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Mark Thompson is a renowned business author and CEO of Virgin Unite Mentors, Richard Branson's network for entrepreneurial innovation. He is Charles Schwab's former Chief Customer Experience Officer and Chief Communications Officer, and co-founder of the Schwab Foundation. Forbes Magazine called Mark one of America's top investors with the 'Midas' touch.

Mark was Chairman of Rioport, which popularised the MP3 player prior to iTunes, and was Chairman of Integration, which was acquired by Silicon Labs. He is a Founding Patron of Richard Branson's Entrepreneurship Centre, and is Program Chairman for the Board of Governors of the Hesselbein Leadership Institute and the John F. Kennedy Institute for Entrepreneurial Leadership.

Mark is a founding advisor of the Stanford Realtime Venture Design Lab, and is a visiting scholar at his alma mater, Stanford University. He has served as faculty at the World Economic Forum and World Business Forum. He is a member of the Clinton Initiative and an Executive Coach for TED.

Mark is an investor in entertainment software and health care companies. He was founding Board member of Smule, which is Google and Apple's top music applications company for the hit TV series Glee, with over 20 million monthly active users. He is an investor in Cancer Genetics and CNS Response.

Mark served on the Board of Directors of Best Buy, Korn Ferry International, and Interwoven, now owned by HP.

Among his passions is Broadway. As a producer, Mark's plays have earned five Tony awards and ten nominations, including Peter and the StarCatcher with Disney, and StickFly with Alicia Keys.