League.



#81  
**Iris Fontbona**  
**\$16.3 Billion**  
 Source: **Antofagasta Plc**  
 Country: **Chile**

Iris Fontbona inherited her fortune post her husband's death. As matriarch of Chile's richest family, she has control over the largest brewer in the world, the biggest copper mines, the biggest shipping company, and the second largest bank of Chile.

#85  
**Lukas Walton**  
**\$15.9 Billion**  
 Source: **Walmart**  
 Country: **United States**

Walmart founder Sam Walton's grandson, Lukas Walton inherited a third of the fortune after his father, John Walton's death in a plane crash. With stakes in Walmart, First Solar and Arvest Bank he is a philanthropist and an active investor. For someone who beat cancer as a child, Lukas has mastered the art of keeping a low profile.

#80



**Donald Bren**  
**\$16.3 Billion**  
 Source: **Irvine Company**  
 Country: **United States**

A real estate Moghul, Donald Bren is the wealthiest real estate developer in the USA. Through the Donald Bren Foundation he associates with social causes, education issues, human services and community development.

#79



**James Ratcliffe**  
**\$ 16.4 Billion**  
 Source: **Ineos Group**  
 Country: **United Kingdom**

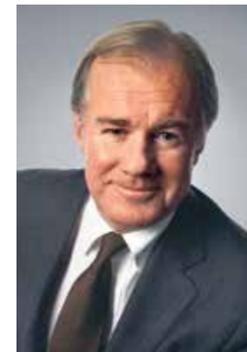
A self-made London Business School (LBS) graduate, Jim Ratcliffe's company funds the Go Run for Fun Foundation that helps children to be more active through running events.

#78  
**Vagit Alekperov**  
**\$16.4 Billion**  
 Source: **Lukoil**  
 Country: **Russia**

Vagit Alekperov has a 20 percent stake in Lukoil, Russia's largest non-state oil firm. He has made over \$4 billion in dividends from energy, construction and media companies.

#76  
**Joseph Lau**  
**\$16.7 Billion**  
 Source: **Chinese Estate Holdings**  
 Country: **Hong Kong**

Joseph Lau owns pieces from Warhol, Gauguin and Hockney worth at least \$1bn. He also owns two Gulfstream G650 jets, properties in London and Hong Kong, has five diamonds worth \$128mn.



#74  
**Stefan Persson**  
**\$16.8 Billion**  
 Source: **H&M**  
 Country: **Sweden**

Sweden's richest man, Stefan Persson is an auto lover with a stable of brands like Porsche, Aston Martin, Range Rover and Jaguar. His new Porsche is prized at US\$350,000.

#77  
**Raymond Kwok**  
**\$16.5 Billion**  
 Source: **Sun Hung Kai Properties**  
 Country: **Hong Kong**

Raymond and his brother Thomas run one of the largest property firms in Hong Kong and Raymond is now the sole Chairman of the firm.

#75  
**Michael Hartono**  
**\$16.7 Billion**  
 Source: **Djarum**  
 Country: **Indonesia**

Having made billions in cigarettes and banking, Michael Hartono and his brother Budi Hartono focus on telecom through PT Sarana Menara Nusantara. His most valuable asset is his stake in PT Dwimuria Investama Andalan.



#73  
**Carl Icahn**  
**\$16.8 Billion**  
 Source: **Icahn Capital Management**  
 Country: **United States**

Carl Icahn heads a conglomerate spanning real estate, energy, automotive, gaming and food packaging while investing in equities, futures, options and debt.

# #72



**German Larrea Mota Velasco**  
**\$ 17.3 Billion**  
 Source: **Grupo México**  
 Country: **Mexico**

As majority stakeholder in Mexico's largest copper mining company, Grupo México, German Larrea Mota Velasco has infrastructure and rail transportation interests. The fact that he is very reclusive makes him enigmatic too. He was in the news for buying a \$4 million condominium in the Ritz Carlton Residence in Chicago. Incidentally, he also owns a castle in Tuscany, Italy.

#71  
**Gina Rinehart**  
**\$17.4 Billion**  
 Source: **Hancock Prospecting**  
 Country: **Australia**

As the daughter of an iron-ore explorer, Gina Rinehart rebuilt his bankrupt estate and a large part of her fortune comes from Hope Downs and the Roy Hill project, an iron ore mine in Western Australia apart from being the third-largest cattle producer, with a portfolio of 23 properties across the country. Naturally, she is Australia's richest person!

