

Apple's key man takes leave of absence

Steve Jobs has sparked renewed speculation about his health – and Apple's future – after announcing he is to take a second medical leave of absence. Jobs will remain as CEO, involved in strategic decisions, with chief operating officer Tim Cook taking over day-to-day operations

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Oct 2003: Jobs diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

Aug 2004: Goes public about his illness

Jul 2008: Appears thin and frail at Developers' Conference. Shares fall 10%

2010: Oct-Dec revenue \$26.7bn

Jan 2009: Takes six month leave for liver transplant

Share price \$

250

200

150

100

Sep 2008: Global financial crisis starts

Jul 2009: Stock rises 67% under Cook's tenure

Annual revenue \$19.3bn

\$24.6bn

\$37.5bn

\$42.9bn

\$65.2bn

2006

2007

2008

2009

2010

Major product releases

Mar Apple TV

Jun iPhone

Jan MacBook Air

Jul iPhone 3G App Store

Jun iPhone 3GS

Mar: iPad

Jun: iPhone 4

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