

FASTEST-GROWING COMPANIES

Over the past decade, eBay (No. 303) has been tops in profits but has drifted from its original mission. Is it getting back on track?

GROWTH IN PROFITS

RANK	500 revenues rank	2008 % growth in EPS
1	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE 43	716.7
2	COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS 243	625.0
3	EBAY 303	444.0
4	MOSAIC 276	391.6
5	PEABODY ENERGY 353	258.2
6	CORNING 414	147.8
7	MERCK 103	144.3
8	UNITED STATES STEEL 105	142.7
9	BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB 120	141.3
10	MURPHY OIL 92	125.9
11	EOG RESOURCES 350	122.4
12	NRG ENERGY 363	113.4
13	MONSANTO 235	102.2
14	CROSSTEX ENERGY 479	100.0
15	INTERPUBLIC GROUP 361	100.0
16	DARDEN RESTAURANTS 374	92.6
17	MCDONALD'S 107	89.9
18	JABIL CIRCUIT 212	85.7
19	AON 307	80.7
20	QUEST DIAGNOSTICS 341	70.7
	THE 500 MEDIAN	(5.8)

5 YEARS

RANK	500 revenues rank	'03-'08 % annual growth in EPS
1	APPLE 71	124.0
2	NUCOR 106	97.3
3	MONSANTO 235	94.5
4	FRONTIER OIL 383	91.4
5	PEABODY ENERGY 353	89.8
6	AMAZON.COM 130	79.5
7	BEST BUY 56	73.2
8	BAKER HUGHES 227	69.4
9	RELIASTEEL & ALUMINUM 298	65.1
10	CUMMINS 181	64.6
11	COMMERCIAL METALS 251	64.2
12	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER 180	63.8
13	NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO 200	61.2
14	GRAYBAR ELECTRIC 439	60.7
15	STEEL DYNAMICS 318	57.6
16	INTERNATIONAL ASSETS HOLDING 140	55.0
17	CAMERON INTERNATIONAL 421	52.8
18	EMCOR GROUP 370	52.1
19	WESCO INTERNATIONAL 406	49.8
20	HARRIS 447	48.6
	THE 500 MEDIAN	12.2

10 YEARS

RANK	500 revenues rank	'98-'08 % annual growth in EPS
1	EBAY 303	87.7
2	SEALED AIR 483	58.3
3	BALL 336	40.5
4	STRYKER 375	39.4
5	SMITH INTERNATIONAL 250	35.6
6	QUALCOMM 244	35.4
7	EXPRESS SCRIPTS 115	34.5
8	OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM 98	32.7
9	TRAVELERS COS. 99	31.2
10	STEEL DYNAMICS 318	30.8
11	HENRY SCHEIN 389	29.9
12	BEST BUY 56	29.7
13	QUEST DIAGNOSTICS 341	29.6
14	L-3 COMMUNICATIONS 171	28.5
15	CHEVRON 3	27.6
16	YAHOO 345	26.6
17	HOLLY 420	26.3
18	APPLE 71	26.2
19	EMCOR GROUP 370	25.6
20	MARATHON OIL 23	25.2
	THE 500 MEDIAN	9.1

GROWTH IN REVENUES

RANK	500 revenues rank	2008 % growth in revenues
1	INTERNATIONAL ASSETS HOLDING 140	311.6
2	NUSTAR ENERGY 485	227.4
3	MYLAN 462	92.7
4	URS 264	87.4
5	CHS 72	86.8
6	STEEL DYNAMICS 318	84.3
7	VISA 394	74.5
8	ABITIBIOWATER 379	71.4
9	ICAHN ENTERPRISES 466	70.4
10	EOG RESOURCES 350	70.1
11	MOSAIC 276	70.0
12	CVR ENERGY 472	69.1
13	ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND 27	58.6
14	UNIVERSAL AMERICAN 494	53.5
15	MURPHY OIL 92	49.2
16	CHESAPEAKE ENERGY 230	49.1
17	COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS 243	47.9
18	WESTERN DIGITAL 319	47.7
19	PLAINS ALL AMERICAN PIPELINE 79	47.4
20	WESTERN REFINING 253	46.8
	THE 500 MEDIAN	6.6

