

The Richest in 2021

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It's been a year like no other, and we aren't talking about the pandemic. There were rapid-fire public offerings, surging cryptocurrencies and skyrocketing stock prices. The number of billionaires on Forbes' 35th annual list of the world's wealthiest exploded to an unprecedented 2,755--660 more than a year ago. Of those, a record high 493 were new to the list--roughly one every 17 hours, including 210 from China and Hong Kong. Another 250 who'd fallen off in the past came roaring back. A staggering 86% are richer than a year ago.

Jeff Bezos is the world's richest for the fourth year running, worth \$177 billion, while Elon Musk rocketed into the number two spot with \$151 billion, as Tesla and Amazon shares surged. Altogether these billionaires are worth \$13.1 trillion, up from \$8 trillion in 2020. The U.S. still has the most, with 724, followed by China (including Hong Kong and Macao) with 698. We used stock prices and exchange rates from March 5 to calculate net worths. See below for the full list of the world's billionaires and our methodology.

For daily updated net worths of all 2,755 billionaires, check out our [real-time billionaires rankings](#).

HEADER IMAGE: BACK (LEFT TO RIGHT): KATE WANG, SERGIO STEVANATO, ELON MUSK, JEFF BEZOS, KIM KARDASHIAN WEST, TYLER PERRY, SUSANNE KLATTEN. FRONT: DAVID VÉLEZ, WHITNEY WOLFE HERD, JACK MA. ILLUSTRATION BY NEIL JAMIESON FOR FORBES.



THE RICHEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

CHANGE IN WEALTH KEY: ▲ : UP ▼ : DOWN
 ◆ : UNCHANGED + : NEW TO LIST ↻ : RETURNEE

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RANK▲	NAME	NET WORTH	COUNTRY / TERRITORY	SOURCE
1.	Jeff Bezos	\$177 B	▲ United States	Amazon



- JEFF BEZOS

Jeff Bezos founded e-commerce giant Amazon in 1994 out of his garage in Seattle. He will step down as CEO to become executive chairman in July 2021.

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NET WORTH **\$177 B**

2.	Elon Musk	\$151 B	▲	United States	Tesla, SpaceX
3.	Bernard Arnault & family	\$150 B	▲	France	LVMH

5.	Mark Zuckerberg	\$97 B	▲	United States	Facebook
6.	Warren Buffett	\$96 B	▲	United States	Berkshire Hathaway
7.	Larry Ellison	\$93 B	▲	United States	software
8.	Larry Page	\$91.5 B	▲	United States	Google
9.	Sergey Brin	\$89 B	▲	United States	Google
10.	Mukesh Ambani	\$84.5 B	▲	India	diversified
11.	Amancio Ortega	\$77 B	▲	Spain	Zara
12.	Francoise Bettencourt Meyers & family	\$73.6 B	▲	France	L'Oréal
13.	Zhong Shanshan	\$68.9 B	▲	China	beverages, pharmaceutic
14.	Steve Ballmer	\$68.7 B	▲	United States	Microsoft



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16.	Carlos Slim Helu & family	\$62.8 B	▲	Mexico	telecom
17.	Alice Walton	\$61.8 B	▲	United States	Walmart

19.	Rob Walton	\$59.5 B	▲	United States	Walmart
20.	Michael Bloomberg	\$59 B	▲	United States	Bloomberg LP
21.	Colin Zheng Huang	\$55.3 B	▲	China	e-commerce
22.	MacKenzie Scott	\$53 B	▲	United States	Amazon
23.	Daniel Gilbert	\$51.9 B	▲	United States	Quicken Loans
24.	Gautam Adani & family	\$50.5 B	▲	India	infrastructure, commodities
25.	Phil Knight & family	\$49.9 B	▲	United States	Nike
26.	Jack Ma	\$48.4 B	▲	China	e-commerce
27.	Charles Koch	\$46.4 B	▲	United States	Koch Industries
27.	Julia Koch & family	\$46.4 B	▲	United States	Koch Industries

