

"Russia has a strategic goal: to become a country that makes competitive goods and renders competitive services. All our efforts are committed to this goal. We understand that we have to solve questions pertaining to the protection of owners' rights and the improvement of corporate governance and financial transparency in business in order to be integrated into world capital markets."

President Vladimir Putin at a Session of the World Economic Forum, Moscow on 30 October 2001

"All successful companies are successful in the same way. All unsuccessful companies are unsuccessful in different ways."

Adapted from Leo Tolstoy's "Anna Karenina"