



## Viktor Pinchuk (Profile)

### Founder, Interpipe

*Ukrainian oligarch Viktor Pinchuk emerged as one of the country's wealthiest entrepreneurs, predominantly because of his political and familial connections. His wife is the daughter of former President, Leonid Kuchma (1994-2004). In addition to building and sustaining his commercial interests, through entities such as Interpipe and EastOne Group, Pinchuk has also dabbled in politics. Between 1998 and 2006 he was a Member of Parliament, and promoting ties with the West. Most recently, however, there are indications that his once strong European orientation has weakened; likely a move that has to do with commercial exposure to Russia. Pinchuk remains a politically exposed oligarch, but his relevance and importance in Ukraine's wider spheres of influence have been waning.*

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