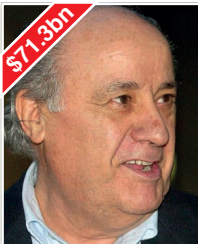


# Asia has more billionaires than U.S.

The wealth held by the world's 1,542 billionaires jumped by nearly \$1 trillion\* in 2016. Asia's economic expansion saw a new billionaire created every other day, with three in four living in China or India



**Bill Gates**  
Microsoft  
*United States*



**Amancio Ortega**  
Zara  
*Spain*



**Li Ka-shing**  
Diversified  
*Hong Kong*



**Mukesh Ambani**  
Oil and gas  
*India*

Number of  
billionaires

Wealth (US\$)  
United States

Percentage  
change

538

2015: \$2,395 billion

563

2016: \$2,753 billion

UP 14.9%

Includes  
318 Chinese,  
101 Indian  
billionaires

Asia

520

\$1,493bn

637

\$1,965bn

UP 31.6%

Entrepreneurs  
can find Europe  
a difficult place  
to do business  
due to strict  
regulations

Europe

339

\$1,255bn

342

\$1,319bn

UP 5.1%

World's  
billionaires  
employ  
27.7 million  
people

\*\$1 trillion = \$1,000,000,000,000