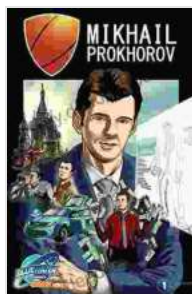


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## **Orbit Mikhail Prokhorov**

Mikhail Prokhorov is a Russian oligarch who made his fortune in the mining and metals industry. He is the former owner of the Brooklyn Nets of the NBA.

Prokhorov was born in Moscow in 1965. He graduated from the Moscow Institute of Finance in 1989. After graduating, Prokhorov worked as an economist for the USSR State Bank.

In 1992, Prokhorov founded Onexim Bank, which became one of the largest banks in Russia. In 2007, Prokhorov sold Onexim Bank to VTB Bank for \$2.2 billion.

In 2010, Prokhorov purchased the New Jersey Nets for \$200 million. He moved the team to Brooklyn in 2012, where they became the Brooklyn Nets.

Prokhorov is a controversial figure in Russia. He has been accused of corruption and of having ties to organized crime. In 2012, he was arrested on charges of tax evasion, but the charges were later dropped.

## **Tony Laplume**

Tony Laplume is a former NBA executive who was hired by Mikhail Prokhorov to be the Nets' general manager. Laplume was tasked with rebuilding the Nets into a championship contender.

Laplume was born in New York City in 1963. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1985. After graduating, Laplume worked as a financial analyst for Merrill Lynch.

In 1990, Laplume joined the NBA as a scout for the Denver Nuggets. He later worked as an assistant general manager for the Nuggets and the Portland Trail Blazers.

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## **The Brooklyn Nets**

The Brooklyn Nets are an American professional basketball team based in the New York City borough of Brooklyn. The Nets compete in the National Basketball Association (NBA) as a member of the league's Eastern Conference Atlantic Division.

The Nets were founded in 1967 as the New Jersey Americans, one of the original teams in the American Basketball Association (ABA). The team joined the NBA in 1976 as part of the ABA–NBA merger.

The Nets played their home games at the Izod Center in East Rutherford, New Jersey, from 1981 to 2010. In 2012, the team moved to the Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

The Nets have won two ABA championships (1974, 1976) and one NBA Eastern Conference Championship (2002). The team has not won an NBA championship.

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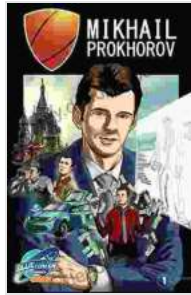
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