

WORLD'S

100

BILLIONAIRES

2016

AS THE YEAR 2016 APPROACHES TO A GLORIOUS FINISH, URS-ASIAONE IS READY WITH ITS LIST OF WORLD'S TOP 100 BILLIONAIRES 2016. THE LIST IS ENTIRELY BASED ON THE NET WORTH OF EACH INDIVIDUAL. IT IS AN AWE-INSPIRING LIST, AS EVERY NAME LISTED HERE IS AN INSTITUTION IN HIMSELF/HERSELF, WITH THEIR NET WORTH COMPARABLE TO ANNUAL BUDGETS OF SOME COUNTRIES. WE HAVE WEAVED SHORT INTERESTING STORIES AROUND THESE NAMES, WHICH WOULD ENTICE ALL READERS AND AFICIONADOS.



1

BILL GATES

Net Worth: \$75 billion
Technology Advisor, Microsoft

A business magnate, investor, author, philanthropist, and world's richest man, Bill Gates is one of the pioneers who revolutionized the Personal Computer space. The founder of Microsoft Corporation, Gates was born in Seattle Washington to William H. Gates, Sr. and Mary Maxwell Gates. Gates was an exceptional student but found the true meaning of excellence in the computer lab of his school. The technocrat's interest in the world of machines led him to develop Microsoft Corporation at an early age of 19 years with his close ally Paul Allen.

Despite huge success his firm brought, Bill Gates likes to remain a low-key person. He is pushing for world peace, hunger elimination, elimination of polio & malaria, and development and expansion of childhood vaccinations through Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

2 AMANCIO ORTEGA

Net Worth: \$67 billion
CEO, Inditex and COO, Daez

The wealthiest retailer of the world, Amancio Ortega remains a name little known. This self made man lets his actions do the talking and prefers to stay away from the limelight.

The co-founder of the Inditex fashion group, best known for its chain of Zara clothing and accessories retail shops, this Spanish business magnate started manufacturing textiles through a small family company in 1963 before co-founding Zara with Rosalía Mera in 1975. The firm gained massive popularity in Europe rapidly and he went ahead opening his first store in America in 1989. Today, his empire includes Massimo Dutti, and Pull&Bear along with Zara—all very popular amongst the millennials.

3 WARREN BUFFETT

Net Worth: \$60.8 billion
Chairman & CEO, Berkshire Hathaway

This 'Oracle of Omaha' is well known globally as the most successful investor in contemporary times due to his hawk's vision in identifying valuable stocks.

What makes this man a role model for many generations is not his bank balance but the amount of positivity and generosity he carries in his heart. He himself leads a frugal lifestyle to improve the quality of living for others. Warren Buffett has pledged to donate 99% of his wealth for philanthropic causes and works in close tandem with Gates Foundation to make this world a better place to live in. Warren Buffett is very active in contributing towards political causes also. He endorsed Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton for US President during the 2016 campaign season.

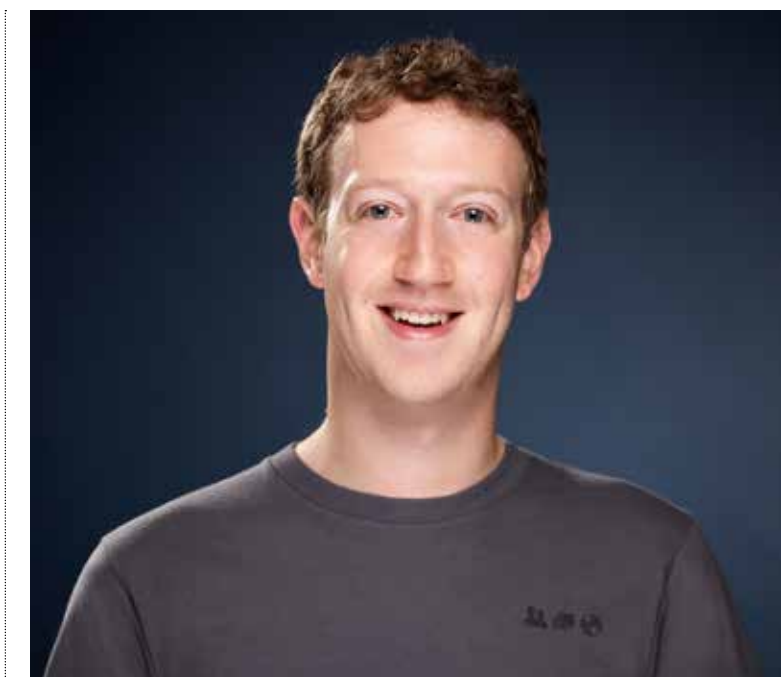
4 CARLOS SLIM HELU

Net Worth: ~\$50 billion
Chairman & CEO of Telmex and América Móvil

With a net worth equating about 6 percent of Mexico's gross domestic product, Carlos Slim Helu is an epitome of astounding business acumen.

Through extensive holdings in a considerable number of Mexican companies through his conglomerate Grupo Carso, he has his hands in most of the business portfolios one can think of- from education, health care, industrial manufacturing, transportation to real estate, media, energy, hospitality, entertainment, high-technology, retail, sports, and financial services. His real estate company Inmobiliaria Carso owns over 20 shopping centers, including ten in Mexico City, and operates stores in the country under U.S. brands including the Mexican arms of Saks Fifth Avenue, Sears and the Coffee Factory.

Apart from leading a successful empire Slim has an avid affinity for baseball as well and he is a big supporter of the New York Yankees.



6

MARK ZUCKERBERG

Net Worth: \$44.6 billion
Chairman and CEO, Facebook

The 32 year old founder of social media giant Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg is the youngest in the list of world's richest people. This programming wizard effectively changed the way how world communicates through his out-of-the-box idea of launching the interactive online platform of Facebook. He acquired leading sites Instagram and Whatsapp as well adding laurels to his portfolio.

Mark Zuckerberg is a great philanthropist too. He has made several donations to various educational and social organizations across USA. Zuckerberg along with his wife Priscilla Chan has pledged to spend a huge portion of their fortune to manage, cure or prevent all diseases by the end of the century.

5 JEFF BEZOS

Net Worth: \$45.2 billion
Founder, Chairman & CEO, Amazon.com

With a simple idea to sell books online growing into the largest online store which sells 'everything', Jeff Bezos' fate led him to the traverse of acquiring entrepreneurship excellence. His firm commitment and dedication are well reflected in the workings of his brainchild Amazon and today, Jeff Bezos is counted amongst the most successful businessmen of the century.

Apart from e-retailing, Jeff Bezos has a keen interest in space and newspapers. His aerospace company, Blue Origin is working towards making a reusable rocket that can redefine the conventional way of space travel. And he also purchased the much-popular newspaper The Washington Post in 2013. He has forayed into online-video streaming business as well.

7 LARRY ELLISON

Net Worth: \$43.6 billion
Executive Chairman and CTO, Oracle Corporation

Larry Ellison founded Oracle Corporation inspired by a paper written in 1970 by Edgar F. Codd on relational database management systems (RDBMS). With revolutionary ideas and effective leadership he made Oracle the second-largest software maker by revenue in 2015. Not just business, Larry Ellison is passionate about yachting and aviation as well. He is a licensed pilot and

owns several aircrafts. He is also very fond of collecting cars and has his own America's Cup sailing team. He is the owner of Indian Wells Tennis Garden tennis facility in California's Coachella Valley and the Indian Wells Masters tournament too. An altruistic personality, Ellison donates up to 1% of his wealth for charity every year and is one of the signatories of The Giving Pledge.

8 MICHAEL BLOOMBERG

Net Worth: \$40 billion
 Founder and CEO, Bloomberg LP

A leading business magnate and former mayor of the New York City, Michael Bloomberg is an effervescent personality who doesn't believe in mincing his words. His sense of community brought him the honor of becoming one of the America's youngest Eagle Scout in 1958. Before starting Bloomberg LP which is a global financial data and media company in 1981, Michael Bloomberg started his career from securities brokerage Salomon Brothers.

Michael Bloomberg is a dedicated environmentalist and is well known for his fight against the rise of obesity in the society. Through Bloomberg Philanthropies foundation, he is working towards improving public health, the arts, government innovation, the environment, and education globally.

9 CHARLES KOCH

Net Worth: \$39.6 billion
 Chairman and CEO, Koch Industries

An alumnus of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Charles Koch is efficaciously leading Koch Industries, the second-largest privately held company by revenue in the United States. He became the Director of Koch Industries in 1982 and has worked with several other corporations including Entrust Financial Corp. and Georgia-Pacific LLC, paper and pulp products.

A firm supporter of libertarian and free-enterprise policy, Charles Koch is the co-founder of the Cato Institute. He is actively engaged in philanthropic activities focusing on research, policy, and educational projects intended to advance free-market views. He has made enormous donations to many educational institutions in the United States. He has also authored a book.

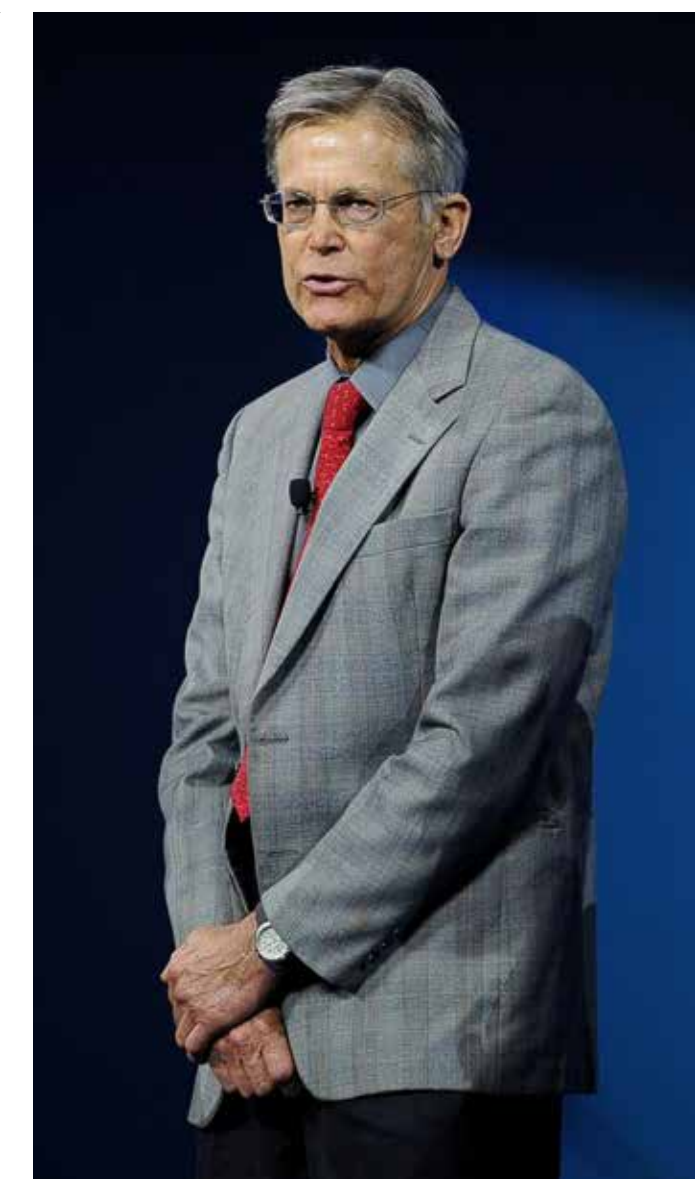
12 LARRY PAGE

Net Worth: \$35.2 billion
 CEO, Alphabet Inc

Born to computer science professors, Larry Page was fascinated towards technology from a very young age. His house which was filled with computer, science, and technology periodicals made him immerse in the vast world of technological intelligence.

