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# #1 Bill Gates

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/14/15

**\$78.2 Billion**

2015 Billionaires Net Worth

**\$79.2 Billion**

**Cofounder, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**

Age **60**

Source Of Wealth **Microsoft, Self Made**

Self-Made Score **8**

Residence **Medina, WA**

Citizenship **United States**

Marital Status **Married**

Children **3**

Education **Drop Out, Harvard University**

## Bill Gates on Forbes Lists

#6 Powerful People (2015)

#7 in 2014

#1 Forbes 400 (2015)

#1 Richest In Tech (2015)

The Richest Person In Every State (2015)

#1 Billionaires (2015)

#1 in United States



It's a landmark year for the world's richest man. Bill Gates and his friend Paul Allen launched Microsoft 40 years ago with the goal of getting a computer on every person's desk. Now, 84% of U.S. households own a computer. Fifteen years ago, Bill and Melinda Gates started their charitable foundation with the goal of reducing inequity, and have put more than \$30 billion to work toward that end. Early in 2015 the couple picked a big bet for the foundation's next stage: "The lives of people in poor countries will improve faster in the next 15 years than at any other time in history. And their lives will improve more than anyone else's." In May Gates said his foundation would back a disease surveillance network in Africa and South Asia to be on the lookout for the next Ebola or SARS. The following month Melinda Gates announced a \$776 million investment over the next 6 years to improve nutrition and reduce child mortality caused by malnutrition.



# #2 Carlos Slim Helu & family

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/14/15

**\$54.4 Billion**

2015 Billionaires Net Worth

**\$77.1 Billion**

**Honorary Chairman, América Móvil**

Age **75**

Source Of Wealth **telecom, Self Made**

Residence **Mexico City, Mexico**

Citizenship **Mexico**

Marital Status **Widowed**

Children **6**

Education **Bachelor of Arts / Science, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico**

## Carlos Slim Helu & family on Forbes Lists

#15 Powerful People (2015)

#14 in 2014

#2 Billionaires (2015)

#1 in Mexico



Telecom magnate Carlos Slim Helu has some 300 million mobile phone and land-line subscribers in 19 countries through America Movil, which he controls. His lock on Mexico's telecom market -- America Movil units have had a 70% share of the mobile phone market and 80% of landlines -- will be loosened under a Mexican law passed last year that forbids companies from controlling more than 50% of telecom and broadcast markets. Slim has been buying assets in Spain and has bid on oil production contracts in Mexico, which opened to private and foreign capital for the first time in 8 decades. On the philanthropic side, in July his Carlos Slim Foundation partnered with the nonprofit Autism Speaks to translate information and tools into Spanish.



# #3 Warren Buffett

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/14/15

**\$61.3 Billion**

2015 Billionaires Net Worth

**\$72.7 Billion**

**CEO, Berkshire Hathaway**

Age **85**

Source Of Wealth **Berkshire Hathaway, Self Made**

Self-Made Score **8**

Residence **Omaha, NE**

Citizenship **United States**

Marital Status **Widowed, Remarried**

Children **3**

Education **Bachelor of Arts / Science, University of Nebraska Lincoln; Master of Science, Columbia University**

## Warren Buffett on Forbes Lists

#13 Powerful People (2015)

#12 in 2014

#2 Forbes 400 (2015)

The Richest Person In Every State (2015)

#3 Billionaires (2015)

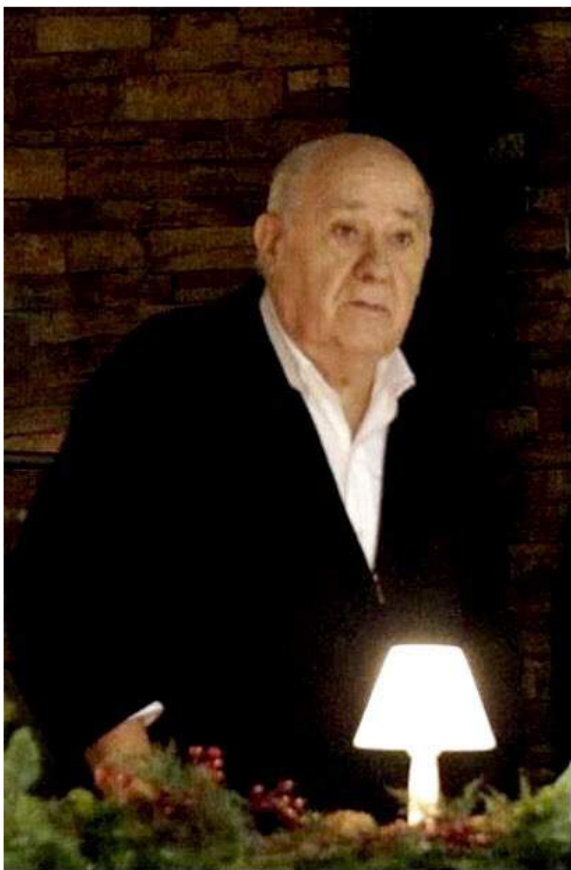
#2 in United States



Revered as a corporate deity for his decades-long reputation for smart investing, Warren Buffett pulled off his biggest deal ever in August, when his Berkshire Hathaway agreed to pay a record \$37 billion for Precision Castparts, a maker of aerospace and industrial parts. Lately he's also teamed up in various ways with 3G Capital—a firm run by several Brazilian billionaires—in deals for Kraft Foods, Heinz, Burger King and coffeehouse chain Tim Hortons. Berkshire Hathaway, which owns companies like Geico, Dairy Queen and Fruit of the Loom, is now the fourth most valuable public company in the U.S. Going into the 2016 presidential elections, Buffett is one of Hillary Clinton's biggest proponents. He has long supported the former First Lady's bid to return to the White House—donating to her campaign and, perhaps more crucially, adding his stamp of approval. He has quietly become a big backer of Planned Parenthood and gun-control group Everytown for Gun Safety. In July Buffett gave away Berkshire stock worth more than \$2.8 billion, bringing his lifetime giving to nearly \$25.6 billion. Buffett says his best ever investment was buying Benjamin Graham's legendary book, "The Intelligent Investor," in 1949. He later studied under Graham at Columbia



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# #4 Amancio Ortega

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[Real Time](#) Net Worth As of 12/14/15

**\$73.7 Billion**

[2015 Billionaires](#) Net Worth

**\$64.5 Billion**

Age	79
Source Of Wealth	Zara, Self Made
Residence	La Coruna, Spain
Citizenship	Spain
Marital Status	Married
Children	3

## Amancio Ortega on Forbes Lists

#4 Billionaires (2015)

#1 in Spain

#3 in 2014



Spaniard Amancio Ortega grew up the son of a railway worker and is now the world's richest retailer. He cofounded Zara in 1975 with lingerie and bathrobes he and his former wife Rosalia Mera made in their living room. By the mid-1980s, he had taken Zara all over Spain and was ready to expand overseas. As his empire grew, Ortega caught the retail establishment by surprise, limiting advertising, expanding aggressively, and controlling much of his own supply chain. Louis Vuitton fashion director Daniel Piette once called Inditex "possibly the most innovative and devastating retailer in the world." Ortega powered through the Spanish financial crisis, personally gaining \$45 billion from 2009 to 2014 as his shares of Inditex defied the rest of the Spanish stock market. In the last decade, he has taken billions in Inditex dividends and reinvested the money into real estate in marquee cities, including Madrid, Barcelona, London, Chicago, Miami and New York.





# #5 Larry Ellison

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/14/15

**\$46.4 Billion**

2015 Billionaires Net Worth

**\$54.3 Billion**

**CEO and Founder, Oracle**

Age	71
Source Of Wealth	Oracle, Self Made
Self-Made Score	9
Residence	Woodside, CA
Citizenship	United States
Marital Status	Divorced
Children	2
Education	Drop Out, University of Chicago; Drop Out, University of Illinois at Urbana

## Larry Ellison on Forbes Lists

#3 Forbes 400 (2015)

#3 in 2014

#2 Richest In Tech (2015)

The Richest Person In Every State (2015)

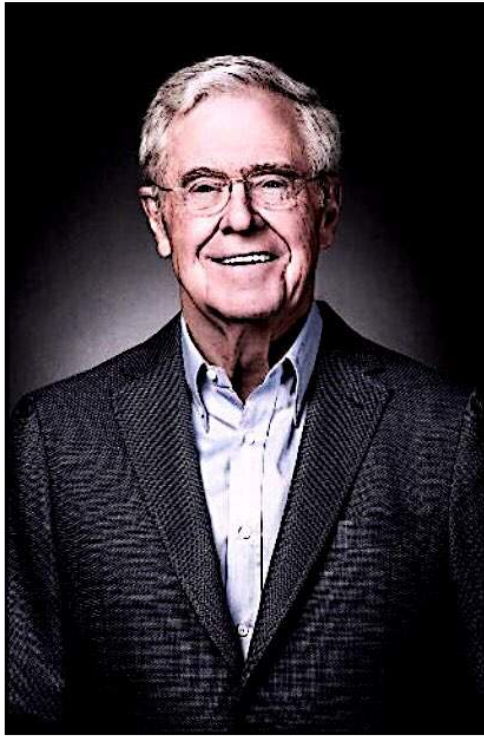
#5 Billionaires (2015)

#3 in United States

#58 Powerful People (2013)



Though he stepped down as Oracle CEO in September 2014, Larry Ellison still calls some of the shots at the database-software giant. In June 2015 he announced that Oracle was expanding its cloud-computing business, putting it in direct competition with Amazon.com's Web Services unit. Oracle could use a new source of growth. Revenues this year through May fell slightly from the previous year to \$38.2 billion. After building databases for the CIA, Ellison founded Oracle in 1977 and tapped into businesses' growing need for customer relationship management databases. Both of his children are looking to leave their mark on Hollywood. Daughter Megan has financed films such as "Zero Dark Thirty" and "American Hustle"; son David is a producer of mainstream franchises like "The Terminator" and "Mission: Impossible".



# #6 Charles Koch

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/14/15

**\$42.7 Billion**

2015 Billionaires Net Worth

**\$42.9 Billion**

**CEO, Koch Industries**

Age **80**

Source Of Wealth **diversified**

Self-Made Score **5**

Residence **Wichita, KS**

Citizenship **United States**

Marital Status **Married**

Children **2**

Education **Bachelor of Arts / Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Master of Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

## Charles Koch on Forbes Lists

#29 Powerful People (2015)

#24 in 2014

#5 Forbes 400 (2015)

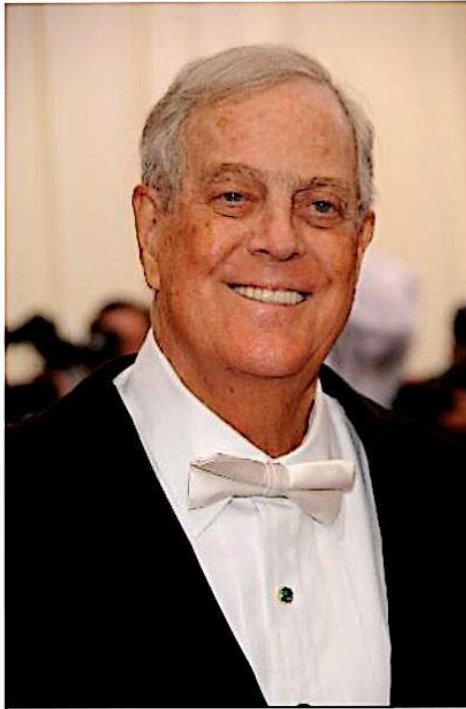
The Richest Person In Every State (2015)

#6 Billionaires (2015)

#4 in United States



One of the most politically influential billionaires in the U.S., Charles Koch compares his crusade for smaller government and economic liberty to the civil rights campaign. "Will you stand with us to help save our country?" Koch asked the crowd gathered in August at the Koch-backed Freedom Partners Policy Leaders conference in California. In attendance were Republican hopefuls Jeb Bush, Florida Senator Marco Rubio and Texas Senator Ted Cruz, all there to pay their respects to the Kochs. Donald Trump wasn't invited. Funding for the Koch influence machine comes from \$115 billion (sales) Koch Industries, which Charles continues to steer as chairman. He's held that job since 1967 when the company was worth \$50 million. Now the second largest private company in America, it's valued at \$100 billion. He owns the vast majority of the business with his brother, David Koch, who runs its chemical technology business.



# #6 David Koch

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/14/15

**\$42.7 Billion**

2015 Billionaires Net Worth

**\$42.9 Billion**

**Executive Vice President, Koch Industries**

Age **75**

Source Of Wealth **diversified**

Self-Made Score **5**

Residence **New York, NY**

Citizenship **United States**

Marital Status **Married**

Children **3**

Education **Bachelor of Arts / Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Master of Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

## David Koch on Forbes Lists

#29 Powerful People (2015)

#24 in 2014

#5 Forbes 400 (2015)

The Richest Person In Every State (2015)

#6 Billionaires (2015)

#4 in United States



New York City's richest resident David Koch shares control of \$115 billion (sales) Koch Industries, the second largest private company in the U.S., with his older brother Charles. Koch Industries has interests in oil pipelines, refineries, building materials, paper towels and Dixie cups, and is growing with acquisitions fueled by the company's prodigious cash flow. Charles is chairman, while David runs its chemical technology business. The brothers' fortunes fell slightly in the past year owing to weakness in the manufacturing and pipeline sectors. He's also joined his brother's campaign to raise and spend almost \$900 million on political activity, education and issues like criminal justice reform in the run-up to the 2016 election. He is an active philanthropist, having doled out \$1.2 billion so far. The Metropolitan Museum of Art has the David H. Koch Plaza, part of a \$65 million renovation he funded, and Koch, who has battled prostate cancer, paid \$4 million of a \$150 million pledge to build a new facility at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.



# #8 Christy Walton & family

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/14/15

**\$28.5 Billion**

2015 Billionaires Net Worth

**\$41.7 Billion**

**Co-Chair, Children's Scholarship Fund**

## Christy Walton & family on Forbes Lists

#14 Forbes 400 (2015)

#6 in 2014

The Richest Person In Every State (2015)

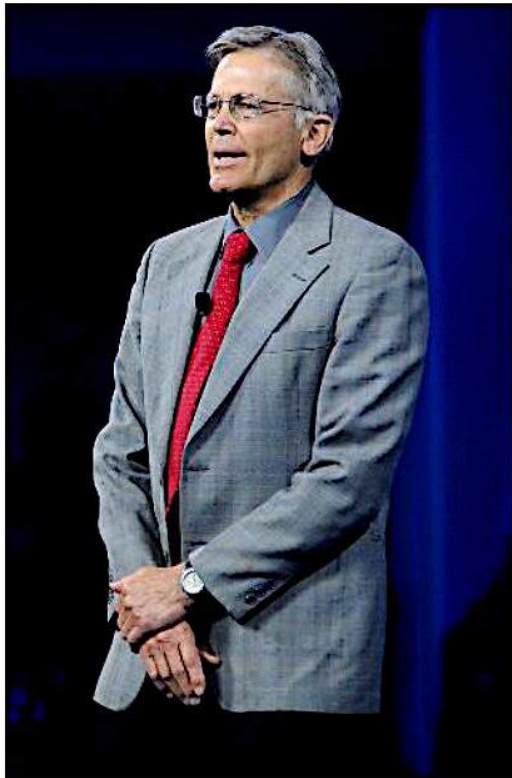
#8 Billionaires (2015)

#6 in United States

Age	66
Source Of Wealth	Wal-Mart
Self-Made Score	1
Residence	Jackson, WY
Citizenship	United States
Marital Status	Widowed
Children	1



Christy Walton married into what became the richest family in the world -- the Waltons, owners of the world's largest retailer, Wal-Mart. She inherited her fortune when her husband John Walton, a former Green Beret and Vietnam war medic, died in an airplane crash in 2005. She also owns a stake in solar panel maker First Solar that in mid-September 2015 was worth about \$1.3 billion. The bulk of her holdings are in Wal-Mart, which her father-in-law Sam Walton and his brother James founded in 1962. Forbes estimates that Christy owns an 11% stake in the company, lower than previous estimates as a result of new public filings by Wal-Mart. She leads a very private life in Jackson, Wyoming, but in 2013 had a rare bit of publicity when she was given an award by the Imagen Foundation for producing the film "Bless Me, Ultima," based on the book by Rudolfo Anaya, who is considered the father of Chicano literature. Her son battled cancer when he was just three years old and she fought a case of pneumonia that nearly killed her, according to the Imagen Foundation.



