



## Kevin O'Leary

**Top Business Speaker, Respected Investor, Author, Venture Capitalist, and Judge on ABC's Shark Tank and CNBC's Money Court Reality Show**

Kevin O'Leary is a top entrepreneur speaker, author, venture capitalist, guest judge on Shark Tank and star on Money Court. He describes himself as an “eco-preneur” and looks for not only investments that make money, but are environmentally friendly as well. He provides audiences with insights on business, finance, and financial literacy. O'Leary has recently announced a partnership with CNBC for a brand-new, prime-time TV show.

## Kevin's biography

### Kevin O'Leary's background

Kevin O'Leary was born to a middle class family in 1954. The combination of Kevin's mother's family heritage as merchants and his father's Irish charisma truly meant that O'Leary was born for business. Kevin learned most of his business intuition from his mother. She taught him key [business](#) and financial insights from an early age. These became Kevin's core philosophies, and the pillars upon which he would one day build his empire.

Kevin's approach to business went through major changes as a teenager. During his second day on the job at a local ice cream shop, his boss came into the front of the store where Kevin was scooping ice cream. She looked at Kevin and asked him to perform a task that he wasn't expecting. What happened next had a profound effect on Kevin – one that stayed with him for the rest of his life.

As a university student, Kevin's innate business sense led him along several different paths – including some very unusual, very [entrepreneurial](#) ways of making a profit.

Not long after he finished his MBA, Kevin had a meeting that changed his life forever. He met a man who had a strange idea for a software product – an idea with huge, high-profit potential that Kevin immediately recognized.

After years of ups, downs, sacrifices, challenges, and lessons learned — not to mention a critical phone call that nearly cost him everything — the opportunity that Kevin saw eventually turned into a computer

software giant that was acquired for more than \$4 billion dollars.

After his extraordinary success at the software company he founded – and a difficult period of obstacles and legal disputes – Kevin eventually found himself on television, quickly becoming a sought-after [host](#) and personality on a range of shows – including Discovery’s Project Earth, CBC’s Dragons’ Den, and ABC’s Shark Tank.

Kevin has since launched O’Leary Funds, an investment fund company; O’Leary Fine Wines; and a best-selling book series on financial literacy.

In 2014, Kevin founded O’Leary Financial Group – a group of [brands](#) and services that share Kevin’s guiding principles of honesty, directness, convenience, and above all, great value.

## Kevin's talks

- **Cold Hard Truth**

Kevin O’Leary describes his incredible journey, from his sometimes difficult childhood, to the way he built his first company, managed personal pressures, and ultimately achieved remarkable success. His advice is engaging and practical and helps individuals become the best entrepreneurs and business people that they can be. Topics cover business, money and life, including: How to find your calling and turn your talents into a profitable venture; building a dream team; transforming adversity into opportunity and making and growing your business—and your money.

- **Lessons From a Shark**

Kevin O’Leary provides audiences with a behind-the-scenes look at his two hit shows, Dragons’ Den and Shark Tank. He customizes every presentation for his audience to bring unique business information to each event. He shares entertaining and insightful outtakes from his shows, along with a current economic overview and how it relates to your industry, offering perspective into how your industry is performing, where the innovation is coming from, and more.

- **An Evening with Kevin O’Leary**

With candor and unmatched business smarts, O’Leary draws on his encyclopedic knowledge of finance, investing, economics and business to discuss a variety of topics. How, for instance, will the global recession affect a myriad of industries, including your own, and what can you do to protect your company, and come out stronger than ever? Razor sharp and quick on his feet, O’Leary pulls no punches in his enlightening and timely talks.