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The Forbes Global 2000

The Top 50 Companies Ranked by Sales, Profits, Assets and Market Value

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ExxonMobil is the world's largest corporation in sales, profits and stock market value. In assets it ranks a mere 78.

Our Global 2000 ranks companies by a composite of all four of these dimensions. Take any one and you get a lopsided list. Look at sales alone and you conclude that the economy is controlled by retailers. A market value list gives too much weight to whatever sector is in vogue on Wall Street. On a profits list, big and powerful companies like General Motors disappear. Assets are fine if you think bankers rule the world.

Financial firms dominate the top slots on our asset ranking. The exceptions are General Electric, the finance company in industrial clothing, and gm, whose bright spot is its finance subsidiary, for which it is seeking a partial sale in order to raise cash.

Top 50 in Sales With a 24% jump in 2005 revenues, ExxonMobil moved past last year's world revenues champ, Wal-Mart Stores. Of the sales leaders, 20 hail from the U.S.

Top 50 in Profits Higher oil and gas prices helped energy companies grab 6 of the top 10 spots here. ExxonMobil's record profits last year: \$36 billion.

Top 50 in Assets Financial service companies rule this list. Barclays of the U.K. unseats perennial asset leader Citigroup to claim the top spot in assets.

Top 50 in Market Value Despite an 11% decline in market value from last year ExxonMobil, capitalized at \$363 billion, remains the world's most valuable company.