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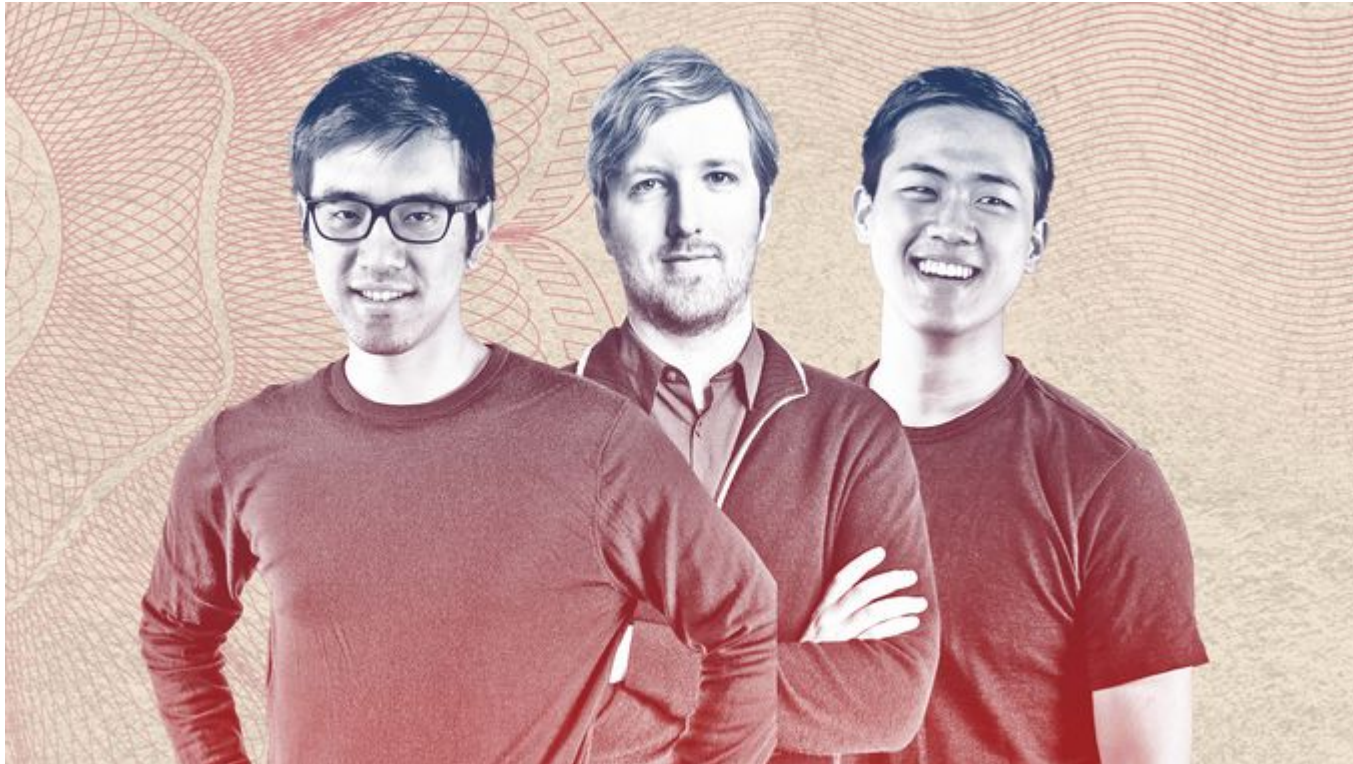
Michael Dell

\$45.1 B



United States

Dell computers



The World's Youngest Billionaires Include A Teenager From Germany, A Crypto Magnate And Stanford Dropout

From a 18-year-old heir to a 29-year-old crypto magnate, the ten billionaires under the age of 30 have a combined net worth of \$29.5 billion.