# #70



**R. Budi Hartono**  
**\$17.4 Billion**  
 Source: **Djarum**  
 Country: **Indonesia**

As CEO, Djarum Group, R. Budi Hartono and his brother Michael Bambang Hartono are both billionaires and own cigarette major Djarum that is into kreteks, a blend of cloves and other tobacco variants. He has founded Djarum Foundation and Djarum Badminton Club to provide full badminton scholarships to qualified candidates sourced through auditions held nationwide.

#69  
**William Ding Lei**  
**\$17.4 Billion**  
 Source: **NetEase**  
 Country: **China**

CEO of Nasdaq-listed NetEase, William Ding Lei's online gaming network, 163.com is among the most popular gaming sites. He hopes to start a music recording company.



#68  
**Takemitsu Takizaki**  
**\$17.5 Billion**  
 Source: **Keyence**  
 Country: **Japan**

After establishing Keyence, a supplier of sensors and electronic components for factory automation systems, Takemitsu Takizaki is now its Honorary Chairman.

#67  
**Ray Dalio**  
**\$17.7 Billion**  
 Source: **Bridgewater Associates**  
 Country: **United States**

Having started out as a caddie at age 12, Ray Dalio, today, runs Bridgewater Associates, the world's biggest hedge fund firm managing an eye popping \$160 billion in funds.

#66  
**Pallonji Mistry**  
**\$17.8 Billion**  
 Source: **Shapoorji Pallonji**  
 Country: **Ireland**

Nicknamed 'Phantom of Bombay House', Pallonji Mistry owns the engineering and construction giant, the 153-year-old Shapoorji Pallonji Group, as also an 18.4 percent stake in Tata Sons.



#65  
**Charoen Sirivadhanabhakdi**  
**\$17.9 Billion**  
 Source: **Thai Beverage**  
 Country: **Russia**

The rise of the son of a Bangkok street vendor to controlling Thailand's largest brewer, known for its Chang beer, Charoen Sirivadhanabhakdi's journey is nothing short of remarkable. His retail empire includes hypermarket chain Big C Supercenter together with a 54 percent in Sabeco, Vietnam's largest brewery. He is known to support Buddhist causes.

#64  
**Leonid Mikhelson**  
**\$18 Billion**  
 Source: **Novatek**  
 Country: **Russia**

CEO of Novatek, the largest non-state-owned natural gas provider in Russia, Leonid Mikhelson also holds a 48.5 percent stake in closely held petrochemical producer Sibur. Today, he owns a US\$150 million yacht Pacific that is so huge that it can accommodate two helicopters.



#63  
**Wang Wei**  
**\$18.2 Billion**  
 Source: **SF Express**  
 Country: **China**

He started his career taking deliveries out of his car in the back alleys of Hong Kong and lugging suitcases and backpacks across China's southern border. Today he controls 80,000 couriers and 30 planes through his company widely referred to as China's Fedex.

#61  
**Lee Kun-Hee**  
**\$18.6 Billion**  
 Source: **Samsung**  
 Country: **South Korea**

The billionaire Lee Kun Hee who is reportedly hospitalised since suffering a heart attack in 2014 has a 4.7 percent stake in Samsung Electronics, the key source of his fortunes. An art lover, he has helped S. Korea in its bid to host the 2018 Winter Olympics. He reportedly owns a Bombardier Global Express aircraft, which he allows other executives of Samsung to use for business travels.

## #62



**Lakshmi Mittal**  
**\$18.5 Billion**  
 Source: **ArcelorMittal**  
 Country: **India**

Steel baron Lakshmi Mittal, acknowledged as the richest Indian could not get admission to a college of his choice because he did not speak English. He is a key bidder to take over the beleaguered Essar Steels.

*The manner in which Lakshmi Mittal took over ArcelorMittal inspired us to dream big. Today, he is a bold, new global Indian entrepreneur and has inspired us to take bold calculated risks."*

-Naveen Pishe, Partner P.N. Rao

#60  
**Alexey Mordashov**  
**\$18.7 Billion**  
 Source: **Severstal & TUI**  
 Country: **Russia**

An MBA graduate from Northumbria University, Alexey Mordashov started building his fortune by picking up shares in the company he worked, Severstal. Soon he expanded his investments into a portfolio of verticals like car makers, coal, ports, transportation, energy and telecom.

## #58



**Laurene Powell Jobs**  
**\$18.8 Billion**  
 Source: **Apple, Emerson Collective**  
 Country: **United States**

Laurene Powell Jobs is the widow of Apple cofounder Steve Jobs. She started as a trading strategist for Goldman Sachs and has founded Emerson Collective to assist social reform and needy students. With a majority stake in The Atlantic magazine in her kitty, she has committed \$100 million to "XQ: The Super School Project," to redevelop high school curriculum.

