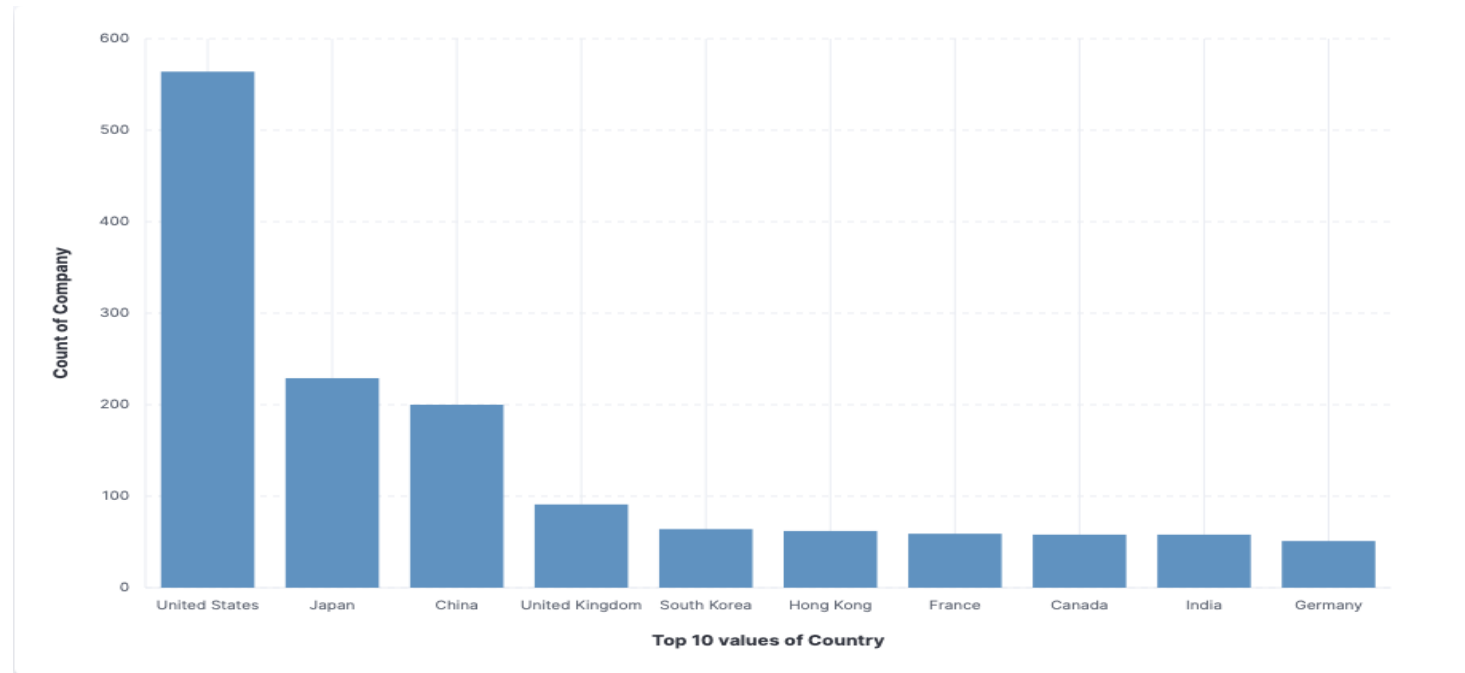


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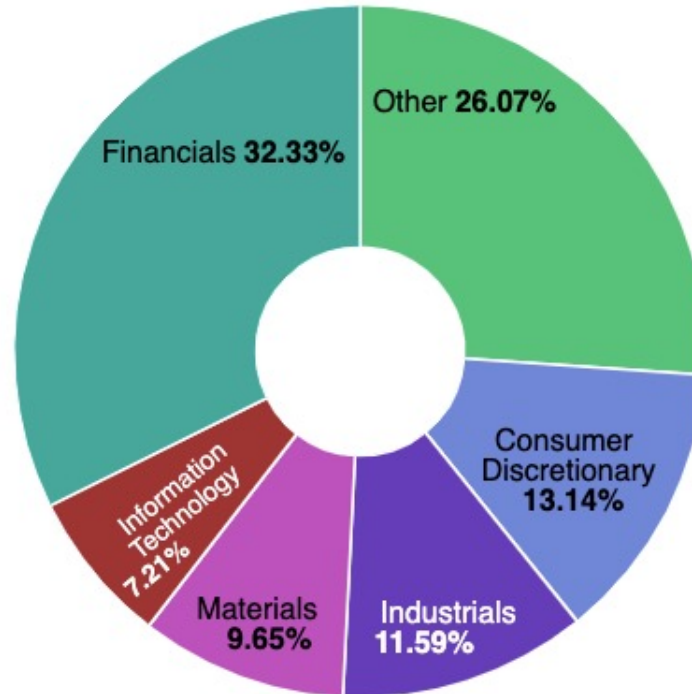
1. Top 10 Countries with Most Companies