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32.	François Pinault & family	\$42.3 B	▲	France	luxury goods
33.	David Thomson & family	\$41.8 B	▲	Canada	media
34.	Beate Heister & Karl Albrecht Jr.	\$39.2 B	▲	Germany	supermarkets
35.	Wang Wei	\$39 B	▲	China	package delivery
36.	Miriam Adelson	\$38.2 B	+	United States	casinos
37.	He Xiangjian	\$37.7 B	▲	China	home appliances
38.	Dieter Schwarz	\$36.9 B	▲	Germany	retail
39.	Zhang Yiming	\$35.6 B	▲	China	TikTok
40.	Giovanni Ferrero	\$35.1 B	▲	Italy	Nutella, chocolates
41.	Alain Wertheimer	\$34.5 B	▲	France	Chanel
41.	Gerard Wertheimer	\$34.5 B	▲	France	Chanel

43.	Li Ka-shing	\$33.7 B	▲	Hong Kong	diversified
44.	Qin Yinglin & family	\$33.5 B	▲	China	pig breeding
45.	William Lei Ding	\$33 B	▲	China	online games



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46.	Len Blavatnik	\$32 B	▲	United States	music, chemicals
47.	Lee Shau Kee	\$31.7 B	▲	Hong Kong	real estate
48.	Jacqueline Mars	\$31.3 B	▲	United States	candy, pet food
48.	John Mars	\$31.3 B	▲	United States	candy, pet food
50.	Yang Huiyan & family	\$29.6 B	▲	China	real estate
51.	Alexey Mordashov & family	\$29.1 B	▲	Russia	steel, investments
52.	Robin Zeng	\$28.4 B	▲	Hong Kong	batteries
53.	Hui Ka Yan	\$27.7 B	▲	China	real estate
53.	Susanne Klatten	\$27.7 B	▲	Germany	BMW, pharmaceuticals
55.	Vladimir Potanin	\$27 B	▲	Russia	metals

56.	Ericsson Masterson	\$26.4 B	▲	China	steel
57.	Pang Kang	\$26.4 B	▲	China	soy sauce
58.	Klaus-Michael Kuehne	\$26.3 B	▲	Germany	shipping
59.	Vladimir Lisin	\$26.2 B	▲	Russia	steel, transport
60.	Wang Xing	\$26.1 B	▲	China	e-commerce



Nearly 500 People Have Become Billionaires During The Pandemic Year

A new billionaire every 17 hours: Here are the most notable newcomers on Forbes' 2021 World's Billionaires list.

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61.	German Larrea Mota Velasco & family	\$25.9 B	▲	Mexico	mining
62.	Leonardo Del Vecchio & family	\$25.8 B	▲	Italy	eyeglasses
62.	Takemitsu Takizaki	\$25.8 B	▲	Japan	sensors

65.	Thomas Peterffy	\$25 B	▲	United States	discount brokerage
66.	Vagit Alekperov	\$24.9 B	▲	Russia	oil
66.	Leonid Mikhelson	\$24.9 B	▲	Russia	gas, chemicals
68.	Jim Simons	\$24.6 B	▲	United States	hedge funds
69.	Jiang Rensheng & family	\$24.4 B	▲	China	vaccines
70.	Gina Rinehart	\$23.6 B	▲	Australia	mining
71.	Rupert Murdoch & family	\$23.5 B	▲	United States	newspapers, TV network
71.	Shiv Nadar	\$23.5 B	▲	India	software services
73.	Zhang Zhidong	\$23.4 B	▲	China	internet media
74.	Iris Fontbona & family	\$23.3 B	▲	Chile	mining
75.	Lei Jun	\$23 B	▲	China	smartphones



Revenge Of The Winklevii

After losing an epic battle with Mark Zuckerberg over ownership of Facebook, Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss are back-- this time as Bitcoin billionaires at the center of the future of money and the creative economy.

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75.	Zhang Yong	\$23 B	▲	Singapore	restaurants
77.	Richard Qiangdong Liu	\$22.4 B	▲	China	e-commerce

79.	Stephen Schwarzman	\$21.9 B	▲	United States	investments
80.	Goh Cheng Liang	\$21.7 B	▲	Singapore	paints
81.	Stefan Quandt	\$21.6 B	▲	Germany	BMW
82.	Li Xiting	\$21.5 B	▲	Singapore	medical devices
83.	Pierre Omidyar	\$21.4 B	▲	United States	eBay, PayPal
84.	Stefan Persson	\$21.3 B	▲	Sweden	H&M
85.	Abigail Johnson	\$20.9 B	▲	United States	money management
86.	R. Budi Hartono	\$20.5 B	▲	Indonesia	banking, tobacco
87.	Andrew Forrest	\$20.4 B	▲	Australia	mining
88.	Ray Dalio	\$20.3 B	▲	United States	hedge funds

89.