# #9 Jim Walton

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/14/15

**\$31.4 Billion**

2015 Billionaires Net Worth

**\$40.6 Billion**

**Chairman and CEO, Arvest Bank Group, Inc.**

Age **67**

Source Of Wealth **Wal-Mart**

Self-Made Score **2**

Residence **Bentonville, AR**

Citizenship **United States**

Marital Status **Married**

Children **4**

Education **Bachelor of Arts / Science, University of Arkansas**

## Jim Walton on Forbes Lists

#9 Forbes 400 (2015)

#7 in 2014

The Richest Person In Every State (2015)

#9 Billionaires (2015)

#7 in United States



Jim Walton is the youngest of Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton's four children. Jim sits on the board of the \$486 billion (sales) retailer, which has more than 11,000 stores worldwide. His brother Rob Walton stepped down as chairman of the company in June 2015 after 23 years on the job. The heirs of Sam Walton together own 51% of Wal-Mart's stock through two entities: Walton Enterprises and Walton Family Holdings Trust. Forbes estimates that Jim's stake in Wal-Mart is 12.8%. The stock price fell 15% in the past year, owing in part to a slowdown in key markets like Brazil and China. In February 2015, Wal-Mart announced it would raise its wages in the U.S. to at least \$9 an hour in 2015 and at least \$10 an hour in 2016. Labor advocates had called for a jump to \$15 an hour. Outside of Wal-Mart, Jim Walton is chairman and CEO of the family-founded Arvest Bank, which has branches in Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri. The bank has assets of nearly \$16 billion and had net profits of nearly \$105 million in 2014.



# #10 Liliane Bettencourt & family

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/14/15

**\$38.3 Billion**

2015 Billionaires Net Worth

**\$40.1 Billion**

Age **93**

Source Of Wealth **L'Oreal**

Residence **Paris, France**

Citizenship **France**

Marital Status **Widowed**

Children **1**

## Liliane Bettencourt & family on Forbes Lists

### #10 Billionaires (2015)

#1 in France

#11 in 2014



L'Oreal grand dame Liliane Bettencourt grew even richer in 2014 thanks to a deal in which she purchased an additional 8% stake in the cosmetics empire from Nestle, raising her and her family's chunk of L'Oreal stock to 33%. Her father, Eugene Schueller, founded L'Oreal in 1907. Bettencourt has not been involved in running the company for several years; a legal battle with her daughter Françoise Bettencourt Meyers proved Liliane unfit to manage affairs in 2011. The elderly widow, who suffers from dementia, was replaced on the company's board by her 25-year-old grandson Jean-Victor Meyers in 2012. A trial of ten people who allegedly stole hundreds of millions of euros from Bettencourt began in January 2015. She remains the richest woman in Europe.

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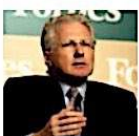


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Rank	Name	Net Worth	Age	Source
 #1	Robert & Philip Ng	\$8.7 B	-	real estate
 #2	Kwek Leng Beng	\$7.2 B	74	real estate
 #3	Goh Cheng Liang	\$6.9 B	88	paints
 #4	Khoo family	\$6.4 B	55	banking
 #5	Wee Cho Yaw	\$5.45 B	86	banking
 #6	Eduardo Saverin	\$5.4 B	33	Facebook
 #7	Kwee family	\$5.2 B	70	real estate
 #8	Richard Chandler	\$2.6 B	56	investments
 #9	Kuok Khoon Hong	\$2.55 B	65	palm oil
 #10	Raj Kumar & Kishin RK	\$2.4 B	61	real estate



# #1 Robert & Philip Ng

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Real Time Net Worth As of 4/2/15

## \$9.5 Billion

2014 Singapore's 50 Richest Net Worth

## \$12.8 Billion

Source Of Wealth real estate

Residence Singapore, Singapore

Citizenship Singapore

## Robert & Philip Ng on Forbes Lists

#131 Billionaires (2015)

#1 in Singapore

#106 in 2014

#1 Singapore's 50 Richest (2014)



A sluggish real estate market in both Singapore and Hong Kong took a toll on the wealth of property tycoons Robert and Philip Ng; revenues of their Far East Organization and Sino Group empire dropped by nearly \$1 billion to \$4.6 billion. After a buying spree in Australia that included a \$142 million Sydney office tower and a \$6 million island in New South Wales, the siblings have recently turned their attention back to Singapore. Far East, overseen by Philip, plans to invest \$328 million in building two new hotels at a conservation site on Sentosa that currently houses old army barracks, adding 850 rooms to the resort island. The largest part of their public fortune is in Tsim Sha Tsui Properties, chaired by eldest sibling Robert, in Hong Kong. Their late father Ng Teng Fong developed more than 700 hotels, malls and condos in Singapore and Hong Kong.





# #2 Leng Beng Kwek & family

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Real Time Net Worth As of 4/2/15

## \$2.9 Billion

2014 Singapore's 50 Richest Net Worth

## \$7.8 Billion

Age	74
Source Of Wealth	real estate
Residence	Singapore, Singapore
Citizenship	Singapore
Marital Status	Married
Children	2
Education	LLB, University of London

## Leng Beng Kwek & family on Forbes Lists

#714 Billionaires (2015)

#6 in Singapore

#731 in 2014

#2 Singapore's 50 Richest (2014)



As Singapore's property market "continues to experience challenging headwinds," according to Kwek Leng Beng, the property magnate is focusing overseas, notably in Japan and Australia. Last September, his Singapore-listed City Developments jointly acquired a 4.2-acre plot of prime land in Tokyo for \$262 million. His London-listed Millennium & Copthorne has also opened a new hotel located in the heart of Tokyo's Ginza district. Kwek's newest project at home, is South Beach, a cluster of luxury residences, offices and a 654-room hotel designed by Philippe Starck. In November, nephew Kwek Kon Chun, 35, a race car driver and nightclub owner, died in a car crash on an expressway in Malaysia.



# #3 Khoo family

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2014 Singapore's 50 Richest Net Worth

## \$7 Billion

Source Of Wealth	banking
Residence	Singapore
Citizenship	Singapore

## Khoo family on Forbes Lists

#3 Singapore's 50 Richest (2014)

#3 in 2013



A decade after the death of banker Khoo Teck Puat, founder of Maybank and investor in Standard Chartered Bank, his heirs continue to run the Goodwood Group of Hotels, best known for its iconic 114-year-old hotel near Orchard Road, which displays a bust of the late Khoo in its lobby. After selling the Standard Chartered holding for \$4 billion in 2006, the Khoo family has become active in philanthropy, donating to a variety of causes.



# #4 Cho Yaw Wee

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Real Time Net Worth As of 4/2/15

**\$5.4 Billion**

2014 Singapore's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$6.2 Billion**

Age	86
Source Of Wealth	banking
Residence	Singapore, Singapore
Citizenship	Singapore
Marital Status	Married
Children	5

## Cho Yaw Wee on Forbes Lists

#271 Billionaires (2015)

#3 in Singapore

#270 in 2014

#4 Singapore's 50 Richest (2014)



Wee Cho Yaw is the chairman emeritus of United Overseas Bank, among Singapore's top 3 banks and the second largest by market capitalization. It was founded by his father in 1935 and is today run by his son Wee Ee Cheong, Singapore's second-highest-paid banker, with a \$7.5 million annual pay package. In January, UOB sued a subsidiary of Lippo Group, owned by Malaysian billionaire Mochtar Riady, for allegedly conspiring with borrowers to secure inflated loans for 38 condos on Sentosa. Wee's other interests include stakes in listed outfits UOL and Haw Par. While his 3 sons work in the family trade, his grandchildren have branched out on their own to run trendy restaurants and clubs, among other ventures.



# #5 Kwee brothers

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Real Time Net Worth As of 4/2/15

**\$4.9 Billion**

2014 Singapore's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$6 Billion**

Age 70

Source Of Wealth real estate

Residence Singapore, Singapore

Citizenship Singapore

Children 5

Education Bachelor of Arts /  
Science, Philadelphia  
University

## Kwee brothers on Forbes Lists

#318 Billionaires (2015)

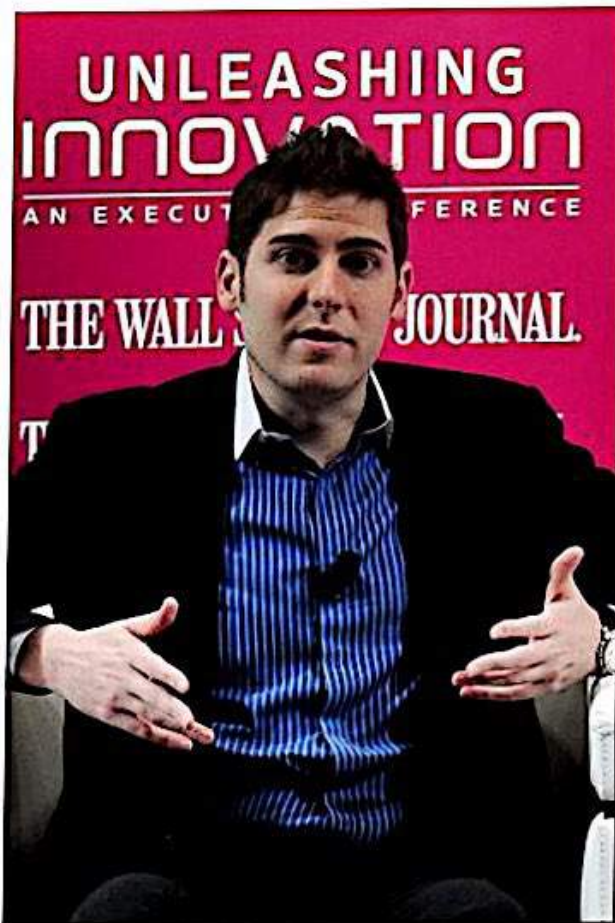
#4 in Singapore

#270 in 2014

#5 Singapore's 50 Richest (2014)



The 4 Kwee siblings Kwee Liong Keng, Kwee Liong Tek, Kwee Liong Seen and Kwee Liong Phing, who own privately-held property and hospitality group, Pontiac Land, are known for their passion for art and architecture. Their Ritz-Carlton in Singapore, for example, displays works of artists like Frank Stella and Dale Chihuly and offers an art tour for guests and visitors. Pontiac owns other luxury piles such as Millennia Walk, Patina, Capella, and the Conrad Centennial, as well as iconic office high rises such as Millenia Tower and Centennial Tower. Pontiac, has teamed up with Goldman Sachs and Houston developer Hines, for a \$1.3 billion project to build a 72-story Manhattan luxury residential tower next door to the Museum of Modern Art that will also include a 36,000 square foot gallery space for MoMa. The company was founded by their Indonesian father Henry Kwee, a textile trader and real estate developer who migrated to Singapore in 1958.



# #6 Eduardo Saverin

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Real Time Net Worth As of 4/2/15

**\$5.1 Billion**

2014 Singapore's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$4.2 Billion**

**Cofounder, Facebook**

Age	33
Source Of Wealth	Facebook, Self Made
Residence	Singapore, Singapore
Citizenship	Brazil
Marital Status	Single
Education	Bachelor of Arts / Science, Harvard University

## Eduardo Saverin on Forbes Lists

#330 Billionaires (2015)

#8 in Brazil

#367 in 2014

#6 Singapore's 50 Richest (2014)

#212 Forbes 400 (2011)



The Brazilian-born Facebook cofounder Eduardo Saverin renounced his U.S. citizenship in 2012 and has been living in Singapore, where he's been making investments in international technology startups. Saverin also cofounded Velos Partners, a private equity firm based in Los Angeles, which reportedly was looking to raise a \$100 million fund. He is the firm's chairman. Some of Saverin's investments include Hampton Creek Foods, a company looking to create eggless food products, and Silvercar, a high-end airport car rental service.



# #7 Goh Cheng Liang

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Real Time Net Worth As of 4/2/15

## \$7.9 Billion

2014 Singapore's 50 Richest Net Worth

## \$3.2 Billion

Source Of Wealth	paints, Self Made
Residence	Singapore, Singapore
Citizenship	Singapore

## Goh Cheng Liang on Forbes Lists

#199 Billionaires (2015)

#2 in Singapore

#827 in 2014

#7 Singapore's 50 Richest (2014)



Reclusive paints tycoon Goh Cheng Liang's fortune got a big boost after he increased his stake in Japan's Nippon Paint, his longtime business partner, to 39%, making him its single largest shareholder. Simultaneously, Nippon increased its holding in their fast-growing joint venture Nipsea Group to 51%. This further cementing of business ties was orchestrated a year ago by Goh's son Hup Jin who at one time was contemplating acquiring Nippon. Goh started making paints in a small factory in Singapore before he went on to partner the Japanese firm in 1962. Nipsea has more than 50 factories and a 16,000 strong work force in 15 countries, covering markets such as China, Malaysia, India, Vietnam. Goh is a generous philanthropist; his Goh foundation gave \$40 million last year to the National Cancer Centre Singapore.



# #8 Richard Chandler

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Real Time Net Worth As of 4/2/15

**\$3.3 Billion**

2014 Singapore's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$3 Billion**

Age	56
Source Of Wealth	investments
Residence	Singapore, Singapore
Citizenship	New Zealand
Marital Status	Single

## Richard Chandler on Forbes Lists

#603 Billionaires (2015)

#2 in New Zealand

#641 in 2014

#8 Singapore's 50 Richest (2014)



Publicity-shy New Zealand citizen Richard Chandler relocated to Singapore in 2006 where he runs Chandler Corp, his personal investment fund. Assets include a 19% stake in NYSE-listed Canada-based InterOil Corporation, with operations in Papua New Guinea and close to 10% in Africa Oil, a Canadian explorer that discovered Kenya's first crude with partner Tullow Oil in 2012. Chandler has been reshuffling his portfolio; he sold his stake in global education business Nobel Education Network last November for an undisclosed amount. He boosted holdings in London-listed Green Dragon Gas to 25% in December and acquired all the remaining shares of Vietnam healthcare firm Hoan My Medical, which he did not own. Previously, he had co-founded emerging market investment firm Sovereign Global with his brother Christopher after selling their parents' retailing business in Hong Kong.



