



Leaders

Leading tech

Jensen Huang: President and CEO of NVIDIA

Jensen Huang has shaped one of the most consequential technology stories of the modern era by anticipating how graphics processing would evolve far beyond gaming. Born in Taiwan in 1963, he moved to the United States as a child and studied electrical engineering at Oregon State University before completing a master's degree at Stanford University. Early roles at AMD and LSI Logic exposed him to semiconductor design and convinced him that a new kind of chip architecture could transform computing.

In 1993, Huang co-founded NVIDIA with Chris Malachowsky and Curtis Priem. The company's early focus was graphics cards for

video games, a niche that required immense parallel processing power. Huang recognised that this same capability could be applied to scientific computing, artificial intelligence, and data centres long before those fields became mainstream commercial priorities.

The release of CUDA in 2006, a programming model that allowed developers to use GPUs for general purpose computing, proved pivotal. It positioned NVIDIA at the centre of machine learning research years before the AI boom. As deep learning accelerated in the 2010s, NVIDIA's hardware became essential infrastructure for researchers and technology companies training neural networks.

Under Huang's leadership, NVIDIA expanded into autonomous vehicles, robotics, high-performance computing, and data-centre architecture.

The company's GPUs now power everything from supercomputers to generative AI systems. Strategic acquisitions, including Mellanox Technologies, strengthened NVIDIA's role in networking and data infrastructure. More recently, the company has also developed full-system level platforms combining hardware, software, and AI optimisation layers, moving beyond chips into integrated computing ecosystems.

Huang is known for his long-term vision, hands-on engineering knowledge, and distinctive leadership style, often presenting product launches himself in his trademark black

leather jacket. By consistently betting on parallel computing and investing in developer ecosystems, he transformed NVIDIA from a gaming hardware firm into a foundational company of the AI age, influencing how modern computing is built and deployed worldwide. Looking ahead, Huang has positioned NVIDIA around the expectation that accelerated computing and AI-driven infrastructure will remain central to the next era of technological development. [linkedin.com/in/jenssunhuang](https://www.linkedin.com/in/jenssunhuang)



I very seldom fire people – I'd rather torture them to greatness

Jensen Huang



Born for business

Abigail Johnson: CEO of Fidelity Investments

Abigail Johnson is one of the most influential figures in global asset management, leading one of the largest privately held financial services companies in the world. Born in 1961 in Boston, she is the granddaughter of Fidelity founder Edward C. Johnson II and the daughter of Edward “Ned” Johnson III. Her path into the business began after studying art history at Harvard University and earning an MBA from Harvard Business School, before joining Fidelity in 1988 as an analyst and portfolio manager.

She worked across multiple divisions of the company, gaining experience in equity research, retirement services, and institutional asset management. This broad exposure positioned her for senior leadership as Fidelity expanded beyond traditional mutual fund offerings into retirement platforms and digital investment services. In 2014, she became CEO, and later chair in 2016, overseeing a period of significant transformation across the firm.

Under Johnson’s leadership, Fidelity has expanded its role in retirement savings infrastructure in the United States, becoming one of the largest providers of 401(k) plans. She also led the

company’s entry into digital assets, including early institutional engagement with cryptocurrencies and blockchain based services through Fidelity Digital Assets. At the same time, Fidelity has continued to grow its core active management and brokerage businesses while investing heavily in technology, data systems, and customer platforms.

Johnson is known for maintaining Fidelity’s private ownership structure, which allows for long-term strategic decision making without the pressure of public markets. This has enabled sustained investment in product development and infrastructure, particularly in retirement and wealth management services. She has also overseen increased competition from low-cost index providers, responding by strengthening Fidelity’s mix of active management, advisory services, and technology driven offerings.

Looking ahead, Johnson is focused on how generational wealth transfer, automation, and digital asset adoption will reshape investment behaviour, positioning Fidelity to operate across both traditional markets and emerging financial ecosystems. Her leadership continues to centre on adapting a legacy institution to evolving global investor needs while maintaining long-term stability and scale. [linkedin.com/in/abbyjohnson](https://www.linkedin.com/in/abbyjohnson) ■

Change is something that is expected and, therefore, not resisted

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