New sectors and regions dominate the world's top 25 companies

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Bill Gates

Co-founder and CEO of Microsoft. Turned Microsoft into one of the world's largest companies and led the personal-computer revolution.

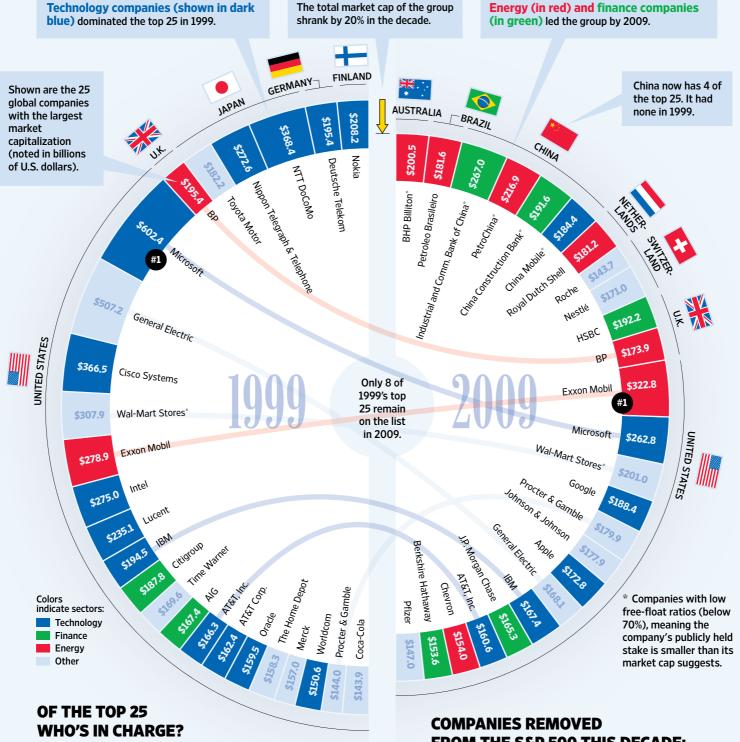


CEO of General Electric Co. Preached cost-cutting, a bottom-line focus, world-wide growth and rapid adaptation to a constantly changing world.



Carly Fiorina

CEO of Hewlett- Packard Co. Became the first woman to lead a Fortune 20 company. (HP is not one of the world's top 25 companies).



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Eric Schmidt

CEO of Google Inc. Turned search-engine company into the dominant Internet power.



Ratan Tata

Chairman of Tata Group. Pioneered the international expansion of India's largest conglomerate.



Steve Jobs

CEO of Apple Inc. Redefined the music, computer and mobile-phone industries with innovation and design.

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not American.

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