

## OWNER'S PROFILE

ELDA STIFANI was born in Milan, Italy. She obtained a Political Science degree from the University of Milan and a Master of Arts in International Relations from the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University in Washington, D.C.

Her wholly international professional career developed - after an initial assignment with the Association of European Airlines in Brussels - within the General Secretariat of the Council, one of the major institutions and the main legislative body of the European Union (EU), which she joined in 1977.

In her thirty-year career, she worked in such diverse fields as economic and monetary policy, budgetary issues, the EU Staff Regulations and the management of the Translation and Document Production Directorate (of which she undertook a major modernization and reorganization).

In 1999, she became the Director of the Private Office of the EU Council's Deputy Secretary-General, Pierre de Boissieu. She played an active role in setting up the new politico-military structures in the Council Secretariat (in particular, the EU Military Staff) and in reviewing the overall security policy and structure of the Council. She also supervised and coordinated the activities of the Internal Oversight Unit and advised the Deputy Secretary-General on administrative and management issues.

In 2002, she became the EU Council's Ambassador to the United Nations in New York, a post she held until July 2007.

In August 2007, she opened the Hobart International Bookport.

Energetic and always ready to take up new challenges, she flew many hours as a private, instrument-rated pilot, including during the 1981 Air Transat race between Paris and New York.