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AMERICAN ECONOMIC LIBERTIES PROJECT

INTRODUCTION

As consumers today, we seem to have more choices than ever. We can walk down a grocery aisle and choose from dozens of cereal varieties. We can walk into a drugstore and choose from a plethora of shampoo brands. Or we can go online and use dozens of flight and hotel booking services.

But these appearances are often deceptive. In dozens of major industries, a few large corporations control the majority of the products and brands we see. These monopolistic corporations dominate their markets in part by acquiring and hiding behind a multitude of brand names, which present the impression of robust choice and competition.

To help understand how monopoly power impacts our day-to-day lives, the American Economic Liberties Project is publishing The Illusion of Choice, a visual report that provides a snapshot of how a small number of corporations own a shocking number of brands and subsidiaries that many of us assume compete independently amongst each other. Although it may be common knowledge that corporations like Coca-Cola and General Mills command large shares of their respective markets, information revealing the extent of this aspect of consolidation has been lacking until now.

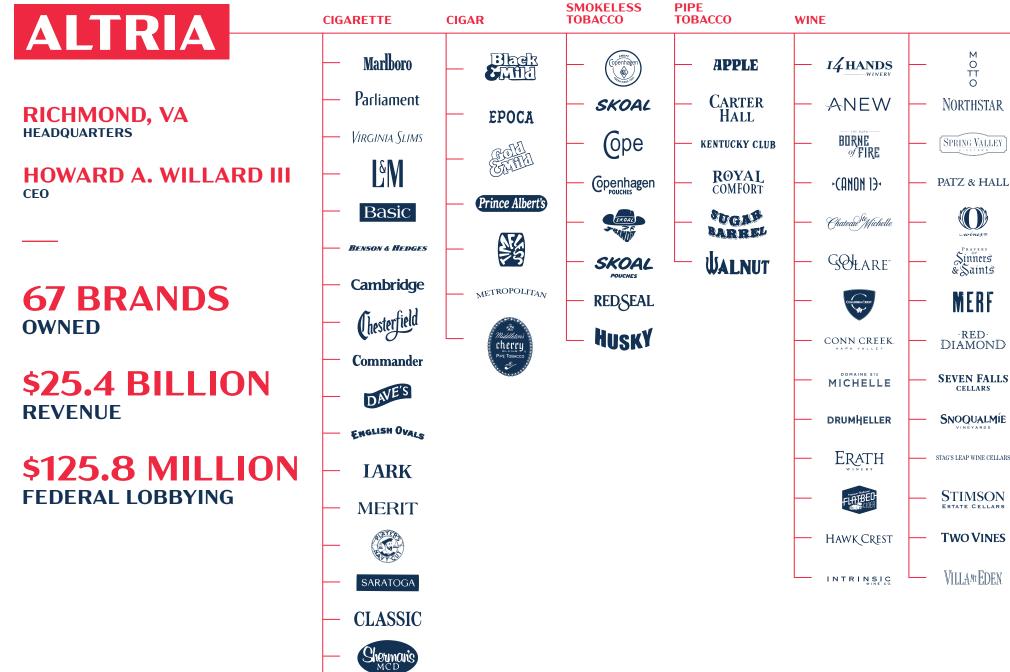
The report extends beyond food and beverage industries to reveal monopoly power in many industries we regularly interact with, like entertainment, travel, alcohol, beauty and fashion, appliances, and personal care. Each visual, backed by a detailed dataset, confirms the reality that the choices we as American consumers face are often illusory—by design.

The harms that monopoly power inflicts on wealth inequality, race and gender discrimination, workers' rights, product safety and quality, and ultimately, our democracy, are beyond this report's scope. We offer The Illusion of Choice as a tool to demonstrate the systemic nature of monopoly power in our economy, and to help lift the veil on information that the largest corporations would prefer to keep hidden from public view. In so doing, we hope to continue to build momentum among policymakers, advocates, and the broader public for breaking the extraordinary power that monopolies now hold over our economy and democracy.

For questions or comments, email us at info@economicliberties.us.

Note: Acquisition data was gathered from company press releases, 10-K filings, and news coverage, meaning any undisclosed acquisitions may not be included. Lobbying data was gathered from opensecrets.org, covering the ten-year span between 2008 and Q3 2019. Revenue numbers cover 2018 annual financial results, sourced from investor reports and business articles.