The computer enthusiast always knew that he wanted to invent something and had a keen eye for business ethics as well. He co-founded Google in 1988 to follow his passion towards entrepreneurship and science. He is also the creator of PageRank, Google's best-known search ranking algorithm.

Larry Page's other interest lied in music composition and he used to play saxophone. He is doing his bit for the environment through Google.org which promotes the adoption of plug-in hybrid electric cars and other alternative energy investments.

**10 DAVID KOCH**

Net Worth: \$39.6 billion
 Vice President, Koch Industries

A political activist, and chemical engineer, David Koch joined the family-run Koch Industries in 1970. His astounding business sense is harbored by his intense political acumen. He was the Libertarian Party's vice-presidential candidate in the 1980 US presidential election.

David Koch believes in social liberalism and avidly supports women's right to choose, gay rights, same-sex marriage, and stem-cell research. He also advocates individual liberty and free market principles supporting reduced government spending. Koch has contributed to several charities including Lincoln Center, Sloan Kettering, New York-Presbyterian Hospital and the Dinosaur Wing at the American Museum of Natural History.

13 SERGEY BRIN

Net Worth: \$344 billion
 President, Alphabet Inc.

The co-founder of Google which is world's largest search engine, Sergey Brin wants to resolve the biggest world problems using technology.

Born in Russia, Sergey Brin's family immigrated to America in 1979 when he was just 6 years old. His interest in Science and Math was triggered by his father who was a Mathematics professor. He met Larry Page at Stanford University and they together launched Google in 2004. Sergey is currently involved in the activities of Google X, which is developing self-driving cars as well as airborne wind turbines and a network of balloons to provide Internet access to less developed areas of the world.

He also did a small acting stint in an American comedy 'The Internship' where he did a cameo as himself.

14 BERNARD ARNAULT

Net Worth: \$34 billion
 Chairman & CEO, LVMH

Giving luxury a new definition, the French business magnate Bernard Arnault is overseeing an empire of 70 brands including Dom Perignon, Bulgari, Louis Vuitton, Sephora, and Tag Heuer, as well as 3,700 retail stores, all under the umbrella of LVMH. Bernard Arnault joined his father's construction company in 1971 soon after his graduation and later persuaded him to focus on real estate. He overtook his father as the President of the new company in 1979 and created LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE in 1987.

Bernard Arnault is an ardent art enthusiast and a noted art collector. His contemporary art collection includes gems like pieces by Picasso, Yves Klein, Henry Moore and Andy Warhol.

15 JIM WALTON

Net Worth: \$33.6 billion
 Chairman, Arvest Bank

The youngest son of Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton, Jim got his marketing degree from University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Jim Walton was an active child and was the president of his junior class, played football at all-state level, and also learned to fly a plane before graduating from Betonville High School. He inherited his exceptional entrepreneurial skills from his father and has been an active part of the family business from a young age. Jim Walton joined Walmart in 2005 as the director and retired from the board in June 2016. He currently heads other legacies of his family, Arvest Bank and Community Publishers.

11 LILIANE BETTENCOURT

Net Worth: \$36.1 billion
 Principal Shareholder, L'Oreal

The richest woman in the world, Liliane Bettencourt is the only child of Louise Madeleine Berthe and Eugene Schueller, who founded L'Oreal in 1907. She developed an interest in business at an early age and started helping her father as an apprentice in his company when she was just 15 years old. She became the Deputy Chairman of L'Oreal during

the 1950s and inherited the legacy of this popular cosmetic brand in 1957 after her father's demise. Today, along with her children she owns 33% of the shares of the empire.

This philanthropist founded the Bettencourt Schueller Foundation with her husband and daughter in 1987 to support and develop medical, cultural and humanitarian projects.

16 ALICE WALTON

Net Worth: \$32.3 billion
Heiress, Walton family fortune

One of the heirs of a leading retail chain Wal-Mart, Alice Walton did not take an active role into family business unlike her siblings. She in fact became a patron of art and began collecting watercolor pieces in the 1970s. With time she moved to buy more original pieces — particularly those by classic American artists. Her immense personal collection now includes pieces from Andy Warhol, Norman Rockwell, and Georgia O'Keefe among others.

She even made a brief career in equity analysis and founded her own investment bank in 1988 called Llama Company and closed it after a decade. She then opened Crystal Bridges Museum in Arkansas to house her \$500 million collection in 2011.



17 S. ROBSON WALTON

Net Worth: \$31.9 billion
Board Member, Walmart

Born in 1945, as the first son to Sam Walton, the founder of Wal-Mart, S. Robson studied business administration in the University of Arkansas, and later received a Jurisprudence Doctorate from New York's Columbia University School of Law. He was also a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

S. Robson Walton is a follower of his father's entrepreneurial skills. He joined Wal-Mart as senior vice-president in the year 1978. Before that he was working in Tulsa, Oklahoma with Conner & Winters, the law firm which represented Wal-Mart. The heir of an altruistic family, he along with his siblings has pledged about \$2 billion to the Walton Family Foundation.

18 WANG JIANLIN

Net Worth: \$28.7 billion
Chairman, Dalian Wanda Group

The Chairman of China's largest real estate developing firm which is also the world's largest movie theater operator, Wang Jianlin served in the People's Liberation Army between 1970 and 1986. After that he started working as the Office Administrator for the Xigang District in the city of Dalian and became the General Manager of Xigang Residential Development in 1989.

Wang Jianlin started working for the Dalian Wanda Group in 1992 as General Manager and was elevated to the post of CEO just a year after because of his exceptional skills and planning. He has also authored a book named The Wanda Way which includes his renowned 2013 China Central Television Voice interview, his speech and question-and-answer session to the Harvard Business School, and Wang Jianlin's business philosophy on Wanda's real estate, resort, and movie units.

19 JORGE PAULO LEMANN

Net Worth: \$27.8 billion
Founding Partner, 3G Capital

Brazil's richest entrepreneur Jorge Paulo Lemann is a self-made man who with sheer determination crafted a career which many people can only dream of. This genius investor started his career as a trainee at Credit Suisse in Geneva and eventually grew into one of the best businessmen of today's time. Presently he is the owner of Budweiser and Burger King and shares the ownership of Heinz with Warren Buffett. This Harvard University graduate in Economics possesses a fearless temperament when it comes to making bets in the market.

Lemann has a great passion for sports. He has been a five-time national champion and has represented both Brazil and Switzerland in the Davis Cup. It was after competing at Wimbledon that he ceased to pursue his tennis ambitions.

20 LI KA-SHING

Net Worth: \$27.1 billion
Chairman, CK Hutchison Holdings

Forced to drop out of school to support his family, Li Ka-shing's journey to become one of the richest people on the planet is an inspiring one. Li opened his first factory- Cheung Kong Industries in 1950 at an age of 22. The factory used to manufacture plastic flowers as he anticipated the boom which the plastic market saw in coming years. He moved into property development in 1979 with the acquisition of Hutchison Whampoa.

Along with being one of the leading property developers, Li Ka-shing through his various companies controls 70% of the port traffic and a major portion of electric utilities and telecommunications market in Hong Kong.

21 BEATE HEISTER & KARL ALBRECHT JR.

Net Worth: \$25.9 billion
Board Members, Aldi Grocery Store

Beate Heister & Karl Albrecht Jr. are the children of Karl Albrecht Sr., the co-founder of Aldi Grocery Store and Aldi Seud. Karl Albrecht Jr. has worked at several positions at the supermarket chain which propagated the discount revolution in German retailing. He had to withdraw from professional duties because of cancer disease which he successfully overcame. Though Beate Heister has never worked at Aldi Sued directly, she has been an active member of the advisory

board along with her husband Peter Heister, and her son Peter Max Heister.

The Siepmann Foundation is believed to own at least 75% of Aldi Sued, with the rest owned by charitable foundations that support cardiovascular system research as well as cultural and other projects. Beate's husband and children, along with Karl Jr.'s wife, Gabriele Mertes, are all believed to have a share in the fortune.



22 SHELDON ADELSON

Net Worth: \$25.2 billion
Founder, Chairman and CEO, Las Vegas Sands

The Casino Billionaire has built his own fortune by continuously exploring and evolving his entrepreneurial skills. Sheldon Adelson has created around 50 businesses of his own over the course of his business career. He started his business career at the age of 12 by selling newspapers. His next venture was candy-vending machines and later he attended trade school to become a court reporter. Sheldon subsequently joined the army and after being discharged from there he tried his fate in a business selling toiletry kits.

In 1988, Adelson and his partners purchased the Sands Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, and constructed the Sands Expo and Convention Center, then the only privately owned and operated convention center in the US the following year.



23 GEORGE SOROS

Net Worth: \$24.9 billion
Chairman, Soros Fund Management

Born in Budapest, George Soros fled communist-dominated Hungary in 1947 for England after surviving through the Nazi occupation there during World War II. He graduated from London School of Economics and then went to settle in USA where he accumulated a large fortune through the international investment fund he founded and managed.

The author of over a dozen books, Soros has been active as a philanthropist as well since 1979, when he began providing funds to help black students attend Cape Town University in apartheid-ridden South Africa. The Open Society Foundations today operate in more than 100 countries, with annual expenditures that reached \$835 million in 2011, working to promote the values of open society, human rights, and transparency.

24 PHIL KNIGHT

Net Worth: \$244 billion
Chairman Emeritus, Nike, Inc.

A man who was told several times that he won't be able to make it big, Phil Knight showed the world that nothing can shake the firm belief he has in his capabilities. He answered the numerous apprehensions by creating the world's No. 1 athletic-shoe company- Nike, which he co-founded in 1963 with his track coach Bill Bowerman under the name Blue Ribbon sports. His inspiration behind this massive success is the entrepreneurial spirit and determination of Olympic athlete Steve Prefontaine.

A great philanthropist at heart, Phil Knight has made several donations to University of Oregon and Stanford Graduate School of Business. He made the largest donation in history at the time to Stanford's business school in 2006. In 2016, he again matched the record for the largest individual donation ever to a university with a \$400 million gift to Stanford's new Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program.