# #9 Peter Lim

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Real Time Net Worth As of 4/2/15

**\$1.99 Billion**

2014 Singapore's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$2.5 Billion**

Age	61
Source Of Wealth	investments, Self Made
Residence	Singapore, Singapore
Citizenship	Singapore
Marital Status	Married
Children	2

## Peter Lim on Forbes Lists

#949 Billionaires (2015)

#11 in Singapore

#763 in 2014

#9 Singapore's 50 Richest (2014)



Singapore investor Peter Lim made headlines with his \$475 million purchase of a controlling stake in Spanish football club Valencia. He splashed out a further \$51 million to snatch two players from Portuguese football club Benfica. He also agreed to pick up a 50% stake in Salford City Club and has invested in a hotel near old Trafford. Closer home, Lim is betting on Iskandar Malaysia, a new metropolis just a 30-minute drive away from Singapore, where he has several projects lined up, including a gated city, a medical complex and a \$1 billion motorsports complex called Motorsports City. A fishmonger's son and former star stockbroker, Lim made the bulk of his wealth when he sold his shares in palm oil giant Wilmar International in 2010 for \$1.5 billion.





# #10 Khoon Hong Kuok

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Real Time Net Worth As of 4/2/15

**\$2.1 Billion**

2014 Singapore's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$2.4 Billion**

Age	65
Source Of Wealth	palm oil
Residence	Singapore, Singapore
Citizenship	Singapore
Marital Status	Married
Children	4

## Khoon Hong Kuok on Forbes Lists

#810 Billionaires (2015)

#8 in Singapore

#764 in 2014

#10 Singapore's 50 Richest (2014)













Low commodity prices hit Kuok Khoon Hong's Wilmar International, which reported a 12% drop in net profits from a year ago to to \$1.15 billion in 2014. Revenues too fell 2% to \$43.1 billion as palm oil prices slipped. Chief executive Kuok, who is Malaysian billionaire Robert Kuok's nephew and owns 12% of Wilmar, has been busy diversifying the company into other commodities and consumer foods in the past couple of years. Last year, Wilmar teamed up with First Pacific, a Hong Kong-listed investment firm controlled by Indonesian tycoon Anthony Salim, to acquire Australia's largest bakery company Goodman Fielder, for \$1.25 billion. Wilmar also snapped up a 27.5% stake in in India's largest sugar refiner, Shree Renuka Sugars for \$200 million.

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	#3	Ma Huateng	\$17.6 B	44	internet
	#4	Lei Jun	\$13.2 B	46	smartphones
	#5	Wang Wenyin	\$12.1 B	47	mining, copper products
	#6	Robin Li	\$10.4 B	47	internet search
	#7	He Xiangjian	\$9.3 B	73	home appliances
	#8	Hui Ka Yan	\$8.7 B	57	real estate
	#9	Liu Qiangdong	\$7.8 B	41	e-commerce
	#10	William Ding	\$7.5 B	44	online games



# #1 Wang Jianlin

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/19/15

**\$32.4 Billion**

2015 China Rich List Net Worth

**\$30 Billion**

Age **61**

Source Of Wealth **real estate, Self Made**

Residence **Beijing, China**

Citizenship **China**

Marital Status **Married**

Children **1**

Education **Liaoning University**

## Wang Jianlin on Forbes Lists

#68 Powerful People (2015)

#1 China Rich List (2015)

#29 Billionaires (2015)

#1 in China



Wang Jianlin is China's richest man, with tentacles spreading around the world. His fortune more than doubled in the past year following successful public offerings of his real estate firm Dalian Wanda Commercial Properties, which has 125 shopping plazas and 68 five-star hotels, and Wanda Cinema Line, one of China's largest movie theater chains. Wang has spanned the globe in the past year: In January he bought 20% of Spanish soccer team Atletico Madrid and in August he purchased the U.S. organizer of Ironman Triathlons for \$650 million. Wang's Dalian Wanda Group purchased U.S. movie theater chain AMC Entertainment Holdings for \$2.6 billion in 2012 and took it public in December 2013. Wang's son, Sicong, stirred up controversy about the children of China's billionaires in May when he posted photos on social media of a dog with two Apple watches on its front legs.



# #2 Jack Ma

+ **Follow** (256)

Real Time Net Worth As of 12/19/15

**\$23.9 Billion**

2015 China Rich List Net Worth

**\$21.8 Billion**

Age 51

Source Of Wealth **Alibaba, Self Made**

Residence **Hangzhou, China**

Citizenship **China**

Marital Status **Married**

Education **Bachelor of Arts /  
Science, Hangzhou  
Teacher's Institute**

## Jack Ma on Forbes Lists

#22 Powerful People (2015)

#30 in 2014

#2 China Rich List (2015)

#7 Richest In Tech (2015)

#33 Billionaires (2015)

#2 in China



From Davos to New York, Jack Ma has emerged as the symbol of China's rise to No. 1 in Internet and mobile phone users. His e-commerce firm Alibaba Group, whose \$21.8 billion IPO in New York in 2014 set a record as the world's biggest public stock offering, has made a swath of deals, 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. Investors have bid up private market valuation of Ant Financial, his online financial services arm. In contrast, amid allegations that it was selling counterfeit goods, Alibaba Group's stock price has declined throughout most of 2015 and fell below its IPO price in September, a drop of 50% from its November 2014 peak. In September, Alibaba said in a statement that "The sale of knock-off goods by third-party merchants is a risk that all operators of third-party transaction platforms globally face, including eBay and Amazon."



# #3 Ma Huateng

+ **Follow** (65)

Real Time Net Worth As of 12/19/15

**\$18.7 Billion**

2015 China Rich List Net Worth

**\$17.6 Billion**

Age 44

Source Of Wealth internet, Self Made

Residence Shenzhen, China

Citizenship China

Marital Status Married

Education Bachelor of Arts /  
Science, Shenzhen  
University

## Ma Huateng on Forbes Lists

#48 Powerful People (2015)

#53 in 2014

#3 China Rich List (2015)

#11 Richest In Tech (2015)

#56 Billionaires (2015)

#4 in China



Ma Huateng, also known as Pony Ma, is one of China's top Internet tycoons. Tencent Holdings, which he cofounded in 1998 and where he is CEO, is the country's largest Internet portal. Its instant messenger service, QQ.com, is one of the world's 10 largest websites. Its WeChat mobile texting service has 600 million users and is enabling a boom in mobile commerce through its WeChat Wallet. Tencent Games is the largest online game community in China. In April Hong-Kong listed Tencent purchased a \$400 million stake in Chinese classified listings platform 58.com and also spent \$126 million for nearly 15% of Nasdaq-listed mobile game producer Glu Mobile.



# #4 Lei Jun

+ Follow (34)

Real Time Net Worth As of 12/19/15

**\$13.3 Billion**

2015 China Rich List Net Worth

**\$13.2 Billion**

Age	46
Source Of Wealth	smartphones, Self Made
Residence	Beijing, China
Citizenship	China
Marital Status	Married
Children	2
Education	Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Wuhan University

## Lei Jun on Forbes Lists

#4 China Rich List (2015)

#8 in 2014

#16 Richest In Tech (2015)

#87 Billionaires (2015)

#6 in China



Lei Jun's fortune has tripled from a year ago following a \$1.1 billion funding in December 2014 of his smartphone firm, Xiaomi, by private investors, valuing his low-cost smartphone maker at \$45 billion. Lei chairs Xiaomi, whose ascent into the No. 1 spot in China's smartphone market last year earned him FORBES ASIA's Businessman of the Year award. However, Xiaomi's potent rival Huawei has stepped up competition. To grow, Xiaomi has expanded, diversifying into Brazil and India. In October its partner Ninebot unveiled a self-balancing scooter called a "hoverboard" that is selling for \$316 in China.



# #5 Wang Wenyin

+ Follow (12)

Real Time Net Worth As of 12/19/15

## \$13.7 Billion

2015 China Rich List Net Worth

## \$12.1 Billion

Age 47

Source Of Wealth mining, copper products, Self Made

Residence Shenzhen, China

Citizenship China

### Wang Wenyin on Forbes Lists

#5 China Rich List (2015)

#7 in 2014

#125 Billionaires (2015)

#8 in China



Wang Wenyin leads Amer International, one of the world's largest suppliers of cable and copper products, with sales of \$43.6 billion last year. This year Amer spent \$20 million for a minority stake in molybdenum mining firm General Moly of Colorado and is arranging \$700 million of credit for the 2 companies to develop a molybdenum mine in Nevada. Wang accompanied China's President Xi Jinping to the United Nations' 70th anniversary ceremony summit in New York in September.



# #6 Robin Li

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/19/15

**\$13.9 Billion**

2015 China Rich List Net Worth

**\$10.4 Billion**

**Founder and CEO, Baidu**

Age **47**

Source Of Wealth **internet search, Self Made**

Residence **Beijing, China**

Citizenship **China**

Marital Status **Married**

Children **4**

Education **Bachelor of Arts / Science, Peking University; Master of Arts, University at Buffalo**

## Robin Li on Forbes Lists

#56 Powerful People (2015)

#41 in 2014

#6 China Rich List (2015)

#18 Richest In Tech (2015)

#62 Billionaires (2015)

#5 in China



Along with Tencent Holdings and Alibaba Group, Robin Li's search company Baidu is one of the three dominant forces of China's Internet landscape, a trio known as "BAT." Industry competition and the move from desktop computing to mobile has led Baidu to become more involved in e-commerce, video platforms and linking its online users to offline services such as food delivery and buying tickets to shows and movies. That, in turn, has reduced Baidu's profit margins so far in 2015, but Baidu Chairman Robin Li says that long term the online-to-offline business will grow and become more important. Baidu's iQiyi video website may IPO in Shanghai in 2016.





# #7 He Xiangjian

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/19/15

**\$9.7 Billion**

2015 China Rich List Net Worth

**\$9.3 Billion**

Age 73

Source Of Wealth **home appliances, Self Made**

Residence **Foshan, China**

Citizenship **China**

Marital Status **Married**

Children **3**

## He Xiangjian on Forbes Lists

#7 China Rich List (2015)

#9 in 2014

#125 Billionaires (2015)

#8 in China



He Xiangjian is the main founder of appliance maker Midea Group but no longer runs the show. In March Midea formed a joint venture with Bosch to expand its air conditioning business. In June Midea sold a 1.3% stake to smartphone maker Xiaomi (run by Chinese billionaire Lei Jun) in a private placement for \$192 million. And in August it announced it would spend \$63 million to form 2 joint ventures with industrial robotics firm Yaskawa of Japan.



# #8 Hui Ka Yan

+ Follow (36)

Real Time Net Worth As of 12/19/15

**\$10.5 Billion**

2015 China Rich List Net Worth

**\$8.7 Billion**

Age 57

Source Of Wealth real estate, Self Made

Residence Guangzhou, China

Citizenship China

Marital Status Married

Children 2

Education Bachelor of Arts /  
Science, Wuhan U of  
Science & Tec

## Hui Ka Yan on Forbes Lists

#8 China Rich List (2015)

#15 in 2014

#230 Billionaires (2015)

#15 in China



Hui Ka Yan founded and chairs Evergrande Real Estate, one of the best-performing listed property developers in China this year. The company repurchased more than \$500 million of its stock following the plunge in Chinese markets in June. Evergrande teamed up with Internet giant Tencent in June to buy a 75% stake in polysilicon supplier Mascotte for \$97 million.



# #9 Liu Qiangdong

+ **Follow** (22)

Real Time Net Worth As of 12/19/15

**\$8.9 Billion**

2015 China Rich List Net Worth

**\$7.8 Billion**

Age **41**

Source Of Wealth **e-commerce, Self Made**

Residence **Beijing, China**

Citizenship **China**

Marital Status **Married**

Education **Bachelor of Arts / Science, Renmin University of China**

## Liu Qiangdong on Forbes Lists

#9 China Rich List (2015)

#10 in 2014

#24 Richest In Tech (2015)

#179 Billionaires (2015)

#11 in China



Liu Qiangdong also goes by the name Richard Liu. His fortune is up \$700 million from a year ago thanks to a rise in the share price of e-commerce firm JD.com. JD has looked to foreign brands to lure consumers. In July it announced it was partnering with pop singer Taylor Swift to sell clothing designed for the Chinese market. The popular but moneylosing JD.com posted an \$82 million loss in the second quarter.



## William Ding on Forbes Lists

#10 China Rich List (2015)

#19 in 2014

#26 Richest In Tech (2015)

#208 Billionaires (2015)

#13 in China

# #10 William Ding

+ Follow (17)

Real Time Net Worth As of 12/19/15

## \$10.6 Billion

2015 China Rich List Net Worth

## \$7.5 Billion

Age 44

Source Of Wealth online games, Self Made

Residence Guangzhou, China

Citizenship China

Education Bachelor of Arts / Science, University of Electronic Science and Technology of China



A few years ago investors wondered whether PC-era Chinese Internet leaders like Robin Li's search giant Baidu and William Ding's online-game star NetEase would transition successfully to a mobile-centric world. So far the answer is yes. Popular mobile games helped NetEase's revenue grow by nearly two-thirds in the first half of 2015 to \$779 million, lifting its U.S.-traded shares.











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 #2	Lee Shau Kee	\$25 B	87	real estate
 #3	Cheng Yu-tung	\$15 B	90	diversified
 #4	Thomas & Raymond Kwok	\$14.7 B	-	real estate
 #5	Lui Che Woo	\$13.4 B	85	casinos
 #6	Joseph Lau	\$10.9 B	64	real estate
 #7	Michael Kadoorie	\$8.9 B	74	diversified
 #8	Peter Woo	\$7.9 B	69	real estate
 #9	Joseph Tsai	\$6.85 B	51	e-commerce
 #10	Walter Kwok	\$6.7 B	65	real estate



# #1 Li Ka-shing

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/23/15

**\$32.8 Billion**

2015 Hong Kong's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$33.5 Billion**

**Chairman, CK Hutchison Holdings**

Age	87
Source Of Wealth	diversified, Self Made
Residence	Hong Kong, Hong Kong
Citizenship	Hong Kong
Marital Status	Widowed
Children	2
Education	Drop Out, High School

## Li Ka-shing on Forbes Lists

#31 Powerful People (2015)

#28 in 2014

#17 Billionaires (2015)

#1 in Hong Kong

#1 Hong Kong's 50 Richest (2015)



One of the world's great empire builders, Li Ka-shing named his flagship company, Cheung Kong, after the Yangtze River, whose power comes from a confluence of countless smaller streams. Today his own power comes from his far-reaching business domain, which has operations in 52 countries.

Increasingly much of those operations are in Europe. In all, his companies spent \$28 billion between 2010 and 2014 buying assets on that continent, including a water company, utility firms and two mobile phone operators. Li kicked off 2015 by announcing a restructuring of his assets that included creating two new Hong Kong listed companies: CKH Holding, which took over all non-property businesses; and CK Property, which combined the real estate businesses. In September China's government-controlled media questioned his loyalty to greater China due in part to earlier asset sales and European investments. Li issued a 3-page response denying the allegations.



# #2 Lee Shau Kee

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/23/15

**\$24.4 Billion**

2015 Hong Kong's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$25 Billion**

Age 87

Source Of Wealth real estate, Self Made

Residence Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Citizenship Hong Kong

Marital Status Divorced

Children 5



## Lee Shau Kee on Forbes Lists

#27 Billionaires (2015)

#2 in Hong Kong

#35 in 2014

#2 Hong Kong's 50 Richest (2015)

One of Hong Kong's richest landlords, Lee Shau Kee has raised his stake in his Henderson Land, showing he's still bullish on the property sector. An investor in Hong Kong's iconic International Financial Center, he has been involved in numerous mainland projects include the Henderson Metropolitan along Nanjing West Road near the Bund in Shanghai. Other publicly traded Hong Kong companies that he controls include the Miramar Hotel and Hong Kong and China Gas. Lee's early business partner was Sun Hung Kai Properties late founder Kwok Tak-seng, whose sons all are among the world's billionaires.