5 YEARS

RANK	500 revenues rank	'03-'08 % annual growth in revenues
1	GOOGLE 117	71.6
2	KNIGHT 223	61.6
3	STEEL DYNAMICS 318	52.3
4	FREEMPORT-MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD 146	51.7
5	WORLD FUEL SERVICES 137	47.4
6	CHESAPEAKE ENERGY 230	46.6
7	NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO 200	46.3
8	ALERIS INTERNATIONAL 413	46.3
9	XTO ENERGY 330	45.3
10	GILEAD SCIENCES 444	43.8
11	ONEOK 159	40.0
12	APPLE 71	39.2
13	MURPHY OIL 92	38.8
14	THERMO FISHER SCIENTIFIC 258	38.0
15	CROSSTEX ENERGY 479	37.1
16	RELIASTEEL & ALUMINUM 298	35.8
17	YAHOO 345	34.7
18	HEXION SPECIALTY CHEMICAL 407	33.5
19	HOLLY 420	33.1
20	SYMANTEC 419	33.1
	THE 500 MEDIAN	8.9

10 YEARS

RANK	500 revenues rank	'98-'08 % annual growth in revenues
1	AMAZON.COM 130	41.2
2	VALERO ENERGY 10	35.8
3	CONOCOPHILLIPS 4	34.6
4	TESORO 91	34.1
5	TIME WARNER 48	33.6
6	MURPHY OIL 92	32.1
7	L-3 COMMUNICATIONS 171	30.5
8	APACHE 217	30.3
9	INTEGRYS ENERGY GROUP 185	29.0
10	URS 264	28.8
11	SANMINA-SCI 292	28.7
12	DISH NETWORK 231	28.0
13	NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO 200	27.6
14	WELLPOINT 32	26.4
15	FREEMPORT-MCMORAN COPPER & GOLD 146	26.1
16	JABIL CIRCUIT 212	25.9
17	HOLLY 420	25.8
18	CHEVRON 3	25.7
19	MGM MIRAGE 344	25.0
20	ONEOK 159	24.3
	THE 500 MEDIAN	8.2

MOST PROFITABLE COMPANIES

For the sixth straight year Exxon Mobil made the most money, while Chevron, Wal-Mart, and IBM moved up the list.

PROFITS

RANK	500 revenues rank	2008 \$ millions
1	EXXON MOBIL	45,220.0
2	CHEVRON	23,931.0
3	MICROSOFT	17,681.0
4	GENERAL ELECTRIC	17,410.0
5	WAL-MART STORES	13,400.0
6	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	12,949.0
7	ATT	12,867.0
8	IBM	12,334.0
9	PROCTER & GAMBLE	12,075.0
10	HEWLETT-PACKARD	8,329.0
11	Pfizer	8,104.0
12	CISCO SYSTEMS	8,052.0
13	MERCK	7,808.4
14	PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL	6,890.0
15	OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM	6,857.0
16	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	6,428.0
17	COCA-COLA	5,807.0
18	J.P. MORGAN CHASE & CO.	5,605.0
19	ORACLE	5,521.0
20	NEWS CORP.	5,387.0
	THE 500 MEDIAN	393.1

RETURN ON REVENUES

RANK	500 revenues rank	2008 profits as % of revenues
1	CORNING	414
2	GILEAD SCIENCES	444
3	LIBERTY MEDIA	265
4	EKG RESOURCES	350
5	MERCK	103
6	ALTRIA GROUP	160
7	LOEWS	174
8	MICROSOFT	35
9	QUALCOMM	244
10	OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM	98
11	AMGEN	168
12	PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL	93
13	FRANKLIN RESOURCES	410
14	XTO ENERGY	330
15	ORACLE	113
16	BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB	120
17	CHARLES SCHWAB	440
18	SPECTRA ENERGY	459
19	MOAIC	276
20	EBAY	303
	THE 500 MEDIAN	3.7

RETURN ON SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

RANK	500 revenues rank	2008 profits as % of equity
1	AUTOZONE	380
2	ALTRIA GROUP	160
3	CELANESE	368
4	AVON PRODUCTS	255
5	LOCKHEED MARTIN	54
6	COLGATE-PALMOLIVE	166
7	HERSHEY	463
8	PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL	93
9	IBM	14
10	CAMPBELL SOUP	309
11	KELLOGG	210
12	EXPRESS SCRIPTS	115
13	MCGRAW-HILL	391
14	CATERPILLAR	44
15	DELL	33
16	FMC TECHNOLOGIES	460
17	NCR	446
18	MICROSOFT	35
19	GILEAD SCIENCES	444
20	ROCKWELL COLLINS	488
	THE 500 MEDIAN	13.1

MOST BANG FOR THE BUCK (OR BODY)

By every measure, 500 newcomer International Assets Holding, a financial services firm, is tops in this category.