25 DAVID THOMSON

Net Worth: \$ 23.8 billion
Chairman, Thomson Reuters

The third generation of Canadian media tycoon Roy Thomson, the founder of Thomson media empire, David Thomson is a visionary and a determined soul. Before becoming the Chairman of Thomson Corporation in 2006, he worked at a number of positions in the family business. He was manager of The Bay store at Cloverdale Mall in Etobicoke and President of Zellers. He also ventured outside the Thomson Empire and founded the real estate firm Osmington Incorporated. This skilled entrepreneur is an art lover as well and owns a diverse collection of magnificent pieces including the works of Pablo Picasso and the world's top collection of English romantic painter John Constable.

26 STEVE BALLMER

Net Worth: \$23.5 billion
Owner, the Los Angeles Clippers

The former CEO of software giant Microsoft, Steve Ballmer is currently applying his energies to the basketball team – Los Angeles Clippers – he acquired for a record \$2 billion two years ago. He purchased a 4% stake in social media firm Twitter as well in the year 2015.

He was born in Detroit to Beatrice Dworkin and Frederic Henry Ballmer who was a manager at the Ford Motor Company.

Ballmer is popular for his exuberant and flamboyant personality which remains a source of inspiration for his colleagues and employees. He carries an aura of positivity around him and keeps on motivating others to perform better.

27 FORREST MARS, JR.

Net Worth: \$234 billion
Co-President, Mars Inc.

The grandson of Franc C. Mars, founder of confectionary giant Mars Incorporated, Forrest Mars Jr. started his career as an auditor at Price Waterhouse. He also worked as a finance officer in the US army before joining his family business in 1959. He worked closely with his siblings for several decades promoting global growth for the company's diverse line of products, which includes recognizable labels like M&M's and Snickers. He insisted that everyone's work should be fun and meaningful, and remained a constant anchor behind the company's massive success.

Forrest Mars Jr. left for his heavenly abode on July 26, 2016, in Seattle, Washington, because of complications from a heart attack.

28 JACQUELINE MARS

Net Worth: \$234 billion
Board Member, Mars Inc.

Born on October 10, 1939 to Audrey Ruth and Forrest Mars, Sr., Jacqueline Mars served the family legacy of Mars Incorporation, the prominent American confectionary company for several decades. An anthropology graduate from Bryn Mawr College, she is a trustee of the US Equestrian Team, and sits on the board of directors for the Washington National Opera, the National Sporting Library and Fine Arts Museum. A horse lover, Jacqueline Mars is the Vice President of the U.S. Equestrian Team as well.

Jacqueline Mars contributes a lot to philanthropic ventures through her 'Mars Foundation'. She has made several donations to National Symphony Orchestra and Australian Outback doctors.

29 JOHN MARS

Net Worth: \$234 billion
Chairman, Mars, Inc.

The scion of Mars Incorporated who is known for his dedication and commitment towards the firm, John Mars is the brain behind the immense success which the company has seen since his generation took charge of the legacy. He learnt the value of economical living in his childhood because his father would not spend on extra luxuries to keep the company thriving and this helped him a lot in earning fortunes for Mars Incorporated.

After completing his graduation from Yale, John started serving the US Army, wherein he worked for a period of 2 years, 1956-58. After this, he joined his family business, with his first assignment to initiate a pet food company, far from his home, in Australia.

30 MARIA FRANCA FISSOLO

Net Worth: \$22.1 billion
Owner, Ferrero SpA

Spreading sweetness in lives across globe through products like Nutella, Mon Chéri, Ferrero Rocher, Kinder Eggs, etc. Maria Franca Fissolo is handling the Europe's second largest confectionery company impeccably. The company was founded by her father-in-law Pietro, during World War II in northern Italy, where he set up a lab to supply his wife's pastry shop.

Maria married Pietro's son Michele Ferrero in 1962, and helped him to create a successful empire out of the sweets business. After the death of her husband in 2015, their son Giovanni took on the reins of the company and is heading the family with strength and vigor.



31 LEE SHAU KEE

Net Worth: \$21.5 billion
 Founder, Chairman, Managing Director, Henderson Land Development Company Limited

Born in Guangdong in 1928, Lee Shau Kee grew up in a family that couldn't even afford to have meat or fish regularly. The adversities made him focus on business from a very young age and he created a successful empire called Henderson Land Development that deals in real estate, hotels, energy, and investments. He also serves as the Chairman of Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited, Miramar Hotel, Vice-Chairman Independent non-executive director of Sun Hung Kai Properties and Director of Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Limited.

Through his Lee Shau Kee Foundation, he has made generous contributions of more than HK\$20 million for the betterment of the society. He is one of the main sponsors of the HKICC Lee Shau Kee School of Creativity.

32 STEFAN PERSSON

Net Worth: \$20.8 billion
 Chairman, H&M

The Swedish business magnate who has initiated a new fashion trend through H&M which was founded by his father Erling Persson in 1947, Stefan Persson is an inspirational personality. Under his astute leadership, the brand has spread its wings in the domains of countries like India, South Africa and China. The company is gaining immense popularity as well as commercial and critical acclaim under his guidance.

The eclectic entrepreneur has a keen interest in downhill skiing, tennis, and golf. He is one of the founding members of Mentor Foundation, a non-profit organisation that aims to combat substance abuse among young people as well.

35 MICHAEL DELL

Net Worth: \$19.8 billion
 Founder, Chairman, and CEO, Dell Technologies

This businessman of the United States, Mr. Michael Dell is setting a follow-able example for the beginners through his accomplishments. Born on February 23, 1965, Mr. Michael Saul Dell is a renowned American spearhead who is leading different fronts at present. Apart from being a businessman he is also an investor, philanthropist, and author. Mr. Dell is the Founder and CEO of Dell Inc. that has marked its presence across the globe. Today, this company is one of the world's leading sellers of personal computers (PCs) and is flourishing strikingly under the leadership of Mr. Michael Dell. He has recorded various influential accolades under his name for Dell such as "Entrepreneur of the Year" at the young age of 24 and "Top CEO in American Business". Also, Dell has received Franklin Institute's Bower Award for Business Leadership in the year 2013 that exhibits remarkable business skills of Mr. Michael Dell.

36 MUKESH AMBANI

Net Worth: \$19.3 billion
 CMD, Reliance Industries Limited

The Chairman, Managing Director, and largest shareholder of Reliance Industries Limited, Mr. Mukesh Ambani was born on April 19, 1957. He belongs to a Gujarati family.

He is the elder son of the late Mr. Dhirubhai Ambani and Mrs. Kokilaben Ambani. In the present scenario, Reliance Industries Limited has marked its strong presence in several countries in addition to India.

Reliance Industries Limited deals mainly in refining, petrochemicals, and in oil & gas sectors. Despite the great heights achieved by Mr. Ambani, he is well aware of his social responsibilities. He has been ranked fifth among India's philanthropists, according to China's Hurun Research Institute in the year 2015.



33 JACK MA

Net Worth: \$20.5 billion
 Founder and Chairman, Alibaba Group

Fascinated by the world of Internet, Jack Ma started his career in 1995 by creating websites for Chinese companies. He had named his firm "China Yellow Pages" which gained huge commercial success within a short span of time.

Then he went on to head an information technology company established by the China International Electronic Commerce Center, and quit the job in just a year to start Alibaba- a China based business-to-business marketplace site in 1999. In less than 2 decades he made the company a popular name globally. Alibaba has made a swath of deals in recent years, investing in movies like "Mission Impossible - Rogue Nation," creating a sports division with Chinese partners and forming an online portal with U.S. department store Macy's. It has also created a cloud computing business.

34 THEO ALBRECHT, JR.

Net Worth: -\$20.3 billion
 Owner, Aldi and Trader Joe's

In the business world, Mr. Theo Albrecht, Jr. is a name that is redefining success with his sharp business tactics. This leader is taking his family legacy ahead with pride and is astonishing the world with great achievements. At present, Mr. Theo Albrecht Jr. is the owner of Aldi and Trader Joe's. Aldi is a well-known global discount supermarket chain that

comprises 10,000 stores. On the other hand, Trader Joe's is a privately held American chain of grocery stores based in Monrovia, California, in Greater Los Angeles that has 455 stores. Mr. Theo Albrecht, Jr. is one of the most successful businessmen in the world, yet he has set an utmost example of ethical business along with gaining the desired goals.



37 LEONARDO DEL VECCHIO

Net Worth: -\$18.7 billion
 Founder and Chairman, Luxottica

This Italian businessman has broken all the set records of success with his great presence of mind and administrative strategies in the world of business. Mr. Leonardo Del Vecchio is the Founder and Chairman of Luxottica which is the biggest producer and seller of glasses and lenses, with a total of 77,734 employees and over 7,000 stores. Mr. Leonardo Del Vecchio claims a strong position in the list of leading businessmen. Though, he was born to an impoverished family but his persistence and determination have been main factors that led his way towards the destination of accomplishments. This leader has a philanthropic side to his disposition as well. On his 80th birthday in 2015, he had granted \$10 million in shares to his employees at Luxottica.

38 SUSANNE KLATTEN

Net Worth: \$18.5 billion
 Advisory Board Member, Altana & BMW

Mrs. Susanne Klatten is known for her involvement with reputed brands such as Altana and BMW. She is the daughter of deceased Mr. Herbert and Mrs. Johanna Quandt. She is married to Mr. Jan Klatten and has three children.

After her father's death, she inherited 50.1% stakes in Altana, a manufacturer of pharmaceuticals and chemicals and 12.50% stakes in BMW. Mrs. Susanne Klatten is a trained economist and holds an M.B.A. degree.

She has been credited with helping to transform Altana AG, based in Germany into a world-class pharmaceutical/specialty chemical corporation. Mrs. Susanne Klatten also owns almost 50% of BMW with her brother Mr. Stefan Quandt.

39 GEORG F. W. SCHAEFFLER
 Net Worth: \$18.1 billion
 Chairman, Schaeffler Group

The Chairman of Schaeffler Group, Mr. Georg F. W. Schaeffler is a successful German businessman. He was born on October 19, 1964 in Erlangen. Mr. Georg F. W. Schaeffler has studied business and economics at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland. He is also armed with a law degree and has practised international business law in Dallas. Before joining the Schaeffler Group he served in the German armed forces for two years. He is a proprietor of Schaeffler Group with his mother, Maria-Elisabeth Schaeffler-Thumann. Schaeffler Group is one of the world's largest producers of ball bearings and machine components. Over the years, he has taken the firm to new heights. Today, Mr. Georg F. W. Schaeffler is a known name in the automotive industry and he continues to hold the same prestigious position till the date.

40 PAUL ALLEN
 Net Worth: \$17.5 billion
 Co-founder, Microsoft

This eminent leader is an American Businessman who was born on January 21, 1953. Mr. Paul Allen is the co-founder of Microsoft. In addition to that he is the founder of Allen Institute for Brain Science, Allen Institute for Cell Science and Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence.

Today, professional journey of Mr. Paul Allen is none less than a success story that has become inspiration for numerous people. Mr. Paul Allen is a sort of person who is restoring faith in humanity through his noble deeds. Mr. Paul Allen has donated more than \$2 billion for the advancement of science, technology, education, wildlife conservation, arts, and community services throughout his life.