^{*}Lobbying data: Newell Brands lobbying data covers the years 2010 – Q3 2019, British American Tobacco lobbying data covers years 2017 – Q3 2019, JAB Holding lobbying data covers years 2014 – Q3 2019, Expedia and Hertz lobbying data covers years 2009 – Q3 2019, and Loreal lobbying data was below the annual reporting threshold between 2008 – Q3 2019.



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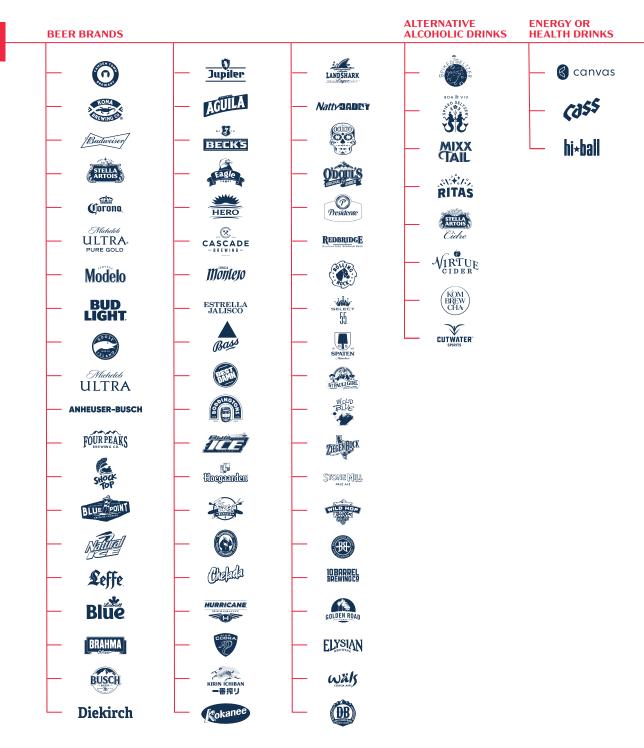
LEUVEN, BELGIUM HEADQUARTERS

CARLOS BRITO

71 BRANDS OWNED

\$54.6 BILLION REVENUE

\$44.2 MILLION FEDERAL LOBBYING



AVIS BUDGET GROUP Payless" **AVIS**[®] Maggiore **PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS, NJ** LARRY D. DE SHON **HEADQUARTERS** CFO **Budget** 🔁 zipcar **7 BRANDS** \$9.1 BILLION \$2.9 MILLION e apex FEDERAL LOBBYING Budget[®] **OWNFD REVENUE** Truck Renta



