

Samuel Harris Gibstine Altman (born April 22, 1985)^[1] is an American entrepreneur, investor, and [chief executive officer](#) of [OpenAI](#) since 2019 ([he was briefly dismissed](#) but reinstated in November 2023).^[2] He is considered one of the leading figures of the [AI boom](#).^{[3][4][5]}

Altman dropped out of [Stanford University](#) after two years and founded [Loopt](#), a mobile [social networking service](#), raising more than \$30 million in [venture capital](#). In 2011, Altman joined [Y Combinator](#), a [startup accelerator](#), and was its president from 2014 to 2019.^[6] He has served as [chairman](#) of clean energy companies [Helion Energy](#)^[7] and [Oklo](#) (until April 2025).^[8] Altman's net worth was estimated at \$1.8 billion as of July 2025.^[9]