

## DR. HOLLY BRANSON

## **Short bio**

Holly Branson, after achieving medical and physiology degrees from University College London and realising her dream of working as a doctor, joined the Virgin Group as an active member of the Leadership team. Dedicating her time to her passions: people, culture, and purpose. She is also Chair of Virgin Unite, a Founder and trustee of Big Change and Co-Chair of We Day UK. When not 'changing business for good', Holly lives in London with her husband Freddie Andrewes and their twins Etta and Artie.

## Long bio

Dr. Holly Branson is a senior executive at The Virgin Group, a venture capital firm with arms in everything from music to space tourism. She graduated with medical and physiology degrees from University College London and worked as a junior doctor in the neurology department at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. Then, in 2008, her father, Sir Richard Branson, made her an offer she couldn't refuse. After a yearlong internship with rotating placements throughout all of Virgin's companies, Holly accepted an executive role at The Virgin Group, an international investment group that employs 70,000 people around the world and operates in over 35 countries.

Holly's is an active participant of the Virgin Group Leadership team, working across all Virgin companies and prospective new companies and spearheading innovative internal people related projects such as the Virgin Purpose initiative and Unlimited Leave. She is Chair of Virgin Unite (the Virgin Group foundation) and a Founder and Trustee of Big Change. Big Change is a charity that focuses on improving the lives of young people in the UK. Holly is also Co–Chair of We Day UK and a Patron of Virgin Money Giving.

Holly loves adventure and to challenge herself. She has climbed Mont Blanc; kite surfed the English Channel; and completed several marathons (one of which broke the world record for the most people tied together to do a marathon); as well as undertaking several grueling Virgin Strive Challenges.

In December 2014, Holly, and her husband Freddie, had twins Etta and Artie—the best Christmas gifts they've ever received.