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Visualizing the World's Biggest Pharmaceutical Companies



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LARGEST PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES*

The global pharmaceutical industry is set to witness positive growth as pharmaceutical companies are at the forefront of the fight against COVID-19.

As 2020 progressed, drugmakers faced a dual challenge from the coronavirus on the one hand and the U.S. election on the other. They contended with pandemic control measures, supply chain disruptions, and political uncertainty.

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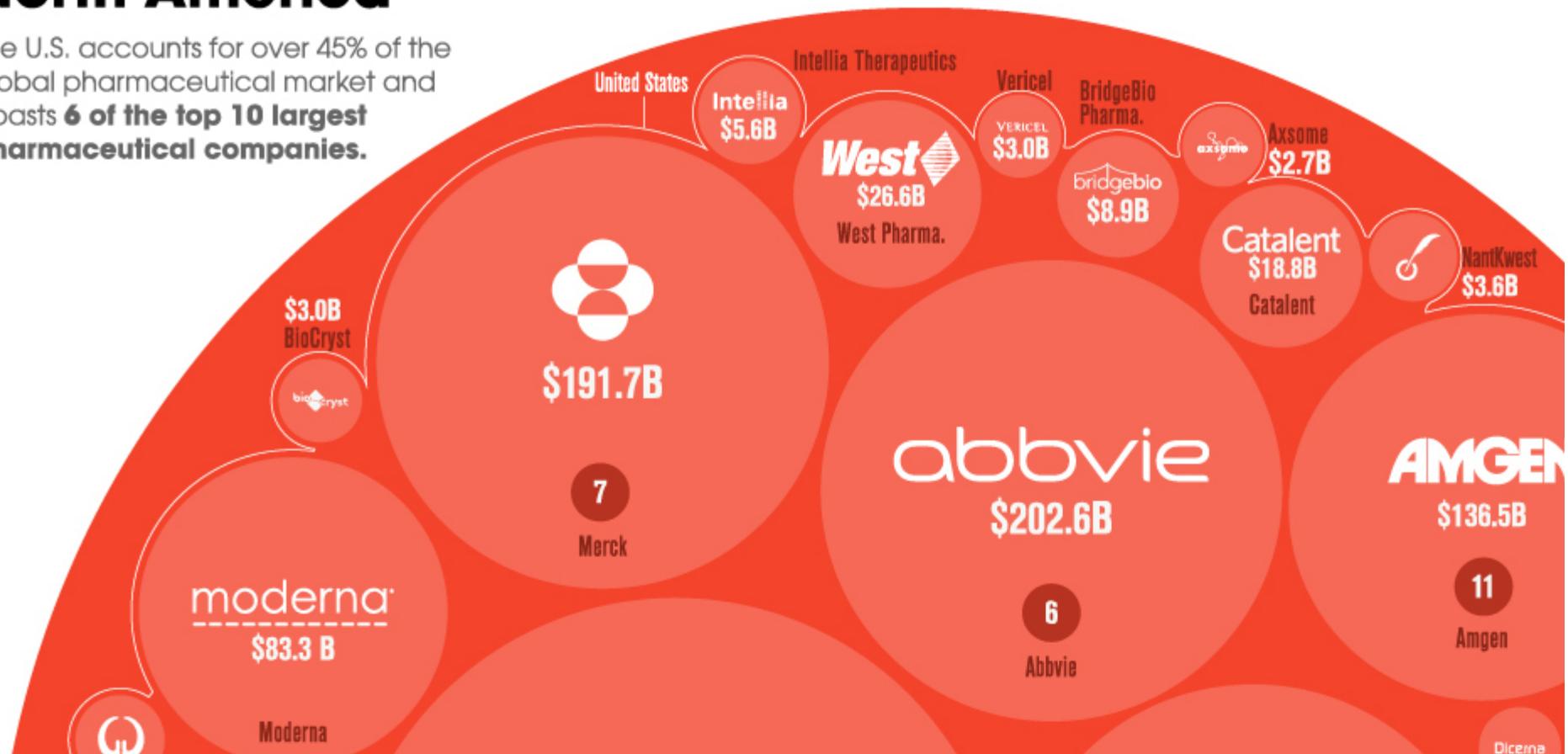