HERTZ GLOBAL HOLDINGS

ESTERO, FL HEADQUARTERS KATHRYN D. MARINELLO

5 BRANDS OWNED \$9.5 BILLION REVENUE

\$240,000 *FEDERAL LOBBYING



BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO

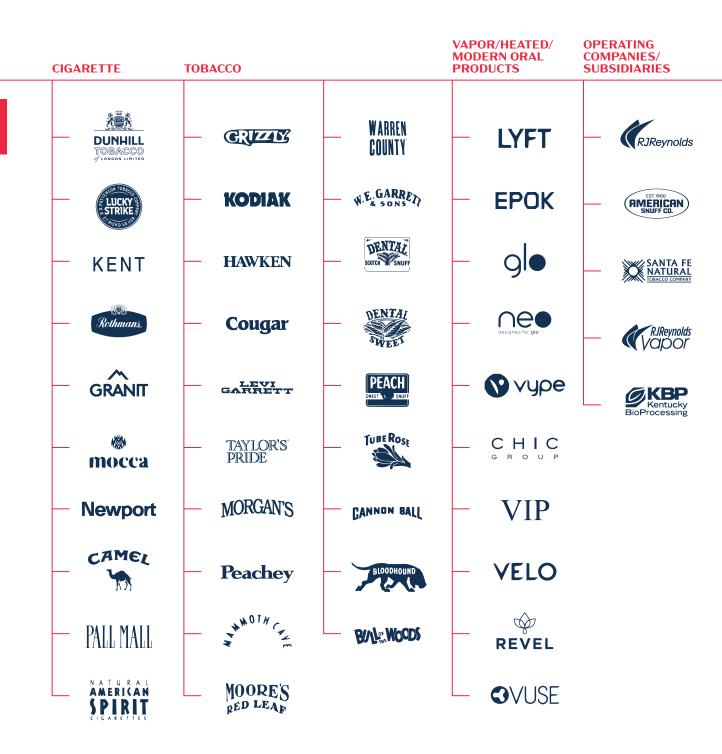
LONDON, UK HEADQUARTERS

JACK BOWLES

44 BRANDS OWNED

\$32 BILLION REVENUE

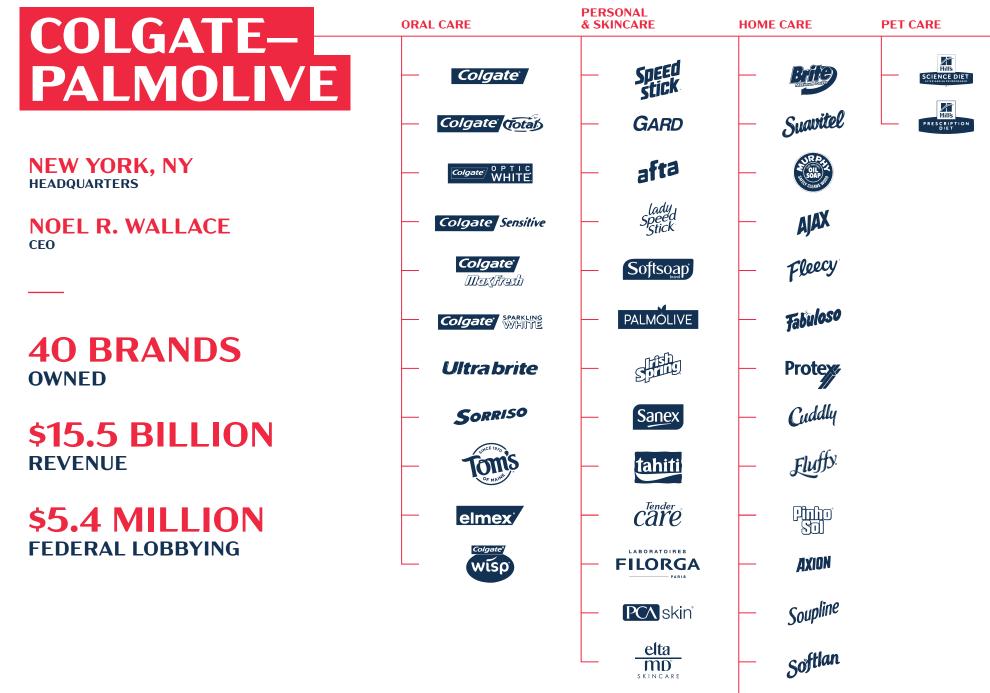
\$7.3 MILLION *FEDERAL LOBBYING

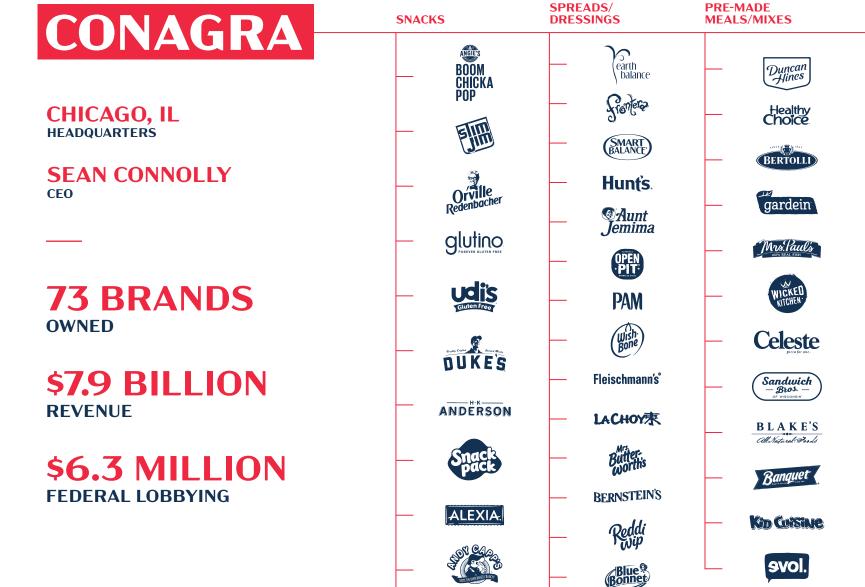












Peter Pan

LOG CABIN



DEAN FOODS

DALLAS, TX HEADQUARTERS

ERIC BERINGAUSE

49 BRANDS OWNED

\$7.8 BILLION REVENUE

\$8.3 MILLION *FEDERAL LOBBYING





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CHARENTON-LE-PONT, FRANCE HEADQUARTERS