Li Shufu

\$19.7 B



China

automobiles



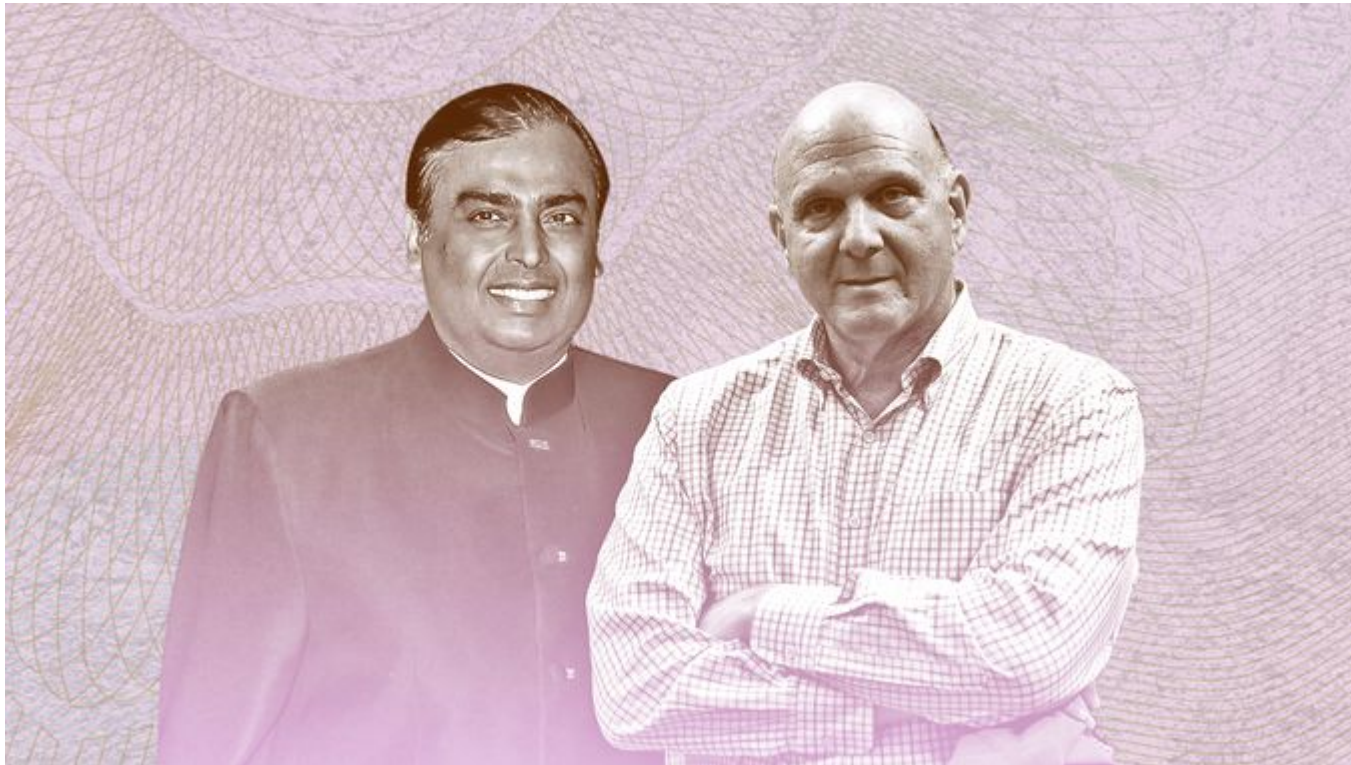
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Forbes' 2021 list of the World's Billionaires features 328 women, up more than 36% from the previous year, including a new world's youngest self-made woman billionaire.