# #59

**Azim Premji**  
**\$18.8 Billion**  
 Source: **Wipro Ltd.**  
 Country: **India**

From manufacturing cooking oil to becoming India's third-largest outsourcer, Azim Premji has changed the face of Wipro. The reclusive billionaire has transferred about 65 percent of his wealth to charity by merging his investment arm PremjiInvest with Azim Premji Trust. Vikash Gupta, Founder & CEO, Three sixty the leather life, says, "Premji is truly an entrepreneur who is very humble and down to earth. He created all his wealth in a modest way and believes in serving for the betterment of the society."



*Mr. Azim Premji is the first one to sign up for "The Giving Pledge", that involves giving away half of the wealth. He donates 25 percent of his wealth towards child education in India. I would prefer to call him the Bill Gates of India."*

-Vikash Gupta, Founder & CEO, Three sixty the leather life



# #57

**Vladimir Lisin**  
\$19.1 Billion  
Source: NMLK Group  
Country: Russia

As chairman of NMLK Group, a leading manufacturer of steel products Vladimir Lisin also controls Universal Cargo Logistics Holding, which owns railway operator Freight One that has some ports and shipping companies. A serious gun enthusiast he has an enviable collection of shooting rifles and is the President of the European Shooting Confederation, the Russia Shooting Union and is the vice president of the Russian Olympic Committee.

#56  
**Tadashi Yanai**  
\$19.5 Billion  
Source: Fast Retailing  
Country: Japan

Being the founder of the world's fourth-largest apparel company Fast Retailing whose brands include Uniqlo, Helmut Lang, Theory, Comptoir des Cotonniers, Princesse tam.tam, J Brand and g.u. Tadashi Yanai is easily Japan's most successful businessman. An unique combination of being humble and ambitious, he has learnt that failure is not to be taken seriously and finding the next success is important.

#55  
**Srichand Hinduja & Brothers**  
\$19.5 Billion  
Source: Hinduja Group  
Country: United Kingdom

Srichand, Gopichand, Prakash and Ashok control the multinational conglomerate Hinduja Group that has interests in trucks, lubricants, banking and cable television.



#53  
**Henry Sy**  
\$20 Billion  
Source: SM Investments  
Country: Philippines

Holding an 11 percent stake in SM Investments a retail, property development and banking conglomerate Chairman Emeritus Henry Sy is the richest Filipino in the world, and believes in hard work.

#51  
**Lui Che Woo**  
\$20.1 Billion  
Source: Galaxy Entertainment Group and K. Wah International Holdings  
Country: Hong Kong

Lui Che Woo is Chairman of Galaxy Entertainment Group and K. Wah International Holdings. His net worth has gone up by \$12 billion in less than two years.

#54  
**Elon Musk**  
\$19.9 Billion  
Source: Tesla Motors  
Country: United States

Elon Musk has revolutionised transportation through Tesla Motors. He is set to change the dynamics through his fully-electric vehicles and plans to take space transport to next level.



#52  
**James Simons**  
\$20 Billion  
Source: Renaissance Technologies Corp.  
Country: United States

Renaissance Technologies is the world's most successful hedge funds and James continues to work in the field of Maths through his programs to train teachers and funding education initiatives.

#50  
**He Xiangjian**  
\$20.1 Billion  
Source: Midea Group Co. Ltd.  
Country: China

Midea, China's biggest appliance maker is the first public company not based in a major city and Founder He Xiangjian has a 35 percent stake. He supports education, community development and cultural causes.



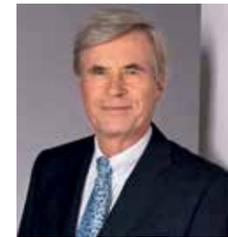
#49  
**Len Blavatnik**  
\$20.2 Billion  
Source: TNK-BP, Warner Music  
Country: United States

Len is someone who knows the good life - he owns four private jets, luxury yacht Odessa, a 13-bedroom London retreat, 15 Kensington Palace Gardens and is accumulating art. He is also a philanthropist and through his Blavatnik Family Foundation he has sponsored education, life sciences entrepreneurship as well as scientific research and development.



#47  
**Thomas Peterffy**  
\$20.3 Billion  
Source: Interactive Brokers  
Country: United States

A literal 'rags to riches' story, Hungarian immigrant Thomas Peterffy came to the US with only a few dollars in his pocket. Today he controls the world's largest electronic broker by daily average revenue trades Interactive Brokers. He has donated millions of dollars for philanthropic issues like educational, health and human causes.



