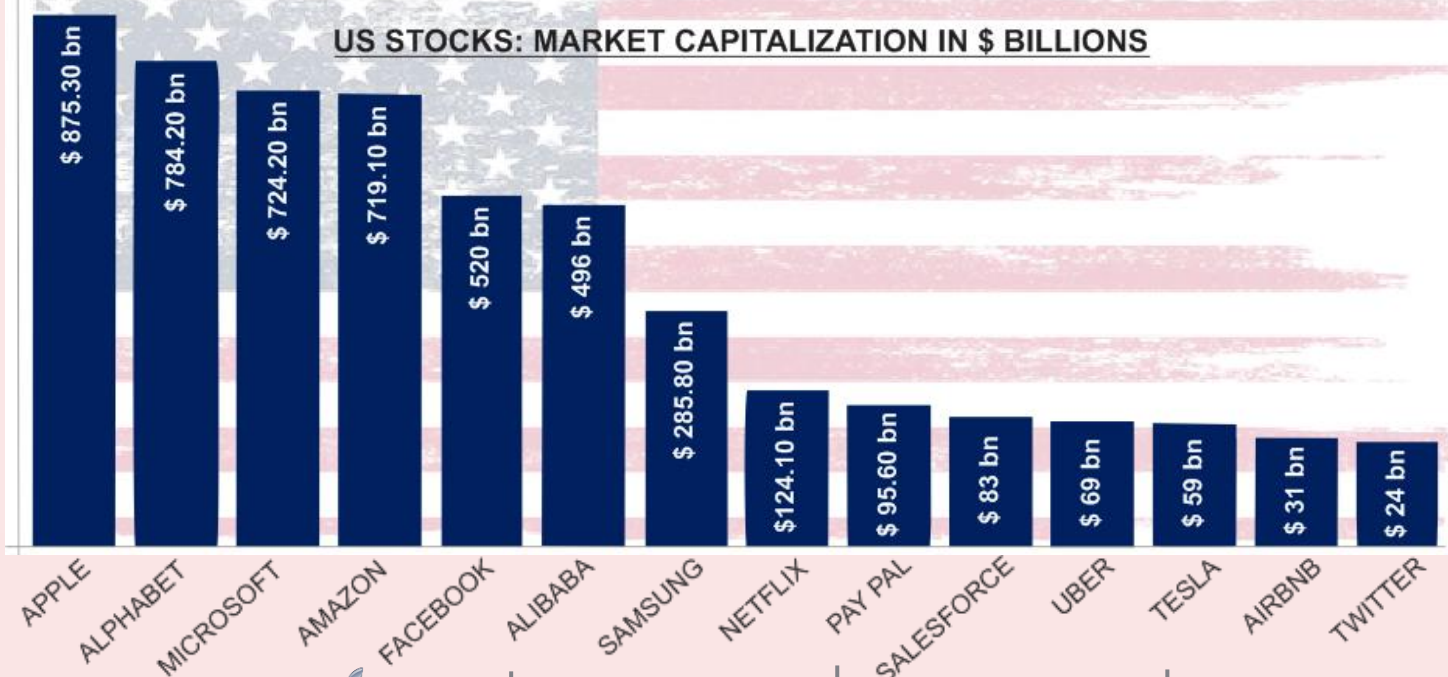


Largest Companies on the US Stock Market

US STOCKS: MARKET CAPITALIZATION IN \$ BILLIONS



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Founded by: Steve Jobs, Wozniak and Ronald Wayne
Date founded: 1 April 1976
Employees: 123 000
Headquarters: Cupertino, CA
10 year growth: 770%

Alphabet

Larry Page and Sergey Brin
 2 October 2015
 72 053
 Mountain View, CA
 411%



Bill Gates & Paul Allen
 4 April 1975
 124 000
 Redmond, WA
 231%



Jeff Bezos
 5 July 1994
 566 000
 Seattle, WA
 2020%

The World's Wealthiest: Four-Comma Club

The world's wealthiest people collectively hold a \$63.5trn fortune, and are on track to exceed \$100trn by 2025, according to a new analysis.

Meanwhile, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos – who became the first centi-billionaire earlier this year, is in the lead in the race to become the first trillionaire.