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92.	Xu Hang	\$19.5 B	▲	Hong Kong	medical devices
93.	Lui Che Woo & family	\$19.4 B	▲	Hong Kong	casinos/hotels
94.	Emmanuel Besnier	\$19.1 B	▲	France	cheese
95.	Laurene Powell Jobs & family	\$19 B	▲	United States	Apple, Disney
96.	Eric Schmidt	\$18.9 B	▲	United States	Google
96.	Sun Piaoyang	\$18.9 B	▲	China	pharmaceuticals
98.	Theo Albrecht, Jr. & family	\$18.8 B	▲	Germany	Aldi, Trader Joe's
99.	Alisher Usmanov	\$18.4 B	▲	Russia	steel, telecom, investment
100.	Robert Pera	\$18.3 B	▲	United States	wireless networking gear
100.	Wu Yajun	\$18.3 B	▲	China	real estate
102.	Fan Hongwei & family	\$18.2 B	▲	China	petrochemicals

104.	Peter Woo	\$18 B	▲	Hong Kong	real estate
105.	Chen Bang	\$17.9 B	▲	China	hospitals



The World's Richest Billionaire Sports Team Owners 2021

The 20 richest controlling owners of teams in major sports leagues around the world have a combined net worth of \$426 billion, up 60% during what has been a record year for billionaire wealth.

105.	Andrey Melnichenko	\$17.9 B	▲	Russia	coal, fertilizers
107.	Dustin Moskovitz	\$17.8 B	▲	United States	Facebook
107.	Su Hua	\$17.8 B	▲	China	video streaming
109.	Donald Newhouse	\$17.6 B	▲	United States	media
110.	Petr Kellner	\$17.5 B	▲	Czechia	finance, telecommuni
111.	Lee Man Tat	\$17.4 B	▲	Hong Kong	food
112.	Pavel Durov	\$17.2 B	▲	Russia	messaging app
113.	James Ratcliffe	\$17 B	▲	United Kingdom	chemicals
114.	Jorge Paulo Lemann & family	\$16.9 B	▲	Brazil	beer
115.	Reinhold Wuerth & family	\$16.8 B	▲	Germany	fasteners
116.	Charlene de Carvalho-Heineken & family	\$16.7 B	▲	Netherlands	Heineken

117.	Wang Chuanfu	\$16.3 B	▲	China	batteries, automobiles
119.	Steve Cohen	\$16 B	▲	United States	hedge funds
119.	Ken Griffin	\$16 B	▲	United States	hedge funds