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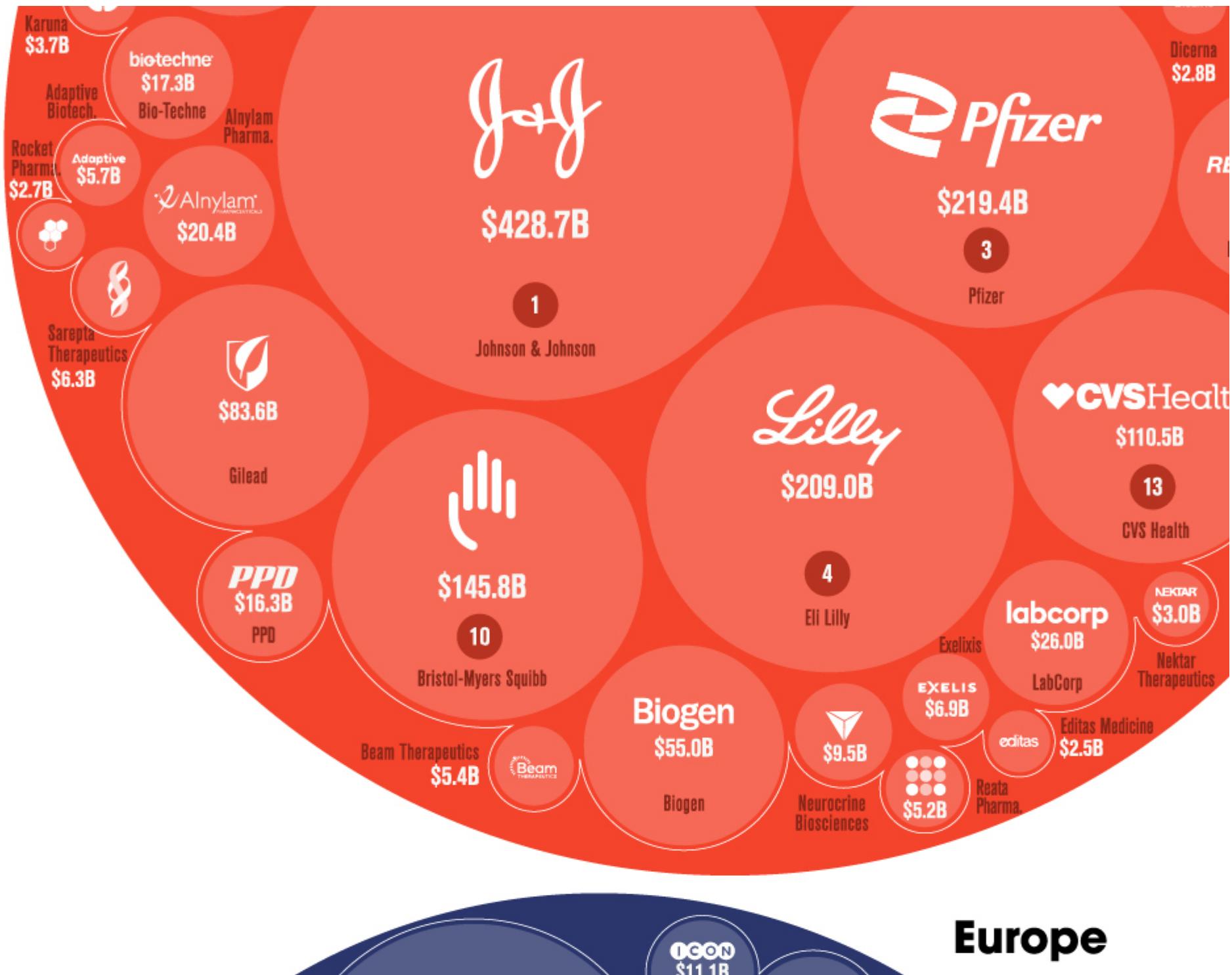
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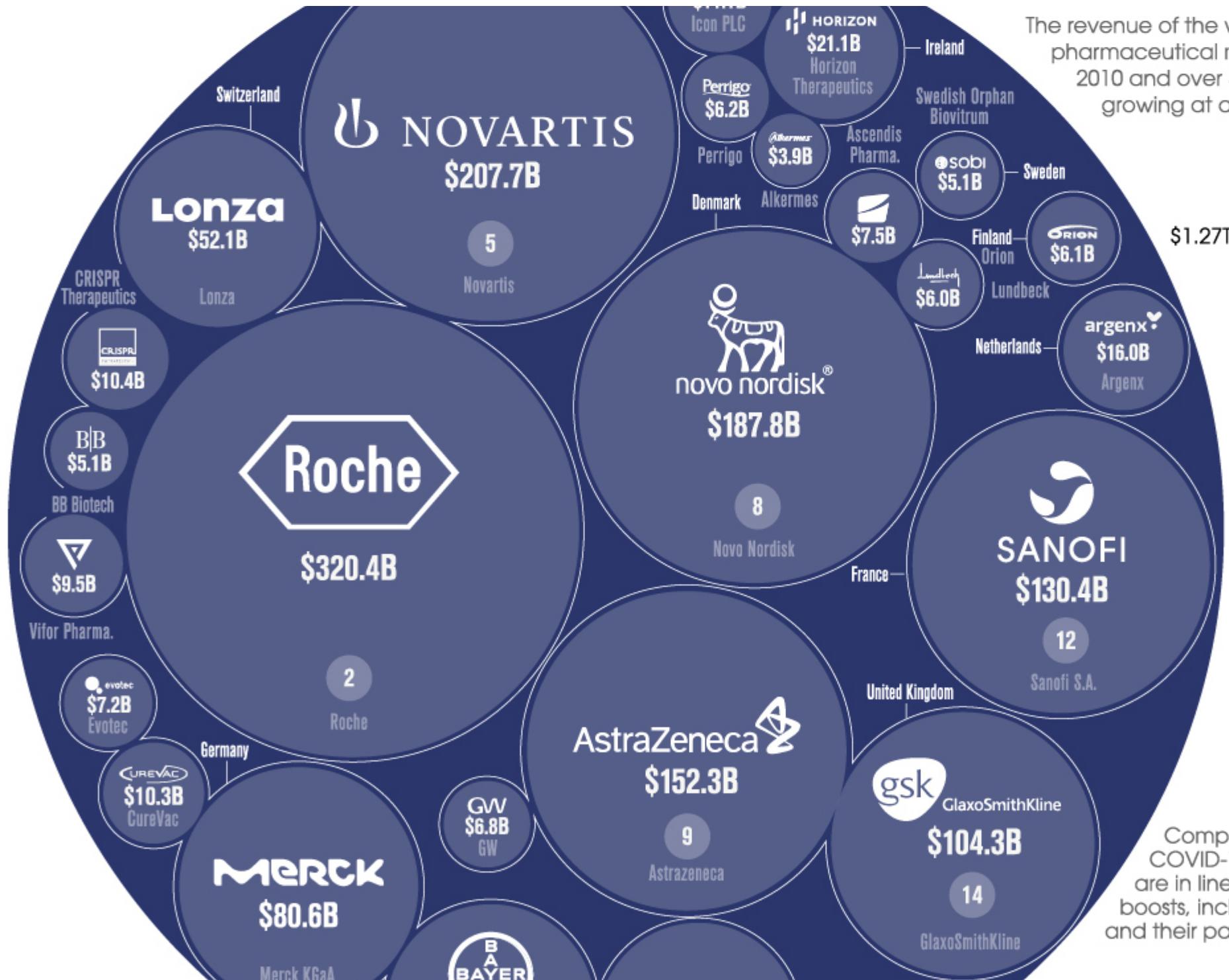
From Johnson & Johnson to Editas Medicine, we map the biggest pharmaceutical companies based on their market cap value.

