

2 Lone Billionaires Top Russia's Richest Women List

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Tatyana Bakalchuk **Delo / Youtube**

Yelena Baturina and Tatyana Bakalchuk are household names in Russia's billionaire circles.

Months after [cementing](#) their status as Russia's only women billionaires, Baturina and Bakalchuk have once again topped Forbes magazine's ranking of the country's 25 richest women.

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But while Baturina's fortune [stayed](#) at \$1.2 billion this year, Bakalchuk nearly doubled her net worth to \$1 billion, according to the magazine's barely changed ranking [published](#) Thursday.

Baturina, 56, headed a construction company until her husband Yury Luzhkov departed as mayor of Moscow in 2010, when she sold the company and moved abroad. She has since embarked on a number of development projects.

Bakalchuk, 43, who co-founded the popular private online retailer Wildberries in 2004, [cracked](#) the top 100 among both genders this year.

Tatyana Kovalchuk, the wife of President Vladimir Putin's old friend Yury Kovalchuk and a newcomer to Forbes' women's list, placed in third with a \$600 million fortune.

Elena Rybolovleva, who was reported to have [acquired](#) much of her wealth through her divorce from billionaire Dmitry Rybolovlev, also had a \$600 million net worth. Olga Belantseva, the co-owner of the Progress baby food plant, ranked fifth with \$550 million.

Tennis star Maria Sharapova rounded out the list of 25 richest Russian women with a net worth of \$180 million.

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