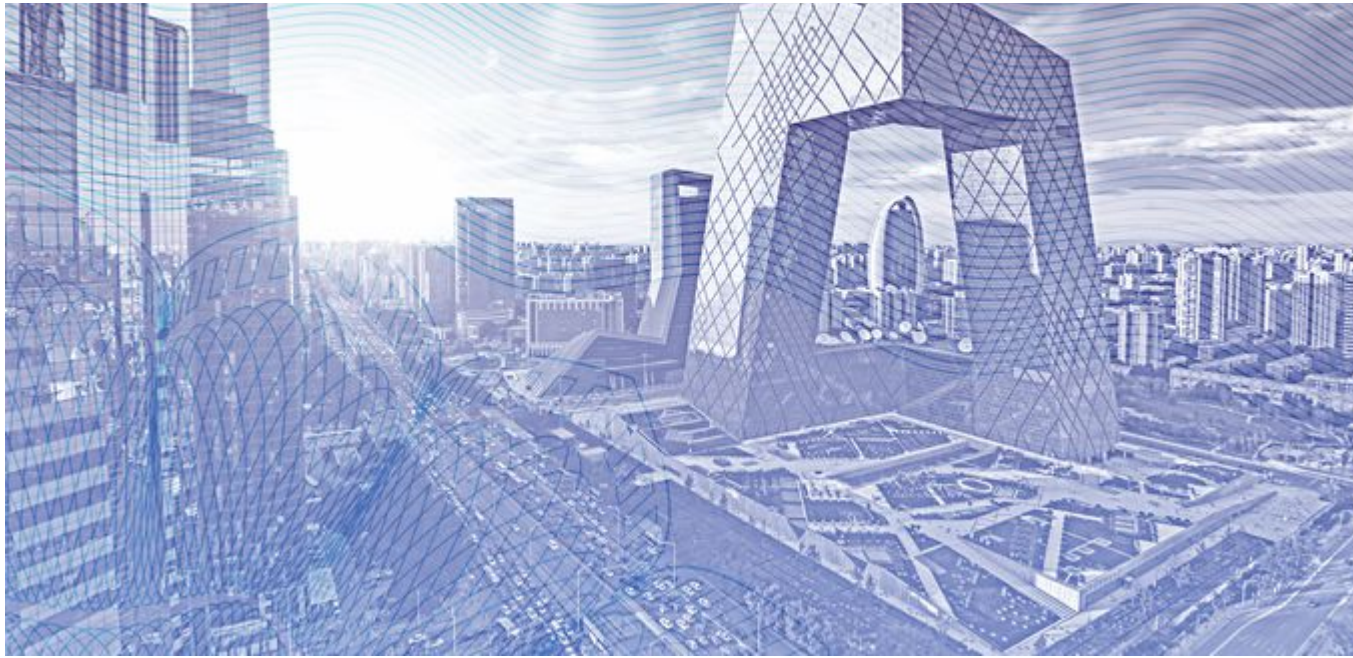


with KKW Beauty and popular shapewear tummy skirts, Kardashian West's net worth increases to \$1 billion, earning her a spot on Forbes Billionaires List 2021.

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121.	Chen Zhiping	\$15.9 B	+	China	e-cigarettes
121.	Ernest Garcia, II.	\$15.9 B	▲	United States	used cars
121.	Uday Kotak	\$15.9 B	▲	India	banking
124.	Carl Icahn	\$15.8 B	▲	United States	investments
124.	Suleiman Kerimov & family	\$15.8 B	▲	Russia	investments
126.	Thomas Frist, Jr. & family	\$15.7 B	▲	United States	hospitals
127.	Lukas Walton	\$15.6 B	▼	United States	Walmart
128.	Mikhail Fridman	\$15.5 B	▲	Russia	oil, banking, telecom
128.	Wei Jianjun & family	\$15.5 B	▲	China	automobiles

131.	Zhou Qunfei & family	\$15.4 B	▲	Hong Kong	smartphone screens
132.	Donald Bren	\$15.3 B	▼	United States	real estate
133.	Hinduja brothers	\$14.9 B	▲	United Kingdom	diversified
133.	Lakshmi Mittal	\$14.9 B	▲	India	steel
133.	Georg Schaeffler	\$14.9 B	▲	Germany	auto parts



The Countries With The Most Billionaires 2021

Just under half of the world's 2,755 billionaires are citizens of the U.S. or China, and nearly every country has more billionaires than they did at the outset of the pandemic in mid-March 2020.

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133.	Eric Yuan & family	\$14.9 B	▲	United States	video conferencing
137.	Wang Jianlin	\$14.8 B	▲	China	real estate
138.	Kwong Siu-hing	\$14.7 B	▲	Hong Kong	real estate

140.	Pallonji Mistry	\$14.6 B	▲	Ireland	construction
140.	Eduardo Saverin	\$14.6 B	▲	Brazil	Facebook
142.	Roman Abramovich	\$14.5 B	▲	Russia	steel, investments
142.	David Tepper	\$14.5 B	▲	United States	hedge funds
144.	Gong Hongjia & family	\$14.4 B	▲	Hong Kong	video surveillance
145.	Mike Cannon-Brookes	\$14.2 B	▲	Australia	software
145.	John Menard, Jr.	\$14.2 B	▲	United States	home improvement stores
145.	Seo Jung-jin	\$14.2 B	▲	South Korea	biotech
148.	Cheng Yixiao	\$14.1 B	▲	China	video streaming app
148.	Liang Wengen	\$14.1 B	▲	China	construction equipment



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Some made their fortunes developing new vaccines and promising antibody treatments, while others sell much-needed diagnostic tests and personal protective equipment.

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151.

