

Amid World's Largest Corporate Sex Scandals Google CEO Eric Schmidt will leave Alphabet's board

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Departure follows backlash over reports of sexual misconduct cover-ups

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Eric Schmidt will depart Alphabet's board this June, after holding a seat for 18 years. His departure comes just over a year after [Schmidt stepped down](#) from his role as Alphabet's executive chairman — it also comes as Google struggles with internal turmoil over its involvement with [US military contracts](#), [potential business in China](#), and [reported cover-ups of sexual misconduct](#).

Schmidt has been a key presence at Google during his time with the company. He initially took a board seat in 2001, when he was made CEO of Google — a role he was given essentially [to lend business expertise](#) to what company founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin had been building. In 2011, he [left the CEO position](#) and became Google's executive chairman. At the beginning of 2018, he stepped down from that role and became a regular board member.

...DIB, NSCAI, [@SchmidtFutures](#), teaching & more, to help coach and develop extraordinarily talented leaders, and to build more free, prosperous societies<https://t.co/QNBracpVnj>

— Eric Schmidt (@ericsschmidt) [April 30, 2019](#)

In a [press release](#) today, Alphabet announced that Schmidt would not seek reelection to the board when his term is up, on June 19th. Alphabet says he'll remain a "technical advisor" to the company, a role he's had since last year.

Schmidt said that he would be stepping down in order to help "the next generation of talent to serve." He said he would be teaching more, working at his philanthropic organization, Schmidt Futures, and using his role as technical advisor to "coach Alphabet and Google businesses/tech."

While Schmidt undoubtedly played a key role in Google becoming the behemoth it is today, his presence may have been a less appreciated one more recently. Just six months ago, Google came under scrutiny when *The New York Times* [reported on sexual misconduct within the company](#). The report included details of a \$150 million payout to Android creator Andy Rubin amid a sexual misconduct inquiry. Schmidt was [later named in a lawsuit](#) accusing the company of covering up harassment by multiple executives.

1. [Inside Google Chairman Eric Schmidt's Lavish Sex ... - NYMag](#)

nymag.com/daily/intelligencer/2013/07/eric-schmidt-penthouse-new-york-photos-apartment...

Jul 25, 2013 · Inside Google Chairman **Eric Schmidt's** Lavish **Sex** Palace. By Dan Amira. To be fair, nobody knows for sure exactly what goes on in **Eric Schmidt's** \$15 million **penthouse** ...

2. [Eric Schmidt Spent \\$15 Million On A New York Penthouse ...](#)

<https://www.businessinsider.com/eric-schmidt-spent-15-million-on-a-new-york-penthouse...>

Jul 25, 2013 · REUTERS/Rick Wilking Former Google CEO, and current chairman, **Eric Schmidt** spent \$15 million to buy a **penthouse** apartment in Manhattan's Flatiron ...

◦ **Author:** Jay Yarow

3. [The Many Women of Eric Schmidt's Instagram](#)

valleywag.gawker.com/the-many-women-of-eric-schmidts-instagram-913796517

If there's one thing you should know about Google's Director of Open Marriage Engineering, **Eric Schmidt**, it's that he loves to fuck. He's also following a select, interesting assortment of people on Instagram, and by interesting I mean a lot of models and women in swimwear. Google Boss Enjoys \$15 Mil Manhattan **Sex Penthouse**

4. [Google CEO and serial womanizer Eric Schmidt spends 15 ...](#)

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2377785/Google-CEO-serial-womanizer-Eric...>

Jul 25, 2013 · Google boss **Eric Schmidt** has splashed out \$15 million on a sprawling Manhattan **penthouse** in the trendy Flatiron District to be close to at least two of his female friends in the city.

5. [Google Executive Chairman Eric Schmidt Buys Sex Penthouse](#)

<https://www.eteknix.com/google-executive-chairman-eric-schmidt-buys-sex-penthouse>

Jul 26, 2013 · Google Executive Chairman **Eric Schmidt** Buys **Sex Penthouse**. ... News outlets have dubbed it the '**Sex Penthouse**'. **Schmidt** had a net worth ...

6. [Eric Schmidt, Google CEO, owns \\$15m sex penthouse](#)

<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x2q7406>



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May 14, 2015 · Google CEO **Eric Schmidt**, the guy you entrust your online privacy to, is clearly a man of passion. Among his interests, the 58-year-old's apparently particularly fond of banging. In addition to the roster of attractive ...

- **Author:** TomoNews US
- **Views:** 85

7. [**Eric Schmidt is a playboy - Big League Politics**](#)

<https://bigleaguepolitics.com/schmidt-is-a-playboy>

In 2013, Gawker reported on **Schmidt's** \$15 million New York City duplex, described as a "**sex penthouse**," which is outfitted with a wet bar, soundproofed walls, and a 3,300 square foot terrace. The duplex does not have a doorman, a curious feature for the W. 21st St. abode located in the ritziest enclave of Manhattan.

- **Author:** Peter D'abrosca

8. [**Google chairman Eric Schmidt: Instagram girls, yachts and ...**](#)

<https://www.gq-magazine.co.uk/article/eric-schmidt-google-scandal>

Jan 06, 2014 · How Google's executive chairman is gaining a reputation as a playboy, thanks to a deleted Instagram account, a £9.4 million Manhattan **penthouse** and his very own superyacht. As in: **Eric Schmidt ...**

9. [**Google Boss Enjoys \\$15 Mil Manhattan Sex Penthouse**](#)

valleywag.gawker.com/google-boss-enjoys-15-mil-manhattan-sex-penthouse-909299764

If you're a "normal married dude," who also happens to have a ton of **sex** on the side, you probably go to a motel or the back of a Jeep, I don't know. But if you're Google's executive chairman, knee deep in it with billions to spend, you have this soundproofed third base Xanadu.