

Los Angeles Lakers' historic \$10bn deal

The Buss family, owners of the iconic LA Lakers basketball team, have reportedly agreed to sell a majority ownership stake in the franchise – marking the most expensive sale of a U.S. sports team in history

Jeanie Buss (below) continues as franchise governor. Father **Jerry Buss** – who died in 2013 – purchased team in 1979 for \$67.5m, winning 11 titles and creating NBA icons such as **LeBron James** (left)

New owner
Mark Walter
(inset) is known for extensive sports portfolio



MOST EXPENSIVE U.S. SPORTS FRANCHISES:

Basketball teams, unless stated



2025	Los Angeles Lakers	Mark Walter	\$10bn
2025	Boston Celtics	Bill Chisholm	\$6.1bn
2023	Washington Commanders*	Josh Harris, Harris Ownership	\$6.05bn
2022	Denver Broncos*	Walton-Penner Family	\$4.65bn
2022	Phoenix Suns & Mercury	Matt Ishbia	\$4.0bn
2023	Dallas Mavericks	Miriam Adelson, Patrick Dumont	\$3.5bn
2023	Charlotte Hornets	Gabe Plotkin, Rick Schnall	\$3.0bn
2020	New York Mets†	Steve Cohen	\$2.4bn
2019	Brooklyn Nets	Joe Tsai	\$2.35bn
2017	Carolina Panthers*	David Tepper	\$2.275bn