# #3 Cheng Yu-tung

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/23/15

**\$9.7 Billion**

2015 Hong Kong's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$15 Billion**

Age	90
Source Of Wealth	diversified, Self Made
Residence	Hong Kong, Hong Kong
Citizenship	Hong Kong
Marital Status	Married
Children	4

## Cheng Yu-tung on Forbes Lists

#71 Billionaires (2015)

#4 in Hong Kong

#54 in 2014

#3 Hong Kong's 50 Richest (2015)



Cheng Yu-tung and his clan control one of Hong Kong's largest conglomerates. Among their businesses, Chow Tai Fook is Asia's largest jewelry retailer and New World Development has interests in real estate. Son Henry leads the business while grandson Adrian is the third-generation heir apparent. Granddaughter Sonia, another rising star, leads the family's hotel empire. Cheng Yu-tung is said to be in poor health.





# #4 Thomas & Raymond Kwok

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/23/15

**\$15.8 Billion**

2015 Hong Kong's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$14.7 Billion**

Source Of Wealth	real estate
Residence	Hong Kong, Hong Kong
Citizenship	Hong Kong

## Thomas & Raymond Kwok on Forbes Lists

#58 Billionaires (2015)

#3 in Hong Kong

#86 in 2014

#4 Hong Kong's 50 Richest (2015)



Hong Kong property tycoon Thomas Kwok was found guilty in December 2014 of bribing the city's former number two official and was sentenced to five years in prison while his brother Raymond was cleared of all charges. Thomas immediately resigned from his posts at Sun Hung Kai Properties, the real estate developer that built many of Hong Kong's landmark skyscrapers. Raymond is now the sole chairman of the publicly traded group. The legal woes followed shortly after the two ended a long-running feud with their older brother, Walter, who's now listed separately as a billionaire. The Kwok brothers inherited the property business after the death of their father Kwok Tak-seng in 1990.



# #5 Lui Che Woo

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/23/15

**\$7.1 Billion**

2015 Hong Kong's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$13.4 Billion**

Age 85

Source Of Wealth casinos, Self Made

Residence Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Citizenship Hong Kong

Marital Status Married

Children 5

## Lui Che Woo on Forbes Lists

#82 Billionaires (2015)

#5 in Hong Kong

#28 in 2014

#5 Hong Kong's 50 Richest (2015)



Lui Che Woo's fortune has plunged as Macau's casino stocks continue to be hit by China's corruption crackdown. Two new casinos, Galaxy Phase II and Broadway at Galaxy should make up for some of the losses. Those projects will double the size of his Galaxy Entertainment's presence on Macau's Cotai strip and pull in more of China's burgeoning middle class with Broadway-style shows, concerts and other events. His eldest son Francis Lui runs the gambling side of the family's business as Galaxy's vice-chairman, while his four siblings hold a variety of roles within K. Wah Group, which includes the Hong Kong-listed property firm K. Wah International and San Francisco-based Stanford Hotels. He arrived in Hong Kong at the age of 4 and as a teenager helped support his family by selling food on the street.



# #6 Joseph Lau

+ Follow (36)

Real Time Net Worth As of 12/23/15

**\$14.4 Billion**

2015 Hong Kong's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$10.9 Billion**

Age	64
Source Of Wealth	real estate, Self Made
Residence	Hong Kong, Hong Kong
Citizenship	Hong Kong
Marital Status	Divorced
Children	5

## Joseph Lau on Forbes Lists

#114 Billionaires (2015)

#6 in Hong Kong

#158 in 2014

#6 Hong Kong's 50 Richest (2015)



Joseph Lau owns three quarters of Chinese Estates, one of Hong Kong's largest real estate investors. In 2014 he suffered a setback when he was sentenced in Macau to five years in prison for bribery. Lady luck saved him from jail time; Hong Kong doesn't have an extradition treaty with Macau. Among his assets: three jets and a large diamond collection including a purple-pink stone he bought for \$17 million in 2014. Son Lau Ming-wai is Chinese Estates CEO. His brother Thomas is also a billionaire.



# #7 Michael Kadoorie & family

+ Follow (28)

Real Time Net Worth As of 12/23/15

**\$5.7 Billion**

2015 Hong Kong's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$8.9 Billion**

Age	74
Source Of Wealth	diversified
Residence	Hong Kong, Hong Kong
Citizenship	Hong Kong
Marital Status	Married
Children	3

## Michael Kadoorie & family on Forbes Lists

#230 Billionaires (2015)

#10 in Hong Kong

#153 in 2014

#7 Hong Kong's 50 Richest (2015)



Michael Kadoorie chairs Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, a global luxury chain, and CLP Holdings, the utility that serves 80% of Hong Kong's population. He sits on the board of billionaire Li Ka-shing's Hutchison Whampoa. Forbes' estimate of his wealth does not include his billionaire brother-in-law Ronald McAulay. Kadoorie is the scion of a family of Iraqi Jews who settled in Asia decades ago.



# #8 Peter Woo

+ Follow (33)

Real Time Net Worth As of 12/23/15

**\$7 Billion**

2015 Hong Kong's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$7.9 Billion**

Age 69

Source Of Wealth real estate

Residence Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Citizenship Hong Kong

Marital Status Married

Children 3

Education Master of Business Administration, Columbia Business School

## Peter Woo on Forbes Lists

#153 Billionaires (2015)

#7 in Hong Kong

#186 in 2014

#8 Hong Kong's 50 Richest (2015)



Peter Woo started his career with Chase Manhattan Bank in New York in 1972 after earning an MBA from Columbia University. He met his future wife, Bessie, daughter of shipping tycoon Y.K. Pao, in New York, and in 1975 he joined her family business in Hong Kong. The crown jewel: Woo-led Wharf, which runs landmark Hong Kong malls Harbor City and Times Square. Woo also holds stakes in Longfor Properties and Salvatore Ferragamo. Son Douglas, heir apparent, chairs Wheelock and Company, the holding company for Wharf. Peter has announced plans to step down as chairman at the Wharf in 2015. He was once a candidate for Hong Kong's top political job. One of his passions is skiing.



# #9 Joseph Tsai

+ Follow (6)

Real Time Net Worth As of 12/23/15

**\$5.7 Billion**

2015 Hong Kong's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$6.8 Billion**

Age **51**

Source Of Wealth **e-commerce, Self Made**

Residence **Hong Kong, Hong Kong**

Citizenship **Canada**

Marital Status **Married**

Children **3**

Education **Bachelor of Arts / Science, Yale University; Doctor of Jurisprudence, Yale University**

## Joseph Tsai on Forbes Lists

#39 Richest In Tech (2015)

#248 Billionaires (2015)

#5 in Canada

#9 Hong Kong's 50 Richest (2015)



Jack Ma's right hand man, Joseph Tsai joined Alibaba in 1999 as a member of the founding team and has served as the executive vice chairman since May 2013. He previously served as the chief financial officer. Prior to that, he worked in Hong Kong with Investor AB, the main investment vehicle of Sweden's Wallenberg family, where he was responsible for Asian private equity investments. He also worked at a management buyout firm and, prior to that, as an associate attorney in New York. Tsai holds undergraduate and law degrees from Yale. A big lacrosse fan, he funds a Hong Kong team.



# #10 Walter Kwok

+ Follow (8)

Real Time Net Worth As of 12/23/15

**\$7.2 Billion**

2015 Hong Kong's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$6.7 Billion**

Age	65
Source Of Wealth	real estate
Residence	Hong Kong, Hong Kong
Number of Family Members	2
Citizenship	Hong Kong
Marital Status	Married
Education	Master of Science, University of London

## Walter Kwok on Forbes Lists

#193 Billionaires (2015)











#9 in Hong Kong

#281 in 2014

#10 Hong Kong's 50 Richest (2015)



Walter Kwok resigned from the Sun Hung Kai Properties board in early 2014 after reaching an "amicable agreement" brokered by his mother, Kwong Siu-hing, to equally divide their company shares among his two brothers and him. For 18 years, the three had worked together to build the business cofounded by their late father, Kwok Tak-seng, in 1963. Walter's relationship with his family soured amid allegations that a female confidante was exerting undue influence over the company.

Rank	Name	Net Worth	Age	Origin of Wealth
 #1	Robert Kuok	\$11.3 B	92	diversified
 #2	Ananda Krishnan	\$9.7 B	77	telecom
 #3	Quek Leng Chan	\$5.6 B	74	banking, real estate
 #4	Lim Kok Thay	\$5.5 B	64	casinos
 #5	Teh Hong Piow	\$5.4 B	85	banking
 #6	Lee Shin Cheng	\$4.6 B	76	palm oil, real estate
 #7	Yeoh Tiong Lay	\$3 B	86	construction, real estate
 #8	Syed Mokhtar AlBukhary	\$2.9 B	64	diversified
 #9	Goh Peng Ooi	\$1.55 B	61	software
 #10	Lee Oi Hian & Lee Hau Hian	\$1.45 B	-	palm oil/chemicals/real estate





# #1 Robert Kuok

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/23/15

**\$9.4 Billion**

2015 Malaysia's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$11.3 Billion**

Age 92

Source Of Wealth **diversified, Self Made**

Residence **Hong Kong, Hong Kong**

Citizenship **Malaysia**

Marital Status **Married**

Children 8

Education **Bachelor of Arts /  
Science, Raffles  
College**

## Robert Kuok on Forbes Lists

#110 Billionaires (2015)

#1 in Malaysia

#95 in 2014

#1 Malaysia's 50 Richest (2015)



Robert Kuok, Malaysia's richest man, raised \$300 million in 2014 with the Singapore listing of his PACC Offshore Services Holdings, Asia's largest operator of vessels for offshore oil & gas exploration. His Kuok Group controls a slew of listed companies in Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore. The Chinese Malaysian tycoon made his fortune in sugar, palm oil, shipping and real estate. A big source of wealth is a stake in palm oil giant Wilmar International, which is run by nephew Kuok Khoon Hong, a Singapore billionaire. Robert Kuok also controls Hong Kong's South China Morning Post, once the world's most profitable daily newspaper.



# #2 Ananda Krishnan

+ Follow (171)

Real Time Net Worth As of 12/23/15

**\$7.6 Billion**

2015 Malaysia's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$9.7 Billion**

Age 77

Source Of Wealth telecom, Self Made

Residence Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Citizenship Malaysia

Marital Status Married

Children 3

Education Bachelor of Arts / Science, Melbourne University; Master of Business Administration, Harvard University

## Ananda Krishnan on Forbes Lists

#129 Billionaires (2015)

#2 in Malaysia

#100 in 2014

#2 Malaysia's 50 Richest (2015)



Ananda Krishnan, who continues to be Malaysia's second-richest person, took a \$1.6 billion hit to his net worth in 2014-15, partly because of the slump in shares of Bumi Armada, an offshore oilfield services provider. The sudden departure of Bumi's CEO in December 2014 sparked speculation that he might take the company private. In February 2015 he bailed out state-owned 1Malaysia Development so that it could repay a \$555 million loan that, reports say, was guaranteed by his holding company, Usaha Tegas. Telecom assets make up more than half his wealth, led by his controlling stake in Malaysia's Maxis. But his debt-laden Indian telecom, Aircel, continues to be embroiled in a federal investigation into how he acquired it. Krishnan has an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. His only son is a Buddhist monk in Thailand.



# #3 Quek Leng Chan

+ Follow (34)

Real Time Net Worth As of 12/23/15

**\$4.5 Billion**

2015 Malaysia's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$5.6 Billion**

Age 74

Source Of Wealth banking, real estate

Residence Wee, Malaysia

Citizenship Malaysia

Marital Status Married

Children 3



## Quek Leng Chan on Forbes Lists

#265 Billionaires (2015)

#3 in Malaysia

#212 in 2014

#3 Malaysia's 50 Richest (2015)

Quek Leng Chan chairs privately held conglomerate Hong Leong Co. (Malaysia), which holds stakes in the finance, property and food sectors. Now investing in oil & gas, he forked out at least \$180 million in 2014 to acquire sizable stakes in Indonesia oil & gas producer Samudra Energy, Malaysian outfits Scomi Energy Services and Alam Maritim Resources, and Singapore-listed Ezion, a supplier of support vessels for oilfields. His cousin, Singapore billionaire Kwek Leng Beng, chairs a part of the family business, Hong Leong Group. Quek inherited his fortune from his father, one of 3 brothers who started a small banking group in the 1920s.



# #4 Lim Kok Thay

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2015 Malaysia's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$5.5 Billion**

Age	64
Source Of Wealth	casinos
Residence	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Citizenship	Malaysia
Marital Status	Married
Children	3
Education	Bachelor of Arts / Science, University of London; Harvard Business School

## Lim Kok Thay on Forbes Lists

#4 Malaysia's 50 Richest (2015)

#3 in 2014



Lim Kok Thay opened the Genting Jeju Casino in South Korea in January, part of a multibillion-dollar push to expand the Genting Group globally. Fortune is down by \$1 billion in a sluggish year for its casinos in Malaysia and Singapore. Business at Genting Malaysia was hit by the drop in Chinese visitors after Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 disappeared a year ago, while Genting Singapore is seeing fewer high rollers as the mainland Chinese economy slows. Wealth is shared with his mother, Lee Kim Hua, and other family members. His late father, Lim Goh Tong, started the business after arriving in Malaysia from Fujian, China at age 19.



# #5 Teh Hong Piow

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/23/15

**\$4.5 Billion**

2015 Malaysia's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$5.4 Billion**

Age	85
Source Of Wealth	banking, Self Made
Residence	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Citizenship	Malaysia
Marital Status	Married
Children	4

## Teh Hong Piow on Forbes Lists

#277 Billionaires (2015)

#4 in Malaysia

#253 in 2014

#5 Malaysia's 50 Richest (2015)



Teh Hong Piow owns nearly a quarter of Public Bank, which he founded in 1966 and built into Malaysia's third-largest banking group by assets. His bank has maintained a track record for producing consistent profitability since its inception. He started his career as a clerk with Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp and also owns 44% of insurance business LPI Capital. Piow funded a chair in his name for applied research in banking and finance at local university Tunku Abdul Rahman. He was conferred an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Universiti Malaya in 1989. An important cause for him is crime prevention and the welfare of police officers.



# #6 Lee Shin Cheng

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/23/15

**\$3.5 Billion**

2015 Malaysia's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$4.6 Billion**

Age	76
Source Of Wealth	palm oil, real estate, Self Made
Residence	Jeram, Malaysia
Citizenship	Malaysia
Marital Status	Married
Children	6
Education	Doctorate, Universiti Putra

## Lee Shin Cheng on Forbes Lists

#352 Billionaires (2015)

#5 in Malaysia

#345 in 2014

#6 Malaysia's 50 Richest (2015)



Lee Shin Cheng boosted his wealth after splitting his plantation and property businesses into two listed companies in early 2014. He is the executive chairman of both while older son, Yeow Chor, runs palm oil heavyweight IOI Corp. and younger son Yeow Seng heads IOI Properties. Other children, all daughters, also work for his companies. Lee grew up on a rubber plantation where his father ran a Chinese food shop. At age 11 he left school in order to support his family and sold ice cream on a bicycle for 4 years before returning to finish high school.



