



PAUL POLMAN

Vm CEO Unilever | Keynote speaker | Co-auteur van het bestselling boek 'Net Positive: How Courageous Companies Thrive by Giving More Than They Take'. Paul Polman is een internationaal erkend bedrijfsleider, filantroop, investeerder, spreker en pleitbezorger van duurzame ontwikkeling.

Categorie

Transitie & Transformatie, Wereldeconomie, Technologie, Business & Financiën, Klimaat, Toekomst, Leiderschap

Type

Expert | Thought leader, Visionair | Innovator, Keynote speaker, Strategist

Inzetbaarheid

Keynote speaker, Virtual keynote

Talen

Engels

Afkomstig van

Nederland

Biografie

Paul Polman is the former CEO of Unilever. He is an internationally recognised business leader, philanthropist, investor, speaker, and advocate for sustainable development.

Biography Paul Polman

As CEO of Unilever (2009–2019), he pioneered a more responsible and purpose-driven business model, demonstrating that sustainability delivers superior performance. During his tenure, shareholder returns increased by 290% while the company was consistently ranked as the

world's most sustainable business and one of the world's best places to work.

A co-architect of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, he continues to drive system-wide change by developing industry coalitions, accelerating leadership, and advancing sustainable finance through board roles, impact investments, and strategic advisory positions.

He chairs One Young World, and The Valuable 500, and serves on global advisory councils including Temasek, the World Trade Organization, SMBC, the European Climate Foundation, and the Mo Ibrahim Foundation. Paul sits on the board of The Rockefeller Foundation. He co-chairs the Planetary Guardians, and is a co-founder and Chair Emeritus of IMAGINE. He leads pioneering initiatives through his own foundation and regenerative farm. Previously, Paul Polman chaired the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), the UN Global Compact, and The B Team, and continues to advise governments navigating economic and sustainability transitions.

Paul Polman is co-author of the bestselling book "Net Positive: How Courageous Companies Thrive by Giving More Than They Take" The book was recognised by the Financial Times as one of the top business books of the year. Thinkers50 named Paul Polman and his co-author Andrew Winston 1st in its 2025 Ranking, recognising their lasting influence on business and management.

Award Paul Polman

Widely honoured, Paul Polman is one of the few business leaders to receive the UN's highest environmental award, a Knighthood from the United Kingdom, France's Légion d'honneur, Singapore's Public Service Star, and the Oslo Business for Peace Award.