North America

The U.S. accounts for over 45% of the global pharmaceutical market and boasts **6 of the top 10 largest pharmaceutical companies**.







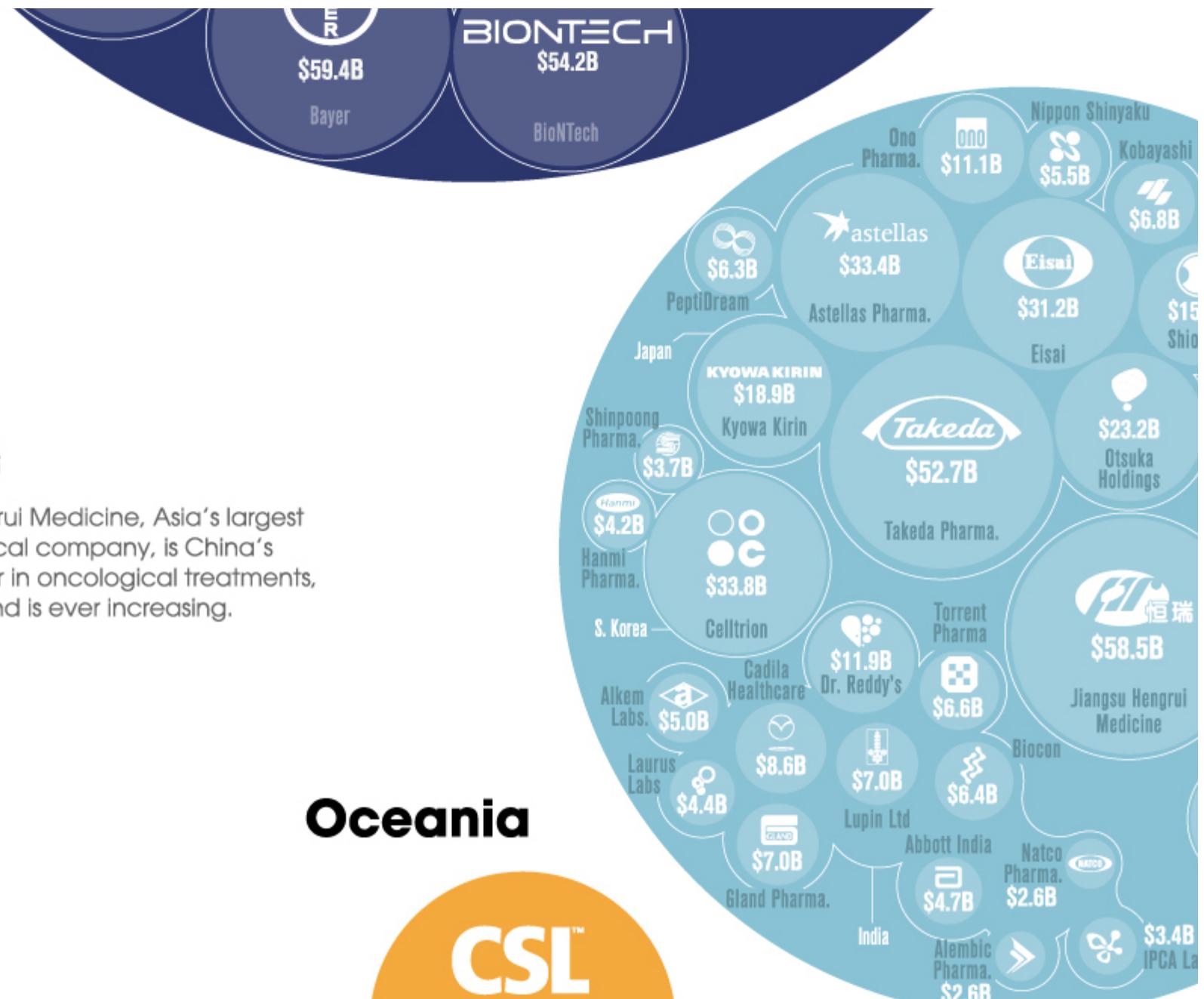


Jiangsu Hengrui Medicine, Asia's largest pharmaceutical company, is China's market leader in oncological treatments, where demand is ever increasing.