# #7 Yeoh Tiong Lay

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/23/15

**\$2.3 Billion**

2015 Malaysia's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$3 Billion**

Age 86

Source Of Wealth **construction, real estate, Self Made**

Residence **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

Citizenship **Malaysia**

Marital Status **Married**

Children 7

Education **Doctorate, Universiti Malaysia Sabah;  
Doctorate, Heriot-Watt University**

## Yeoh Tiong Lay on Forbes Lists

#603 Billionaires (2015)

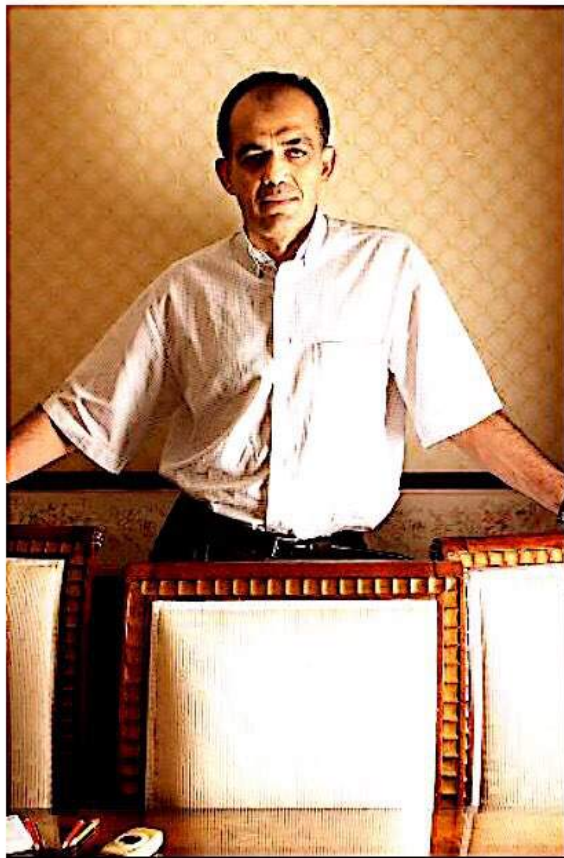
#6 in Malaysia

#642 in 2014

#7 Malaysia's 50 Richest (2015)



Yeoh Tiong Lay's 60-year-old YTL Corp. boasts \$5.3 billion in annual revenue and interests in utilities, hotels and property development, including a 2,000-acre land bank in Malaysia. Now run by his eldest son Francis, YTL Corp. owns PowerSeraya, Singapore's second-largest power plant, and co-owns the Eastern & Oriental Express, the luxury train that runs from Singapore to Thailand. It also owns the Ritz-Carlton in Kuala Lumpur. Yeoh was conferred an Honorary Doctorate in Philosophy by Universiti Malaysia Sabah and holds a Doctor of Engineering from Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh. In 2013 he donated \$11 million to King's College London to set up the Yeoh Tiong Lay Centre for Politics, Philosophy & Law. All of his 7 children are involved in the business.



# #8 Syed Mokhtar AlBukhary

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/23/15

**\$2 Billion**

2015 Malaysia's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$2.9 Billion**

Age	64
Source Of Wealth	diversified, Self Made
Residence	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Citizenship	Malaysia
Marital Status	Married
Children	5
Education	Drop Out, High School

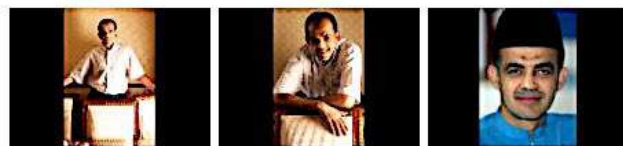
## Syed Mokhtar AlBukhary on Forbes Lists

#628 Billionaires (2015)

#7 in Malaysia

#520 in 2014

#8 Malaysia's 50 Richest (2015)



The reclusive tycoon AlBukhary Syed Mokhtar, as much envied as he is maligned, continued to defy detractors by winning high-profile state contracts for a mass-transit rail network and a digital broadcasting platform. He runs power plants, ports, plantations and defense suppliers under his MMC Corp. and DRB-Hicom and holds a near monopoly on the distribution of rice in the country. AlBukhary benefited from the removal of price controls on sugar. He is now restructuring his commodities business to pare a mountain of debt. He founded AlBukhary International University, providing full tuition to financially needy students as well as the Islamic Art Museum. A high school dropout, AlBukhary came from a modest family and started out as a rice trader.





# #9 Goh Peng Ooi

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2015 Malaysia's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$1.6 Billion**

Age	61
Source Of Wealth	software, Self Made
Residence	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Citizenship	Malaysia
Marital Status	Married
Children	2

## Goh Peng Ooi on Forbes Lists

#1226 Billionaires (2015)

#8 in Malaysia

#1465 in 2014

#9 Malaysia's 50 Richest (2015)



Goh Peng Ooi is Malaysia's first tech billionaire. He started his career at IBM in 1989. His Singapore-listed Silverlake Axis now provides financial software for 40% of Southeast Asia's banks. Its stock price jumped 400% in 3 years, as of February 2015, and remains one of Singapore's best-performing mid-cap stocks. The seventh of 10 children, Goh is the only one who graduated from college. He was educated in Tokyo and originally studied nuclear physics but later switched to electrical engineering.



# #10 Lee Oi Hian & Lee Hau Hian

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2015 Malaysia's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$1.4 Billion**

Source Of Wealth **palm oil/chemicals/real estate**

Residence **Ipoh, Malaysia**

Citizenship **Malaysia**

## Lee Oi Hian & Lee Hau Hian on Forbes Lists

#10 Malaysia's 50 Richest (2015)

#18 in 2014



Lee Oi Hian and Lee Hau Hian's fortune jumped by 40%, thanks partly to an investment by younger brother Hau Hian in London-listed chemicals company Synthomer. His day job is managing director of Batu Kawan, started by their late father, Lee Loy Seng. Older brother Oi Hian runs Kuala Lumpur Kepong, the group's plantation division that has also owned body-care and toiletries company Crabtree & Evelyn since 1996. Another brother, Soon Hian, chairs family's privately held Taiko Group, which has interests in real estate, chemical and fertilizer manufacturing, and aviation.

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 #2	Susilo Wonowidjojo	\$5.5 B	59	tobacco
 #3	Anthoni Salim	\$5.4 B	66	diversified
 #4	Eka Tjipta Widjaja	\$5.3 B	92	palm oil
 #5	Chairul Tanjung	\$4.8 B	53	diversified
 #6	Sri Prakash Lohia	\$4.7 B	63	polyester
 #7	Bachtiar Karim	\$3.3 B	58	manufacturing
 #8	Boenjamin Setiawan	\$3 B	82	pharma
 #9	Mochtar Riady	\$2.2 B	86	diversified
 #10	Tahir	\$2 B	63	diversified



# #1 Hartono family

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2015 Indonesia's 50 Richest Net Worth

## \$15.4 Billion

**Entrepreneur**

Age **65**

Source Of Wealth **Djarum**

Residence **Kudus, Indonesia**

Citizenship **Indonesia**

## Hartono family on Forbes Lists

#1 Indonesia's 50 Richest  
(2015)

#1 in 2014

#12 Asia's Richest Families  
(2015)



Despite wealth dipping by more than \$1 billion along with shares of their most valuable holding, Bank Central Asia, the Hartonos are nation's richest for seventh straight year. Family's fortune is rooted in tobacco. Brothers took over kretek maker Djarum, founded by their late father, more than half a century ago; Budi's eldest son, Victor, is now COO. His other son, Martin, invests in startups like online fan club Kincir.com through GDP Venture.



# #2 Susilo Wonowidjojo & family

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2015 Indonesia's 50 Richest Net Worth

## \$5.5 Billion

Age **59**

Source Of Wealth **tobacco**

Citizenship **Indonesia**

Marital Status **Married**

Children **4**

### Susilo Wonowidjojo & family on Forbes Lists

#2 Indonesia's 50 Richest (2015)

#2 in 2014



What a difference a few months make. A year ago Susilo's Gudang Garam cigarette company looked like it was escaping past problems (bad harvest, government regulations), but the stock has dropped amid the country's economic woes, pushing down his and his family's fortune by \$2.5 billion.



# #3 Anthony Salim & family

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2015 Indonesia's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$5.4 Billion**

Age	66
Source Of Wealth	diversified, Self Made
Residence	Jakarta, Indonesia
Citizenship	Indonesia
Marital Status	Married
Children	3

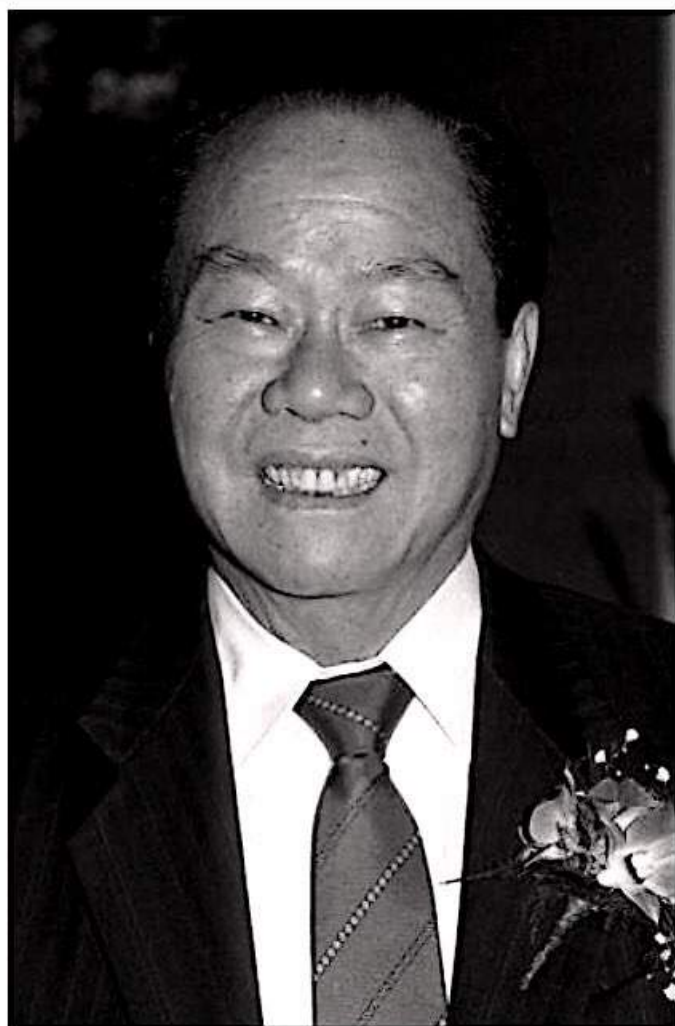
## Anthony Salim & family on Forbes Lists

#3 Indonesia's 50 Richest (2015)

#3 in 2014



Leads Salim Group. Busy as ever with deals - buying a 34% stake in Filipino sugar-miller Roxas and taking part in a \$1 billion takeover of Goodman Fielder, a large Australia and New Zealand food company. Other Salim Group units operate in telecom, retail, property and banking.



# #4 Eka Tjipta Widjaja & family

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2015 Indonesia's 50 Richest Net Worth

## \$5.3 Billion

Age **92**

Source Of Wealth **palm oil, Self Made**

Residence **Jakarta, Indonesia**

Citizenship **Indonesia**

Marital Status **Married**

Children **15**

### Eka Tjipta Widjaja & family on Forbes Lists

#4 Indonesia's 50 Richest (2015)

#4 in 2014



His old money machine, Golden Agri-Resources, which produces palm oil, has been hit by falling palm oil prices. The stock has slumped 30% in the past year. The group recently acquired PT Berau Coal Energy, country's fifth-largest coal producer, from the Bakries, former billionaire family. Its Sinar Mas Group acquired one of London's iconic commercial buildings, the Alphabeta Building, for nearly \$400 million in October.



# #5 Chairul Tanjung

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/17/15

**\$4.8 Billion**

2015 Indonesia's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$4.8 Billion**

Age **53**

Source Of Wealth **diversified, Self Made**

Residence **Jakarta, Indonesia**

Citizenship **Indonesia**

Marital Status **Married**

Children **2**

Education **Medical Doctor, University of Indonesia**

## Chairul Tanjung on Forbes Lists

#5 Indonesia's 50 Richest (2015)

#6 in 2014

#381 Billionaires (2015)

#4 in Indonesia



His CT Corp runs many businesses with interests in banking, media, lifestyle, entertainment and plantations. His fashion retailer, Trans Fashion, operates nearly 100 branded boutique stores in major cities across Indonesia. The group also controls Wendy's franchise in Indonesia and runs more than 30 restaurants.





# #6 Sri Prakash Lohia

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/17/15

**\$4.6 Billion**

2015 Indonesia's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$4.7 Billion**

Age **63**

Source Of Wealth **polyester**

Residence **London, United Kingdom**

Citizenship **Indonesia**

Marital Status **Married**

Children **2**

Education **Bachelor of Arts / Science, Delhi University**

## Sri Prakash Lohia on Forbes Lists

#6 Indonesia's 50 Richest (2015)

#5 in 2014

#341 Billionaires (2015)

#3 in Indonesia



Petrochemicals powerhouse Indorama, which he cofounded with his father, marked its 40th anniversary in September with a 3-day celebration. He remains group chairman, but much of the day-to-day operations are overseen by his son, Amit, who is its group managing director and leads its new projects and acquisitions. This role includes managing Indorama's Africa business; it has nvested close to \$2 billion on that continent.

# #7 Bachtiar Karim

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/17/15

**\$3.3 Billion**

2015 Indonesia's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$3.3 Billion**

Age	58
Source Of Wealth	manufacturing
Residence	Medan, Indonesia
Number of Family Members	3
Citizenship	Indonesia
Marital Status	Married

## Bachtiar Karim on Forbes Lists

#7 Indonesia's 50 Richest (2015)

#12 in 2014

#949 Billionaires (2015)

#7 in Indonesia

Karim's Musim Mas, the country's largest palm oil producer, recently joined the Indonesian Palm Oil Pledge to stop deforestation. Earlier this year the company signed an agreement with Malaysian palm oil planter Genting Plantation to build an \$82 million palm oil refinery in Sabah. Late father, Anwar, founded Nam Cheong Soap Factory in 1972; the company is still a leading maker of soaps and margarine.



# #8 Boenjamin Setiawan & family

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2015 Indonesia's 50 Richest Net Worth

## \$3 Billion

Age	82
Source Of Wealth	pharma, Self Made
Number of Family Members	4
Citizenship	Indonesia
Marital Status	Married
Children	2

### Boenjamin Setiawan & family on Forbes Lists

#8 Indonesia's 50 Richest (2015)

#7 in 2014



His hospital business, Mitra Keluarga, went public in March, raising more than \$340 million. Now it plans to open 7 new hospitals over the next 5 years in Jakarta and Surabaya. Meanwhile, the Indonesian government has asked his Kalbe Farma to recall 26 products across the country due to quality issues and suspended distribution of all products from one of its production lines.



# #9 Mochtar Riady & family

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/17/15

**\$2.2 Billion**

2015 Indonesia's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$2.2 Billion**

Age	86
Source Of Wealth	diversified, Self Made
Residence	Jakarta, Indonesia
Citizenship	Indonesia
Marital Status	Married
Children	6

## Mochtar Riady & family on Forbes Lists

#9 Indonesia's 50 Richest (2015)

#8 in 2014

#714 Billionaires (2015)

#5 in Indonesia



Founder of multinational conglomerate Lippo Group, which is expanding on several fronts under sons James and Singapore-based Stephen. Group's real estate unit recently formed a JV with Mitsubishi Corp. that will invest \$500 million over three years in property and infrastructure in Indonesia. Lippo already has a jv with Mitsui & Co. for 4G services. Grandson John is leading the charge into ecommerce with a proposed \$500 mill investment in Mataharimall, an online version of its popular Matahari department store chain, aiming to make it the Alibaba of Indonesia. Lippo recently backed Venturra, a new \$150 million venture capital fund to invest in Southeast Asian tech companies. Eyeing opportunities in Myanmar, Lippo has partnered Burmese tycoon Serge Pun to build a network of hospitals in Myanmar. In August, Riady received the Bintang Jasa Utama medal of honour for his contributions to the country. Son Stephen recently donated \$700,000 to the Singapore University of Technology and Design for a new innovation fund that will back tech entrepreneurs.