43 CARL ICAHN
 Net Worth: \$17 billion
 Founder, Icahn Capital Management

He is an American businessman who has marked his strong presence through his appreciable business strategies and ability to lead various fronts commendably. Mr. Carl Icahn is the founder and majority shareholder of Icahn Enterprises which is a New York based diversified company. Mr. Carl Icahn has done his graduation from the Princeton University. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy. Later on, he went to New York University School of Medicine but dropped out only after two years because he was inclined to join the army. Being a philanthropist he has taken various initiatives for the welfare of people. Mr. Carl Icahn is still continuing to impress the masses with his actions.

44 LAURENE POWELL JOBS
 Net Worth: \$16.7 billion
 Executive and Founder, Emerson Collective

She is an American business woman who serves as a source of immense encouragement to the masses. The Executive and Founder of Emerson Collective, Mrs. Laurene Powell Jobs has acquired a strong place in the world of business by her adept knowledge and its utmost implementation. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Pennsylvania School of Arts and Sciences and later acquired her M.B.A. degree from Stanford Graduate School of Business in 1991. Her company Emerson Collective is an organization that supports the policies regarding education, immigration reform, social justice, and environmental conservation. Also, she is the Co-founder and President of board of College Track. Through this non-profitable initiative, she is determined to improve high school graduation, college enrollment, and college graduation rates for "underserved" students.

45 DILIP SHANGHVI
 Net Worth: \$16.7 billion
 Founder, Sun Pharmaceuticals

This Indian businessman is a pharma magnate and has acquired a prominent position in the pharmaceutical sector over the years. The Founder of Sun Pharmaceuticals, Mr. Dilip Shanghvi has reached to the vertex of success with his endeavors and is leaving footprints, following which one can attain a similar position. Born on October 1, 1955, Mr. Dilip Shanghvi comes from a Gujarati family.

He is armed with a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Calcutta. Mr. Dilip Shanghvi initiated the Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. with a capital of Rs 10,000 in the year 1982 and the rest is history. Mr. Dilip Shanghvi was conferred with the civilian honour of Padma Shri in 2016 by the government of India.

41 PRINCE AL-WALEED BIN TALAL ALSAUD
 Net Worth: \$17.3 billion
 Chairman and CEO, Kingdom Holding Company

The Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Kingdom Holding Company, Prince Al-Waleed Bin Talal Al Saud hails from royal family of Saudi Arabia. He is a business magnate, investor, and philanthropist. Prince Al-Waleed Bin Talal Al Saud is actively involved in sectors such as finance, tourism, hospitality, mass media, entertainment, retail, agriculture, and real estate, etc. He is grandson of Ibn Saud, who was the first Saudi king. He has received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Menlo College, California in 1979. Later he went to Syracuse University where he did his Master's in social science. Prince Al-Waleed Bin Talal Al Saud commenced his professional career from a small pre-fabricated office in Riyadh. Afterwards, he became active in construction contracts and real estate.

42 JOSEPH SAFRA
 Net Worth: \$17.2 billion
 Chairman, Safra Companies

This Brazilian banker has given a new face to the banking sector with his novel ideas. Mr. Joseph Safra the Chairman of Safra Companies had been inclined towards the domain of banking since his childhood. Mr. Joseph Safra was born in Aleppo, Syria, to a Jewish Lebanese family that had connections with banking. Safra family's history in the

banking sector originated with caravan trade between Beirut, Aleppo, Alexandria and Istanbul during the Ottoman Empire. In 2013, Mr. Joseph Safra's family owned more than a dozen properties in the United States. Today, Mr. Joseph has become an inspiration across the world for the young aspirers who wish to foster their career in the field of banking.



46 MA HUATENG
 Net Worth: \$16.6 billion
 Chairman, Tencent

A Chinese internet entrepreneur, Mr. Ma Huateng is a person who is surprising the world with his skillful mind. He is the Chairman of Tencent which is recognized as one of the largest internet companies in China.

Tencent curates China's biggest mobile instant messaging service and its subsidiaries offer services like media, entertainment, internet, and mobile phone value-added services as well.

Mr. Ma Huateng holds a degree in Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. Even after reaching the great heights, Mr. Ma Huateng is a very calm and considerate person and appears seldom in the media. Also, Mr. Ma Huateng is owner of a redeveloped palatial residence of 19,600 sq ft in Hong Kong.

47 DIETER SCHWARZ

Net Worth: \$164 billion
Owner, Schwarz-Gruppe

This German entrepreneur is leading various firms such as Schwarz-Gruppe, the supermarket chain Lidl, and the hypermarket chain Kaufland very successfully. Mr. Dieter Schwarz is a down to earth person who is not seen frequently in media light. Presently, he lives in Heilbronn with his family. Mr. Dieter Schwarz inherited the authority of Schwarz & Lidl discount chain after the death of his father, Josef Schwarz in the year 1977. He has the responsibility to take care of all the companies equally and Mr. Dieter Schwarz has proven to be a result-driven leader. Today, with his hard work and sheer dedication, Mr. Dieter Schwarz has attained a renowned position all over the world.



48 RAY DALIO

Net Worth: \$15.6 billion
Founder and CEO, Bridgewater Associates

The contemporary era is witnessing the emergence of various potential leaders and one among them is Mr. Ray Dalio. The Founder and CEO of Bridgewater Associates, Mr. Ray Dalio is a well-known name in the sector of investment. Mr. Ray Dalio has earned the degree of BS in Finance from Long Island University and an MBA from Harvard Business School. He has been an influential person in investment industry since years. Born in Jackson Heights, Queens, New York, United States, Mr. Ray Dalio is a very humble person. He made the first investment of his life at a very young age of 12. Mr. Ray Dalio purchased the shares of Northeast Airlines for \$300 and tripled them when the airline merged with another company. His strong inclination towards this domain today has resulted as immense success for him and a follow-able example for others.

49 STEFAN QUANDT

Net Worth: \$15.6 billion
Deputy Chairman, BMW

With an ability to lead multiple fronts, this leader is moving ahead towards a glorious future along with utmost projection of his ideas. Mr. Stefan Quandt is a remarkable businessman who has a prominent association with one of the world's best automotive brands, BMW. Born in Bad Homburg, Mr. Stefan Quandt is son of deceased Mr. Herbert Quandt and Mrs. Johanna Quandt. He is armed with an Engineering Degree from the University of Karlsruhe where he had studied from 1987 to 1993.

Mr. Stefan Quandt has also worked in Boston Consulting Group and Datacard Group as a marketing manager. Being the Deputy Chairman of BMW, he has taken several initiatives for the better growth of brand. His crystal-clear thoughts have been proven very amicable to take this brand to the new heights.

50 JAMES SIMONS

Net Worth: \$15.5 billion
Founder and CEO, Renaissance Technologies

A mathematician, hedge fund manager, and philanthropist, Mr. James Simons is a person who has exceptional intelligence coupled with high moral ethics. He has been the CEO of Renaissance Technologies and had retired in the year 2010. But even today his suggestions and thoughts are proving beneficial for the firm. Earlier a mathematics professor at Stony Brook University, Mr. James Simons was associated with Mathematics Department of the university as well.

Mr. James Simons is a very grounded person. He has donated \$2.1 billion to the charity and chairs Math for America, a nonprofit organization. Moreover, he ardently supports autism research. Also, Mr. James Simons is Co-founder of Simons Foundation, a charitable organization that favours projects related to education and health, in addition to scientific research.

51 ALIKO DANGOTE

Net Worth: \$154 billion
Chairman & CEO, Dangote Group

A Nigerian Businessman, Mr. Aliko Dangote is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Dangote Group. Born on 10 April 1957, this billionaire hails from a wealthy business family. Mr. Aliko Dangote always had an avid interest in business. His incredible business skills can be seen through the fact that today, The Dangote Group is the largest industrial group in Nigeria that comprises Dangote Sugar Refinery, Dangote Cement, and Dangote Flour.

Above all he is a generous person who is well aware of his social responsibilities as well. Mr. Aliko Dangote was honored with Africa Person of the Year award in the 2014.

52 MICHAEL OTTO

Net Worth: \$154 billion
Head, Otto Group

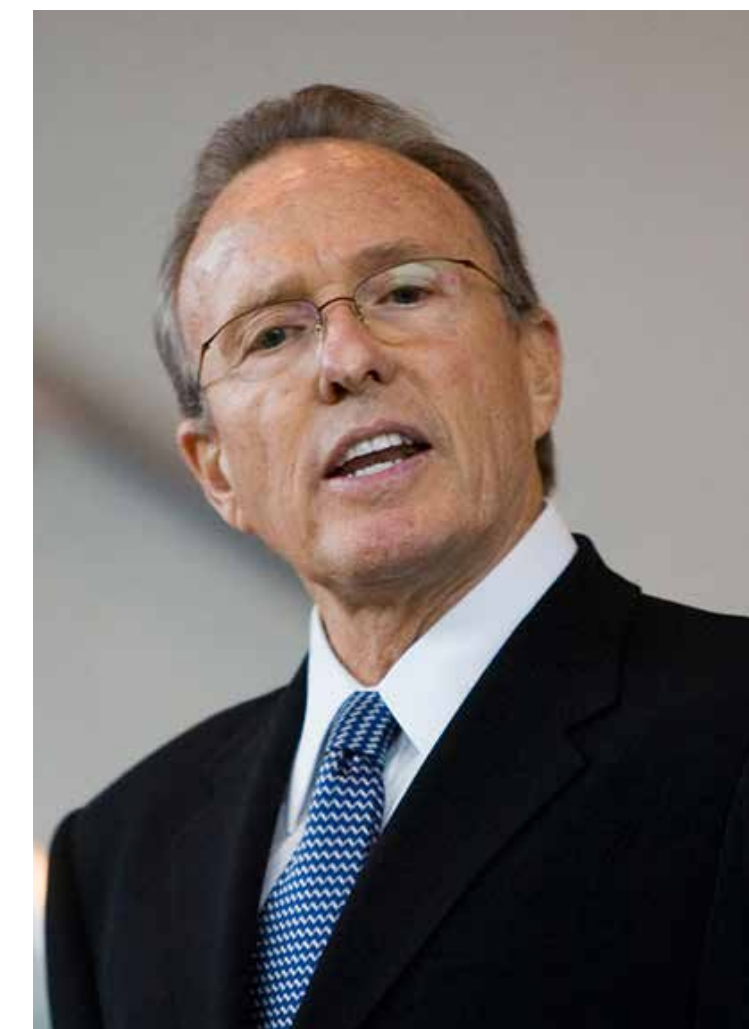
This trailblazer has marked a strong presence across the world with his performance in the business world and continues to convey valuable tactics that can be the foundation for any successful business in the fields of real estate and retail. Mr. Michael Otto has done his graduation from the University of Hamburg and received his doctorate degree from the University of Munich. Mr. Michael Otto is an eminent trailblazer who is transcending all set records of success with every passing year. His establishment Otto Group is the world's largest mail order company that has been progressing leaps and bounds under his noteworthy leadership. In addition to being a leading business man, Mr. Michael Otto is an environmentalist as well. He established Michael Otto Foundation in the year 1993 that takes strict initiatives to preserve Germany's Elbe River.

