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8 Russians Named Among World's 100 Richest Billionaires — Forbes

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Leonid Mikhelson **Mikhail Metsel / TASS**

Eight Russian billionaires have been named among the 100 richest people in the world, according to new rankings published by Forbes on Tuesday.

The richest Russian on the list was Leonid Mikhelson, the CEO of the Novatek gas giant, who came in 32nd place overall with an estimated net worth of $24 billion.

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Other Russians in the listed included Vladimir Lisin, chairman of the NMLK steel manufacturer, in 45th place with an estimated $21.3 billion; and Vagit Alekperov, president of oil company LUKOIL, with $20.7 billion.

Oligarchs Alisher Usmanov and Roman Abramovich — both major football club investors — were listed in 106th and 107th place respectively.

Overall, 98 Russian citizens were included in Forbes' list of 2,153 billionaires, making Russia the country with the fifth-highest representation.

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