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Many people know Roman Abramovich as one of the richest men in the world, but few know how he made himself.

Roman Abramovich started his multi-billion-dollar business during his army service. He first worked as a street-trader and then as a mechanic at a local factory. At the peak of perestroika, Abramovich sold imported rubber ducks from his Moscow apartment.

In 1988 Abramovich got a chance to legitimize his old business. Together with his wife Olga he set up a company making dolls. Within a few years his wealth spread from oil conglomerates to pig farms and he also started investing in other businesses. In 1999, Abramovich was elected to the State Duma as the representative for the Chukotka Autonomous Okrug. He started the charity Pole of Hope to help the people of Chukotka, especially children, and in December 2000 was elected the governor of Chukotka. In June 2003, Abramovich became the owner of the companies that control Chelsea Football Club in west London. Chelsea ended the 2004-05 season as league champions, for the first time in 50 years, and only the second time in their history. Since the takeover the club have won eleven major trophies - the UEFA Champions League, the UEFA Europa League, the Premier League 3 times, the FA Cup 4 times (with 2010 providing the club's first ever league and FA Cup double) and the League Cup twice making Chelsea the most successful English trophy winning team in the decade and being the first English team to win all European trophies.

According to Forbes, Abramovich's net worth in 2015, was US\$ 9.1 billion. This makes him the 12th richest person in Russia and the 137th richest person in the world.