# #10 Tahir

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/17/15

**\$1.88 Billion**

2015 Indonesia's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$2 Billion**

Age **63**

Source Of Wealth **diversified, Self Made**

Residence **Jakarta, Indonesia**

Citizenship **Indonesia**

Marital Status **Married**

Children **4**

Education **Master of Business Administration, Golden Gate University; Bachelor of Arts / Science, Nan Yang University**

## Tahir on Forbes Lists

#10 Indonesia's 50 Richest (2015)

#11 in 2014

#1105 Billionaires (2015)

#11 in Indonesia



The co-owner of the licensee that publishes Forbes Indonesia, Tahir sold more than \$150 million shares of Indonesia's Bank Mayapada in 2015 and used the proceeds to buy two buildings in Indonesia and one in Japan. He still has a nearly half billion stake in the bank, other properties in Indonesia and Singapore and stakes in a hospital chain, duty free shops, and online hospital management system Medico.id. His daughter Grace has invested in online sites Printerous and Talenta. Son of a pedicab maker, he was awarded the Bintang Jasa Utama by the Indonesian president Joko Widodo this year, the highest medal of honor of its class awarded to citizens for their contributions to the development of the country.











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 #2	Masayoshi Son	\$13.9 B	58
 #3	Nobutada Saji family	\$10.9 B	70
 #4	Hiroshi Mikitani	\$10.5 B	50
 #5	Takemitsu Takizaki	\$8.8 B	70
 #6	Keiichiro Takahara	\$5.4 B	84
 #7	Han Chang-Woo	\$4.9 B	84
 #8	Kunio Busujima	\$4.4 B	90
 #9	Masatoshi Ito	\$3.8 B	91
 #10	Akira Mori	\$3.75 B	79



# #1 Tadashi Yanai & family

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

**\$19.5 Billion**

2015 Japan's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$21.1 Billion**

Age	66
Source Of Wealth	retail, Self Made
Residence	Tokyo, Japan
Citizenship	Japan
Marital Status	Married
Children	2
Education	Bachelor of Arts / Science, Waseda University

## Tadashi Yanai & family on Forbes Lists

#1 Japan's 50 Richest (2015)

#2 in 2014

#41 Billionaires (2015)

#1 in Japan



Tadashi Yanai, the retailer, whose fortune is up more than \$3 billion in the past year, drives the global expansion of his Fast Retailing at a fast pace. His core brand, Uniqlo, reported a 65% increase in international sales in 2014 in part from his strategy of creating flagship stores and keeping tight control of company culture, which includes 3 months of training for every new employee. He is also promoting women in the workplace, making it easier for them to work shortened hours. Yanai opened the first Uniqlo as a small roadside outlet in 1984. Now his sons, Kazumi and Koji, whose \$1 billion-plus fortunes are reflected as part of this sum, are his heirs apparent. He announced \$1.2 million in fellowships for Japanese students at the Harvard Business School and Harvard Graduate School of Design. Long-serving (for past 13 years) board of director of fellow billionaire and friend Masayoshi Son's Softbank is obsessed with failure: his autobiography is entitled One Win, Nine Losses.



# #2 Masayoshi Son

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

**\$12.2 Billion**

2015 Japan's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$13.9 Billion**

**CEO, Softbank**

Age **58**

Source Of Wealth **internet, telecom, Self Made**

Residence **Tokyo, Japan**

Number of Family Members **3**

Citizenship **Japan**

Marital Status **Married**

Children **2**

Education **Bachelor of Arts / Science, University of California Berkeley**

## Masayoshi Son on Forbes Lists

#51 Powerful People (2015)

#38 in 2014

#17 Richest In Tech (2015)

#2 Japan's 50 Richest (2015)

#75 Billionaires (2015)

#2 in Japan



Masayoshi Son's mobile internet powerhouse Softbank minted money after China's e-commerce giant Alibaba went public in September 2014. Softbank holds a 32% stake. Despite a steep drop in Alibaba's shares, Son has said he will stick with his holdings over the long term. Inspired by legendary investor Warren Buffett, he hopes to cultivate a "Son premium" much like the "Buffet premium." He also says he wants to sink \$10 billion into Indian startups. Another area of focus: robotics. In June 2014 he introduced a human-like robot named "Pepper," billed as the first robot that can sense human feelings. After his attempted \$3.4 billion takeover of DreamWorks Animation fell apart in late 2014, Son invested \$250 million in Legendary Entertainment, maker of the movies "Godzilla" and "Interstellar," in an effort to move into content creation. Son spends about half his time in the U.S. He bought a home in Woodside, California -- not far from San Francisco -- for more than \$100 million in 2012.





# #3 Nobutada Saji family

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2015 Japan's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$10.9 Billion**

Age	70
Citizenship	Japan
Marital Status	Married

## Nobutada Saji family on Forbes Lists

#3 Japan's 50 Richest (2015)

#3 in 2014



Nobutada Saji stepped down as CEO of drinks powerhouse Suntory Holdings in 2014, passing the baton to an outsider for the first time in the company's 116-year history. He remains chair and hopes to bring the company back into family hands once heir apparent Nobuhiro Torii has more management experience. Torii heads Suntory Beverage & Food, the nonalcoholic drinks and food business, spun off as a listed entity last year. The remaining spirits-focused business is still digesting the \$16 billion purchase of U.S. Beam, purveyor of Maker's Mark, it made in 2014. The company's goal is to become a global brand a la Coca-Cola or Nestle.



# #4 Hiroshi Mikitani

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

**\$6.8 Billion**

2015 Japan's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$10.5 Billion**

Age 50

Source Of Wealth **online retailing, Self Made**

Residence **Tokyo, Japan**

Citizenship **Japan**

Marital Status **Married**

Children **1**

Education **Master of Business Administration, Harvard University**

## Hiroshi Mikitani on Forbes Lists

#23 Richest In Tech (2015)

#4 Japan's 50 Richest (2015)

#151 Billionaires (2015)

#3 in Japan



Hiroshi Mikitani, Chairman and CEO of Japan's biggest e-retailer, Rakuten, is always on the hunt for a deal. He picked up Ebates, an online rebate site in the United States that allows people to earn cash back when buying goods at stores like Macy's and Home Depot, for \$1 billion in 2014. In March Rakuten acquired Ohio-based OverDrive (ebook co.) for \$410 million. That same month Rakuten invested \$300 million in Lyft in exchange for a nearly 12% stake; in June Mikitani joined its board. He heads the Japan Association of New Economy, a group of technology companies that work with Japan's Prime Minister Abe to ramp up the country's economic growth. Mikitani is building a \$20 million-plus home in Tokyo's trendy Shibuya ward. He also spends a lot of time in California, where he has a second home.



# #5 Takemitsu Takizaki

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

**\$8.5 Billion**

2015 Japan's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$8.8 Billion**

Age **70**

Source Of Wealth **sensors, Self Made**

Residence **Osaka, Japan**

Citizenship **Japan**

Marital Status **Married**

## Takemitsu Takizaki on Forbes Lists

#5 Japan's 50 Richest (2015)

#5 in 2014

#174 Billionaires (2015)

#4 in Japan



Takemitsu Takizaki, chairman and founder of Keyence, a publicly traded global supplier of sensors and other electronic components for factory automation systems. A strong focus on R&D has led to a deep pool of technology patents; the company also attracts top talent with performance-based pay. All this helped boost his fortune by over \$2 billion in 12 months.



# #6 Keiichiro Takahara

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

**\$4 Billion**

2015 Japan's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$5.4 Billion**

Age	84
Source Of Wealth	diapers
Residence	Tokyo, Japan
Citizenship	Japan
Marital Status	Married
Children	3

## Keiichiro Takahara on Forbes Lists

#6 Japan's 50 Richest (2015)

#9 in 2014

#265 Billionaires (2015)

#5 in Japan



Keiichiro Takahara is the chairman and founder of Unicharm, maker of diapers, sanitary napkins and other personal care goods, which is now run by his son Takahisa. The growing population in Asia has been a boon, with China a key growth market. According to the most recent figures, it sells 17% of all the sanitary products in Asia.



# #7 Han Chang-Woo & family

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

**\$3.8 Billion**

2015 Japan's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$4.9 Billion**

Age	84
Source Of Wealth	pachinko parlors, Self Made
Residence	Kyoto, Japan
Citizenship	Japan
Marital Status	Married
Children	6

## Han Chang-Woo & family on Forbes Lists

#7 Japan's 50 Richest (2015)

#12 in 2014

#393 Billionaires (2015)

#7 in Japan



Han Chang-Woo, chair and CEO of Maruhan, Japan's largest pachinko parlor operator. The privately held company also runs bowling alleys, golf driving ranges and movie theaters. Han, a Korean- Japanese businessman, also continues to invest in his homeland, Korea. His latest project is dream Island, an entertainment hub including hotels, shopping malls and golf courses to be built on reclaimed land on Korea's Yeongjong Island.



# #8 Kunio Busujima & family

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

**\$4.4 Billion**

2015 Japan's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$4.4 Billion**

Age **90**

Source Of Wealth **pachinko machines, Self Made**

Residence **Gunma, Japan**

Citizenship **Japan**

Marital Status **Married**

Children **4**

Education **Bachelor of Arts / Science, Kiryu Commerce & Technical School**

## Kunio Busujima & family on Forbes Lists

#8 Japan's 50 Richest (2015)

#6 in 2014

#360 Billionaires (2015)

#6 in Japan



Kunio Busujima is the founder and honorary chairman of pachinko gaming-machine maker Sankyo. He transferred his shares in the publicly traded company to his son Hideyuki, who now runs Sankyo.



# #9 Masatoshi Ito

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

**\$4.1 Billion**

2015 Japan's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$3.8 Billion**

Age **91**

Source Of Wealth **retail, Self Made**

Residence **Tokyo, Japan**

Citizenship **Japan**

Marital Status **Married**

Children **3**

## Masatoshi Ito on Forbes Lists

#9 Japan's 50 Richest (2015)

#8 in 2014

#512 Billionaires (2015)

#9 in Japan



Masatoshi Ito is the honorary chair of Japan's largest retail group, Seven & I, with thousands of stores worldwide, including 7-eleven convenience shops, superstores and department stores. Seven & I has seen a surge in Nanaco, its electronic money system, a first in Japan's traditional cash economy. The company continues to expand despite some hiccups. At least a dozen franchisees have sued, alleging they were stripped of their 7-eleven businesses and that stores were then flipped to new franchisees willing to pay higher fees. Seven & I says its actions were justified. Separately the company signed on to Prime Minister Abe's goal of boosting the ratio of female managers to 30% by 2020.



# #10 Akira Mori & family

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

**\$3.3 Billion**

2015 Japan's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$3.8 Billion**

Age	79
Source Of Wealth	real estate
Residence	Tokyo, Japan
Citizenship	Japan
Marital Status	Married
Children	3

## Akira Mori & family on Forbes Lists

#10 Japan's 50 Richest (2015)

#7 in 2014

#462 Billionaires (2015)

#8 in Japan



Akira Mori, real estate mogul leads Mori Trust, which operates 88 rental buildings and 30 hotels, including Shangri-La Hotel in Tokyo. He opened the new Kyobashi Trust Tower to strong reviews last year. He's buying up new buildings and demolishing dated ones to make way for modern high-rises. Akira and his brother Minoru (d. 2012) inherited their initial fortune from their father. The brothers parted ways in 1999. Now he is also investing in Chinese Internet startups.



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	#2	Suh Kyung-Bae	\$9.2 B	52	cosmetics
	#3	Jay Y. Lee	\$7.8 B	47	electronics/tourism
	#4	Chung Mong-Koo	\$5.6 B	77	motor vehicles
	#5	Chung Eui-Sun	\$3.8 B	45	logistics
	#6	Chey Tae-Won	\$3.7 B	55	computer services/telecoms
	#7	Kwon Hyuk-Bin	\$3.6 B	41	online games
	#8	Kim Jung-Ju	\$2.7 B	47	online games
	#9	Lee Joong-Keun	\$2.6 B	74	construction
	#10	Lee Jay-Hyun	\$2.5 B	55	food products/entertainment



# #1 Lee Kun-Hee

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

**\$10.5 Billion**

2015 Korea's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$13.3 Billion**

**Chairman, Samsung Group**

Age 73

Source Of Wealth Samsung

Residence Seoul, South Korea

Citizenship South Korea

Marital Status Married

Children 3

Education Bachelor of Arts /  
Science, Waseda  
University

## Lee Kun-Hee on Forbes Lists

#19 Richest In Tech (2015)

#1 Korea's 50 Richest (2015)

#110 Billionaires (2015)

#1 in South Korea

#35 Powerful People (2014)



Nearly one fourth of South Korea's \$1.4 trillion economy is fueled by the Samsung Group. Little wonder, then, that workers have likened Samsung to a religion "and Chairman Lee is a god." Lee Kun-Hee is chairman of Samsung Electronics and South Korea's richest person. Lee was hospitalized in May 2014 after a heart attack and attention is now on succession--and his only son and heir apparent, Jay Y. Lee. The younger Lee, also among tech's 100 richest, is vice chair of the signature electronics unit, the world's largest smartphone vendor. The family business dates back to Jay's grandfather, who launched the group in 1938.



# #2 Suh Kyung-Bae

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

**\$8.2 Billion**

2015 Korea's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$9.2 Billion**

Age 52

Source Of Wealth cosmetics

Residence Seoul, South Korea

Citizenship South Korea

Marital Status Married

Children 2

Education Bachelor of Arts / Science, Yonsei University; Master of Business Administration, Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management

## Suh Kyung-Bae on Forbes Lists

#2 Korea's 50 Richest (2015)

#5 in 2014

#185 Billionaires (2015)

#2 in South Korea



Now the second-richest Korean, Suh Kyung-Bae has seen his net worth jump from less than \$2 billion in April 2013 to \$9.2 billion in April 2015. His AmorePacific cosmetics empire has been riding several powerful waves: public interest in environmentally friendly products formulated from natural ingredients, the rising purchasing power and mobility of Chinese consumers, and the "K-beauty" phenomenon--the global interest in Korean beauty products and techniques that is closely tied to the cultural trend known as Hallyu, or the Korean Wave, fueled by the surging popularity of Korean pop ("K-pop") music. Through duty-free promotions geared toward Chinese tourists, advertisements featuring Korean singers and actresses, product placements in Korean dramas and tag lines such as "High-performance skincare powered by Asian Botanicals," Suh and his lieutenants have capitalized brilliantly on these developments. And what makes the storyline all the more appealing is that it's true to the company's core values and heritage. AmorePacific traces its roots to the 1930s, when Suh's grandmother "scattered the seeds of beauty" by making camellia-based hair oils and creams as a sideline. His father, Sun Sung-Whan, took over the business in 1943 and ran it for more than five decades. The only one of six children to take an

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# #3 Jay Y. Lee

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

**\$6.8 Billion**

2015 Korea's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$7.8 Billion**

**Vice Chair, Samsung Group**

Age	47
Source Of Wealth	Samsung
Residence	Seoul, South Korea
Citizenship	South Korea
Marital Status	Divorced
Children	2
Education	Bachelor of Arts / Science, Seoul National University; Master of Business Administration, Keio University; Doctorate, Harvard Business School

## Jay Y. Lee on Forbes Lists

#33 Powerful People (2015)

#35 in 2014

#29 Richest In Tech (2015)

#3 Korea's 50 Richest (2015)

#185 Billionaires (2015)

#2 in South Korea



The only son of Samsung Group Chairman Lee Kun-Hee, Jay Y. Lee has been groomed for years to take over Korea's biggest conglomerate, whose affiliates encompass everything from fashion, theme parks and insurance to advanced materials, IT services and smartphones and TVs. Jay Y. Lee began his career at Samsung Electronics in 1991. He became president of Samsung Electronics in 2009 and was named vice chairman in 2013. The succession issue came into sharper focus in May 2014, when his father suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized amidst a major restructuring of the family empire. Jay Y. Lee studied Asian history at Seoul National University in Korea and majored in business at Keio University in Japan. He also attended a doctoral program at Harvard Business School, focusing on e-commerce. He is known for keeping a low profile like his father. He did, however, attend the memorial service for Steve Jobs in October 2011.