Finn Rausing

\$13.9 B



Sweden

packaging

151.	Kirsten Rausing	\$13.9 B	▲	Sweden	packaging
154.	Brian Chesky	\$13.7 B	▲	United States	Airbnb
155.	Joseph Lau	\$13.6 B	▼	Hong Kong	real estate
156.	David Duffield	\$13.5 B	▲	United States	business software
156.	Charoen Sirivadhanabhakdi	\$13.5 B	▲	Thailand	alcohol, real estate
158.	Kim Jung-ju	\$13.3 B	▲	South Korea	online games
158.	Robert & Philip Ng	\$13.3 B	▲	Singapore	real estate
158.	Zhang Bangxin	\$13.3 B	▲	China	education
161.	Anders Holch Povlsen	\$13.2 B	▲	Denmark	fashion retail
161.	Wang Wenyin	\$13.2 B	▲	China	mining, copper products
163.	Wang Liping & family	\$13.1 B	▲	China	hydraulic machinery

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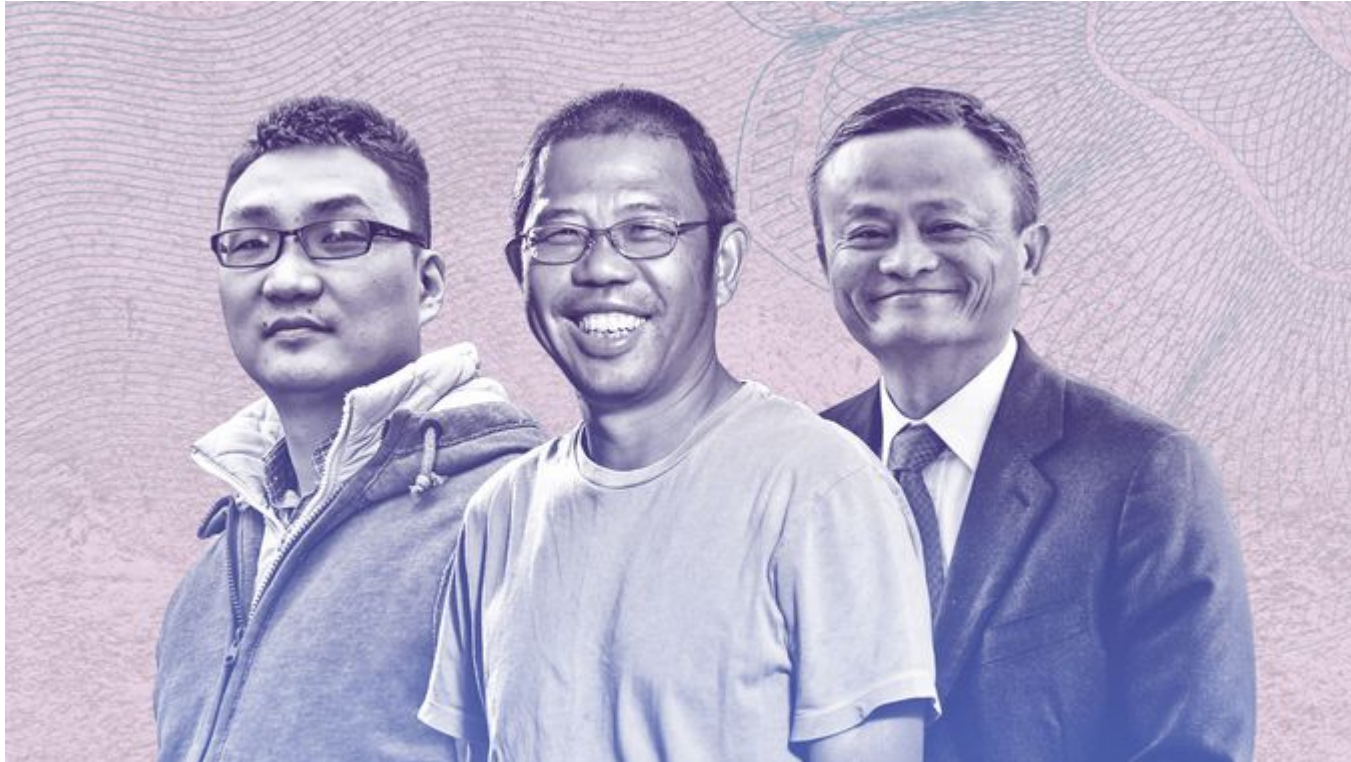
Michael Platt

\$13 B



United Kingdom

hedge funds



The 10 Richest Chinese Billionaires In 2021

From the man behind TikTok to a bottled water mogul, China's billionaires have had a bounce back year, as its 10 richest roughly doubled their fortunes compared to a year ago.

