

alumna Shikha Sharma on Fortune's "Most Powerful Women in Business" List

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New York: Two Indians — Chanda Kochhar and **Shikha Sharma** — have made it to the rankings of most powerful women in business outside the United States drawn up by *Fortune* magazine while Indra Nooyi featured in the top three on the US edition list.

The *Most Powerful Women in Business Outside the US* list, which was topped by Banco Santander group executive chairman Ana Botin, placed ICICI Bank's Kochhar at the fifth spot while Axis Bank's **Sharma has been ranked 21st.**

PepsiCo chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi came in at No. 2 on the *US Most Powerful Women in Business* list, led by General Motors chairman and CEO Mary Barra. Lockheed Martin chairman, president and CEO Marillyn Hewson took the third spot.

About Sharma, MD and CEO Axis Bank, *Fortune* said, "Now that she has been reconfirmed as CEO, Sharma can focus on beefing up the bank's digital services, which includes expanding its digital payments app's reach".

The 50 global businesswomen represent 17 countries and many industries and had 11 newcomers this year. The methodology involved four criteria: the size and importance of the woman's business in the global economy, the health and direction of the business, the arc of the woman's career (resume and runway ahead), and social and cultural influence.

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