FRANCESCO MILLERI & HUBERT SAGNIERES CEO

62 BRANDS

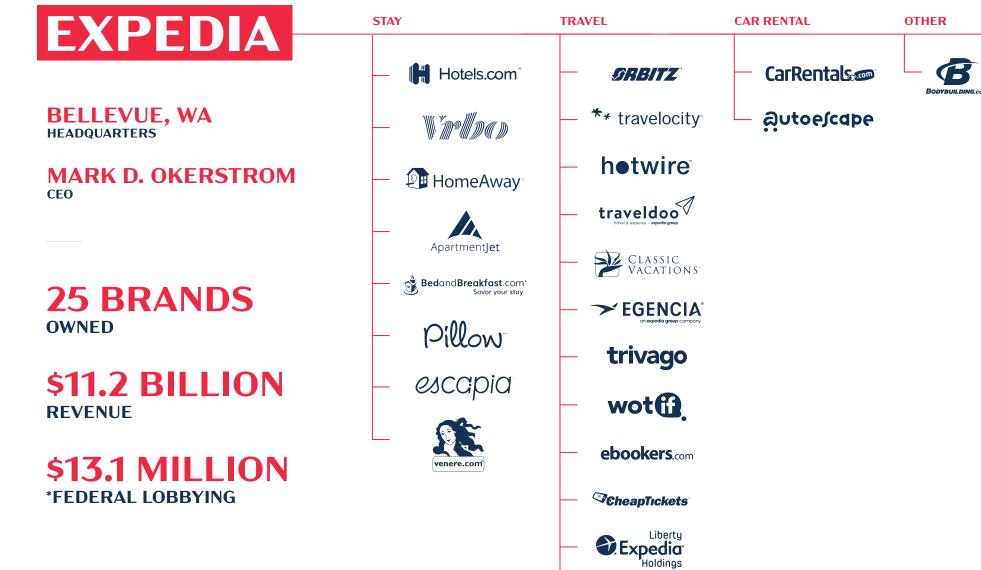
\$18 BILLION REVENUE

UNDISCLOSED FEDERAL LOBBYING



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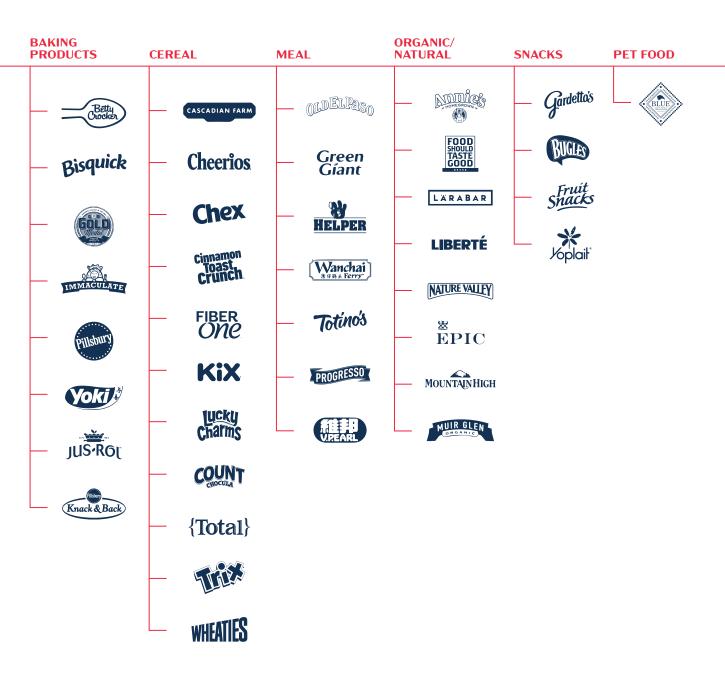
MINNEAPOLIS, MN HEADQUARTERS

