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James A. Katzman is one of four cofounders and retired vice president of Tandem Computers Incorporated (now a part of Hewlett Packard) that was started just six years after completion

of his electrical engineering degree from Purdue University. He also has a MSEE from Stanford University.

Holding numerous patents, he helped HP and Amdahl Corporation reach the Fortune 500 status with design of NonStopTM System, utilized today for stock-security to gas pump transactions,



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HP 3000 computer and the integrated I/O channel.

While at Technology Venture Investors (TVI), he served as director of eight technology start-up companies. Today, he is an independent investor in Sun Microsystems, Microsoft, Google, Blue Coat Systems, NetFlix, Nellcor Corporation, Open Table, Jamba Juice, Nvidea, Yelp, Expedia, Zillow Zipcar, Snap and Uber; and has provided seed funding for VeriFone, Network Appliance Corporation (now NetApp), Kaleidescape, SiTera Semiconductor (now Vitesse), Amy's Kitchen and VA Linux.

He has received numerous awards for lifetime achievement and community service from the Junior League to 1996 U.S. Olympic Torch Bearer; and was founding council chair at the University of California - Santa Cruz, where scientists working with the Katzman Automated Imaging Telescope helped discover 2011 Nobel-prize winning Dark Energy. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi, Eta Kappa Nu and Omicron Delta Kappa honorary societies. He is listed in "Who's Who in the West" and "Who's Who in Technology Today."