This bar chart visualises the countries with the highest representation in the Forbes Top 2000 list.

The United States, Japan, and China dominate the list, signifying their strong economic impact and the global presence of their corporations. Businesses looking for collaboration or market expansion should consider these regions due to their high concentration of top-performing companies.

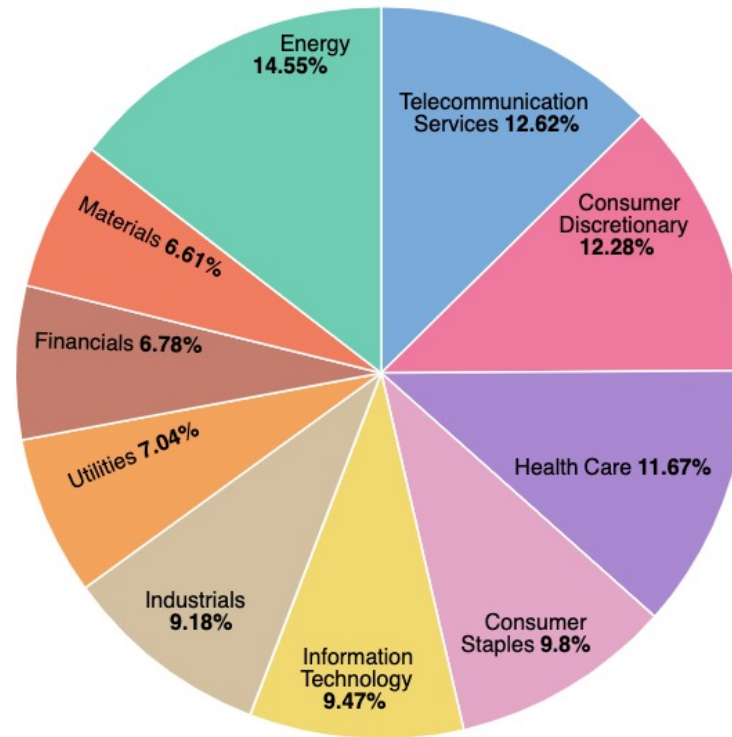
2. Distribution of Companies Across Sectors



This donut chart overviews how the top 2000 companies are distributed across various sectors.

The financial sector has the highest number of companies, indicating its pivotal role in the global economy. Understanding sector distribution helps gauge market saturation and potential opportunities in less-represented sectors.

