

# FOUNDERS

## PAUL G. ALLEN, FOUNDER



With lifetime giving totaling over \$1.5 billion, investor and philanthropist Paul G. Allen has spent his career tackling some of the world's biggest challenges and pushing the boundaries of what's possible. Through both for-profit and philanthropic investments, Allen has sparked important developments and innovations in the areas of science, technology, education, conservation, the arts and community improvement.

Allen, who co-founded Microsoft in 1975, is mapping new frontiers and fueling exploration across a broad range of industries as the founder and chairman of Vulcan Inc., the Seattle-based company that oversees his business and philanthropic efforts. Allen's vision has forwarded projects such as leading the massive redevelopment of Seattle's South Lake Union neighborhood, founding three museums including Seattle's critically acclaimed EMP Museum, funding the first

privately-backed effort to successfully put a civilian in suborbital space, and launching Stratolaunch Systems, which is developing a revolutionary airborne launch system. He also owns the Seattle Seahawks of the National Football League, the Portland Trail Blazers of the National Basketball Association, and is part of the primary ownership group for the Seattle Sounders FC, the city's Major League Soccer team.

Allen is included among the world's leading philanthropists who have pledged to give away the majority of their fortunes to charity. His giving is channeled through The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, and through direct gifts, including \$26 million in 2010 to Washington State University for the Paul G. Allen School for Global Animal Health. In 2003, he founded the Allen Institute for Brain Science to accelerate understanding of the human brain in health and disease, supporting the Seattle non-profit with \$500 million to date. A decade later, he launched the Allen Institute for the Artificial Intelligence to explore critical questions in AI.

Allen's award-winning film company, Vulcan Productions, develops and supports media projects that help audiences understand the world around them and respond to challenges. *Idea Man*, Allen's 2011 memoir, was a *New York Times* bestseller.

## JODY ALLEN, FOUNDER, PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN



As president and CEO of Vulcan Inc., Jody Allen has spent nearly three decades developing and leading a wide range of the Allen family's business projects and charitable endeavors around the world.

She also serves as president of Vulcan Productions, which produces thought-provoking films, digital programs, and outreach initiatives. The award-winning film company is a co-producing partner of 10x10, a global campaign behind the feature film *Girl Rising*, aimed to educate and empower girls. She is also president of the board of Seattle's EMP Museum, the critically acclaimed museum of music, popular culture and science fiction. It was her influence that brought Frank Gehry in for the design of EMP, which has since been seen as a revolutionary architectural statement. She is vice-chair of First & Goal Inc., which oversees operations of the Seattle Seahawks,

and also serves on the boards of the Allen Institute for Brain Science and the Seahawks Charitable Foundation.

An active member of the arts and education communities, Ms. Allen is known for her love of the arts and for her strong leadership skills. She has served on the boards of ArtsFund, the Theatre Communications Group, the University of Washington Foundation, the Museum of Glass, the Los Angeles International Film Festival and the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

Ms. Allen has also supported a number of major research projects, including the study of the long-term effects of nuclear detonation testing on the marine environment, and helping marine biologist Hans Fricke unravel the mystery of the coelacanth. An avid traveler, Ms. Allen is a member of the Explorers Club and the Royal Canadian Geographical Society.

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