
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
- Co-Founder, CEO and Publisher, CivilBeat.com

Current Board Seats & Appointments

- eBay, Chairman
- Omidyar Network, Chairman
- Ulupono Initiative, Director
- Omidyar-Tufts Microfinance Fund, Trustee
- Punahou School, Trustee
- Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute, Director
- The President's Commission on White House Fellowships, Commissioner
- Santa Fe Institute
- Nicolas Berggruen Institute, 21st Century Council member

Philanthropy

Omidyar Family Philanthropies

- [Omidyar Network](#), Founding Partner (creating opportunity through areas such as consumer Internet and mobile technologies, entrepreneurship, government transparency, microfinance, and property rights)
- [HopeLab](#) (improves lives of young people with chronic illness)
- [Humanity United](#) (committed to building peace and advancing human freedom)
- [Ulupono Initiative](#) (social investment firm dedicated to improving the quality of life for Hawaii's residents)

Community & Academic Organizations

- [Tufts University](#) (support of school programs and creation of microfinance fund)
- [Santa Fe Institute](#) (multidisciplinary scientific research and collaboration)
- [Silicon Valley Community Foundation](#) (local causes in the San Francisco Bay Area)
- [Hawaii Community Foundation](#) (innovation and sustainability across the State)

Awards & Honors

- Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy (2011)
- Honorary Degree from Tufts University, Doctor of Public Service, honors causa (2011)
- Forbes, World's 7 Most Powerful Philanthropists (2011)
- The 25 Best Givers, Barron's (2009-2010)
- Elected to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences (2009)
- 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)
- The Top Givers, Business Week (2003-2008)
- Most Generous Donors, Chronicle of Philanthropy (2002 - 2007; 2009-2010)
- The Slate 60, Slate (2002 - 2007; 2009-2010)
- 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)