THE (REAL) POWER 50

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About the list

The members of The (Real) Power 50 are the linchpins in their company. The connectors in their industry. The heart of the operation. The people who make things happen. The remarkable players in the Minnesota business community with a knack for getting things done — and being helpful along the way.

How it was created

To create this list, we selected people we trust to be nominators, people who understand what The Real Power 50 means--the Alumni! We also scanned the state's business community, asking our trusted partners and business leaders to identify the movers and shakers who have impressed them in the last year. And thus- the list of 50 came to be.

2015 List of The (REAL) POWER 50

Aaron Hall, CEO, Thompson Hall
Dean Phillips, Chairman, Talenti Gelato
Heidi Gesell, President, Bank Cherokee
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John Blank, Chairman, Treehouse Health
Kim Plahn, President & CFO, Dunn Bros Coffee
Luis Moreno, Co-Founder, Twin Cities Business Peer Network
Michael Langley, President & CEO, Greater MSP
Myrna Marofsky, Founder, The Business Women's Circle
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Barbara Hensley, Founder & CEO, HopeChest
Larry Yatch, CEO, Sealed Mindset
Maura Steblay, Partner, Minneapolis Financial Group
Paul Jaeb, CEO, Heartland Investigative Group
Ryan Burnet, Restauranteur, Barrio
Thompson Aderinkomi, Founder & CEO, RetraceHealth
Tony Barranco, VP of Development, Ryan Companies
Jaime Nolan, Founder & CEO, IntrinXec Management
Laura Liu, COO, College Possible
Lili Hall, CEO & President, KNOCK, Inc.
Marc Grossfield, CEO & Founder, Aviv 613 Vodka
Jon Freeland, Partner, M&A Group
Nick Hernandez, Owner, Aeritae Consulting Group
Rick Brimacomb, Founder, Brimacomb & Associates
Ross Levin, Founding Principal & President, Accredited Investors, Inc.
Sara Beatty Ratner, SVP Operations, Redbrick Health
Tomas Perez, Director of Sales & Education Co-Chair, National Life Group &National Society of Hispanic MBAs
Laura Kelly, Partner & CEO, Keyot
Leslie Holman, CEO, Pinnacle Performance Group
Matt Arens, CEO, First Light Asset Management
Matt Hilker, Co-Founder, Altrulytics
Mike Bromelkamp, Principal, Olsen Thielen
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Theresa Pesch, President, Children's Healthcare Foundation
Bill Katter, Executive Vice President, United Properties
Dan Collison, Executive Director for East Downtown, Minneapolis Downtown Council
Dave Dickey, CEO, Second Story Sales
Rob Holt, President & CEO, Super Radiator Coils
Jake Spano, Deputy Secretary of Stafe Chief of Staff, Secretary of State
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