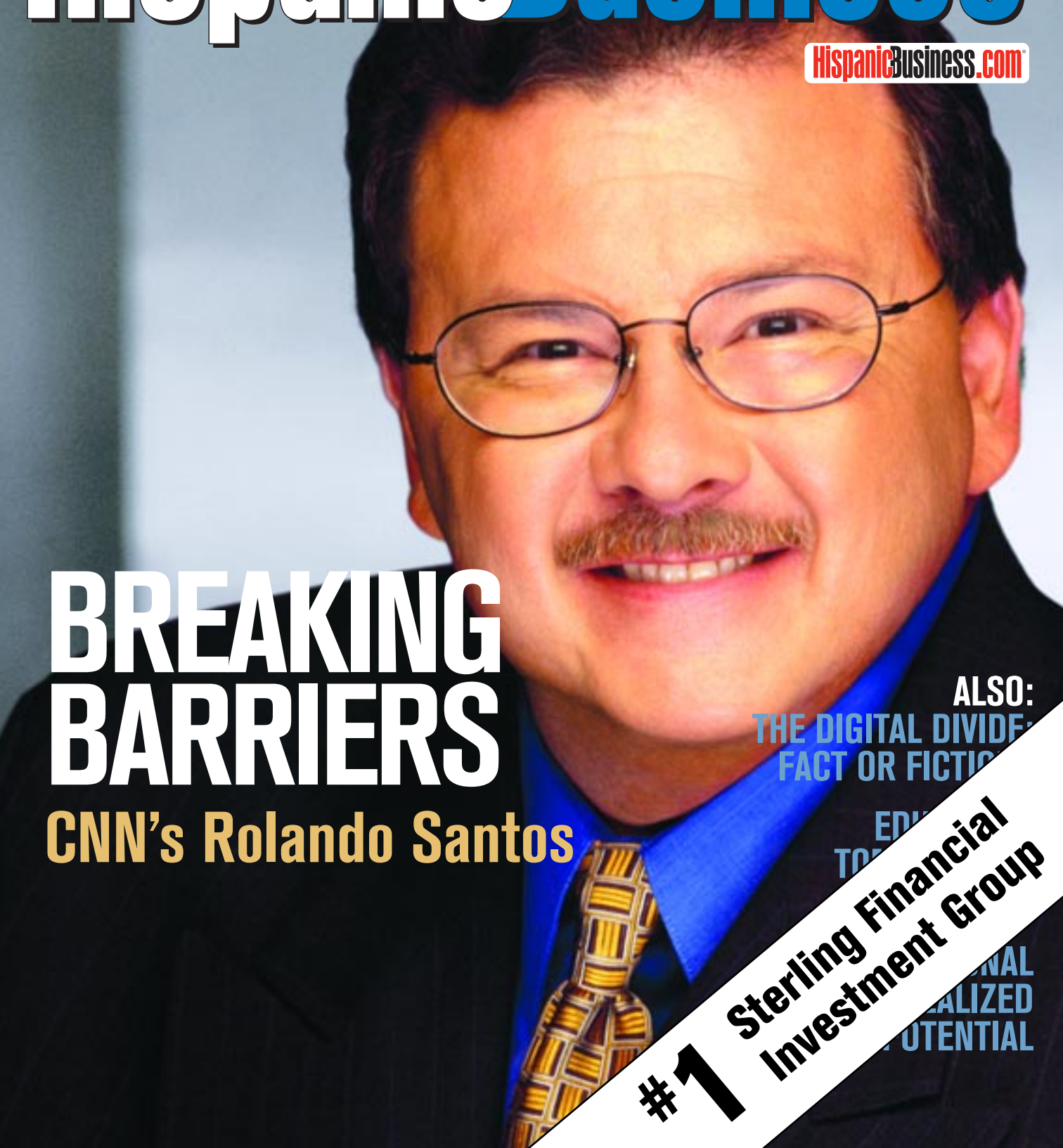


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Rank	Company, location/ Type of business	Sales growth 1997-2001		Gross sales* (\$M)		Profit ranget		No. of employees		Year founded
		Percent increase	Compound annual rate	1997	2001	1997	2001	1997	2001	
1	Sterling Financial Group of Companies ¹ , Boca Raton, FL Financial svcs.	16,566.67%	259.30%	\$0.11	\$17.50	C	E	3	250	1997
2	Trevino & Associates Mechanical Inc. ² , Dallas, TX Plumbing, piping, heating, A/C	11,900.00%	230.98%	\$0.20	\$24.00	N/A	C	12	278	1997
3	Sonag Ready Mix LLC , Menomonee Falls, WI Manufacturer/producer of ready-mix concrete	6,884.51%	189.09%	\$0.13	\$8.73	N/A	D	3	35	2000
4	Dialtone Internet Inc. , Fort Lauderdale, FL Managed dedicated hosting on IBM eServers xSeries	5,017.65%	167.47%	\$0.17	\$8.70	E	B	5	60	1998
5	The Cube Corp. , Sterling, VA Const. & engineering svcs.	4,769.79%	164.17%	\$1.20	\$58.49	D	D	70	864	1994
6	Brightstar Corp. , Miami, FL Value-added svcs.	4,335.71%	158.07%	\$14.00	\$621.00	D	D	4	400	1987
7	Pangea Group , Chesterfield, MO Const., remediations, health & safety	3,233.33%	140.28%	\$0.30	\$10.00	D	C	7	46	1994
8	DD-M Leasing Co. Inc. ³ , Rio Vista, CA Marine construction	3,198.28%	139.65%	\$0.18	\$6.00	N/A	N/A	10	35	1996
9	Navarro Research & Engineering Inc. , Oak Ridge, TN Environmental, safety, & health consulting	2,803.90%	132.14%	\$0.30	\$8.71	N/A	N/A	3	150	1993
10	Informatic Inc. , San Francisco, CA Computer syst. integration	1,700.00%	105.98%	\$0.50	\$9.00	E	A	10	40	1986
11	Chicago Architectural Metals Inc. , Chicago, IL Architectural metals, ornamental iron	1,650.00%	104.53%	\$0.20	\$3.50	A	A	1	12	1997
12	Corral Group , Irving, TX Restaurant franchise	1,643.74%	104.35%	\$1.85	\$32.17	D	D	70	190	1996
