

Andrzej Olechowski

Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Bank Handlowy w Warszawie S.A., Director of Euronet Worldwide Inc., Director of Play Communications S.A. A former Minister of Finance (1992) and Minister of Foreign Affairs (1993-95), a candidate in Presidential elections (2000 and 2010), and a co-founder of the Civic Platform.

Other functions held

Chairman of the Board of Fundacja “Zacny Uczynek”, member of the Board of, among others, Fundacja im. Stefana Batorego, Towarzystwo Społeczno-Ekonomiczne. He is Chairman of the Polish Group in the Trilateral Commission and a Trustee of European Council on Foreign Relations.

Functions held in the past

Public sector: Economic Advisor to President Lech Wałęsa (1992-93 and 1995); Senior Advisor to the EBRD (1992-93); Secretary of State for Foreign Economic Relations (1991-92); Deputy Governor, National Bank of Poland (1989-91); economist at the World Bank (Washington, 1985-87) and UNCTAD (Geneva, 1982-84); Chairman of the City Council of Warszawa-Wilanów (1994-98).

Private sector: member or Chairman of Supervisory Boards of: ABB Polska, Atlantis, Bank Rolno-Przemysłowy, Bank Turystyki (Bank Wschodnio-Europejski), Central Europe Trust Polska, Czytelnik, Europejski Fundusz Hipoteczny, EXBUD, LOT, PGF, Philips Lighting Polska, PKN Orlen, PKO/Handlowy PTE, Polish-American Enterprise Fund, Vivendi, MCI Management S.A. Member of Advisory Boards of: Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, Creditanstalt, Goldman Sachs, International Finance Corporation, Textron, The Newmarket, ACE, Citigroup Europe, ICENTIS Sp.z.o.o., Corporate Solutions S.K-A, P4 Sp.z.o.o, and Macquarie European Infrastructure Funds.

Education and scientific activity: Doctor of Philosophy in Economics, Main School of Planning and Statistics, Warsaw, Poland (SGPiS, 1979), Department Head at the Foreign Trade Research Institute (1978-1982) and a lecturer at the Catholic Theology Academy, Collegium Civitas, the Jagiellonian University and the Vistula University. Author of a number of publications on international trade and foreign policy.

Personal data: born in Kraków (1947), spouse: Irena, two sons: Marcin and Jacek, four grandchildren: Hanna, Jan, Julian and Antoni.

Honors and awards: Officer’s Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta, the Men of the Year – Wprost newsmagazine, the Kisiel Prize, the Diamond Laurels of Abilities and Competence, the Wiktor Award (twice).