#46  
**Dieter Schwarz**  
\$20.9 Billion  
Source: Schwarz Group  
Country: Germany

Dieter Schwarz's fortunes stem from supermarket chains Lidl and Kaufland. He supports various educational causes through Dieter Schwarz Stiftung. His decision making has made him a giant in retail marketing across Europe.



#45  
**Leonardo Del Vecchio**  
\$21.2 Billion  
Source: Luxottica  
Country: Italy

Working as an apprenticeship to a tool and dye manufacturer earlier, he owns the biggest eyewear retailer, Luxottica Group. He owns significant equity in a French real estate company and an Italian insurance company.



#44  
**Paul Allen**  
\$21.7 Billion  
Source: Microsoft, Vulcan Inc  
Country: United States

Paul has a multibillion-dollar investment portfolio in media companies, real estate and technology. He also owns two professional sports teams. He has personally overseen the preservation of WWII planes.

#48  
**Theo Albrecht, Jr.**  
\$20.2 Billion  
Source: Trader Joe's, Aldi  
Country: Germany

Following a low cost business model has augured well for Theo Albrecht Junior as he along with his family owns over 10000 grocery stores in 18 countries worldwide. Known to be almost secretive about his personal life, he is married and has one child and is reported to be a devout Catholic and a frequent churchgoer.



#43  
**Yang Huiyan**  
\$21.9 Billion  
Source: Country Garden Holdings  
Country: China

With a degree from Ohio State University, Yang Huiyan runs Country Garden China's largest property developer by sales. She is China's youngest billionaire and Asia's wealthiest woman.



#42  
**Stefan Quandt**  
\$22 Billion  
Source: BMW  
Country: Germany

Stefan Quandt with a 26 percent stake in BMW is now the company's single largest stakeholder. He has stakes in Biologische Heilmittel Heel, Entrust Datacard and a logistics company.



#41  
**Serge Dassault**  
**\$22.6 Billion**  
Source: **Dassault Groupe**  
Country: **France**

Serge Dassault is also a politician. He has a golf course in the grounds of his mansion at Coignieres. He started his philanthropic wing Serge Dassault Foundation in 1991.



#40  
**Masayoshi Son**  
**\$22.7 Billion**  
Source: **Softbank**  
Country: **Japan**

His SoftBank's Vision Fund is a \$100 billion private equity fund that has invested or partnered with the likes of WeWork, Arm, Foxconn, Alibaba Cloud and many more.



#39  
**Michael Dell**  
**\$22.7 Billion**  
Source: **Dell Technologies**  
Country: **United States**

Dell merged with computer storage giant EMC in 2016 at a deal price of \$60 billion making it the largest technology acquisition ever. He donated \$1 billion to his foundation in May 2017.

#38  
**Dietrich Mateschitz**  
**\$23 Billion**  
Source: **Red Bull**  
Country: **Austria**

Founder of renowned brand, Red Bull, Dietrich Mateschitz is also a known name in the field of auto racing via Red Bull Racing. He also owns the Brazil-based football team Red Bull Brasil and an island in Fiji that he bought for a whopping \$13 million in 2006. He is also associated with the annual electronic music-focused Red Bull Music Academy.

# #30



**Francois Pinault**  
**\$27 Billion**  
Source: **Kering**  
Country: **France**

Francois Pinault founded French luxury brands group Kering in 1963. Kering today owns fashion brands like Gucci, Saint Laurent, Alexander McQueen and Stella McCartney as well as sports brand PUMA apart from owning Christie's auction house. He and his family own over 3500 pieces of art including works by Picasso, Mondrian and Koons worth \$1.4 billion.

#34  
**Jacqueline Mars**  
**\$23.6 Billion**  
Source: **Mars, Incorporated**  
Country: **United States**

John Mars owns a third of Mars Inc. A well-known philanthropist, she served on the board of Mars until 2016. She owns a farm that specialises in organic farming.

#33  
**David Thomson**  
**\$25 Billion**  
Source: **Thomson Reuters**  
Country: **Canada**

David Thomson and his family own media and publishing empire Thomson Reuters. The family also has stakes in Bell Canada and owns the Globe and Mail newspaper.

#35  
**John Mars**  
**\$23.6 Billion**  
Source: **Mars, Incorporated**  
Country: **United States**

John Mars and his sister own a third of their grandfather's company Mars, Incorporated that makes M&Ms, Snickers, Milky Way, Juicy Fruit, Orbit, Pedigree, Whiskas and Uncle Ben's.