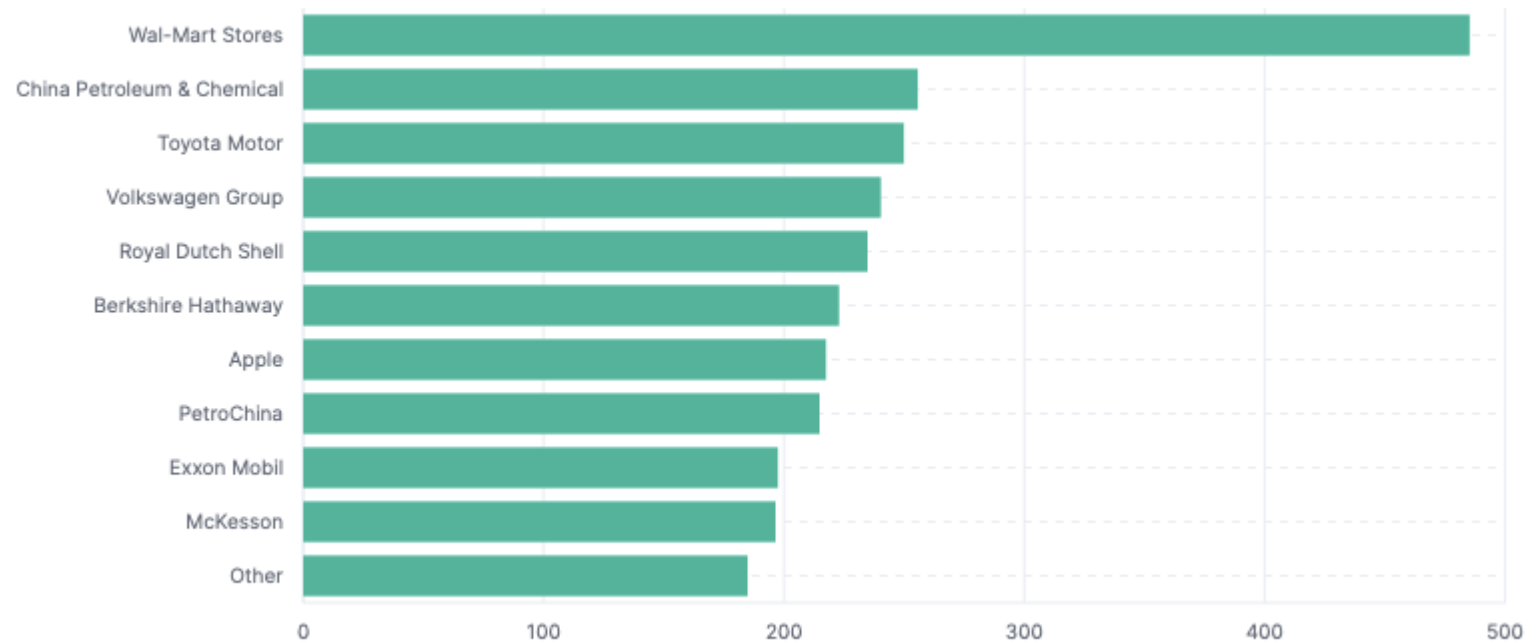
3. Average Sales by Sector



This pie chart showcases the average sales figures for companies within each sector.

Certain sectors, like Energy, Telecommunication Services and Consumer Discretionary, exhibit higher average sales, hinting at the vast consumer demand or high capital nature of these industries. Investors or stakeholders might prioritise these sectors for potential growth and revenue generation.