Oceania



Brazil, India, Russia, Colombia and Egypt are the biggest emerging markets for pharmaceutical revenues.





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Source: Companies Market Cap



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Who are the World's Biggest Pharmaceutical Companies?

Some of the world's biggest pharmaceutical companies have played a central role in the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, it's likely no surprise that the pandemic has also been great for many healthcare businesses. In fact, in 2020 alone, the world's 50 largest pharmaceutical companies still combined for a whopping \$851 billion in revenues.

In this graphic, using data from Companies Market Cap, we list the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world by market capitalization. It's worth noting this list also includes healthcare companies that work closely with pharmaceuticals, including biotech, pharmaceutical retailers, clinical laboratories, etc.

Editor's Note: A previous version of this graphic was missing some key companies such as GSK and AbbVie. They were unfortunately not included in the original source and we are now



working to make sure there were no other smaller omissions. Thanks to all that sent in corrections.

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The Pharmaceutical Leaders

To start, here are the top five biggest pharmaceutical companies in the world at the moment by market capitalization:

1. Johnson & Johnson

The pharmaceutical and consumer goods giant is worth **\$428.7 billion** in market cap. They developed the third vaccine authorized for use in the U.S. and were named among the **TIME100** Most Influential Companies List in 2021.

2. Roche

The Swiss pharmaceutical giant is at the forefront of oncology, immunology, infectious diseases, ophthalmology, and neuroscience. In 2019, Roche's pharma segment **sales rose** by a healthy 16% to **\$53 billion**.

3. Pfizer

Despite being the leading COVID-19 vaccine manufacturer in North America, Pfizer slid in the rankings to third place. The company has recently **gained momentum**, especially in the past quarter, with Q2'2021 revenues of **\$19.0 billion**, reflecting a 86% operational growth from 2020.

4. Eli Lilly

Eli Lilly has taken a significant step towards establishing itself as a pharmaceutical industry leader. Having a market cap value of **\$125 billion** in 2019, Eli Lilly has jumped to a current value

of \$214.9 billion, a significant growth of 72%.

5. Novartis

The second-biggest pharmaceutical company out of Switzerland, Novartis has been the face of the pharma industry for about 25 years. The primary manufacturer for the most recognizable drugs on the market pulled in a revenue of over **\$48 billion** in 2020, a 3% increase compared to 2019.

Here's how all the biggest pharmaceutical companies in the world stack up against each other:

Company Rank	Company Name	Market Cap Value	Country	Search: <input type="text"/>
91	Ipcा Laboratories IPCALAB.NS	\$3.41 B	India	
92	Nektar Therapeutics NKTR	\$3.02 B	USA	
93	BioCryst Pharmaceuticals BCRX	\$3.01 B	USA	
94	Vericel VCEL	\$2.96 B	USA	
95	Dicerna Pharmaceuticals DRNA	\$2.84 B	USA	
96	Rocket Pharmaceuticals RCKT	\$2.74 B	USA	
97	Axsome Therapeutics AXSM	\$2.65 B	USA	
98	Natco Pharma NATCOPHARM.NS	\$2.63 B	India	

Company Rank	Company Name	Market Cap Value	Country
99	Alembic Pharmaceuticals APLLTD.NS	\$2.59 B	India
100	Editas Medicine EDIT	\$2.54 B	USA

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World's Largest Pharmaceutical Exporters and Importers

According to the World Trade Organization ([WTO](#)), these countries exported the most number of pharmaceuticals in the year 2019:

Rank	Country	Export Value (US\$B)
1	Germany	\$91.4
2	Switzerland	\$84.8
3	U.S.	\$55.7
4	Belgium	\$55.7
5	Ireland	\$55.4

In contrast, here are the biggest importers over the same period.