JEFF HARMENING

39 BRANDS OWNED

\$15.7 BILLION REVENUE

\$13.4 MILLION FEDERAL LOBBYING



MEXICO CITY, MEXICO HEADQUARTERS

GRUPO BIMBO

DANIEL SERVITJE CEO

51 BRANDS OWNFD

\$15 BILLION **RFVFNUF**

UNDISCLOSED FEDERAL LOBBYING



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39 BRANDS	— Kitkat — mr. Goodba	WHOPPERS	FEDN FED RCO	کڑ KRAVE JERKY
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TEAS & SOFT MAKEUP/BEAUTY JUICE DRINKS **JAB HOLDING** COFFEE WATER **DRINKS** BAKERY **PRODUCTS** & MIXERS (MOTTS) evian. WIN HOUTTE (Pepper) * PRET A MANGER * COVERGIRL Peets Coffee LUXEMBOURG CITY, Reàlemon LUXEMBOURG Ĩ EANADA ADRY Sally Hansen KEURIG Panera **HEADQUARTERS** NANTUCKET NECTARS **OLIVER GOUDET** Mighty Leaf..... REVV GREEN MARGARITAVILLE (AN) RIMMEL **CFO** Schweppes. Reàlime COFFEE baì philosophy au bon pain. STUMPTOWN ROASTERS os. Foot **150 BRANDS** BRÛLERIE MONT# royal \sim Sunkist _{งพระเบ}ระกร_{ัส} core WELLA Shapple **OWNED** T 6.4 DEJABLUE Commerce Commerce BRUEGGER'S BAGELS CLAIROL **UNDISCLOSED** KAHLÚA Café – Escapes Caribou Kriispy Kreme MARC JACOBS **RFVFNUF** COFFEE Antelo ONUT HOUS Peñafiel Cilen BARISTA collection CALVIN KLEIN \$1 MILLION UNITATION PULICI *FEDERAL LOBBYING Deh ORIENT EXPRESS neuro () CENCINA HIGH Brew Coffee FORTO MAIN WALL

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*Estimated value fiscal year 2018

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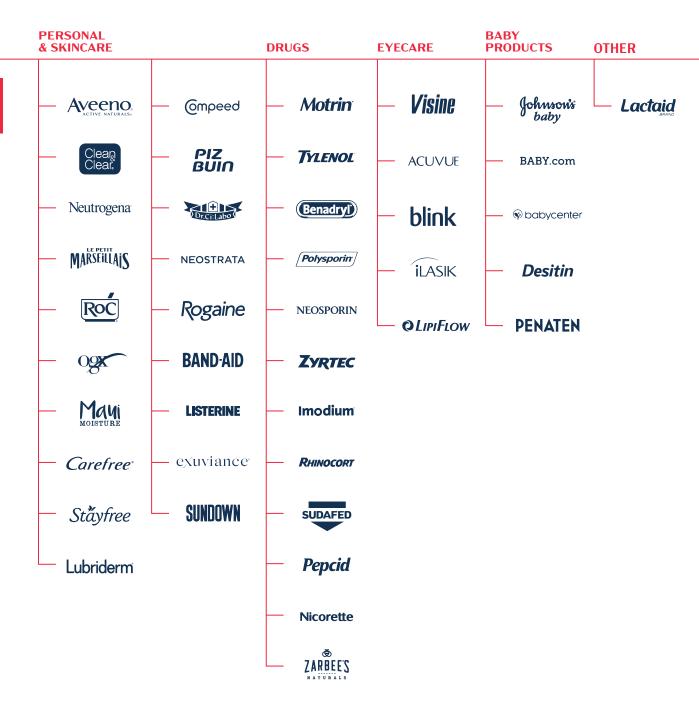
NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ HEADQUARTERS