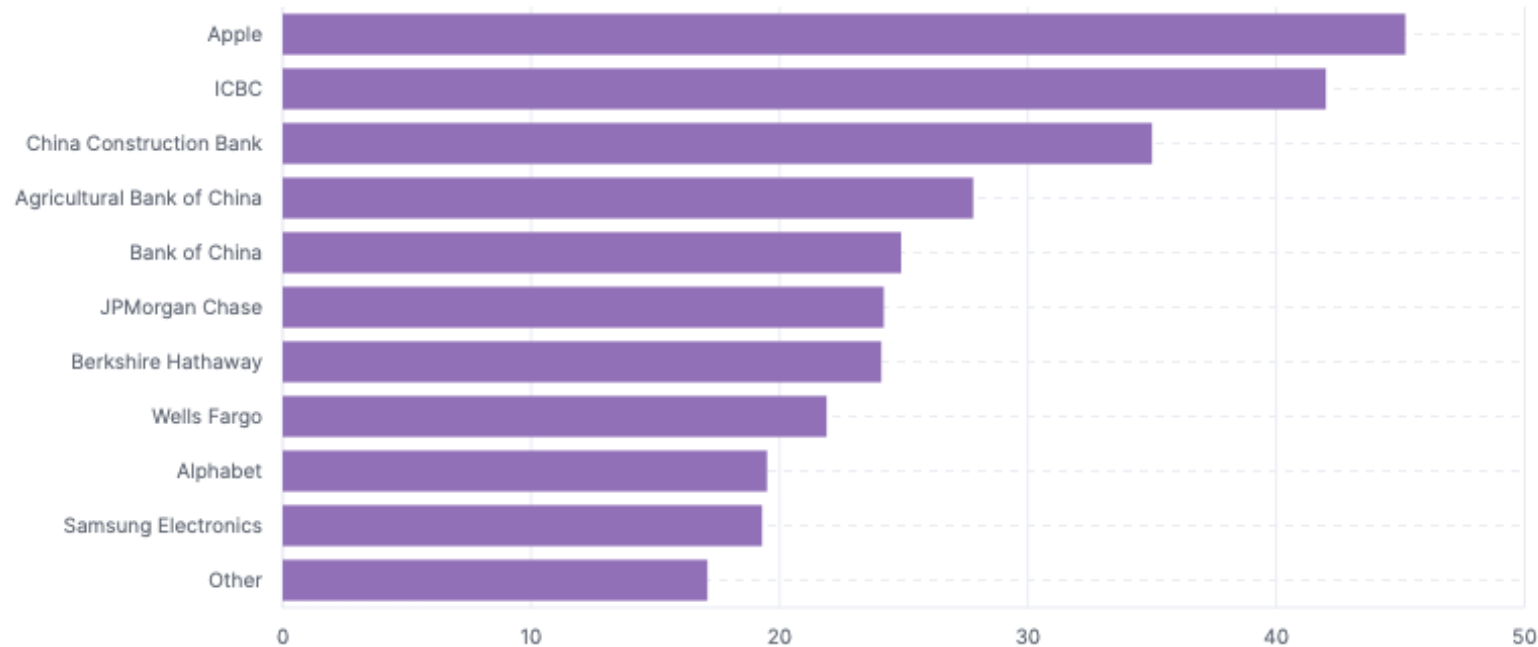
4. Top 10 Companies by Sales



A depiction of the companies that led in sales for 2017.

The presence of global giants like Wal-Mart and Toyota indicates the scale and reach necessary to achieve top sales figures. These companies serve as benchmarks for operations, marketing, and distribution excellence.

