

A.G. Gaston, founderGaston Insurance Companies



Robin Wilson Robin Wilson Homes, Inc.



Daymond Johns, founder FUBU, Inc.



Elaine Griffith, founder Elaine Griffith Designs



Iman, founder Iman Cosmetics, Inc.



Earl Graves, Sr., founderBlack Enterprise, Inc.



Madame C.J. Walker, founder Madame C.J. Walker Manufacturing Co.



Damon Dash, co-founder Rock-a-Fella Records



Todd Smith (a.ka. LL Cool J), founder Todd Smith Designs



Manuela Testolini Nelson, founder Gamillah, Inc. J.D. from York University in Toronto



Lenny Kravitz, founder Kravitz Designs, Inc.



Gelila Assefa Puck, founder Gelila, Inc. (handbags)



Naomi Sims, founder Naomi Sims Cosmetics



Tonya Lewis Lee, founder Carol's Daughter



Genevieve Jones, founder Genevieve Jones Jewelry



Philip Freelon, founder
The Freelon Group (architecture)



Shawn Carter (a.k.a. Jay-Z), founder Rocowear, Inc. Rock-A-Fella Records



Majora Carter, founder
Carter Environmental Consulting Group



Tracy Reese, founder Tracy Reese Designs



Georgette McGriff, founder Primoluxe Gloves



Bob Johnson, co-founder Black Entertainment TV First Black (Male) Billionaire



Stacey Dash, founder Letters of Marque Designs



Liya Kebede, founder LemLem Children's Clothing



Earvin Johnson, founder Magic Johnson Enterprises Magic Johnson Foundation



Kathy Hughes, founder Radio One



Beyonce Knowles, founder Dereon Fashions



Ursula Burns, CEO
Xerox, Inc.
First Black Woman to Lead a Fortune 500 Company



Venus Williams, founder V Starr Interior Designs



Cecil Hayes, Founder
Cecil's Designers, Inc. (interior design)



Walter Kitundu
Instrument Inventor and Composer
MacArthur Genius



Mary J. Blige, founder

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