REVENUES PER DOLLAR OF ASSETS

RANK	500 revenues rank	2008 \$
1	INTERNATIONAL ASSETS HOLDING	41.92
2	WORLD FUEL SERVICES	13.18
3	GLOBAL PARTNERS	291
4	TRAVELCENTERS OF AMERICA	332
5	AMERISOURCEBERGEN	26
6	BJ'S WHOLESALE CLUB	269
7	NASH-FINCH	492
8	INGRAM MICRO	67
9	TECH DATA	102
10	C.H. ROBINSON WORLDWIDE	300
11	SUNOCO	41
12	MCKESSON	15
13	OWENS-MINOR	339
14	WINN-DIXIE STORES	340
15	BRIGHTPOINT	496
16	EXPRESS SCRIPTS	115
17	CARDINAL HEALTH	18
18	SYNNEX	328
19	KELLY SERVICES	437
20	TESORO	91
	THE 500 MEDIAN	1.00

REVENUES PER DOLLAR OF EQUITY

RANK	500 revenues rank	2008 \$
1	INTERNATIONAL ASSETS HOLDING	140
2	CONTINENTAL AIRLINES	167
3	TENET HEALTHCARE	283
4	LEAR	195
5	AVIS BUDGET GROUP	411
6	GLOBAL PARTNERS	291
7	CB RICHARD ELLIS GROUP	464
8	SONIC AUTOMOTIVE	337
9	CELANESE	368
10	WORLD FUEL SERVICES	137
11	OFFICEMAX	313
12	AUTOZONE	380
13	AMERISOURCEBERGEN	26
14	DELTA AIR LINES	111
15	PILGRIM'S PRIDE	304
16	CROSSTEX ENERGY	479
17	DEAN FOODS	216
18	ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP	486
19	PANTRY	317
20	EXPRESS SCRIPTS	115
	THE 500 MEDIAN	3.04

REVENUES PER EMPLOYEE

RANK	500 revenues rank	2008 \$ millions
1	INTERNATIONAL ASSETS HOLDING	140
2	GLOBAL PARTNERS	291
3	HOTEL & RESORTS	449
4	WORLD FUEL SERVICES	137
5	PLAINS ALL AMERICAN PIPELINE	79
6	TARGA RESOURCES	323
7	ENTERPRISE GP HOLDINGS	65
8	CVR ENERGY	472
9	FRONTIER OIL	383
10	AMERISOURCEBERGEN	26
11	CONOCOPHILLIPS	4
12	CROSSTEX ENERGY	479
13	HOLLY	420
14	VALERO ENERGY	10
15	ENBRIDGE ENERGY PARTNERS	268
16	TESORO	91
17	CALPINE	272
18	MURPHY OIL	92
19	NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL	118
20	EXXON MOBIL	1
	THE 500 MEDIAN	0.4

BIGGEST COMPANIES

As market values plunged, General Electric (No. 2 in 2007) fell nearly 70%. But Wal-Mart increased its workforce by 45,000.

BY MARKET VALUE

RANK	500 revenues rank	3/27/09 \$ millions
1	EXXON MOBIL	345,815.3
2	WAL-MART STORES	205,817.8
3	MICROSOFT	161,185.9
4	ATT	153,226.0
5	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	146,117.4
6	PROCTER & GAMBLE	142,350.3
7	BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY	138,790.4
8	CHEVRON	138,114.1
9	IBM	126,319.0
10	GENERAL ELECTRIC	113,841.4
11	GOOGLE	109,627.7
12	COCA-COLA	104,391.1
13	J.P. MORGAN CHASE & CO.	102,967.1
14	CISCO SYSTEMS	98,937.4
15	APPLE	95,155.7
16	PFIZER	94,703.6
17	ORACLE	89,751.3
18	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	86,978.3
19	INTEL	85,766.0
20	PEPSICO	81,534.1
THE 500 MEDIAN		4,993.7

