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William Gates III

Age: 51

Fortune: self made Source: Microsoft Net Worth: \$56.0 bil

Country Of Citizenship: United States

Residence: Medina, Washington, United States

Industry: Software

Marital Status: married, 3 children **Education:** Harvard University, Drop Out



After numerous delays, Microsoft visionary released latest operating system, Vista, in January. Last June announced his retirement from company he cofounded 31 years ago. The Harvard dropout who promised "a computer on every desk and in every home" now focusing time and talents on tackling diseases (hepatitis B, AIDS, malaria) in Africa, boosting America's lackluster high school graduation rate and helping women abroad start small businesses. This summer bridge buddy Warren Buffett pledged majority of his Berkshire Hathaway stock to Bill & Melinda Gates

Foundation over the next 20 years, potentially doubling foundation's endowment. Sells 20 million Microsoft shares a quarter, plows proceeds into personal investment vehicle Cascade. Today more than half of net worth invested outside Microsoft.

Warren Buffett

Age: 76

Fortune: self made

Source: Berkshire Hathaway

Net Worth: \$52.0 bil Country Of Citizenship:

United States

Residence: Omaha, Nebraska, United States, North America

Industry: Investments **Marital Status:** married, 3

children

Education: University of

Nebraska Lincoln, Bachelor of

Arts / Science

Columbia University, Master of

Science



Nation's most beloved investor married longtime girlfriend Astrid Menks on his 76th birthday last August. Had long promised to give away his fortune posthumously. Then last June announced he had irrevocably earmarked the majority of his Berkshire Hathaway shares to charity. At the time the gift was worth \$31 billion; believed to be the largest gift in history, it will go mostly to the Gates Foundation. Son of Nebraska politician delivered newspapers as a boy. Filed first tax return at age 13; claimed \$35 deduction for bicycle. Studied under value-investing guru Benjamin Graham at

Columbia, learned to hunt for undervalued stocks. Bought control of textile firm Berkshire Hathaway 1965; added insurance underwriting for the investable float. Today holding company has insurance (Geico, General Re), apparel (Fruit of the Loom), utilities (MidAmerican Energy), home furnishings (R.C. Willey). Also has noncontrolling stakes in Anheuser-Busch, Coca-Cola, Wells Fargo. Despite gifts, the Oracle of Omaha is \$10 billion richer than last year: Berkshire stock up 22% in past 12 months.

Carlos Slim Helu

Age: 67

Fortune: self made Source: telecom Net Worth: \$49.0 bil

Country Of Citizenship: Mexico

Residence: Mexico City, Mexico, Latin America Industry: Communications Marital Status: widowed, 6

children Education:

The world's third-richest man is \$19 billion richer this year and catching up with Americans Bill Gates and Warren Buffett thanks



to a strong Mexican equities market and the performance of his wireless telephone company, America Movil. The son of a Lebanese immigrant, Slim made his first fortune in 1990 when he bought fixed line operator Teléfonos de México (Telmex) in a privatization. Last year he spent \$3.7 billion to buy the Latin American operations of Verizon Communications, expanding his empire into Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. A widower and father of 6, Slim is a baseball fan and art collector. He keeps his art collection in Mexico City's Museo Soumaya, which he named after his late wife. In recent years he has donated close to \$4 billion to education and health projects, and to the revitalization of downtown Mexico City's historical district.

Ingvar Kamprad & family

Age: 80

Fortune: self made

Source: Ikea

Net Worth: \$33.0 bil A

Country Of Citizenship: Sweden

Residence: Lausanne, Switzerland, Europe & Russia

Industry: Retailing

Marital Status: married, 4 children

Education:

Peddled matches, fish, pens, Christmas cards and other items by bicycle as a teenager. Started selling furniture in 1947. Now his company Ikea, which sells hip designs for the cost conscious, is one of the most beloved retailers in the world, with an almost cultlike following. Ikea, which has stores in 34 countries, continues to expand into new markets such as Chengdu, China and opened its first store in Japan last April. As egalitarian as his brand, Kamprad avoids wearing suits, flies economy class and frequents cheap restaurants. Has been quoted as saying that his luxuries are the occasional nice cravat and Swedish fish roe. Says his home is furnished mostly with his own Ikea products.



Lakishimi Mittal

Age: 56

Fortune: inherited and growing

Source: steel

Net Worth: \$32.0 bil A

Country Of Citizenship: India Residence: London, United Kingdom, Europe & Russia Industry: Manufacturing Marital Status: married, 2

children

Education: St Xavier's College Calcutta, Bachelor of Arts / Science Steel titan known for his dealmaking won six-month battle for rival Arcelor. The \$34 billion merger created an industry behemoth that now



accounts for 10% of world's production, putting it well ahead of Japan's Nippon Steel. Mittal owns 44% of combined \$80 billion (sales) Arcelor-Mittal and is its chief executive. Mittal began his career working in the family's steelmaking business in India. Today Arcelor-Mittal operations span more than 60 countries and employ 330,000. Not content to dominate the steel industry, Mittal is branching out. Among his latest deals: spent \$980 million for a 50% stake in Kazakh oil firm Caspian Investment Resources, a subsidiary of Russia's Lukoil. This Londoner is the UK's richest resident.