53 LEN BLAVATNIK

Net Worth: \$15.3 billion
Founder, Access Industries

He is a Ukraine-born American businessman whose skillful mind has astonished the world. Mr. Len Blavatnik was born to a Jewish family in Odessa. He has received a Master's degree in the computer science from Columbia University. To enhance his business skills he pursued MBA from Harvard Business School in the year 1989.

He is the founder of Access Industries, a conglomerate company. Apart from being a successful businessman, he is a philanthropist as well. The Blavatnik Family Foundation and Access companies have advocated various cultural and philanthropic institutions for the past 15 years. Since 2007, the Blavatnik Family Foundation has begun Blavatnik Awards for the Young Scientists in association with the New York Academy of Sciences.



54 DONALD BREN

Net Worth: \$15.1 billion
Chairman, The Irvine Company

The Chairman of The Irvine Company, Mr. Donald Bren is named among the most influential leaders of the world. The Irvine Company is an American private company that deals in the field of real estate. Born on May 11, 1932, Mr. Donald Bren has done his graduation from the University of Washington in business administration and economics. After completing college, he served as an officer in the United States Marine Corps.

His generosity is illustrated quite visibly through his philanthropic deeds. He has contributed more than \$1 billion for various causes such as education, conservation, and research. He has received several influential accolades and one major among them is "Donald Bren Legacy of Giving Award" started by the backers of Orange County's National Philanthropy Day.

55 AZIM PREMJI
 Net Worth: \$15 billion
 Chairman, Wipro

The Chairman of Wipro, Mr. Azim Premji is an Indian business tycoon, whose firm is a well-known Indian Information Technology Services Corporation that has established a strong reputation across the globe over the years. Born in Bombay, India, Mr. Ajim Premji hails from a Nizari Ismaili Shia Muslim family with origins from Kutch in Gujarat. He possesses a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the prestigious Stanford University, USA. Along with a proficient mind, Mr. Ajim Premji has a heart of gold. This leader takes several initiatives for the well being of people and has given away 25 percent of his personal wealth to the charity. Moreover, he has been conferred with various accolades such as honorary doctorate by the Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Lakshya Business Visionary by National Institute of Industrial Engineering and Padma Vibhushan, the second highest civilian award by the Government of India.

56 SERGE DASSAULT
 Net Worth: \$14.7 billion
 Chairman & CEO, Groupe Dassault

This leader is capable of playing various roles with the same perfection and enthusiasm. Mr. Serge Dassault, the Chairman and CEO of Groupe Dassault is a French heir and business executive. Born on 4 April, 1925, Mr. Serge Dassault lives in Pairs, France with his family. Groupe Dassault is a France-based group of companies which was established in 1929 with the inception of Dassault Aviation by deceased Mr. Marcel Dassault, father of Mr. Serge Dassault. At present, the company is spearheaded by Mr. Serge Dassault and is flourishing quite positively. Today, Mr. Serge Dassault has become a huge source of motivation for the new generation as his actions convey attributes like diligence and selflessness, following which one can reach the acme.



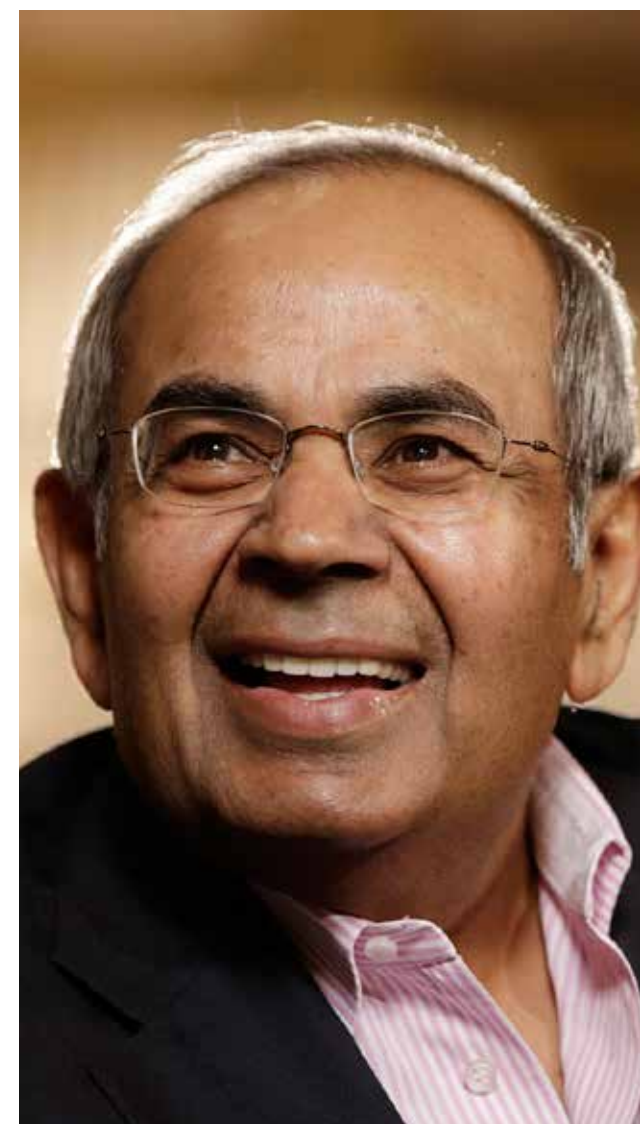
57 TADASHI YANAI
 Net Worth: \$14.6 billion
 Founder and President, Fast Retailing

The Japanese business tycoon was born on February 7 in 1949 and claims a renowned position among the most remarkable businessmen of the world. Mr. Tadashi Yanai is the Founder and President of Fast Retailing. He has received his Bachelor's degree in Economics and Political Science from the Waseda University. Mr. Tadashi Yanai has been honoured with several awards. He has won the International Retailer of Year award in the year 2010 from the National Retail Federation in the US. Moreover, Mr. Tadashi Yanai was elected as the best company president in a survey of Japanese corporate executives by Sanno Institute of Management in 2008 and 2009. Apart from having a dexterous personality, he is a philanthropist as well who is aware of his social responsibilities. Mr. Tadashi Yanai has donated 1 billion yen to the victims of the Thoku earthquake and tsunami in 2011.

58 CHENG YU-TUNG
 Net Worth: \$14.5 billion
 Founder, Chow Tai Fook Enterprises

This leader had been a source of motivation for numerous people and was well known for his humble nature and selflessness. Mr. Cheng Yu-tung was a Hong Kong billionaire and owner of Chow Tai Fook Enterprises, a conglomerate. The firm has responsibility to operate the Sheraton Marina hotel and to control the New World group, incepted by Mr. Cheng Yu-tung in the year 1970. Born on August 8, 1925, Mr.

Yu-tung was one among the most successful businessmen of world. This businessman had extensive property investment, development and service businesses, hotels, infrastructure, jewellery retailing, and transportation interests in Hong Kong, Macau, United States, and Australia. In the year 2012, he died battling hard from brain hemorrhage after spending four years in the bed.



60 LEONID MIKHELSON
 Net Worth: \$144 billion
 CEO & Chairman, Novatek

This Russian businessman has set new records of success over the years and is transcending his own achievements with every passing year by a much bigger one. Born on August 11, 1955 to a Jewish family, Mr. Leonid Mikhelson has marked his fierce presence across the globe through his commendable business skills and an adept knowledge. Mr. Leonid Mikhelson was enrolled in Samara Institute of Civil Engineering where he studied Industrial Civil Engineering. After his graduation Mr. Leonid Mikhelson begun to work as a foreman at a construction and assembling company in Siberia. He is the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Novatek, a gas-processing and petrochemical firm.

61 DAVID & SIMON REUBEN
 Net Worth: \$144 billion
 Board Members, Reuben Brothers

These spearheads are the utmost manifestation of teamwork and have proven that with great guidance of leaders any business can flourish well. Mr. David Reuben and Mr. Simon Reuben are British businessmen and philanthropists who are brothers as well. Both of them were born in Mumbai. They operate Reuben Brothers together and the company is touching the skies under their prominent leadership. Due to their concern for the well being of people, they take several initiatives that are helping the weaker sections of society. They have established The Reuben Foundation that serves various philanthropic purposes. This organization has opened the largest breast cancer unit - the Meir hospital in Israel. Further it has agreed to fund the establishment of a major new business education facility at Oxford Spire Academy. Moreover, the foundation has the BFI (British Film Institute) Reuben Library as well.

59 HINDUJA FAMILY
 Net Worth: \$14.5 billion
 Board Members, Hinduja Group

India-born British citizens Srichand Hinduja, Gopichand Hinduja, Prakash Hinduja, and Ashok Hinduja are the heads of diversified multinational empire- Hinduja Group with businesses ranging from trucks and lubricants to banking and cable television. The Group, headquartered in London was founded by their father Parmanand Deepchand Hinduja in 1914. The brothers supported by the third generation, have been guiding the global growth of one of India's foremost privately owned Groups with a global footprint across 37 countries, employing over 70,000 personnel. They are expected to open London's first Raffles Hotel in the historic Old War Office building in Whitehall in association with a Spanish group.

62 STEFANO PESSINA
 Net Worth: \$134 billion
 Executive Vice Chairman & CEO, Walgreens

He took responsibility of his family business in 1977 and over the years, Mr. Stefano Pessina has taken the Walgreens Boots Alliance to unexpected heights. He is an Italian-born Monegasque billionaire businessman. Mr. Stefano Pessina has received his graduation degree from the Polytechnic University of Milan in Nuclear Engineering. Walgreens Boots Alliance is an American holding company that has ownership of Walgreens, Boots and a number of pharmaceutical manufacturing, wholesale and distribution companies. At present, the firm is developing quite positively under his guidance. Being the CEO and Executive Vice Chairman of the firm he has taken steps that have resulted in favour of the organization. He has emerged as an exemplar leader for the youngsters to touch the skies.

63 MIKHAIL FRIDMAN
 Net Worth: \$13.3 billion
 Co-founder, Alfa Group

The second richest Russian, Mikhail Fridman is an international entrepreneur, business executive, and philanthropist. He co-founded along with his friends the Alfa Group in 1988 that has risen to become one of the largest privately owned investment groups in the nation. He is the force behind Russia's biggest private bank Alfa Bank too. In 1997, Alfa Group Consortium together with Access Industries/Renova Group acquired the TNK Oil Company as well.

Born in Ukraine, this great humanitarian has announced to donate all his money for charitable causes earlier this year. He has kept his children out of his will as he wants them to stay self-dependent and create something of their own.

65 ABIGAIL JOHNSON
 Net Worth: \$13.1 billion
 CEO and President, Fidelity Investments

The first and only woman to serve on the board of the Financial Services Forum, Abigail Johnson is the third generation scion of the family leading the fourth largest mutual fund and financial services group in the world called Fidelity Investments.