Rank	Country	Import Value (US\$B)
1	U.S.	\$132.4
2	Germany	\$59.4
3	Belgium	\$47.3
4	China	\$35.7

Rank	Country	Import Value (US\$B)
5	Netherlands	\$33.5

This position is hardly surprising for the U.S., where six of the world's top 10 pharmaceutical companies are headquartered. The country also captures 45% of the global market.

The Future of Pharmaceutical Companies

If the response to the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us anything, it is that in building a patient-centered future, the pharmaceutical industry plays a key role. It has to constantly find new ways to customize medicines while researching and developing new tools and drugs.

By embracing disruptive technologies like 3D printed drugs, artificial intelligence guided therapies, and preventive medicine while working with regulatory agencies, the pharmaceutical companies will benefit from having a digital revolution.

Furthermore, emerging markets will have a more significant say in the global pharmaceutical market in the coming years. Even though 'big pharma' will keep raking in the massive profits they do every year, their reliance on countries like Brazil and India for research and drug production will significantly impact the years to come.

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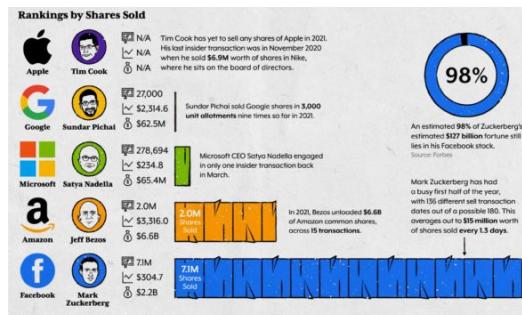
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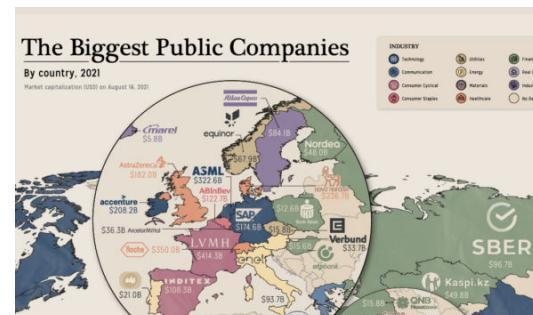
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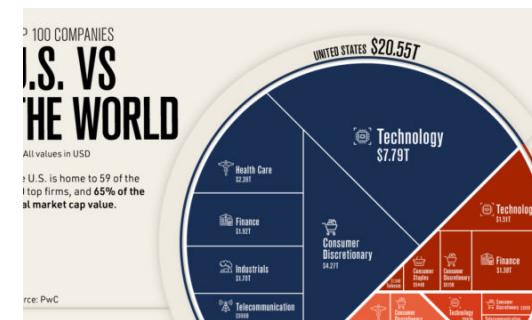
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The path to COVID-19 recovery varies worldwide—some countries have already recovered, while others will not be back to normal for years.