# #4 Chung Mong-Koo

+ Follow (34)

Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

**\$4.7 Billion**

2015 Korea's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$5.6 Billion**

Age 77

Source Of Wealth motor vehicles

Residence Seoul, South Korea

Citizenship South Korea

Marital Status Married

Children 4

Education Bachelor of Arts /  
Science, Hanyang  
University

## Chung Mong-Koo on Forbes Lists

#4 Korea's 50 Richest (2015)

#2 in 2014

#259 Billionaires (2015)

#4 in South Korea



Chung Mong-Koo is chairman of Hyundai Motor Co., the world's fifth-largest automaker. It sold (along with its Kia affiliate) 8 million vehicles in 2014. He is the second son of the late Chung Ju-Yung, the eldest son of a peasant farming family who, after the Korean War, repaired trucks for the U.S. Army and went on to assemble a conglomerate that helped set South Korea on the path to becoming an export powerhouse and Asia's fourth-largest economy. Most of his six sons, at his discretion, wound up presiding over various fiefdoms within the sprawling group. Chung Mong-Koo took the reins of Hyundai Motor, while his younger brother Chung Mong-Joon, also a billionaire, wound up running Korea's leading shipbuilder, Hyundai Heavy Industries. Chung Mong-Koo's billionaire son and presumed successor, Chung Eui-Sun, is vice chairman of Hyundai Motor. In 2007 Chung Mong-Koo was sentenced to three years in prison for embezzling corporate funds. He was released after serving a few months when an appeals court judge suspended the sentence, noting Chung's importance to the Korean economy. To make amends, Chung agreed to donate \$1 billion over several years to benefit Korean society. The hard-charging chairman, who is known for his obsession with quality and has driven a rapid expansion of production into new markets such as China and Brazil, shows no sign of retiring. Having come a long way in upgrading the company's image as a maker of inexpensive, no-frills cars, he faces a challenging environment trying to compete with Japanese rivals such as Toyota Motor Corp., as the won has strengthened

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# #5 Chung Eui-Sun

+ Follow (15)

Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

**\$3.2 Billion**

2015 Korea's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$3.8 Billion**

Age	45
Source Of Wealth	logistics
Residence	Seoul, South Korea
Citizenship	South Korea
Marital Status	Married
Children	2
Education	Bachelor of Arts / Science, Korea University; Master of Business Administration, University of San Francisco

## Chung Eui-Sun on Forbes Lists

#5 Korea's 50 Richest (2015)

#4 in 2014

#452 Billionaires (2015)

#5 in South Korea



Chung Eui-Sun is the only son of Hyundai Motor Co. Chairman Chung Mong-Koo and his heir apparent. Hyundai is the world's fifth-largest automaker, having sold (along with its Kia Motors Corp. affiliate) 8 million vehicles in 2014. After receiving an M.B.A. from University of San Francisco, Chung worked at the New York office of Japanese trading house Itochu Corp. before joining Hyundai's auto parts affiliate, Hyundai Mobis, in 1994. As president of Kia from 2005 to 2009, he made over the company's brand image, hiring renowned automotive designer Peter Schreyer to phase out the bland, boxy styling that had made Kia models such as the Soul objects of derision among auto buffs. During his tenure at the helm, Kia grew faster than its Hyundai Motor affiliate--allowing Chung to begin to step outside the shadow cast by his formidable father, who is known for his obsession with quality and hard-charging management style. In 2009 Chung became vice chairman of Hyundai Motor. He was appointed to the company's board in 2010, bringing him a step closer to becoming the third generation of his family to lead Hyundai. While his father derives most of his wealth from his stake in Hyundai Motor, the wellspring of most of Chung's fortune is Hyundai Glovis Co., which functions as a holding company for its logistics Hyundai affiliate.



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# #6 Chey Tae-Won

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

**\$3.7 Billion**

2015 Korea's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$3.7 Billion**

Age	55
Source Of Wealth	computer services/telecoms
Residence	Seoul, South Korea
Citizenship	South Korea
Marital Status	Married
Children	3
Education	Bachelor of Arts / Science, Korea University; Master of Science, University of Chicago

## Chey Tae-Won on Forbes Lists

#6 Korea's 50 Richest (2015)

#6 in 2014

#497 Billionaires (2015)

#6 in South Korea



Former SK Group Chairman Chey Tae-Won was serving a four-year prison term for embezzlement before being pardoned by President Park Geun-Hye in August. He was charged with embezzling nearly \$47 million from two SK Group affiliates and diverting the funds to personal wagers on stock futures and options in 2008. In September 2013 the Seoul High Court rejected Chey's appeal of the conviction and also overturned the acquittal of his younger brother, former SK Vice Chairman Chey Jae-Won, sentencing him to three years and six months for conspiring with the elder Chey. Chey Tae-Won also spent seven months in prison in 2003 for accounting fraud, returning to SK after his release, and was pardoned in 2008. Chey's downfall seems to belie his pedigree. Married to a daughter of Korea's former president, Roh Tae-Woo, he has a B.A. in physics from Korea University and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Chicago; taught at Seoul National University; and was a regular attendee at the World Economic Forum in Davos. Under his leadership, SK Group's flagship, SK Telecom, became the country's dominant mobile carrier. In 2012 it became a major player in the memory chip market via a merger with Hynix (formerly Hyundai Electronics). Another key affiliate, SK Energy, is South Korea's biggest refiner. But most of Chey's wealth is derived from a 33% stake in SK C&C, which owns pieces of various SK affiliates and provides consulting and IT services to them and other

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# #7 Kwon Hyuk-Bin

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

**\$3.4 Billion**

2015 Korea's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$3.6 Billion**

Age	41
Source Of Wealth	online games, Self Made
Residence	Seoul, South Korea
Citizenship	South Korea
Marital Status	Married
Children	2
Education	Bachelor of Arts / Science, Sogang University

## Kwon Hyuk-Bin on Forbes Lists

#60 Richest In Tech (2015)

#7 Korea's 50 Richest (2015)

#949 Billionaires (2015)

#12 in South Korea



Kwon Hyuk-Bin founded SmileGate in 2002 and it has become one of the largest online-gaming companies in South Korea, now rivaling the country's No. 2 online-gaming company NCSOFT. He still owns 100% of the private company. Unable to make a profit in the early years, he was close to closing up shop before he teamed up with Chinese Internet giant Tencent in 2008. Six years later its most popular title, CrossFire, a first-person shooter game, generated nearly \$1 billion in sales in China. Kwon's SmileGate Holdings last year also became the largest shareholder of Korean mobile-game developer SundayToz.



# #8 Kim Jung-Ju

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

**\$3.1 Billion**

2015 Korea's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$2.7 Billion**

Age	47
Source Of Wealth	online games, Self Made
Residence	Seoul, South Korea
Citizenship	South Korea
Marital Status	Married
Children	2
Education	Bachelor of Arts / Science, Seoul National University; Master of Science, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology; Doctorate, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology

## Kim Jung-Ju on Forbes Lists

#79 Richest In Tech (2015)

#8 Korea's 50 Richest (2015)

#1054 Billionaires (2015)

#14 in South Korea



Kim Jung-Ju is one of the new breed of Korean entrepreneurs who aren't connected to great wealth through a chaebol. His Nexon launched the world's first online game, "Baram e Nara" (The Kingdom of the Wind) back in 1994, and went on to produce such hits as "Maple Story," "Mabinogi," and "Cart Rider." Now Korea's foremost online game producer and operator, Nexon has at least 350 million users in more than 70 countries. It provides games for free while charging small amounts for "virtual" goods. Its largest market is China, followed by Japan and South Korea. Nexon Japan went public on the Tokyo Stock Exchange in 2011. Kim is more focused on the big picture than day-to-day operations; he visits game companies all around the world, looking for M&A opportunities. Since 2008 Nexon has spent more than \$1.8 billion on acquisitions and investments. In 2012 that included buying shares in rival game developer NCSOFT and purchasing a Japanese mobile-game company called Gloops. In 2013 Nexon bought a Norwegian maker of



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# #9 Lee Joong-Keun

+ Follow (3)

Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

**\$2.4 Billion**

2015 Korea's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$2.6 Billion**

Age	74
Source Of Wealth	construction, Self Made
Residence	Seoul, South Korea
Citizenship	South Korea
Marital Status	Married
Children	4
Education	Doctorate, Korea University

### Lee Joong-Keun on Forbes Lists

#9 Korea's 50 Richest (2015)

#9 in 2014

#949 Billionaires (2015)

#12 in South Korea



Self-made billionaire Lee Joong-Keun's construction and property company, Booyoung Group, is now South Korea's biggest provider of rental homes, but it's been a long journey. After declaring bankruptcy in 1979, he put Booyoung shares in his relatives' names so that he could do deals. Starting in 2004 he served a three-year jail term and paid \$11.5 million in fines after being convicted of embezzling company funds. Since his release in 2007 he has been an exemplary success. Now he's looking south to Laos and Cambodia for new places to build homes. He's already familiar with these markets through charitable endeavors, having supported, since 2003, education in developing Southeast Asian countries--granting scholarships and providing school supplies. A keen student of modern Korean history, Lee has authored and published two books. "Liberation 1,775 Days" chronicles what happened during the five-year period between liberation from Japanese colonial rule and the outbreak of the Korean War. His previous book is titled "The Korea War 1,129 Days."



# #10 Lee Jay-Hyun

+ Follow (5)

Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

**\$2.8 Billion**

2015 Korea's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$2.5 Billion**

Age 55

Source Of Wealth food products/entertainment

Residence Seoul, South Korea

Citizenship South Korea

Marital Status Married

Children 2

Education Bachelor of Arts / Science, Korea University

## Lee Jay-Hyun on Forbes Lists

#10 Korea's 50 Richest (2015)

#12 in 2014

#847 Billionaires (2015)

#9 in South Korea



The eldest grandson of late Samsung founder Lee Byung-Chull, Lee Jay-Hyun inherited CJ Group, which separated from Samsung in 1997. Sentenced to 4 years in prison in 2014 on theft and embezzlement charges, he remains in the hospital following a kidney transplant. Older sister Lee Mi-Kyung, or Miky Lee, now leads the food-and-entertainment conglomerate. Founded in 1953 as Cheil Jedang, the company began as a sugar mill and boosted domestic sugar production just after the end of the Korean War. Now a diversified conglomerate, it operates the country's largest food-and-beverage company, CJ Cheiljedang, famous for convenience items such as microwaveable rice. CJ Foodville Corp. runs Western-style family restaurants as well as bakeries, cafes and ice cream shops under various brand names. Other CJ interests include pharmaceuticals (antibiotics and vaccines), logistics and media. In 1995 CJ paid \$300 million for an 11% stake in the Steven Spielberg production vehicle Dreamworks SKG. Its entertainment and media business, CJ E&M, now encompasses film and music production, Internet services, cable TV-based home shopping, a national multiplex theater chain and m-net, a cable music channel. Miky Lee led the charge in marketing Korean pop ("K-pop") overseas--the "Korean Wave"--through music videos, TV programs ("Respond 1997," "Superstar K") and the movie "Masquerade." (CJ E&M was also the company behind "Snowpiercer," the big-budget sci-fi epic from



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 #6	Lin Yu-lin	\$5.6 B	79	real estate
 #7	Samuel Yin	\$4.3 B	65	diversified
 #8	Jason & Richard Chang	\$4.2 B	-	semiconductors
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 #10	Barry Lam	\$3.9 B	66	computers

# #1 Daniel and Richard Tsai



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2015 Taiwan's 50 Richest Net Worth

## \$10 Billion

Source Of Wealth

inheritance

Citizenship

Taiwan

### Daniel and Richard Tsai on Forbes Lists

#1 Taiwan's 50 Richest (2015)

Brothers Daniel and Richard lead the Tsai clan. They assumed leadership of financial services giant Fubon Financial after their father, Tsai Wan-Tsai, the company's founder, died in October at age 85. Since then Fubon shares have soared by 50%. Business has thrived, thanks to good investment returns by their insurance units. The Tsai family are also investors in Taiwan Mobile and momo.com, a TV shopping business.



# #2 Tsai Eng-Meng



Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

**\$6.3 Billion**

2015 Taiwan's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$8.3 Billion**

Age **58**

Source Of Wealth **food, beverages**

Residence **Shanghai, China**

Citizenship **Taiwan**

## Tsai Eng-Meng on Forbes Lists

#2 Taiwan's 50 Richest (2015)

#1 in 2014

#147 Billionaires (2015)

#1 in Taiwan

Chairman of beverage and snack food giant Want Want China, Tsai slips from No. 1 for the first time since 2012. Higher cost in milk products combined with weaker consumer spending led to a 10% decline in both income and Want Want's stock price. Tsai also has investments in financial services, media, hotels and real estate.



# #3 Wei brothers

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2015 Taiwan's 50 Richest Net Worth

## \$7.5 Billion

Source Of Wealth

food

Citizenship

Taiwan

### Wei brothers on Forbes Lists

#3 Taiwan's 50 Richest (2015)

#2 in 2014



The Wei brothers' fortune is suffering from financial indigestion. Tingyi, their Hong Kong-listed instant noodle and beverage company, dropped a quarter of its share value over the last year amid slowing economic growth in China, which led to a 16% slip in net profit in the first quarter. The brothers include Wei Ing-Chou, Wei Ying-Chiao, Wei Yin-Chun and Wei Yin-Heng.



# #4 Terry Gou

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

**\$5.8 Billion**

2015 Taiwan's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$6.7 Billion**

**CEO, Hon Hai Precision**

Age	65
Source Of Wealth	electronics, Self Made
Residence	Taipei, Taiwan
Citizenship	Taiwan
Marital Status	Married
Children	3

## Terry Gou on Forbes Lists

#34 Richest In Tech (2015)

#4 Taiwan's 50 Richest (2015)

#240 Billionaires (2015)

#2 in Taiwan

#71 Powerful People (2014)



Terry Gou runs Hon Hai Precision, the world's largest electronics contract manufacturer and a key supplier to Apple as well as HP, Sony and Nokia. Better known by its trade name Foxconn, the company has faced years of controversy over labor practices and employee suicides. Gou is looking to expand the Taiwan-based Hon Hai beyond its tech manufacturing core and into software development and telecommunications services.



# #5 Tsai brothers

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2015 Taiwan's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$5.9 Billion**

Source Of Wealth

finance

Citizenship

Taiwan

## Tsai brothers on Forbes Lists

#5 Taiwan's 50 Richest (2015)

#10 in 2014



Under leadership of brother Hong-tu, shares of brothers' Cathay Financial Holding rose by 20% over the last year, thanks to high returns from its investment portfolio amid generally higher gains in the global stock market. The siblings, including Cheng-da, T.Y. and half-brother Tsai Chan-Chui, inherited the business in 2004 after the death of their father, Tsai Wan-Lin. T.Y., later sold out to his siblings.