13	Abetx International Brokers Inc. , Jackson Heights, NY Insurance & financial svcs.	1,570.00%	102.15%	\$0.10	\$1.67	B	B	17	78	1994
14	Asset Protection & Security Services Inc. , Corpus Christi, TX Security services	1,487.98%	99.62%	\$0.26	\$4.09	N/A	N/A	25	288	1994
15	Technica Corp. , Dulles, VA Telecomm. svcs.	1,471.43%	99.10%	\$2.10	\$33.00	B	D	25	100	1991
16	North Wind Environmental Inc. , Idaho Falls, ID Envir. support svcs.	1,360.43%	95.49%	\$0.77	\$11.20	N/A	N/A	0	107	1997
17	Rolling Hills Ford Inc. , Clermont, FL Automotive sales & svcs.	1,290.26%	93.10%	\$2.72	\$37.79	N/A	D	47	80	1998
18	MYS Development Corp. , Mt. Prospect, IL General contracting	900.00%	77.83%	\$0.35	\$3.50	E	C	10	30	1992
19	Diversified Executive Systems Inc. , Birmingham, AL Personnel contract & consulting	900.00%	77.83%	\$1.60	\$16.00	N/A	N/A	70	150	1995
20	Somerset Capital Group Ltd. , Bridgeport, CT Capital & high-tech equip. leasing	894.36%	77.58%	\$9.07	\$90.20	N/A	D	12	37	1984
21	Advanced Federal Services Corp. , Madison, AL Engineering, logistics, administrative svcs.	806.14%	73.50%	\$0.39	\$3.55	C	C	24	151	1995
22	Professional Performance Development Group Inc. , San Antonio, TX Medical log & mgmt. svcs.	784.38%	72.45%	\$3.20	\$28.30	C	B	224	604	1984
23	Analytical Computer Services , Houston, TX Computer sales & svcs.	750.34%	70.76%	\$4.70	\$40.00	D	E	24	52	1989
24	Gonzales Automotive Group Inc. ⁴ , South Gate, CA Automotive sales & svcs.	742.16%	70.35%	\$14.60	\$123.00	D	D	48	223	1997
25	Spectrum Communications Cabling Services Inc. , Corona, CA Voice & data cabling svcs.	711.76%	68.79%	\$3.98	\$32.30	B	A	38	120	1985

*Figures were rounded to the nearest \$10,000. Revenue growth percentages were calculated using actual figures. †Profit range: A = 16% or more; B = 11%–15%; C = 6%–10%; D = 0–5%; E = loss.

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