BY EQUITY

RANK	500 revenues rank	2008 \$ millions
1	BANK OF AMERICA CORP.	177,052.0
2	J.P. MORGAN CHASE & CO.	166,884.0
3	CITIGROUP	141,630.0
4	EXXON MOBIL	112,965.0
5	BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY	109,267.0
6	GENERAL ELECTRIC	104,665.0
7	WELLS FARGO	99,084.0
8	ATT	96,347.0
9	CHEVRON	86,648.0
10	PROCTER & GAMBLE	69,494.0
11	WAL-MART STORES	65,285.0
12	GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP	64,369.0
13	PFIZER	57,556.0
14	CONOCOPHILLIPS	55,165.0
15	STATE FARM INSURANCE	53,287.4
16	AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP	52,710.0
17	MORGAN STANLEY	50,831.0
18	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	42,511.0
19	TIME WARNER	42,288.0
20	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	41,706.0
THE 500 MEDIAN		3,426.0

BY EMPLOYEES

RANK	500 revenues rank	2008 number of employees
1	WAL-MART STORES	2,100,000
2	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	426,000
3	MCDONALD'S	400,000
4	IBM	398,455
5	TARGET	351,000
6	KROGER	326,000
7	CITIGROUP	324,850
8	SEARS HOLDINGS	324,000
9	GENERAL ELECTRIC	323,000
10	HEWLETT-PACKARD	321,000
11	ATT	302,660
12	WELLS FARGO	281,000
13	HOME DEPOT	265,650
14	FEDEX	254,142
15	BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY	246,083
16	BANK OF AMERICA CORP.	243,075
17	GENERAL MOTORS	243,000
18	J.P. MORGAN CHASE & CO.	224,961
19	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	223,880
20	UNITED TECHNOLOGIES	223,100
THE 500 MEDIAN		25,686

BEST INVESTMENTS

With consumers digging in, it paid to put money on retailers that offer value, like Dollar Tree, Ross Stores, and McDonald's.

TOTAL RETURN TO SHAREHOLDERS 1 YEAR

RANK	500 revenues rank	2008 %
1	DOLLAR TREE	49.9
2	FAMILY DOLLAR STORES	35.9
3	NASH-FINCH	29.6
4	WORLD FUEL SERVICES	28.3
5	AMGEN	24.4
6	OMNICARE	22.2
7	WAL-MART STORES	20.0
8	ROHM & HAAS	19.4
9	ROSS STORES	17.6
10	AUTOZONE	16.3
11	GILEAD SCIENCES	11.1
12	GENERAL MILLS	9.4
13	MCDONALD'S	8.5
14	AECOM TECHNOLOGY	7.6
15	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	5.6
16	PULTE HOMES	5.1
17	W.R. BERKLEY	4.9
18	WASTE MANAGEMENT	4.7
19	DARDEN RESTAURANTS	4.4
20	C.H. ROBINSON WORLDWIDE	3.4
THE 500 MEDIAN		(41.2)

5 YEARS

RANK	500 revenues rank	'03-'08 annual rate %
1	APPLE	71
2	MONSANTO	235
3	NUCOR	106
4	GILEAD SCIENCES	444
5	EXPRESS SCRIPTS	115
6	HESS	55
7	FRONTIER OIL	383
8	OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM	98
9	C.H. ROBINSON WORLDWIDE	300
10	EOG RESOURCES	350
11	XTO ENERGY	330
12	MCDONALD'S	107
13	HOLLY	420
14	PRECISION CASTPARTS	362
15	PERINI	432
16	BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE	142
17	MEDCO HEALTH SOLUTIONS	45
18	PEABODY ENERGY	353
19	FLUOR	114
20	DEVON ENERGY	163
THE 500 MEDIAN		0.3

10 YEARS

RANK	500 revenues rank	'98-'08 annual rate %
1	XTO ENERGY	330
2	GILEAD SCIENCES	444
3	CHESAPEAKE ENERGY	230
4	QUEST DIAGNOSTICS	341
5	QUALCOMM	244
6	FRONTIER OIL	383
7	HOLLY	420
8	OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM	98
9	C.H. ROBINSON WORLDWIDE	300
10	APPLE	71
11	WORLD FUEL SERVICES	137
12	INTERNATIONAL ASSETS HOLDING	140
13	APACHE	217
14	EXPEDITORS INTERNATIONAL	434
15	EXPRESS SCRIPTS	115
16	EMCOR GROUP	370
17	PRECISION CASTPARTS	362
18	NUCOR	106
19	PACCAR	170
20	SHAW GROUP	357
THE 500 MEDIAN		2.3

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