Abigail Johnson started working part-time in the family

64 DIETRICH MATESCHITZ
 Net Worth: \$13.2 billion
 Co-founder, Red Bull Energy Drink

The man behind the brand that took the beverage industry by storm- Red Bull, Dietrich Mateschitz was born to a Croatian ancestry family. He decided to create an energy drink product of his own and partnered with Chaleo Yoovidhya to fulfill the mission.

Dietrich Mateschitz believes in living his life the king size and owns the Laucala Island, Fiji worth £7 million. Recently, he also purchased a \$1.7 million submarine for his guests at the resort. The billionaire is a licensed pilot and has his own jet airport and hangar. He is the owner of a racing team as well, along with an exclusive collection of aircraft, the Flying Bulls.

67 JOSEPH LAU
 Net Worth: \$13.1 billion
 Shareholder, Chinese Estate Holdings

A Hong Kong-based businessman, Mr. Joseph Lau Luen Hung owns 61% stakes in Chinese Estate Holdings which is one of the largest real estate investors of Hong Kong. He was born in the year 1951. Before entering the arena of real estates, Mr. Joseph Lau pursued higher education from University of Windsor and Santa Clara University. An admirer of art, Mr. Joseph Lau is also well known for his precious collections that includes paintings, gemstones, wine bottles, etc. This esteemed personality also has a strong belief in philanthropy and steps forward with a Charitable Trust to give a platform to the upcoming talent in the field of sports, education, and arts.

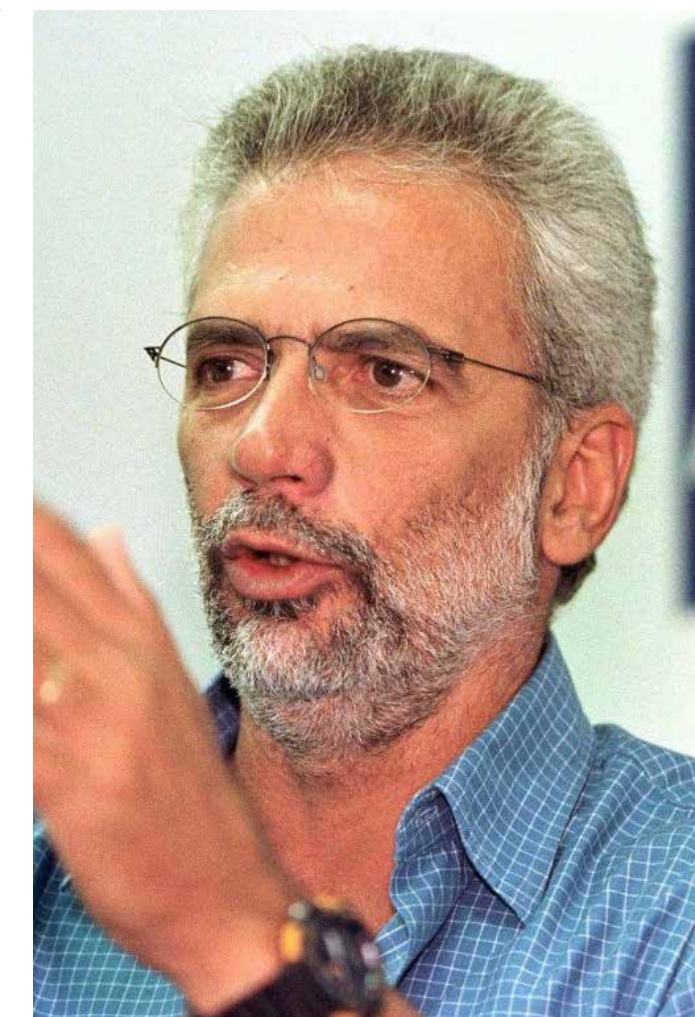
68 GERALD CAVENDISH GROSVENOR
 Net Worth: \$13 billion
 Former Chairman, Grosvenor Group

Major General Gerald Cavendish Grosvenor, Former Chairman of Grosvenor Group, a real estate firm, holds a very crucial position among the leaders of the world. A British landowner, a Businessman, and a philanthropist, this Duke of Westminster played many roles in the grand life which ended on August 9, 2016. In the year 1979, he inherited his family business and the dukedom which he handled with utmost care. Owner of one of the largest property development firms, his family has its empire stretched in the areas such as Edinburgh, Liverpool, Oxford, Cambridge, Southampton, Cheshire, etc. The Duke was awarded with illustrious civilian and military awards including Knight of the Order of the Garter, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, and Companion of the Order of the Bath among others.

69 THOMAS & RAYMOND KWOK
 Net Worth: \$13 billion
 Owners, Sun Hung Kai Properties

Known for their world-class investments in Hong Kong, The Kwok brothers- Thomas Kwok and Raymond Kwok have marked their strong presence in the real estate industry of Hong Kong. After the death of their father Mr. Kwok Tak Seng, the founder of Sun Hung Kai Properties, the reins of the firm came into the hands of Kwok Brothers in the year 1990.

With their steadfast dedication and unflinching faith, the Kwok brothers took the company on a vertex of achievements. Two of their prominent investments are the International Commerce Centre – the city's tallest skyscraper, and the International Finance Centre in Hong Kong. Currently their establishment is considered as one of the largest property developers in Hong Kong.



66 KJELD KIRK KRISTIANSEN
 Net Worth: \$13.1 billion
 Former President and CEO, Lego Group

The most successful toy company based in Denmark- LEGO is the brainchild of Kjeld Kirk Kristiansen's grandfather. Earlier the company used to produce simple wood and plastic toys only but it was under Kjeld's leadership that LEGO started producing a wide range of toy sets. Kjeld introduced themes through LEGOLAND Space that appeared in 1979, minifigures, LEGO.com, Lego Mindstorms and licensed properties.

Kjeld Kirk Kristiansen was involved in the family business from a very young age and had even appeared on several of the brand's packages and marketing materials. He became president and CEO of The Lego Group in 1979 and stepped down from the post in 2004 to focus on his role as owner of the group.

70 MARCEL HERRMANN TELLES
 Net Worth: \$13 billion
 Board Member, AB InBev

Holding a prominent position in the controlling mechanism of the world's largest beer company Anheuser-Busch InBev, Marcel Herrmann Telles has been standing tall among the celebrated leaders of the world. Mr. Marcel Herrmann Telles was born on February 23, 1950 in Brazil. He along with his partners Jorge Paulo Lemann and Carlos Alberto Sicupira also manages establishments such as Lojas Americanas and 3G Capital. It is his investment firm 3G Capital that fostered Hamburger chain Burger King in the market. On the educational front, Mr. Marcel Herrmann Telles holds a BA from Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and an MBA from Harvard University. This successful Brazilian businessman also held various positions in the firms such as Garantia Merchant Bank, GP Investimentos, Ambev, and Brahma as well.

71 HENRY SY
 Net Worth: \$12.9 billion
 Founder, SM Prime Holdings

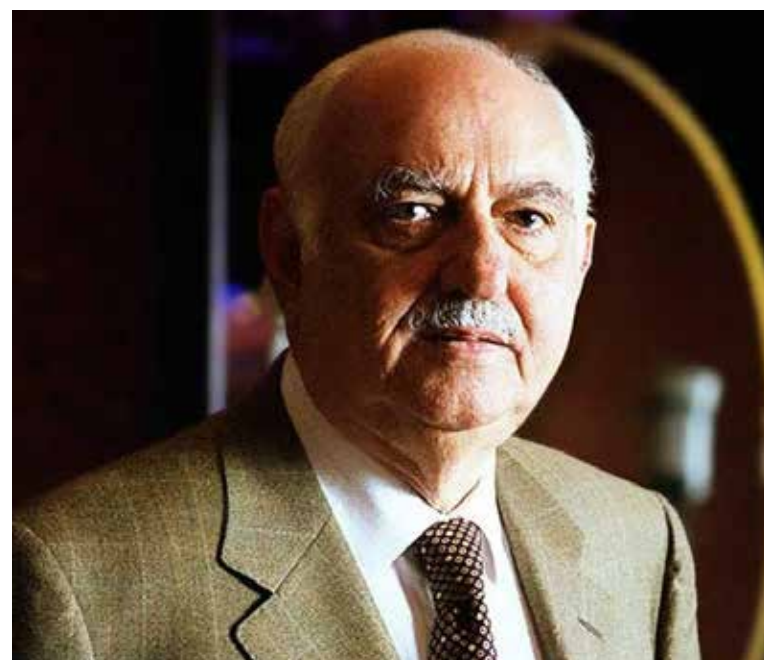
Writer of his own success story, Mr. Henry Sy, a Chinese-Filipino business tycoon, investor, and philanthropist is an inspirational personality for all. Hailing from a humble family of China, Mr. Henry Sy established a small shoe store and later transformed his business into one of the largest conglomerates of the region dealing in diverse areas such as real estate, hospitality, banking, mining, education, and health care. He laid the foundation of SM Prime Holdings, Inc., the largest mall and retail operator in the Philippines. Mr. Henry Sy has been named as "Management Man of the Year" by the Makati Business Club in 1999 and was also felicitated with an Honorary Doctorate in Business Management by De La Salle University. Apart from his achievements in the business world, his CSR arm SM Foundation Inc., steps forwards to help the underprivileged and the deprived sections of the society.

72 STEVE A. COHEN
 Net Worth: \$12.7 billion
 Founder, Point72 Asset Management

Founder of the establishments, Point72 Asset Management and S.A.C. Capital Advisors, Mr. Steve A. Cohen's journey of success, hard work, and clairvoyant decisions made him a noteworthy personality of the present times. Mr. Steve holds significant stance in the list of world's wealthiest people with an estimated worth of about \$13 Billion. This self-made billionaire received his Bachelor's degree from University of Pennsylvania in 1978. Apart from being a successful hedge fund manager and a renowned businessman, he is also a great art collector and has an expensive collection of world-famous art works by artists such as Lucio Fontana, Alberto Giacometti, Willem de Kooning, Jeff Koons, Edvard Munch, Pablo Picasso, and Andy Warhol. A humanitarian at heart, Mr. Steve A. Cohen makes huge donations to the sectors related to healthcare, education, art, and culture of New York. Recently, he donated 75 million to New York Presbyterian Hospital.

73 PALLONJI MISTRY
 Net Worth: \$12.5 billion
 Chairman, Shapoorji Pallonji Group

Pallonji Mistry, the merchant prince of the distinguished Shapoorji Pallonji Group, is a magnate that rules the construction and engineering sectors due to the magnificent developments that his group has made in the years. This Chairman of Group is also the largest shareholder in the Tata Group with 18.4% stakes. In the year 2003, Pallonji Mistry gave up his Indian citizenship to obtain Irish citizenship. A calm and considerate person who keeps a very low profile, he is known as the "Phantom of Bombay House". His firm is prominently known for the developments of Mumbai's famous landmarks such as the Reserve Bank of India headquarters, The Taj Mahal Palace and Towers, and the Oberoi Hotels. For his immense contributions in the field of Trade and Industry, Mr. Pallonji Mistry was honored with Padma Bhushan, the third-highest civilian award of India, in January 2016 by the Government.