#31  
**Georg Schaeffler**  
**\$25.3 Billion**  
Source: **Schaeffler Group, Continental AG**  
Country: **Germany**

Owners of one of the world's largest producers of ball bearings and machine components, Georg Schaeffler shares his wealth with his mother, Maria-Elisabeth.

#32  
**Susanne Klatten**  
**\$25 Billion**  
Source: **BMW**  
Country: **Germany**

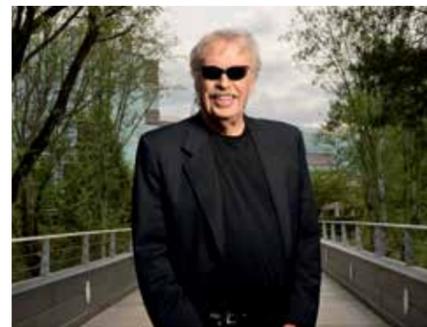
The richest woman in Germany, Susanne Klatten owns 19.2% of BMW. As the sole owner and deputy chairman of Altana, whose annual sales are \$2.5 billion, she has stakes in wind power outfit Nordex AG, soil additive company Geohumus and SGL Group.

#37  
**Giovanni Ferrero**  
**\$23.1 Billion**  
Source: **Ferrero SpA**  
Country: **Italy**

Giovanni Ferrero is the man behind the third largest confectioner business in the world. He inked a deal worth \$2.8 billion with Nestle to acquire the company's entire U.S. confections business.

#36  
**Joseph Safra**  
**\$23.5 Billion**  
Source: **Banco Safra, J. Safra Sarasin**  
Country: **Brazil**

Joseph Safra is the world's richest banker owning both Banco Safra and J. Safra Sarasin. He donates generously towards Jewish causes. He lives in a 118400 sq ft. mansion in Sao Paulo.



#28  
**Phil Knight**  
**\$29.6 Billion**  
Source: **Nike**  
Country: **United States**

Phil Knight, founder, Nike retired as chairman in 2016 after 52 years. With revenues of over \$34 billion and offices in 52 countries he has certainly come a long way. Apart from a \$500 million donation for cancer research to the Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, he has also given \$400 million to Stanford University for graduate scholarships and \$500 million to the University of Oregon in Eugene for a science research center.



# #29

**Jorge Paulo Lemann**  
**\$27.4 Billion**  
Source: **Banco Garantia, Anheuser-Busch InBev**  
Country: **Brazil**

He has played Wimbledon, he spearfishes and he also surfs 30-foot waves. Jorge Paulo Lemann started his career in investment banking and today most of his fortunes come from his 10 percent stake in Anheuser-Busch InBev, the world's largest brewer. He also owns a stake in Restaurant Brands International that has Burger King and Canadian coffee chain Tim Hortons. He has established the Brasileira Collection through his Fundacao Estudar.



#27  
**Beate Heister & Karl Albrecht Jr**  
**\$29.6 Billion**  
Source: **Aldi Retail**  
Country: **Germany**

Brothers Beate and Karl control one half each of retail giant Aldi, a store that has heralded the discount revolution in German retailing. The Albrecht family are secretive about their income and how they spend it.



#26  
**Wang Jianlin**  
**\$30 Billion**  
Source: **Dalian Wanda Group**  
Country: **China**

Dalian Wanda Group is one of the world's biggest commercial real estate developers. Chairman Wang Jianlin also owns U.S. movie theater chain AMC and film studio Legendary Entertainment. He made \$9 billion by selling theme parks.



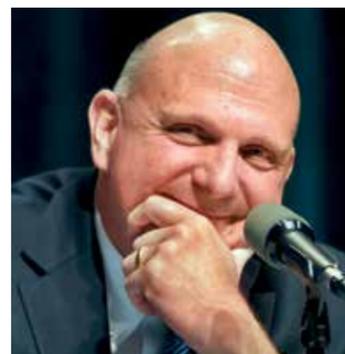
#24  
**Hui Ka Yan**  
**\$30.4 Billion**  
Source: **China Evergrande Group**  
Country: **China**

As chairman of China Evergrande Group, Hui Ka Yan has ensured that he has real estate projects in more than 200 cities across China. In 2017 he made more money than anyone else in the world and he has been dubbed as the "Donald Trump of China" for his lavish purchases and zealous acquisition strategy. Evergrande owns the majority of one of China's most winning soccer teams as well.