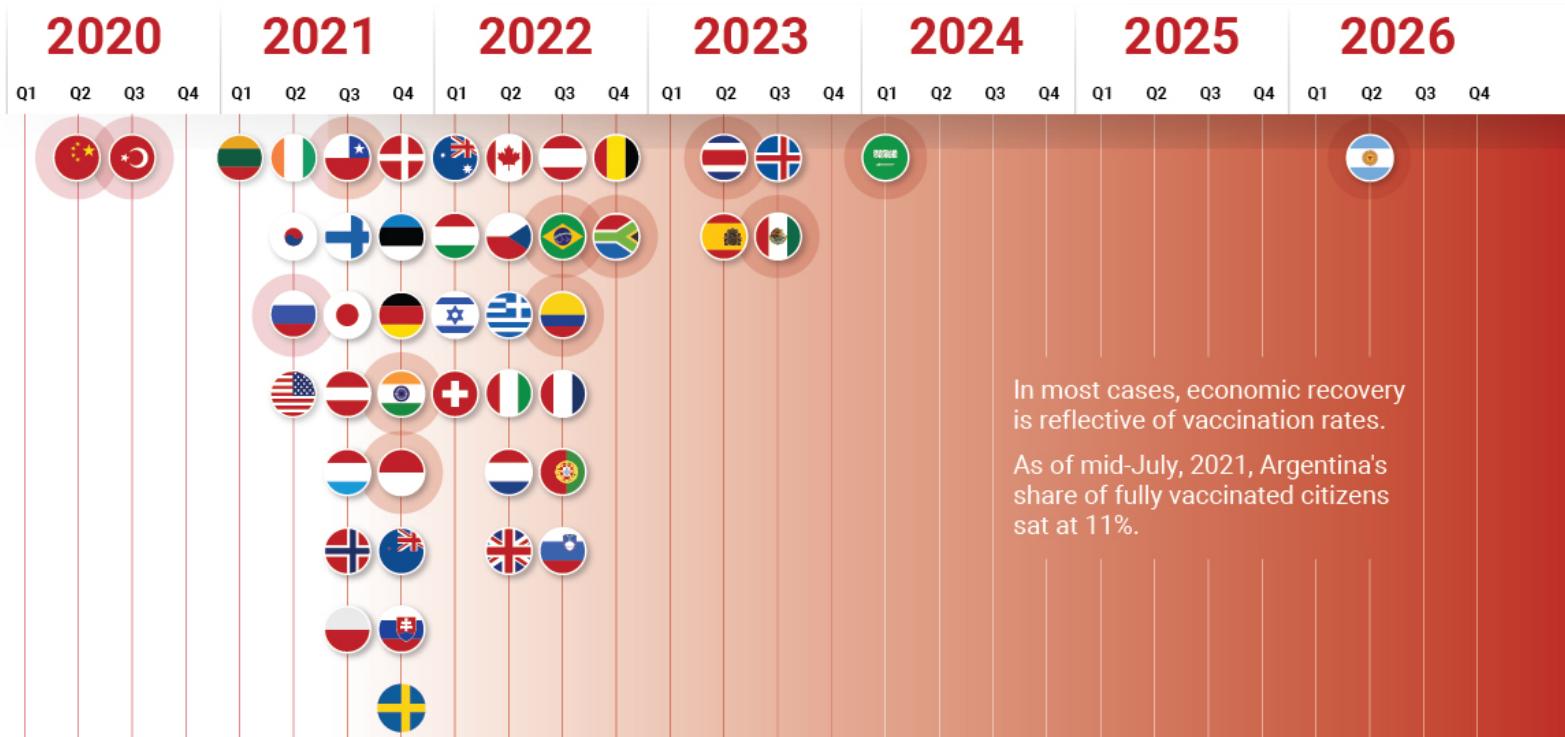


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When Will Your Country Recover To Pre-Pandemic Levels of GDP Per Capita?



What started as a novel virus in China quickly became a sweeping disease that shut down the world and put a 1.5 year halt on the global economy.

But while some countries' economies are already back to normal, others are lagging far behind.

COVID-19 Recovery Timelines, by OECD Country

This chart using data from the [OECD](#) anticipates when countries will economically recover from the global pandemic, based on getting back to pre-pandemic levels of GDP per capita.

Note: The categorization of 'advanced' or 'emerging' economy was determined by OECD standards.

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Putting the Gen Z Unemployment Rate in Perspective

There are more than **2 billion** people in the Generation Z age range globally. These individuals, born between 1997 and 2009, represent about 30% of the total global population—and it's predicted that by 2025, Gen Z will make up about 27% of the workforce.

