

Résumé Hendrik (Rik) Daems

Mr. Daems is a Commercial Engineer from the Brussels Solvay Business School (MBA eq.) and holds a Master in Industrial Location & Development (MILD).

He has vast experience in public service as well as in the private sector.

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During his political career he has served on local, regional, national and international level.

He was Mayor, member of three different City Councils, member of both Regional and National Parliaments as well as the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. He held multiple positions as committee chair, group leader and Speaker.

He was party leader and served as Minister in the Belgian Government at Vice Premier level.

On the international level his political activities relate to the UN, WEU, OECD, EU, CoR and CoE.

Mr. Daems was President of the Council of Europe (PACE).

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Mr. Daems is an art broker and expert on the COBRA movement. He is an artist painter himself.

His family restarted the Belgian wine industry. Mr. Daems is a professional wine farmer.

He is senior expert on International Investment Funds for the Belgian sovereign wealth fund and has experience in geo-politics & -economics.

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Mr. Daems is member to the Brussels Strategic Committee of the MR –Mouvement Réformateur – the Belgian French speaking liberals as well as member to the National Bureau of Anders – the Belgian Flemish speaking liberals.

Mr. Daems is proficient in English, French, Spanish and Dutch. He also speaks basic German and has limited practice of Italian and Portuguese.

He has been honored with the Grand Cross of King Leopold and is Knight to the Légion d'honneur.

Mr. Daems is a Belgian Citizen, married and father to two lovely daughters.

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