



**NIKOS EFTHYMIADIS**

Born in Thessaloniki, Greece, in 1944, Mr. Nikos Efthymiadis graduated from Anatolia College in Thessaloniki (class of 1962) and has a M.Sc. in Agriculture from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Faculty of Agriculture) in 1967 with postgraduate studies and practice in England. Alongside his main business interests and extensive involvement in Agribusiness enterprises, Mr. Efthymiadis' career has been associated with an active social involvement in various local and regional initiatives promoting economic development, innovation, entrepreneurship, institution building, democracy, public private partnerships and investment facilitation not only in Greece but also the broader Southeast European region.

### **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

Nikos Efthymiadis is Chairman of **REDESTOS - Efthymiadis Agrotechnology Group**, one of the leading groups of the agricultural sector in Greece and Southeastern Europe, involved in the sectors of plant protection, plant propagation material, quality control services for food & the environment, as well as the food trade. The Group consists of ten enterprises, in Greece and abroad, with several industrial and laboratory facilities, and has an extensive network for the development and distribution of its products.

### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

#### **Today:**

- President of the Thessaloniki Technology Park
- Chairman of the Business Information and Clearing Center (BICC)
- President of the Association for Democracy in the Balkans
- Member by Excellence of the Board of the Thessaloniki Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Contributing to several European think tanks on development and co-operation in South-Eastern Europe.

#### **In the past:**

- President of the Federation of Industries of Northern Greece (1993–1997)
- President of the Northern Greece Agency for the development of Private Infrastructures (1995–1999)
- Chairman of the STABILITY PACT / Business Advisory Council for Southeast Europe, Brussels (2005-2006)
- President of the Northern Greece Businessmen's Cultural Association (2004-2010)
- President of the Industrial Section of the Thessaloniki Chamber of Commerce and Industry (2006-2011)
- Chairman of the Permanent Committee for Trade Facilitation (HELLASPRO)
- President of the Hellenic Crop Protection Association (1986–88)

#### **Contributed in founding:**

- the Thessaloniki Stock Exchange Center
- the Interbalkan and Black Sea Business Center (DIPEK)
- the Northern Greece Agency for Private Infrastructures
- the Thessaloniki Technology Park and the Alexandria Innovation Zone
- the Northern Greece Businessmen's Cultural Association
- the Foundation for Thracian Art and Tradition

Mr. Efthymiadis is also Honorary Consul for the Netherlands.

He is married to Mary Christides, and has three children.