Due to the global pandemic, unemployment has been on the rise across the board—but Gen Z has been hit the hardest. This chart, using data from the OECD, displays the difference between the unemployment rate for Gen Zers and the rate for older generations.

Note: The OECD defines the ‘unemployed’ as people of legal working age who don’t have work, are available to work, and have taken steps to find a job. The final figure is the number of unemployed people as a share of the total labor force.

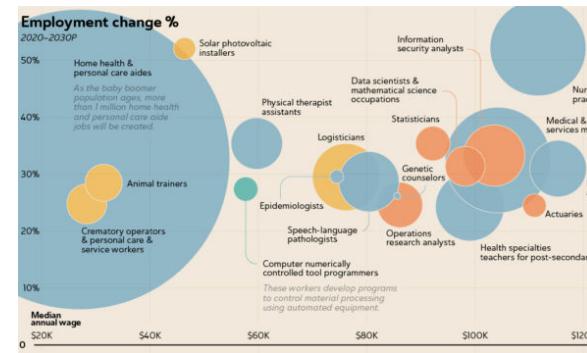
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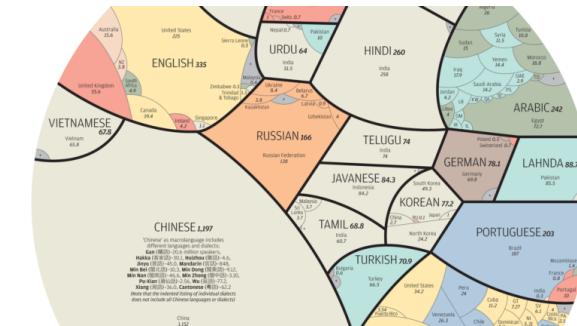
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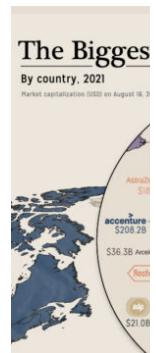
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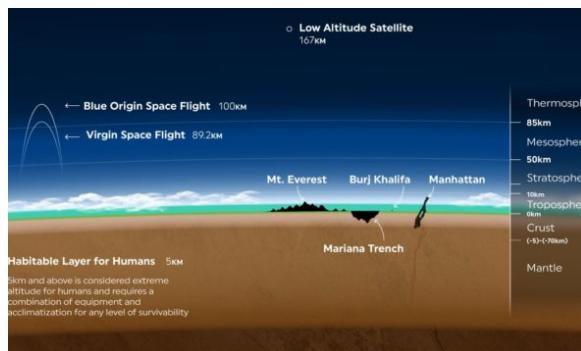
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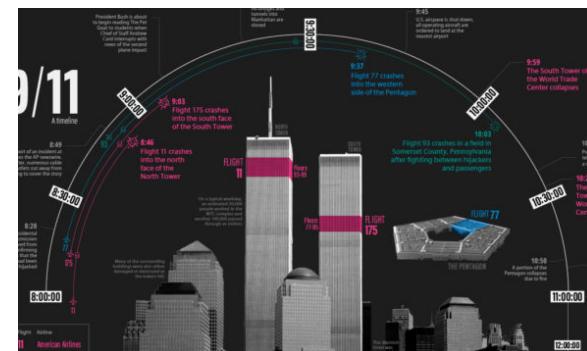


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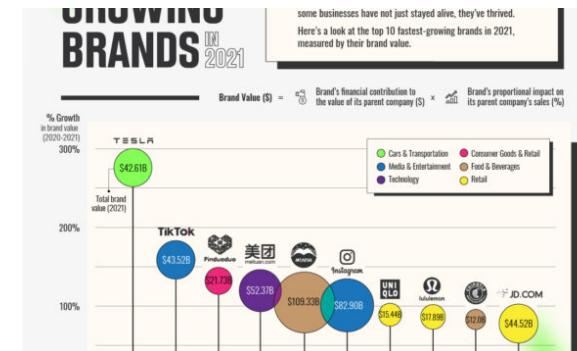
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