Bernard Arnault

Age: 58

Fortune: inherited and growing

Source: LVMH

Net Worth: \$26.0 bil

Country Of Citizenship: France

Residence: Paris, France, Europe & Russia

Industry: Diversified

Marital Status: married, 5 children

Education: Ecole Polytechnique de Paris, Bachelor of Arts / Science

Put up \$15 million from his family's midsize construction firm to buy Christian Dior in 1985. Since then has built the world's largest luxury goods empire, LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton, whose brands also include Dom Pérignon, Fendi and Tag Heuer Still heads the company, which is expanding rapidly in China, Russia and India. LVMH recently hired Frank Gehry to design a \$127 million private museum in Paris. Son Antoine, 27, joined sister Delphine, 31, on LVMH's board last year. Arnault also set up an investment fund with his good friend Albert Frere in 2006; pair own two wineries together. In December opened his four-star hotel Le Cheval Blanc in ski resort

Courcheval, France, where he often spends New Year's Eve. Said to be a skilled pianist.



Amancio Ortega

Age: 71

Fortune: self made

Source: Zara

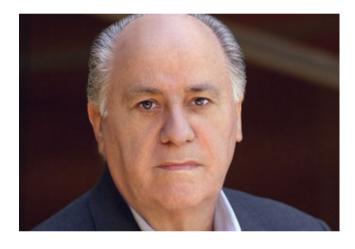
Net Worth: \$24.0 bil

Country Of Citizenship: Spain

Residence: La Coruna , Spain, Europe & Russia

Industry: Apparel

Marital Status: married, 3 children **Education:** High School, Drop Out



Son of a railway worker. Ranks among world's 20 richest for first time. With help from then-wife Rosalía Mera, got start making gowns and lingerie in his living room 44 years ago. Business became one of world's most successful apparel manufacturers, \$8.7 billion (2005 sales) Inditex. Group also owns 3,000 Zara retail stores in 64 countries. Ortega is chairman. Through his investment vehicles has invested in gas, tourism, banks and real estate; has properties in Madrid, Paris, London, Lisbon, plus luxury hotel and apartment complex in Miami. Reportedly owns a horse-jumping circuit and part of a soccer league. Shuns neckties.

Li Ka-shing

Age: 78

Fortune: self made **Source:** diversified Net Worth: **\$23.0 bil**

Country Of Citizenship: Hong

Kong

Residence: Hong Kong, Hong

Kong, Asia & Australia
Industry: Diversified
Marital Status: widowed, 2

children

Education: High School, Drop

Out

Asia's richest resident. His fortune is centered on conglomerates Cheung Kong and Hutchison Whampoa.



Through them Li is the world's largest operator of container terminals, a major supplier of electricity to Hong Kong, a cell phone provider, retailer and real estate developer. Also has a nearly \$10 billion stake in Canadian oil company Husky Energy. Recently announced plans to donate one-third of wealth over time, calling it "his third son." Eldest son, Victor, helps run massive empire; son Richard struck out on his own in early 1990s. Once a poor immigrant, Li got his start selling plastic flowers in Hong Kong in the 1950s.

David Thomson & family

Age: 49

Fortune: inherited **Source:** inheritance Net Worth: **\$22.0 bil**

Country Of Citizenship: Canada **Residence:** Toronto , Canada,

North America

Industry: Media/Entertainment **Marital Status:** divorced, 3

children **Education:**

Took control of family fortune after his father, Kenneth Thomson, died last June. Had already succeeded his father as chairman of Thomson Corp., media conglomerate in which the family has a 70% stake, in 2002.



Grandfather Roy founded the business in 1934. Company traded away traditional printed titles in order to move into software and electronic media for professionals, like Westlaw, a legal research tool. With his brother Peter also serves as cochair of family's investment concern, Woodbridge. Well known art collectors, the family bought \$5 million worth of native North American art at auction last year, including a \$1.8 million face mask, the highest amount ever spent on a single piece of native North American art. David said the family bought the collection in honor of his late father.

Lawrence Ellison

Age: 62

Fortune: self made **Source:** Oracle

Net Worth: \$21.5 bil A

Country Of Citizenship: United States **Residence:** Redwood City, California, United

States, North America **Industry:** Software

Marital Status: married, 2 children

Education: University of Illinois, Drop Out

Brash software titan still at helmof Oracle Systems, database outfit he cofounded 30 years



ago. Reshaping the industry with a massive shopping spree; spent \$19 billion buying 21 software companies in past 3 years. Biggest acquisitions: PeopleSoft for \$11 billion, Siebel Systems for \$5.9 billion. Deals added \$4.6 billion to company's annual revenue, 18,000 to employee count. Combination makes Oracle, already strong in database management, a big player in business applications like accounting and personnel. Now stitching it all together into software suite Fusion for release by 2008. Predicts earnings will grow 20% a year for the rest of the decade. Chicago native studied physics at U of Chicago; didn't graduate. Started Oracle in 1977. Took public in 1986, a day before Microsoft. Companies have been fiercely competitive ever since. Spends lots of time on distractions: tweaking his 40-acre Japanese-style estate, cruising on his 453-foot yacht, Rising Sun (world's second largest). Plans to sail in 2007 America's Cup in Spain. Turned blasé on

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