



Fact Sheet

Pierre M. Omidyar

Biographical Details

- Born 1967 in Paris, France
- BS Computer Science, Tufts University, 1988
- Married to Pam Omidyar
- Residence: Hawaii

Career

- Claris (subsidiary of Apple Computer), consumer software engineer
- eShop/Ink Development Corp., Co-Founder (acquired by Microsoft)
- eBay, Founder and Chairman
- Peer News, Inc., Co-Founder, CEO, and Publisher

Current Board Seats

- eBay, Chairman
- Omidyar Network, Chairman
- Omidyar-Tufts Microfinance Fund, Trustee
- Punahou School, Trustee
- Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute, Director
- Santa Fe Institute, Trustee
- Ulupono Initiative, Board Member

Philanthropy

- [Omidyar Network](#), Co-Founder and Founding Partner — creates opportunity through areas such as microfinance, property rights, government transparency, and social media
- [Ulupono Initiative](#), Co-Founder and Sponsor — supports renewable energy, local food production, and waste reduction in Hawaii
- [Tufts University](#) — sponsors school programs and microfinance fund
- [Santa Fe Institute](#) — sponsors multidisciplinary scientific research and collaboration
- [Silicon Valley Community Foundation](#) — funds humanitarian efforts globally and local causes in the San Francisco Bay Area
- [Hawaii Community Foundation](#) — supports local causes in Hawaii

Awards & Honors

- Appointed to the President's Commission on White House Fellowships (2009)
- Elected to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences (2009)
- The 25 Best Givers, Barron's (2009)
- Most Generous Donors, Chronicle of Philanthropy (2002 - 2007, 2009)
- The Slate 60, Slate (2002 - 2007, 2009)
- The Top Givers, Business Week (2003-2008)
- The Greatest Entrepreneurs of All Time, BusinessWeek (2007)
- Innovation Awards, The Economist (2006)
- 15 People Who Make America Great, The Giving Back Awards, Newsweek (2006)
- Runner up, Man of the Year, Time Magazine (2000)
- Golden Plate, American Academy of Achievement (2000)
- Global Leaders of Tomorrow, World Economic Forum (1999)
- Visionary Award, Software Development Forum (1999)
- U.S. National Entrepreneur of the Year Award, Ernst & Young (1999)