74 HANS RAUSING
 Net Worth: \$12.5 billion
 Chairman, Tetra Pak

Born on 26th March, 1926, Mr. Hans Rausing is a Swedish businessman whose name is counted amongst the most successful people of the year. He inherited the company Tetra Pak from his father Mr. Ruben Rausing in the year 1983. With his constant efforts and matchless leadership, the company has become the largest food packaging company in the world. Mr. Hans Rausing graduated from Lund University

in 1948 and was appointed as the Managing Director of Tetra Pak in the year 1954 when he was 28 years old. Later in 1985, he became the Chairman of the Board. Mr. Rausing's excellent hold in Russian affairs helped him in making the company the largest foreign employer in Russia. Believing in the humanitarian outlook, he also donates significant amount to various charities and research in the UK and Sweden.

75 ALISHER USMANOV
 Net Worth: \$12.5 billion
 Founder, Metalloinvest

The richest man of Russia, Mr. Alisher Burkhanovich Usmanov is a leader who dominates the business world of the country. He has an iron ore and steel business and apart from that this powerful magnate also has shares in various well-known firms such as Metalloinvest, Facebook, Zynga, Groupon, Arsenal Football Club, Twitter, etc. In addition, Mr. Usmanov is a co-owner of Russia's second-largest mobile telephone operator, MegaFon and Mail.ru group as well. Mr. Alisher Usmanov holds strong faith in charity and has been giving donations to various organizations. He is also a guarantor of the Charity project 'One Thousand Russian Cities'. In 2013, he was awarded the Order for Service to the Fatherland IV.



76 CHARLENE DE CARVALHO-HEINEKEN
 Net Worth: \$12.3 billion
 Shareholder, Heineken International

A well-known personality of the United Kingdom, Charlene de Carvalho-Heineken has 25% shares in Heineken International which is the third-largest brewer in the world. She also holds the position of Executive Director in the firm. Ms. Charlene inherited this empire from her father Mr. Freddy Heineken in the year 2002.

Born on 30 June 1954, Charlene de Carvalho-Heineken received her education from Rijnlands Lyceum Wassenaar and went on to get a law degree from the University of Leiden. In the present time, Charlene de Carvalho-Heineken rules the industry with more than 170 premium brands across 65 countries. She is married to Michel de Carvalho, a financier involved in NM Rothschild and Citi businesses.

77 CHARLES ERGEN
 Net Worth: \$12.2 billion
 Founder and Chairman, DISH Network

An esteemed personality in the satellite and telecommunications industries, Mr. Charles Ergen's voyage to the summit of success had been filled with many ups and downs but he faced it all and emerged as the real winner. His step to lay the foundation of Dish TV along with his partner Mr. Jim De Franco has proved to be a revolutionary one that has changed the face of television industry. Today, his company has more than 14 million subscribers. He has interests in mountain climbing and is a member of the Colorado Mountain Club. Due to his great leadership and effective strategic skills, he has been felicitated with various awards such as "Master Entrepreneur of the Year", "Space Industry Business Man of the Year", "CEO of the Year in the Satellite Industry", etc.

78 RONALD PERELMAN
 Net Worth: \$12.1 billion
 Chairman and CEO, MacAndrews & Forbes Incorporated

The Founder of MacAndrews & Forbes Incorporated, Mr. Ronald Owen Perelman is a celebrated billionaire whose interests lie in diverse areas such as groceries, cigars, cars, photography, television, camping supplies, security, gaming, jewellery, banks, and comic book publishing. He also has stakes in companies such as Revlon, Deluxe Entertainment, Scientific Games, AM General, etc. Born on 1st January, 1943, Mr. Ronald Perelman attained his graduate degree in the year 1964, followed by a Master's Degree in 1966 from Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. It was his father who helped him in understanding the essence of the business world. Mr. Perelman used to attend board meetings with him while he was still in the elementary school. As a well-known philanthropist donor, he has also made huge donations to various charitable groups such as Carnegie Hall and the World Trade Center Memorial.

79 VLADIMIR POTANIN
 Net Worth: \$12.1 billion
 Chairman, Norilsk Nickel

A Russian entrepreneur, Mr. Vladimir Olegovich Potanin looks after the management of Russia's nickel giant, Norilsk Nickel. His company Interros owns 30% controlling shares of Norilsk Nickel. He was born in Moscow on 3rd January, 1961 and received his education at Moscow State Institute of International Relations in 1978. After his graduation, he went on to work with the Ministry of Foreign Trade of the Soviet Union. Apart from this, Mr. Vladimir Potanin also manages the largest media group in Russia - ProfMedia, which holds interests in movie theaters, radio stations, VH1 knockoffs, MTV and magazines as well. The only Russian to sign the Giving Pledge, Mr. Potanin gave financial support for the construction of the Rosa Hutor ski resort which was used for Olympic Games in Sochi in 2014. He has been also named as an Officer of the prestigious Order of Arts and Literature for his cultural contributions.

80 STEPHEN ROSS
 Net Worth: \$12 billion
 Chairman, Related Companies

As an American real estate developer, Stephen M. Ross has come a long way with his real estate firm. Mr. Ross was born on 10th May, 1940 and laid down the foundation of The Related Companies in the year 1972. From a tax attorney at Coopers & Lybrand to establishing his own firm, Mr. Stephen Ross's journey has been an inspirational one. Presently his company is well-admired for the development of the Hudson Yards which is the largest real estate project of America. His firm is also acclaimed for constructing the Time Warner Center. Mr. Stephen Ross is also a humanitarian by nature, and has made several contributions to the University of Michigan. He has also been awarded with various felicitations in honour of his work in business and philanthropic initiatives.



81 PATRICK SOON-SHIONG
 Net Worth: \$11.9 billion
 Chairman and CEO, Chan Soon-Shiong
 Institute for Advanced Health

Committed to offer pioneering therapies in the Healthcare Industry, Mr. Patrick Soon-Shiong established firms such as Abraxis BioScience, American Pharmaceutical Partners, NantHealth, etc. Presently he is the richest doctor in America. After completing his high school studies, he went on to become a physician. At the age of 27, he moved to the United States to join the UCLA Medical School as a faculty member. Mr. Patrick is acclaimed to invent and develop the nation's first FDA approved protein nanoparticle albumin-bound delivery technology- Abraxane for the treatment of cancer which later got approval from the FDA. For his incredible span in the field of technology and medicine, Mr. Patrick Soon-Shiong has received laurels such as "Medical Visionary Award", "Business Person of the Year" and "Franklin Bower Award" among others. In 2007, he also pledged to donate \$1billion to provide assistance to the nation's health sector.

82 MASAYOSHI SON
 Net Worth: \$11.7 billion
 Founder and CEO, SoftBank

An exceptional leader and dexterous personality, Mr. Masayoshi Son moved to California at the age of 16 to complete his studies and graduated from Berkeley with a BA in Economics in 1980. He also studied Computer Science that ignited his interests in the field of technology and he laid down the foundation of Softbank. Also known as Masa, this Japanese billionaire's careful strategies and matchless

leadership has transformed a small company into a giant conglomerate which runs one of the largest mobile networks of Japan and has 26% stakes in Yahoo Japan. Presently, Mr. Masayoshi Son is also the CEO of SoftBank Moblie and Chairman of Sprint Corporation. A philanthropist by nature, Mr. Son has pledged to donate \$120 million to support the victims of 2011 Thoku earthquake and tsunami.



83 HEINZ HERMANN THIELE
 Net Worth: \$11.7 billion
 Chairman, Knorr-Bremse

Starting his career as a legal clerk, Mr. Heinz Hermann Thiele followed his mind and became the Chairman of the Board at Knorr-Bremse in the year 1987. Today, he is counted among the wealthiest personalities of the world. A self-made billionaire, Mr. Thiele hails from a humble background. Born on 2nd April, 1941, he worked really hard to hold a position at the legal department of the firm. At Present, his establishment the Knorr-Bremse Group has become one of the leading manufacturers of braking systems for rails and commercial vehicles. Apart from business, Mr. Heinz Hermann Thiele's interests lie in skiing, hiking, animal photography, etc. He is also quite inclined towards charitable initiatives.

84 FRANÇOIS PINAULT
 Net Worth: \$11.5 billion
 Chairman and CEO, Kering

Spearheading Kering, the luxury and sport business since 2005, its Chairman Mr. François-Henri Pinault is known for being one of the richest businessmen of the world. He is the son of Mr. François Pinault, the founding father of the company.

Mr. François-Henri Pinault has been honored with the Chevalier de l'Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur. Groupe Artemis also came under the chairmanship of Mr. François-Henri Pinault in the year 2003. In addition to this, Mr. François-Henri Pinault is a Director of Financière Pinault as well. This French businessman also involves himself in various philanthropic events. He launched Kering's Corporate Foundation for Women's Dignity and Rights in 2008 and is also a board member of ELA, a European NGO campaigning for research in leukodystrophy.

85 DAVID TEPPER
 Net Worth: \$11.4 billion
 Founder and President, Appaloosa Management

Well-known as an American Hedge Fund manager, Mr. David Alan Tepper has proved to be one of the strongest hedge fund managers who achieved a successful position irrespective of the financial drawbacks. Mr. David Tepper was born on 11th September, 1957. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and also earned his MS in Industrial Administration from the Tepper School of Business of Carnegie Mellon University. He joined the treasury department of Republic Steel in Ohio in the year 1993. In the present time, he is the President of Appaloosa Management which he established in the year 1993. Mr. Alan strongly believes in giving back to the society and has offered monetary help to various organizations and charitable events. He donated \$200,000 in gift cards to Jersey City and Hoboken families who suffered loss in Hurricane Sandy.

86 GENNADY TIMCHENKO
 Net Worth: \$11.4 billion
 Founder, Volga Group

An established business tycoon of Russia, Mr. Gennady Nikolayevich Timchenko began his journey as an engineer but has arrived at a stage where he now owns a private investment group known as Volga Group. The Group is known for its investments in the field of energy, transport, and infrastructure assets. Mr. Gennady Timchenko earned graduate degree from the Mechanical Institute of St. Petersburg in 1976. The first firm that he founded was Gunvor which deals in trading and logistics related to the international energy market along with Swedish businessman Torbjörn Törnqvist but later sold his stake to his partner and established Volga Group in 2007. A sport enthusiast, Mr. Timchenko also holds the position of Chairman of the Board of Kontinental Hockey League and President of SKA Saint-Petersburg Hockey Club. He has also received French title of the Cavalier of Legion of Honour.