Electronics and tool distributor RS Components has analysed historical Bloomberg data to predict the world's first trillionaires, in a report they titled The Four-Comma Club. According to the analysis, Bezos is on track to become a dollar trillionaire in September 2030 – just 12 years from now, at age 66.

The Four Comma Club

Who will be the World's first Trillionaire?



JEFF BEZOS

THE RICHEST PERSON ON EARTH



The youngest entrepreneur to become a trillionaire will be Yang Huiyan in July 2036, at 54 years old. Yang Huiyan is the Vice-Chairperson of Country Garden, a property development company based in China.

The oldest businessman to become a trillionaire will be Alexei Mordashov, a shareholder of Severstal. He will be 89 years old and become a member of the four comma club in August 2055, the report says.

Not too far behind will be Tesla's Elon Musk, who is expected to become a trillionaire at 78, in November 2050.

Meanwhile, extensive controversy does not appear to have knocked Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg's wallet too hard. Zuckerberg can expect to join the four-comma club in December 2044, when he is 60.

THIS AND THAT

The state of **SA gold mining industry** is worse than first thought, with fewer than **20%** of gold mines making money at prevailing prices.

The **EU** has slapped **Google** with a huge € 4.34bn fine for abusing the dominance of its Android operating system.

Airbus reports 200 orders from unidentified buyers at the Farnborough Air show.

Eskom suffered a R 2.3 billion loss for the year to end March 2018.

SA unemployment rises to 27.2% in the second quarter, mainly due to the job losses in the manufacturing sector.

SA trade surplus widened to US \$917 billion in June 2018. Exports rose by 7.1%, and imports dropped by 0.9%.

The **BRICS GDP** by country: 2016 (US \$ 16.8 Trillion) – China 67%, India 13%, Brazil 11%, Russia 7% and SA 2%.

HUAWEI pulls ahead of **Apple**, claiming the no.2 spot in the global smartphone sales. Samsung is still no.1. Bill Venter, the founder of **ALTRON** (53 years ago), returns as non-executive director.

HARLEY DAVIDSON is looking to cut costs and launch new models, including smaller lightweight motorcycles.

Fast food deliveries are increasing in South Africa, with **MR D Food** seeing growth of 210 % in the past year, with over R500 million worth of orders.

Uber Eats and **Mr D Food**, account for 90% of SA third party fast food delivery.

Vodacom customer base (73,8 million) – South Africa 41,6 million, Tanzania 12,9 million, DRC 11,8 million, Mozambique 6,1 million & Lesotho 1,4 million.

Some soccer news – in 2016 **Messi** lifted **Adidas** Sales by an estimated \$53,3million, whereas **Ronaldo** lifted **Nike** sales by some \$500 million. A simple post to social media by Ronaldo can increase **Nike** Sales.

Juventus share on the Milan stock exchange jumped nearly 40% from June 28, once it was rumoured that Ronaldo was going to join Juventus.

Once he did sign up, shirt sales exploded even though **Juventus** is sponsored by **Adidas**.

Caterpillar sales are up 24% from a year ago, posting solid results.

Facebook stock dropped more than 20% after warning that revenue growth will take a hit (25 July 2018).

Trump - Entourages

When it comes to entourages, there can't be many much bigger than Mr Trump's.

Some 1000 staff are keeping him company, including Secret Service staff, military, communications specialists and White House aides.

Mr Trump has a White House doctor at his side at all times and one of five rotating military aides who carry the 'nuclear football' – equipped with communication tools and a book with prepared war plans.

There is always a group of 13 members of the press on such visits, including reporters, photographers, a television crew and a radio reporter.

Boeing

The World needs to produce 43 000 new aircraft over the next two decades to meet booming demand.

Dennis Muilenburg, chief executive of the US aerospace giant, revealed the outlook upgrade to reporters in London before the sector's Farnborough Air Show.

"We continue to see the aerospace market grow very strongly," said Muilenburg.



"We see \$8.1-trillion (R 107.01 trillion at \$1/R 13.21 on 17 July) marketplace in the next ten years" for commercial, defence and services, he added.

"We further increase our estimates in the next 20 years."

"We expect the world to need roughly 43 000 new commercial airplanes. That's up from last year's estimates."



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