ALEX GORSKY

42 BRANDS & 345+ DRUGS OWNED

\$81.6 BILLION REVENUE

\$73.4 MILLION FEDERAL LOBBYING





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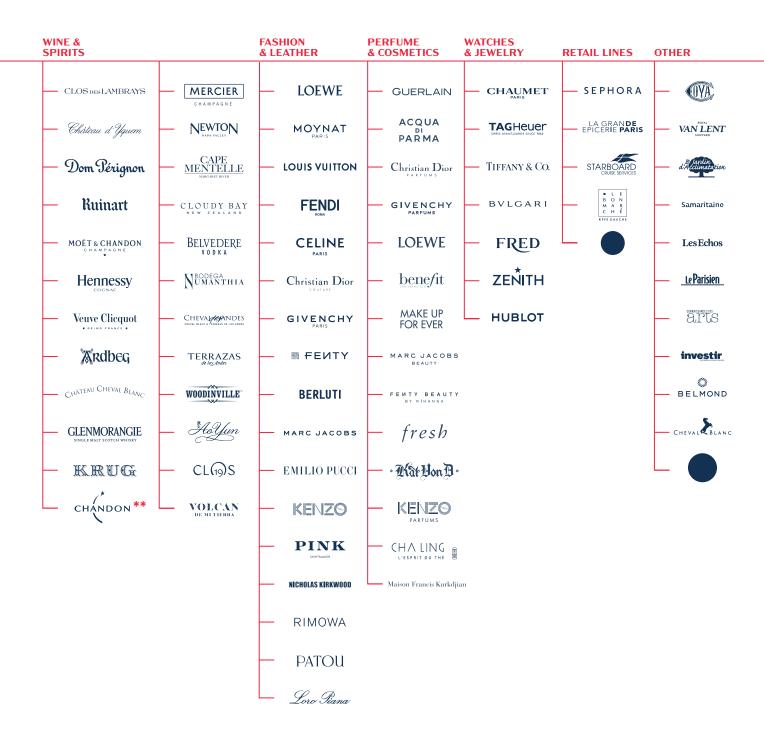
PARIS, FRANCE HEADQUARTERS