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166.	Ricardo Salinas Pliego & family	\$12.9 B	▲	Mexico	retail, media
168.	Kumar Birla	\$12.8 B	▲	India	commodities
169.	Dang Yanbao	\$12.7 B	▲	China	coal
169.	Cyrus Poonawalla	\$12.7 B	▲	India	vaccines
171.	Robert Kuok	\$12.6 B	▲	Malaysia	palm oil, shipping, propert
171.	Hank & Doug Meijer	\$12.6 B	▲	United States	supermarkets
173.	Jack Dorsey	\$12.5 B	▲	United States	Twitter, Square
173.	Lu Zhongfang	\$12.5 B	▲	China	education
173.	Ma Jianrong & family	\$12.5 B	▲	China	textiles, apparel
173.	Zhang Tao	\$12.5 B	▲	China	e-commerce

177.	John Doerr	\$12.4 B	▲	United States	venture capital
177.	Joe Gebbia	\$12.4 B	▲	United States	Airbnb
177.	Forrest Li	\$12.4 B	▲	Singapore	gaming



The 10 Richest American Billionaires 2021

The Americans sitting atop Forbes' new list of the world's richest are far wealthier than they were a year ago.

181.	Yu Renrong	\$12.3 B	▲	China	semiconductors
182.	Liu Yonghao & family	\$12.1 B	▼	China	agribusiness
182.	Gordon Moore	\$12.1 B	▲	United States	Intel
184.	Jeff Yass	\$12 B	+	United States	trading, investments
185.	Bobby Murphy	\$11.9 B	▲	United States	Snapchat
186.	Patrick Drahi	\$11.8 B	▲	France	telecom
186.	Jensen Huang	\$11.8 B	▲	United States	semiconductors
186.	Alexander Otto	\$11.8 B	▲	Germany	real estate
189.	Cen Junda	\$11.6 B	▲	China	pharmaceuticals
189.	Joseph Tsai	\$11.6 B	▲	Canada	e-commerce
191.	Aliko Dangote	\$11.5 B	▲	Nigeria	cement, sugar

192.	Ilse Roessner	\$11.3 B	▲	Brazil	steel
193.	Mikhail Prokhorov	\$11.4 B	▲	Russia	investments
194.	Jorge Moll Filho & family	\$11.3 B	▲	Brazil	hospitals
195.	Viktor Rashnikov	\$11.2 B	▲	Russia	steel



Covid-19 brought terrible suffering, economic pain, geopolitical tension—and the greatest acceleration of wealth in human history. Why this pandemic paradox could become a cause for celebration, not concern.

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195.	Harry Triguboff	\$11.2 B	▲	Australia	real estate
197.	Leonid Fedun & family	\$11.1 B	▲	Russia	oil
197.	Eyal Ofer	\$11.1 B	▲	Israel	real estate, shipping
197.	Evan Spiegel	\$11.1 B	▲	United States	Snapchat
200.	Luis Carlos Sarmiento	\$11 B	▲	Colombia	banking

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METHODOLOGY

The Forbes World's Billionaires list is a snapshot of wealth using stock prices and exchange rates from March 5, 2021. Some people become richer or poorer within days of publication. We list individuals rather than multigenerational families who share fortunes, though we include wealth belonging to a billionaire's spouse and children if that person is the founder of the fortune. In some cases we list siblings or couples together if the ownership breakdown among them isn't clear, but here an estimated net worth of \$1 billion per person is needed to make the cut. We value a variety of assets, including private companies, real estate, art and more. We don't pretend to know each billionaire's private balance sheet (though some provide it). When documentation isn't supplied or available, we discount fortunes. For daily updates of net worths, go to www.forbes.com/real-time-billionaires.



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