

# Shaikh Mansour, football's richest owner



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**S**haikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan hasn't a worry in the world...

The Manchester City owner has amassed a £17 billion fortune,

mainly thanks to his booming International Petroleum Investment Company.

Shaikh Mansour is the deputy Prime Minister of his native United Arab Emirates, minister of presidential affairs, as well as member of the ruling family of Abu Dhabi.

The 47-year-old Mansour is even buddies with Richard Branson, owning a large stake in the British entrepreneur's Virgin Galactic spaceship company.

And if that's not enough, his Premier League team are bossing English football at the moment.

They could even add a Champions League crown to their trophy cabinet this season, which would make Mansour's investment seem sound.

But who is Mansour and what does he spend his money on?

Let us invite you into his world of wealth, including a £400m yacht he let one of Hollywood's biggest movie stars borrow.

## Football teams

In 2008 Shaikh Mansour bought Man City with his Abu Dhabi United Group for £210m and has ensured The Citizens buy the best talent in the world.

But the Shaikh Mansour is a shrewd businessman and

doesn't throw his money away that easy.

In fact, the day City signed Gareth Barry for £12m from Aston Villa, he also made a \$1.4bn profit selling a stake in Barclays he bought months earlier. Mansour launched a second team in the MLS in New York in 2013, luring Frank Lampard and David Villa to New York City F.C. in recent years.

And he expanded his City Football Group portfolio with the acquisition of Aussie football team Melbourne City F.C. in 2014.

Real Madrid's recent World Club Cup opponents, Al-Jazira SCC are also owned by Mansour, where he is chairman.

## The yacht

Looking at Mansour's prized yacht is enough to make your eyes water... with tears of joy and wonder.

The fifth largest super yacht in the world, it's an absolute beast. Named Topaz, the vessel is a 482ft and was custom-built in Germany by Lurssen Yachts and designed by Tim Heywood in 2012.

It has 8 floors, two helipads, three swimming pools, a gym, jacuzzi and even a cinema.

Right before Brazil kicked off their 2014 World Cup campaign, Leo DiCaprio was spotted hosting a party for 21 of his pals on the Topaz.

Mansour loaned it to the Oscar-winning actor

who soaked up the carnival atmosphere in Sao Paulo with his mates.

Now, that's not a bad number to have on speed-dial.

Recently it was reported that Mansour had to refuel his yacht when he docked at Marmaris port in Turkey.

It was said to have cost him £380,000 to fill up the 730,000 litre tank, and that took 5 hours!

## Cars

Mansour owns a 5 percent stake in Ferarri, which he bought in 2005 with the idea of bringing Formula One to the United Arab Emirates.

His £91m investment worked, and ever since 2009 the world's leading drivers have gone to Abu Dhabi for their annual grand prix.

Alongside Ferarri, Mansour has a 9.1 percent stake Daimler AG (they own Mercedes).

He's also owned a fleet of the world's most astonishing cars.

In his collection he's had a Mercedes SLR-McLaren (£350k), a Lamborghini Reventon (£840k) and a Ferrari Enzo (£2.5m).

Like Floyd Mayweather, Mansour also loves Bugatti Veyron and has 5 of them starting with a value of £1.1m.

To top off his exquisite collection, he has a Porsche 911 GT1, which is worth around £3 million.

After all, Mansour is a petrol head. ([thesun.co.uk](http://thesun.co.uk))