BERNARD ARNAULT

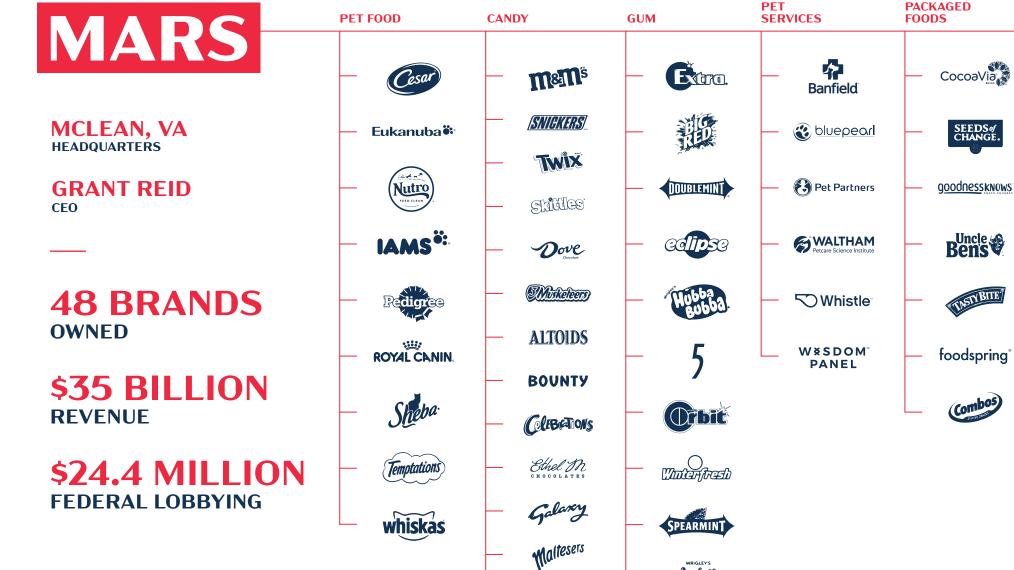
83 BRANDS

\$52.1 BILLION REVENUE

\$840,000 FEDERAL LOBBYING



LUXURY HOTELS	PREMIUM HOTELS	SELECT HOTELS	LONGER STAY HOTELS	VACATION MANAGEMENT
— THE RITZ-CARLTON THE — LUXURY	DELTA HOTELS	— Fairfield — courtyard	- Residence INN.	_ (j]g
COLLECTION HOTELS	- WESTIN HOTELS & RESORTS	SPRINGHILL SUITES	TOWNEPLACE SUITES MARRIOTT	
— Regis	Sheraton	PROTEA HOTELS		
- starwood	DESIGN HOTELS			
— EDITION	RENAISSANCE°	FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON		
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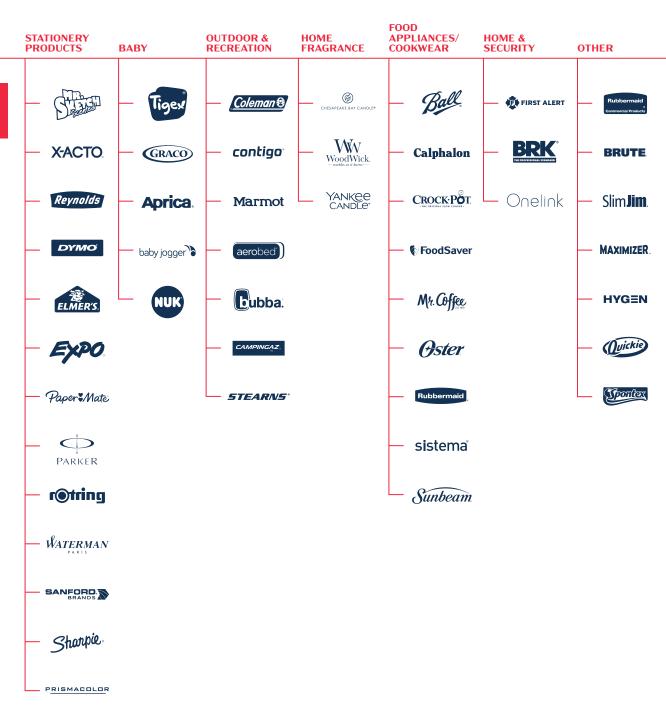
HOBOKEN, NJ HEADQUARTERS

RAVI SALIGRAM CEO

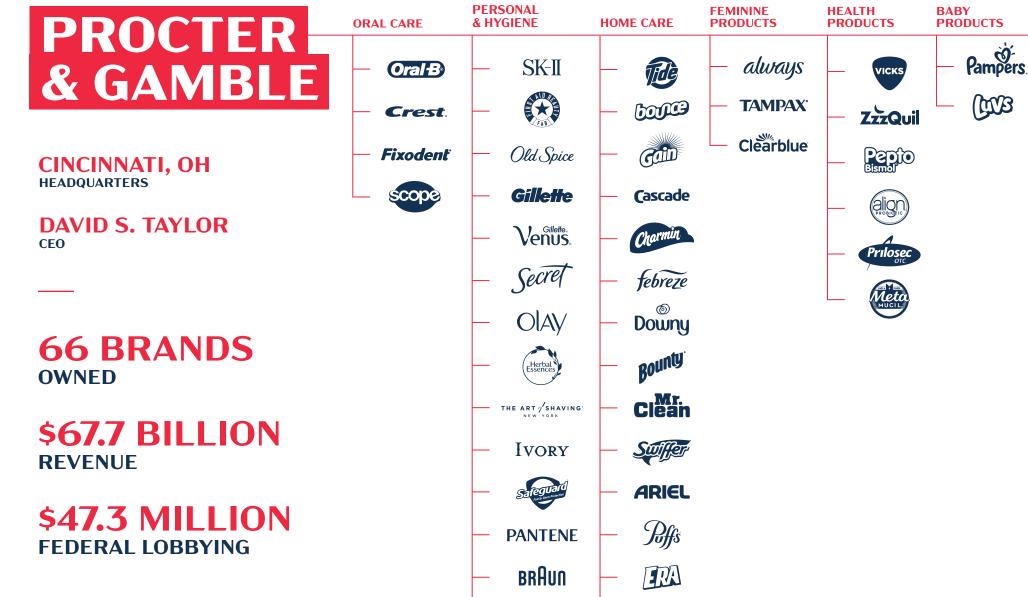
47 BRANDS OWNED

\$8.6 BILLION REVENUE

\$665,000 *FEDERAL LOBBYING







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PERSONAL **TEA/HEALTH CONDIMENTS &** UNILEVER DRINKS & SKINCARE **HOME CARE ICE CREAM COSMETICS** SUPPLEMENTS NUBLAN ۲ seventh[°] Dove OLLY Lipton KLONDIKE ТАТСНА Breyers LONDON, UK R Murad. Vaseline (11) NEXXUS **HEADQUARTERS** CARTE DOR PURE LEAF Kate Suávė (aress HELLMANN'S Surf **ALAN JOPE** CEO D/Y 2 Knorr \checkmark TAZO BENGJERRYS RXE HOURGLASS Degree. GOODRI TRESemmé dermalogica **105 BRANDS** POND'S **OWNED** Simple Sr Mes Popsicle \$51 BILLION MagnuM sunsilk schmidt's **REVENUE** \odot Living proof. SUNDIAL Wall's **\$13.6 MILLION** Lifebuoy (OTTER Q-tips FEDERAL LOBBYING \mathbf{O} Shea/ oisture= CLEAR talenti.