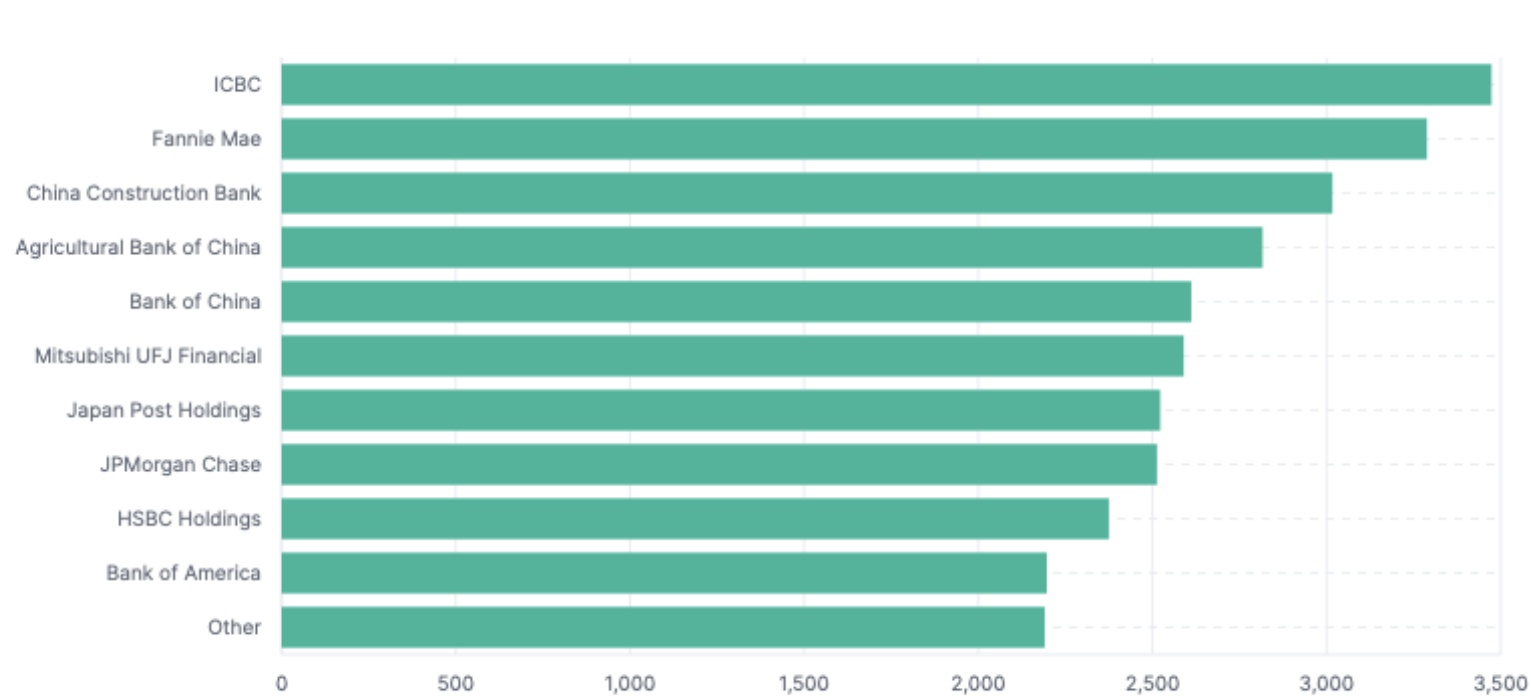
5. Top 10 Companies by Profits



This chart ranks the top 10 companies based on profit figures.

Companies like Apple and ICBC have significant sales and excel in profit generation. This highlights their efficiency, pricing strategies, and market dominance. For businesses, emulating practices from these profit leaders can be beneficial.

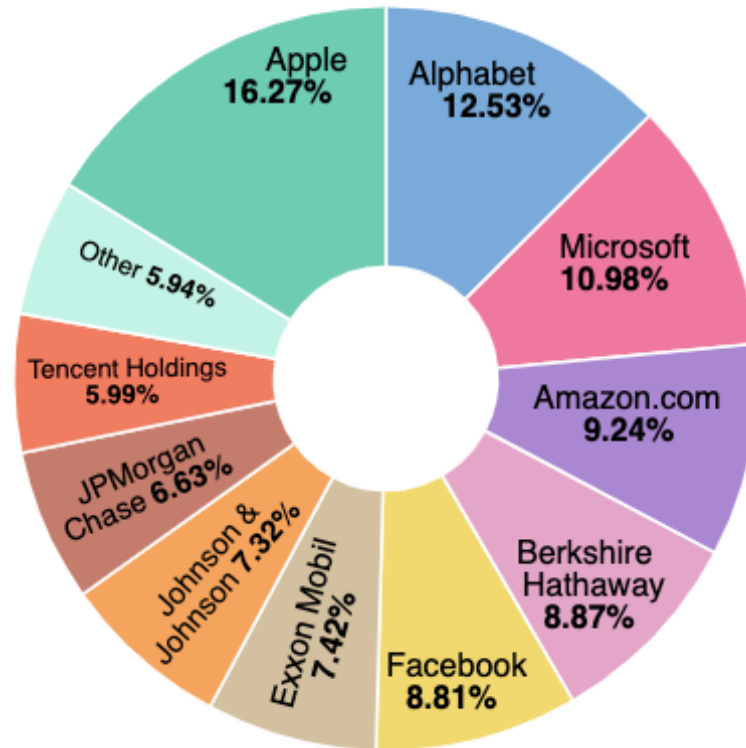
6. Top 10 Companies by Assets



A look at the companies with the most substantial assets in 2017.

Banks and financial institutions dominate this list, emphasising the asset-heavy nature of the finance industry. Companies with significant assets often have a competitive edge due to their ability to invest, expand, and weather economic downturns.

7. Top 10 Companies by Market Value



The donut overview presents companies with the highest market value. Tech giants like Apple and Alphabet top the list, showcasing the tech sector's immense value and growth potential. For investors, such companies represent robust long-term growth prospects.

Overall Insights:

- US, Japanese, and Chinese companies dominated the global business landscape 2017.
- While the financial sector had the most companies, sectors like energy and technology showcased significant sales and market value.
- Top-performing companies set benchmarks in sales, profits, assets, and market value, serving as models for operational excellence and growth strategies.