# #6 Lin Yu-lin

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

## \$5.3 Billion

2015 Taiwan's 50 Richest Net Worth

## \$5.6 Billion

Age 79

Source Of Wealth real estate, Self Made

Residence Taipei, Taiwan

Citizenship Taiwan

Marital Status Married

Children 7

### Lin Yu-lin on Forbes Lists

#6 Taiwan's 50 Richest (2015)

#5 in 2014

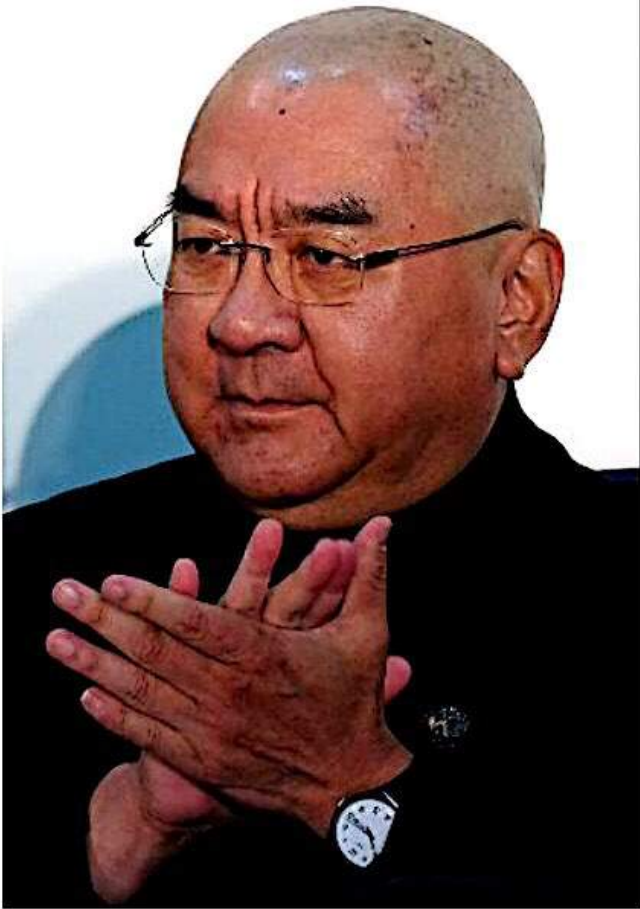
#259 Billionaires (2015)

#3 in Taiwan



Lin's Hong Tai Group, one of Taiwan's largest real estate developers, has reaped rich rewards from early investments in Taipei's prestigious Xinyi District, where properties include Exchange Square I and II. As real estate valuations declined, Lin's wealth has decreased by 7%. Other businesses include Heng Sheng Construction and Hung Tai Life. Yu-lin's brother Lin Rong San is also a billionaire.





# #7 Samuel Yin

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

**\$3.8 Billion**

2015 Taiwan's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$4.3 Billion**

Age	65
Source Of Wealth	diversified
Residence	Taipei, Taiwan
Citizenship	Taiwan
Marital Status	Married

## Samuel Yin on Forbes Lists

#7 Taiwan's 50 Richest (2015)

#8 in 2014

#452 Billionaires (2015)

#7 in Taiwan



Yin's Ruentex Group has interests in retail, financial services and real estate. His wealth edged down on stock price declines in Ruentex's Taiwan-listed real estate business Ruentex Development, In 2011 his group bought Nan Shan Insurance from bankrupt AIG and turned it around. In May, Sun Art, which runs the RT-Mart hypermarket chain with French Auchan hypermarkets, bought online store Fields to target the mainland's fresh food market.



# #8 Jason & Richard Chang

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2015 Taiwan's 50 Richest Net Worth

## \$4.2 Billion

Source Of Wealth

**semiconductors**

Citizenship

**Taiwan**

## Jason & Richard Chang on Forbes Lists

#8 Taiwan's 50 Richest  
(2015)

#11 in 2014



The Chang brothers head up Advanced Semiconductor Engineering, the world's largest independent semiconductor packaging company. Sales are up 17% over the last year to \$8.3 billion, thanks to the popularity of the Internet and mobile phones. The brothers are also major investors in Sino Horizon Holdings, a Taiwan-listed commercial real estate developer with holdings in China.



# #9 Lin Rong San

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## Deceased

Source Of Wealth	real estate
Citizenship	Taiwan
Children	4

## Lin Rong San on Forbes Lists

#9 Taiwan's 50 Richest (2015)

#9 in 2014

#393 Billionaires (2015)



Lin Rong San, the founder of Taipei Times and Liberty Times newspapers, died in November 2015. Lin built his nearly \$4 billion fortune (his net worth at the time of his passing) mostly from real estate and other investments in northern Taiwan. He also controlled the Union Bank of Taiwan, a medium-size lender. Lin's brother Lin Yu-lin is also a billionaire.



# #10 Barry Lam

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/25/15

## \$3.1 Billion

2015 Taiwan's 50 Richest Net Worth

## \$3.9 Billion

Age **66**

Source Of Wealth **computers, Self Made**

Residence **Taipei, Taiwan**

Citizenship **Taiwan**

Marital Status **Married**

Children **2**

Education **Bachelor of Arts / Science, National Taiwan University**

### Barry Lam on Forbes Lists

#55 Richest In Tech (2015)

#10 Taiwan's 50 Richest (2015)

#405 Billionaires (2015)

#6 in Taiwan



Hong Kong native Barry Lam started Quanta Computer in Taiwan in 1988. The company is one of the world's largest suppliers of notebook computers to tech giants including Apple, HP and Dell. It also makes servers, home entertainment systems and other products.











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 #10	Thaksin Shinawatra	\$1.7 B	66	investments



# #1 Dhanin Chearavanont

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/20/15

**\$19.4 Billion**

2015 Thailand's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$14.4 Billion**

Age 76

Source Of Wealth food

Residence Bangkok, Thailand

Citizenship Thailand

Marital Status Married

Children 5

## Dhanin Chearavanont on Forbes Lists

#1 Thailand's 50 Richest (2015)

#2 in 2014

#81 Billionaires (2015)

#1 in Thailand



Head of agribusiness conglomerate Charoen Pokphand group, Dhanin Chearavanont, who reclaims the top spot as the country's richest, adding close to \$3 billion to fortune, which he shares with 3 brothers, is once again striking megadeals. In January, CP and Japan's itochu agreed to jointly buy a 20% stake in Chinese conglomerate Citic for \$10.1 billion. Dhanin is also eyeing Tesco's Thai business, estimated at \$10 billion. Lately under fire for allegedly indulging in anticompetitive practices, CP recently faced a brief boycott of its 7-eleven stores. Though the campaign didn't impact sales, the group said it would reflect on public opinion and strive to meet public expectations. In what was billed "the wedding of the year," over 4,000 people, including Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-ocha and ousted prime minister Yingluck shinawatra, attended Dhanin's youngest daughter's wedding reception at the Bangkok Convention Center in December.



# #2 Charoen Sirivadhanabhakdi

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/20/15

**\$10.6 Billion**

2015 Thailand's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$13 Billion**

Age **71**

Source Of Wealth **beverages, Self Made**

Residence **Bangkok, Thailand**

Citizenship **Thailand**

Marital Status **Married**

Children **5**

## Charoen Sirivadhanabhakdi on Forbes Lists

#2 Thailand's 50 Richest (2015)

#3 in 2014

#87 Billionaires (2015)

#2 in Thailand



Spirits tycoon Charoen Sirivadhanabhakdi reclaims the no. 2 spot after 6 years on a 20% rise in shares of his Singapore-listed Thai Beverage, best known for its Chang beer, which is a longtime sponsor of English football club Everton. Charoen, who must now contend with the junta's new taxes and selling curbs on alcohol, wants to double ThaiBev's revenues to \$10 billion by 2020, of which half would be from overseas markets. Despite talk that his \$11.2 billion acquisition of Singapore beverage and property conglomerate Fraser & Neave left him financially stretched, Charoen is striking deals to expand his footprint. His latest is a \$1 billion bid for Vietnam's Sabeco, the maker of Saigon beer.



# #3 Chirathivat family

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2015 Thailand's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$12.3 Billion**

Age	88
Source Of Wealth	Central Group of Companies
Residence	Bangkok, Thailand
Citizenship	Thailand

## Chirathivat family on Forbes Lists

#14 Asia's Richest Families (2015)

#3 Thailand's 50 Richest (2015)



Through their Central Group, the Chirathivat family holds interests in retail, real estate, hospitality and restaurants. The clan's Central Retail, which makes up more than 65% of their wealth, is one of Thailand's largest retailers. Under its chief executive, Tos Chirathivat, who took the helm in 2013, the group has been expanding regionally with stores in Indonesia and Vietnam. In 1927 Tos' grandfather Tiang Chirathivat, a poor emigrant from China, set up his first shop in Bangkok, named Keng Seng Lee (baskets for sale). Twenty years later Tiang and his children moved the store near the city's Oriental Hotel and sold newspapers, magazines and merchandise under the name Central Trading Store. In 1957 Tiang's son Samrit opened the country's first department store, in the Phra Nakhon district of Bangkok.





# #4 Chalerm Yoovidhya

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2015 Thailand's 50 Richest Net Worth

## \$9.6 Billion

Age	65
Source Of Wealth	drinks, Self Made
Residence	Bangkok, Thailand
Citizenship	Thailand
Marital Status	Married
Children	3

### Chalerm Yoovidhya on Forbes Lists

#4 Thailand's 50 Richest (2015)

#4 in 2014



Red Bull sold a record 5.6 billion cans in 2014 on rising demand in markets such as India, Turkey and South Africa but the fortune of the sprawling clan, which owns 51% of the iconic drinks brand, got hit by the euro's decline. Their stake includes 2% owned personally by group head Chalerm Yoovidhya, the oldest son of late red Bull cofounder Chaleo.



# #5 Krit Ratanarak

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/20/15

**\$3.3 Billion**

2015 Thailand's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$4.7 Billion**

Age 69

Source Of Wealth **media, real estate**

Residence **Bangkok, Thailand**

Number of Family Members 5

Citizenship **Thailand**

Marital Status **Divorced**

Children 1

## Krit Ratanarak on Forbes Lists

#5 Thailand's 50 Richest (2015)

#5 in 2014

#452 Billionaires (2015)

#3 in Thailand



Media magnate Krit Ratanarak's wealth is down as his Bangkok Broadcasting & TV saw revenues from advertising decline 15% in 2014 on weakening consumer sentiment and lower ad spends overall. Krit's Siam City Cement, thailand's second-largest cement producer, founded by his late father Chuan, saw an ownership change in March when Holcim sold most of its 27.5% stake to Hong Kong's Jardine Matheson.



# #6 Vanich Chaiyawan

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/20/15

## \$4.1 Billion

2015 Thailand's 50 Richest Net Worth

## \$4 Billion

Age **83**

Source Of Wealth **insurance, beverages, Self Made**

Residence **Bangkok, Thailand**

Citizenship **Thailand**

Marital Status **Married**

Children **8**

## Vanich Chaiyawan on Forbes Lists

#6 Thailand's 50 Richest (2015)

#6 in 2014

#462 Billionaires (2015)

#4 in Thailand



Insurance tycoon Vanich Chaiyawan's son Chai, who runs Thai Life, the family's biggest asset, is aiming to improve the firm's ranking as Thailand's third-largest life insurer. After selling a 15% stake to Japan's Meiji Yasuda 2 years ago, he recently acquired the 50% stake in Thai Cardif that he didn't own from BNP Paribas. Vanich also has a small stake in Charoen Sirivadhanabhakdi's (no. 2) Thai Beverage.



# #7 Santi Bhirombhakdi & family

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2015 Thailand's 50 Richest Net Worth

## \$2.9 Billion

Age 69

Source Of Wealth energy drinks

Residence Bangkok, Thailand

Citizenship Thailand

Marital Status Married

Children 3



### Santi Bhirombhakdi & family on Forbes Lists

#7 Thailand's 50 Richest (2015)

#7 in 2014

Faced with higher taxes and imminent curbs on alcohol advertising, beer baron Santi Bhirombhakdi is betting on property. His listed Singha Estate, the new name of Rasa Property Development, which he acquired last year, plans to invest \$3 billion in new projects and buying London property. Santi restructured his clan's 82-year-old Boon Rawd Brewery empire into 5 business segments and is said to be mulling listing the nonalcohol units. Maker of the popular Singha beer is also reportedly in the race for Vietnam's Sabeco.



# #8 Prasert Prasarttong-Osoth

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/20/15

**\$2.8 Billion**

2015 Thailand's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$2.8 Billion**

Age **82**

Source Of Wealth **hospitals, Self Made**

Residence **Bangkok, Thailand**

Citizenship **Thailand**

Marital Status **Married**

Children **5**

## Prasert Prasarttong-Osoth on Forbes Lists

#8 Thailand's 50 Richest (2015)

#8 in 2014

#663 Billionaires (2015)

#5 in Thailand



Prasert Prasarttong-Osoth, founder of Bangkok Dusit Medical Services, Thailand's largest private health care group, added \$500 million to his wealth as shares of company rose by more than a fourth in the past 12 months. He plans to add 3 more hospitals to Bangkok Dusit's network of 40 by 2016. His regional airline, Bangkok Airways, which listed last November, isn't faring as well; it reported a 62% fall in net profits for 2014.



# #9 Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/20/15

**\$1.92 Billion**

2015 Thailand's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$2.5 Billion**

Age **57**

Source Of Wealth **duty-free, Self Made**

Residence **Bangkok, Thailand**

Citizenship **Thailand**

Marital Status **Married**

Children **4**

## Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha on Forbes Lists

#9 Thailand's 50 Richest (2015)

#11 in 2014

#714 Billionaires (2015)

#6 in Thailand



Duty-free king Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha could lose his King power retail monopoly at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi and Don Muang airports as well as Phuket airport, with the military junta saying it's looking for ways to increase competition. Vichai is eyeing expansion in the region, including in Japan and Korea. King Power's revenues were up 20% to \$1.9 billion in 2014 despite last year's political crisis, which hit tourist arrivals. Family also owns a stake in Somphote Ahunai's (No.24) Energy Absolute. He celebrated King Power's 25th anniversary last year with a big gala featuring a performance by Kenny G. Avid polo player, owner of two Gulfstream jets, he also has a Sunseeker yacht called Sea Mystery.



# #10 Thaksin Shinawatra

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Real Time Net Worth As of 12/20/15

**\$1.59 Billion**

2015 Thailand's 50 Richest Net Worth

**\$1.7 Billion**

Age 66

Source Of Wealth investments, Self Made

Residence Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Citizenship Thailand

Marital Status Divorced

Children 3

Education Master of Science, Eastern Kentucky University

## Thaksin Shinawatra on Forbes Lists

#10 Thailand's 50 Richest (2015)

#10 in 2014

#1118 Billionaires (2015)

#7 in Thailand



Former prime minister of Thailand, who owns a controlling stake in property firm SC Asset, among much else, lives in self-imposed exile in Dubai. Thailand's military junta recently revoked his 2 passports, alleging he had defamed Thai royalty in a media interview. In March, he was in Singapore to attend the funeral of late premier Lee Kuan Yew. His younger sister Yingluck, who was ousted as prime minister last year, has since been ordered to stand trial on charges of negligence over a rice subsidy scheme. She has denied the charges.

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