87 CARLOS ALBERTO SICUPIRA
 Net Worth: \$11.3 billion
 Partner, 3G Capital



Marking his presence among the prestigious businessmen across the globe, Carlos Alberto Sicupira has reached the heights of achievements through his unflinching faith and steadfast dedication. On the educational front, Mr. Carlos Alberto Sicupira got his bachelor's degree from the renowned Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro. Born in the year 1948, this Brazilian Businessman is one of the crucial members of the world's largest beer company-Anheuser-Busch InBev. He is one of the shareholders in the firm along with his partners Marcel Telles and Jorge Paulo Lemann. Apart from this, he is also associated with the firms such as 3G Capital and Lojas Americanas and holds majors stakes in Burger King and H.J. Heinz Company as well.

88 SHIV NADAR
 Net Worth: \$11.1 billion
 Founder and Chairman, HCL

Shiv Nadar is an efficacious veteran who brought the magic of IT industry in the Indian market. This prominent Indian Billionaire's continuous efforts and commitment helped in the tremendous growth of his firm HCL which later spread its wings on the global arena as well. After beginning his career at Walchand Group, Mr. Shiv Nadar stepped ahead and established his own company with his friends. Hence, HCL came into existence in the year 1976 as an IT company. Mr. Nadar holds a degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from PSG College of Technology. Mr. Shiv Nadar is not only an outstanding tycoon but also a renowned philanthropist. To encourage literacy in the country, he founded Shiv Nadar Foundation to impart quality education. Due to his extraordinary work in the IT industry, Mr. Nadar was awarded with Padma Bhushan by the Government of India in the year 2008.

89 THOMAS PETERFFY
 Net Worth: \$11.1 billion
 Founder, Chairman, and CEO, Interactive Brokers Group, Inc

The personification of intelligence and talent, Mr. Thomas Peterffy is a man who established his name in the business world while fighting the odds of life. Born in the year 1944, in a hospital basement, he left for the United States as a refugee. It was in the US that he continued his studies and earned a Bachelor's degree from Clark University.

For a person who could not even speak English, earning livelihood in the US was not an easy task. However, Mr. Thomas Peterffy was a person who believed in his skills and ideas. He founded Interactive Brokers which is an online discount brokerage firm in the country. He is the largest shareholder of his company, Interactive Brokers. In the present time, this magnate is well-known for developing electronic trading of securities.

90 ROBIN LI
 Net Worth: \$11 billion
 Co-Founder, Chairman and CEO, Baidu

The co-founder of Baidu which is one of the largest search engines of China, Mr. Robin Li entered the team of young entrepreneurs who took the world towards the new generation technologies. After attaining a bachelor's degree in Information Management at Peking University in 1991, Mr. Robin Li stepped ahead to study computer science at the State University of New York at Buffalo. It was in the year 2000 that he established Baidu with his partner Eric Xu.

Today, his firm holds a market share of more than 70% in China and is also considered as the world's second largest independent search engine. In 2014, Robin Li was appointed as co-chair of the Independent Expert Advisory Group on Data Revolution for Sustainable Development by the United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon.

91 ALAIN WERTHEIMER
 Net Worth: \$11 billion
 Chairman and Co-owner, House of Chanel

Holding the chairmanship of the famous luxury brand of France-Chanel, Alain Wertheimer oversees the workings of the company along with his brother Gerard Wertheimer. Born in 1949, Mr. Wertheimer inherited the House of Chanel which was co-founded by his grandfather Pierre Wertheimer. It was in the year 1974 that Alain held the position of Chairman and strengthened the company's roots through various crucial strategies. He also has investment in Bell & Ross. Although he holds a celebrated position among the world's richest leaders, this French billionaire keeps a low profile. He has a hobby of horse racing and is known for having horses who have won races like French Derby and the Breeders' Cup Turf.

92 GERARD WERTHEIMER
 Net Worth: \$11 billion
 Co-owner, House of Chanel

A well-known French Businessman, Mr. Gerard Wertheimer manages the operations of the House of Chanel which is one of the leading luxury brands across the world. The company was inherited by him and his brother Mr. Alain Wertheimer in the year 1996 from their father Mr. Jacques Wertheimer. Since then, he is continuously engaged in building a powerful position of the brand at a global level. At Present, Mr. Gerard Wertheimer heads the company's watch division. Famous for the revolution that his No. 5 perfume has brought in the commercial world, this merchant of fashion is edging towards a glorious tomorrow. Apart from being a great leader, Mr. Gerard Wertheimer is also involved in horse racing and breeding, and humanitarian activities.

93 ALEXEY MORDASHOV
 Net Worth: \$10.9 billion
 Chairman, Severstal

Rising from the poverty-stricken section of the society, Mr. Alexey Mordashov - a Russian businessman inscribed his name in the list of inspiring leaders of the world. Born in a poor family where his parents were mill workers, Mr. Alexey is a self-made billionaire who is the major shareholder and chairman of one of the leading companies of Russia known as Severstal. His giant conglomerate deals in sectors such as metal, energy, and mining companies. Mr. Alexey Mordashov also holds stakes in various groups including the tourism company TUI Group, gold mining company Nordgold, and global power engineering firm Silovye Mashiny. Mr. Alexey Mordashov is also a council member at the Bolshoi Theatre, Tretyakov Gallery, Valaam Monastery, and Russian Chess Federation. Holding interests in activities such as poetry, art, and winter sports, this humble person enjoys the zest of life in its full bloom.



94 ELON MUSK
 Net Worth: \$10.7 billion
 Founder and CEO, Space Exploration Technologies Corp.

Playing significant roles in distinguished companies such as SpaceX, PayPal, Tesla Motors, Hyperloop, SolarCity, OpenAI, Zip2, and X.com, etc. this Canadian-American business magnate is acclaimed to follow a vision to bring a revolution in the world. Born on 28th June, 1971, this electromechanical engineer developed an interest in computing at an age of 10 years and sold a code for a BASIC-based video game when he was only 12. Mr. Elon Musk left his PhD to pursue his interest in the tech industry and founded Zip2 in 1995. Gradually, he laid down the foundation of various other firms and also established Musk Foundation which is known to provide solar-power energy systems in areas hit by disaster. Mr. Elon Musk also pays great attention towards the conservation of natural resources and reduction of global warming in the world.

95 CHAROEN SIRIVADHANABHAKDI
 Net Worth: \$10.7 billion
 Chairman, ThaiBev and Fraser and Neave

A business tycoon and an investor, Mr. Charoen Sirivadhanabhakdi created his destiny through his actions and mind. From a child of a poverty-stricken father to a billionaire businessman, Mr. Charoen Sirivadhanabhakdi climbed the ladder of success and reached the pinnacle. As a child of 9 years of age, Mr. Charoen Sirivadhanabhakdi had to leave his studies to work. Later, he began supplying distilleries and gradually established his own beverage company with a brand name "Chang" in the market. Today, this inspirational personality is one of the most successful entrepreneurs of Thailand. He owns the Pantip Plaza mall in Bangkok, Hotel Plaza Athénée in New York, hotels in Asia, the US, and Australia. He also has many real estate developments in Singapore and Thailand.

96 PETR KELLNER
 Net Worth: \$10.6 billion
 Head of Strategic Development Operations, PPF Group

The insurance industry of Czech Republic is quite familiar with the name of Mr. Petr Kellner who is the richest person of the country. After graduating from the University of Economics, Prague, Faculty of Industrial Economics in 1986, he started working at Impromat where he met Milan Vinkler and Milan Madry with whom he established První privatiza ní fond (PPF). Today, he also owns 29% shares in the energy and industry holdings and is also associated with the production of heat and electricity, power trading, heat distribution, etc. Although, he is well celebrated in the country, Mr. Kellner keeps a low profile in the media. A philanthropist by nature, Mr. Petr Kellner takes several initiatives to impart better facilities to the underprivileged section of the society. He has also founded Open Gate Grammar School for poor students and a school for disabled children as well.

98 VIKTOR VEKSELBERG
 Net Worth: \$10.5 billion
 Owner and President, Renova Group

Magnanimous personality and clairvoyant businessman, the co-founder of Renova Group which is one of the largest conglomerates of Russia, owns a large fortune that has placed him among the richest people of the world. Mr. Viktor Vekselberg is a Ukrainian-born Russian entrepreneur who graduated from the Moscow Transportation Engineering Institute in the year 1979. After completing his studies, Mr. Viktor Vekselberg started his journey as an engineer and a research manager at the pump manufacturing company. Later in the year 1990, he laid down the foundation of Renova Group with his friend Mr. Leonard Blavatnik. With the passage of time, the group saw a tremendous growth under his leadership. Mr. Viktor Vekselberg also owns 6.2% stake in the Bank of Cyprus. He also opened Fabergé Museum in Saint Petersburg, Russia to display his unique collection of nine Imperial Easter eggs created by Fabergé for the last two Russian Tsars.

99 LUKAS WALTON
 Net Worth: \$27.1 billion
 Chairman, CK Hutchison Holdings

A young billionaire who inherited a huge fortune from his father, Mr. Lukas Walton is the grandson of Sam Walton, the founder of Wal-Mart which is one of the largest private employers of the US. After the death of his father in the year 2005, Mr. Lukas received stakes in the companies Wal-Mart and First Solar which is a solar panel manufacturer. Mr. Lukas Walton holds a Bachelor's degree in environmentally sustainable business from Colorado College in the year 2010. He also worked for the Walton Family Foundation, and True North Venture Partners. Although Mr. Lukas Walton does not work for the family inherited business, he is ardently involved in philanthropist activities towards the environmental issues. In addition, he is also an active investor.



97 RUPERT MURDOCH
 Net Worth: \$10.6 billion
 CEO, Fox News

Inheriting the family business News Limited after the death of his father Mr. Keith Arthur Murdoch who owned various newspapers such as Herald, Courier-Mail, News, and Sunday Mail, Mr. Rupert Murdoch worked hard and transformed the company into the world's second-largest media conglomerate. Presently, he is famous as a media mogul of the industry. He received his education from Geelong Grammar School and Worcester College, Oxford in England. Mr. Rupert Murdoch entered the foray of television industry in the year 1986 with the establishment of Fox Broadcasting Company. Acquiring various companies on a global level, Mr. Rupert Murdoch has arrived at a time when his News Corporation dominated the world with more than 800 companies across 50 countries. In the year 1984, he was awarded with 'Companion of the Order of Australia' as well.



100 ERIC SCHMIDT
 Net Worth: \$10.2 billion
 Executive Chairman, Alphabet, Inc

Equipped with a highly qualified educational background from prestigious universities, the present Executive Chairman of Alphabet and founding partner of Innovation Endeavors, Mr. Eric Schmidt has a rich knowledge of IT industry. This American software engineer held various positions in companies such as Byzromotti Design, Bell Labs, Zilog, and Xerox's Palo Alto Research Center. He was also the CEO of prominent firms including Google and Novell. Mr. Schmidt also took the position of a lecturer at the Stanford Graduate School of Business. A tech wizard, Mr. Eric Schmidt remarked in one of his interviews that there will be a complete transformation of the world on a digital platform and new inventions such as self-driving cars, virtual reality, and machine learning in education will become a part of daily lives. Believing in his responsibilities towards the society, Mr. Schmidt established Schmidt Family Foundation to focus on the issues related to environment.