

Anthropic	DeepSeek	Google DeepMind	Meta	OpenAI	x.AI	Zhipu AI
<p>Uncommon governance structure. Fine-tuned for the ability to handle extreme events with humanity's interests in mind. Delaware Public Benefit Corporation (PBC) with a public benefit purpose.</p> <p><b>Anthropic's Purpose:</b> "responsible development and maintenance of advanced AI for the long-term benefit of humanity."</p> <p>The Long-Term Benefit Trust (LTBT) is an independent body of five financially disinterested members, with the same purpose as PBC. It has the authority to select and remove a growing portion of the board of directors (ultimately the majority of the board) within 4 years, phasing in according to time- and funding-based milestones [Anthropic, 2023]. This is meant to ensure board decisions can prioritize long-term safety and public benefit over short-term commercial pressures when making high-stakes decisions about transformative AI. The Trust also has "protective provisions" requiring notice of actions that could significantly alter the corporation or its business. The structure is explicitly experimental, with "failsafe" provisions allowing changes through increasing supermajorities of stockholders as the Trust's power phases in. New Trustees are selected by existing Trustees, in consultation with Anthropic, and have no financial stake in Anthropic. The firm publicly announces new members [Anthropic 2025].</p>	For-profit company	Part of Google, a public for-profit company	Public for-profit company	<p>Uncommon governance structure. Founded as a Non-profit, as founders initially believed a 501(c)(3) would be the most effective vehicle to direct the development of safe and broadly beneficial AGI while remaining unencumbered by profit incentives. Later incorporated a for-profit subsidiary (capped profit) to raise funds. For-profit is legally bound to pursue the Nonprofit's mission.</p> <p>Mission of OpenAI: "To ensure that artificial general intelligence (AGI) benefits all of humanity. We will attempt to directly build safe and beneficial AGI, but will also consider our mission fulfilled if our work aids others to achieve this outcome."</p> <p>The for-profit arm has a capped equity structure that limits maximum financial returns to investors and employees to balance profit incentives with safety concerns. Residual value will be returned to the Non-profit. The size of the cap is not transparent. Charter contains an 'assist clause' to stop competing and assist a value-aligned, safety-conscious project to avoid race dynamics in late-stage AGI development [OpenAI]</p> <p><b>Conversion plans:</b></p> <p>In December 2024, OpenAI proposed a restructuring plan to convert the capped-profit into a Delaware-based public benefit corporation (PBC) and to release it from the control of the nonprofit. The nonprofit would sell its control and other assets, getting equity in return, and would use it to fund and pursue separate charitable projects. OpenAI's leadership described the change as necessary to secure additional investments. The plans provoked outside resistance and criticism. For example, a legal letter named "Not For Private Gain" [Not for Private Gain, 2025] asked the attorneys general of California and Delaware to intervene, stating that the restructuring is illegal and arguing that it would remove governance safeguards from the nonprofit and the attorneys general.</p> <p>In May 2025, the nonprofit's board chairman announced that the nonprofit would renounce plans to cede control after outside pressure. The capped-profit still plans to transition to a PBC, which critics said would diminish the nonprofit's control.</p> <p>[Fortune, 2025; CNBC, 2025; Reuters, 2025]</p>	<p>Filed as a Nevada for-profit benefit corporation. Definition by Secretary of State: "for-profit entities that consider the society and environment in addition to fiduciary goals in their decision-making process, differing from traditional corporations in their purpose, accountability, and transparency."</p> <p>Registered purpose: "to advance human scientific discovery and deepen understanding of the universe."</p> <p>Nevada gives the state attorney-general independent standing to sue a public-benefit corporation that drifts from its mission, while Delaware does not [The Information; The Review Stories, 2025; NVSOS, 2014].</p>	For-profit company