#23  
**Li Ka-shing**  
**\$34.9 Billion**  
Source: **CK Hutchison Holdings**  
Country: **Hong Kong**

Li Ka-shing is revered today as one of the most influential businessmen in Asia. An investor in disruptive technology, he was one of the first big investors in Facebook and has recently acquired a \$15 billion stake in British telecom company, O2.



#22  
**Steve Ballmer**  
**\$38.4 Billion**  
Source: **Microsoft**  
Country: **United States**

The former CEO of Microsoft and the current owner of the NBA's Los Angeles Clippers, Steve Ballmer made initial investments in Cloud technology when it was still unknown. A Harvard graduate, he dropped out of Stanford's MBA program to join Microsoft.

## #21

**Sheldon Adelson**  
**\$38.5 Billion**  
Source: **Las Vegas Sands**  
Country: **United Kingdom**

Sheldon Adelson grew up sleeping on the floor of a Boston tenement and today he is a billionaire casino magnate who spent more than \$200 million for championing GOP candidates and conservative causes. He has also offered to help make the US Embassy in Jerusalem after Donald Trump's announcement of the same.



#20  
**Jack Ma**  
**\$39 Billion**  
Source: **Alibaba Group**  
Country: **China**

Apart from being the chairman of Alibaba Group, Jack Ma has stakes in Huayi Brothers and Beijing Enlight Media. The former English teacher employs more women than men as he believes that his service industry can be managed by women better. His success mantra is to hire people who are smarter than you and focus on getting them to work together. Alibaba has earned \$25 billion in 24 hours, during its flagship event Double 11 last year and all the payments were done through Alipay.



## #25

**Lee Shau Kee**  
**\$30.3 Billion**  
Source: **Henderson Land Development**  
Country: **Hong Kong**

Lee Shau Kee started Henderson Land Development in 1976 and the dedicated philanthropist has donated millions of dollars towards various education causes through the Lee Shau Kee Foundation. He also founded the Hong Kong Pei Hua Education Foundation, which provides training programs to competent personnel in China. A keen golfer he reportedly plays golf every morning. Another sport he enjoys is horse racing and he is a member of The Hong Kong Jockey Club.

## #19

**Mukesh Ambani**  
**\$40.1 Billion**  
Source: **Reliance Industries**  
Country: **India**

The world's richest Asian, Mukesh Ambani, owns the world's largest refinery. He also owns Antilia a \$1 billion residence with 27 storeys said to be world's most expensive residential property. A family man, he makes it a point to spend his Sundays with his mother, wife and children. His newest venture is the 4G phone service Jio which has over 160 million customers.

*“He is a business metaphor for width and depth of keen business involvement in high profit as well as high profile businesses. The Reliance group can today possibly talk of a proud ‘Mukesh touch’ as opposed to a ‘Midas touch’ of yore.”*

- Harish Bijoor, Brand Consultant



# #18

**Françoise Bettencourt Meyers**  
**\$42.2 Billion**  
 Source: **L'Oréal**  
 Country: **France**

The richest woman in Europe, Françoise Bettencourt Meyers is the reigning L'Oréal Heiress post her mother's demise last year. The author of three books on Bible commentaries, Jewish-Christian relations and Greek Gods she enjoys playing the piano and is known for playing it for several hours a day. The L'Oréal Corporate Foundation donates towards science, solidarity and educational causes. Françoise herself is a recluse unlike her mother and prefers to live in a cocoon, within the confines of her family.

The richest woman in the world, Alice Walton is an art curator and opened the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Arkansas. Her personal art collection is worth hundreds of millions of dollars. She also oversees the Walton Family Foundation that supports environmental conservation, K-12 education and economic development.

**#16**  
**Alice Walton**  
**\$46 Billion**  
 Source: **Walmart**  
 Country: **United States**



# #17



**Ma Huateng**  
**\$45.3 Billion**  
 Source: **Tencent Holdings**  
 Country: **China**

Chairman of Chinese Internet giant Tencent Holdings, Ma Huateng is behind the popular social messaging app WeChat in China that has nearly one billion users. Also called Pony Ma, he has been nicknamed 'dark horse' as "Ma" means horse in Chinese. Tencent has also acquired a 12 percent stake in Snapchat-parent Snap. The billionaire is part of the National People Congress.



**#15**  
**S. Robson Walton**  
**\$46.2 Billion**  
 Source: **Walmart**  
 Country: **United States**

S. Robson Walton is the eldest son of Walmart founder Sam Walton and retired as chairman in 2015. A member of the board, he recently offloaded a chunk of his shares for a neat \$62.3 million. He still owns shares worth \$8.4 billion.



**#14**  
**Jim Walton**  
**\$46.4 Billion**  
 Source: **Walmart, Arvest Bank Group, Inc.**  
 Country: **United States**

The youngest son of Walmart founder Sam Walton, Jim Walton runs Arvest Bank, the largest one in the state that handles assets in excess of \$16 billion. He also owns Community Publishers.



**#13**  
**Sergey Brin**  
**\$47.5 Billion**  
 Source: **Alphabet (Google)**  
 Country: **United States**

Sergey Brin cofounded search engine firm Google with Larry Page in 1998 and is the President of the company. Google changed its name to Alphabet in 2015. He owns a 5.5 percent stake in the company.



**#12**  
**Larry Page**  
**\$48.8 Billion**  
 Source: **Alphabet (Google)**  
 Country: **United States**

CEO of Alphabet, Larry Page also invented Google's PageRank algorithm that powers the search engine. He lives in a Palo Alto compound that includes a home as well as an eco-mansion with a rooftop garden worth \$7 million.

# #11



**Michael Bloomberg**  
**\$50 Billion**  
 Source: **Bloomberg**  
 Country: **United States**

Michael Bloomberg twitter profile reads "Entrepreneur, philanthropist, and three-term mayor of New York City". He cofounded Bloomberg LP, a financial information and media company in 1981 and continues to hold an 88 percent stake in the business. He has donated more than \$5 billion to gun control and climate change.

**#10**  
**Larry Ellison**  
**\$58.5 Billion**  
 Source: **Oracle**  
 Country: **United States**

Larry Ellison cofounded Oracle in 1977 and continues to serve as chairman of the board and chief technology officer. He has also made several high profile real estate investments. He owns 98 percent of the Hawaiian island of Lanai.

**#09**  
**David Koch**  
**\$60 Billion**  
 Source: **Koch Industries**  
 Country: **United States**

David Koch shares majority control of Koch Industries overseeing its chemical technology group. An air crash survivor, he also holds four US patents and he enjoys skiing, polo and history. He is a philanthropist who keeps a low profile.

# #08

## Charles Koch

**\$60 Billion**

Source: **Koch Industries**  
Country: **United States**

CEO of Koch industries Charles Koch has funded a number of think tanks, including the libertarian Cato Institute, the American Enterprise Institute, Institute for Humane Studies, the Mercatus Center at George Mason University and more. In his book 'The Science of Success' he explains the concept of Market Based Management as one of the reasons behind the success of Koch Industries.

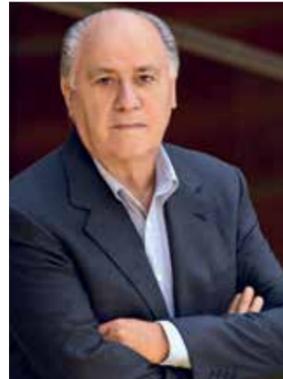
#07

## Carlos Slim Helu

**\$67.1 Billion**

Source: **América Móvil**  
Country: **Mexico**

Mexico's richest man, Carlos Slim Helu controls Latin America's biggest mobile telecom firm America Movil and also owns stakes in Mexican construction, consumer goods, mining and real estate companies apart from The New York Times. He has a keen interest in the environment.



#06

## Amancio Ortega

**\$70 Billion**

Source: **Zara**  
Country: **Spain**

Amancio Ortega is the world's wealthiest retailer who cofounded Inditex, known for the Zara fashion chain. His core asset now is an investment in Sulzer, which produces pumping equipment for industrial companies.



#04

## Bernard Arnault

**\$72 Billion**

Source: **LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton**  
Country: **France**

Bernard Arnault oversees an empire of 70 brands. He owns the Indigo Island in the Bahamas and has a personal art collection including artists like Pablo Picasso, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Damien Hirst and Maurizio Cattelan.



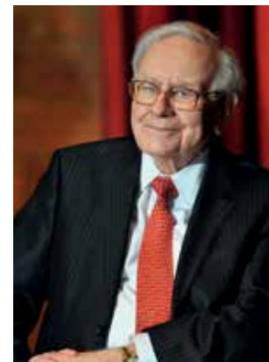
#05

## Mark Zuckerberg

**\$71 Billion**

Source: **Facebook**  
Country: **United States**

He founded Facebook when he was 19 and still owns close to 17 percent of the stock. He and his wife have pledged to give away 99 percent of their Facebook stake over their lifetimes. He is the youngest billionaire in the world.



#03

## Warren Buffett

**\$84 Billion**

Source: **Berkshire Hathaway**  
Country: **United States**

Warren Buffett runs Berkshire Hathaway, which owns over 60 companies, including insurer Geico, Duracell, Clayton Homes, MidAmerican Energy, Dairy Queen and has stakes in Coca-Cola and American Express.

# #02

## Bill Gates

**\$90 Billion**

Source: **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Microsoft**  
Country: **United States**

Bill Gates chairs the world's largest private charitable foundation Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that helps save lives and improve global health. Gates now owns only 1 percent of the shares in Microsoft that he founded but remains on the board. He is now working on polio eradication. Interestingly in 2015, the Government of India conferred the Padma Bhushan, to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. In spite of his immense wealth, his kids will only inherit \$10 million each as Gates is clear they have to find their own path. An avid reader of technology, economics, wars, civilisation and evolution he lives in a sprawling \$154 million home named 'Xanadu 2.0', after the fictional home of the title character from 'Citizen Kane'.

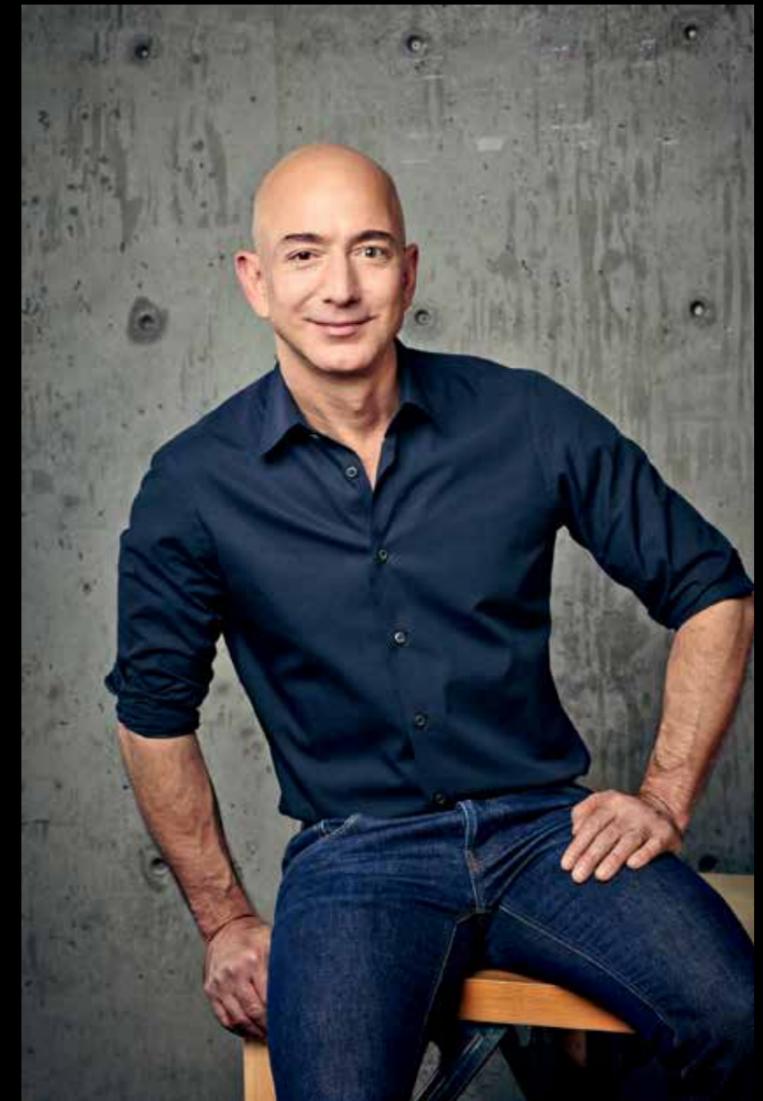


# #01

## Jeff Bezos

**\$112 Billion**

Source: **Amazon**  
Country: **United States**



The first person to exceed \$100 billion the world's richest person, Jeff Bezos owns 16 percent of Amazon which he founded in a garage in Seattle. Well, even as a child he was always unique and wanted to know how toys and machines worked and he had a job at McDonald's when he was 16. A space travel junkie, his aerospace company, Blue Origin is developing a reusable rocket that will carry passengers and also move industrial and manufacturing industries off the planet. He is also the owner of The Washington Post. His current home in Medina Washington was previously a textile museum and worth over \$25 million. A huge Star Trek fan he has donated \$45 million to various philanthropic projects and still always tries to get at least eight hours of sleep.