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## Egons Mednis, President, ELKO Group

Egons Mednis is the President, Chairman of the Board, a shareholder and one of the founders of the ELKO Group. Egons' ability to establish the right contacts and his talent to negotiate with future business partners, both vendors and colleagues, have played key roles in ELKO's history. In 1994, just a few years after the collapse of the USSR, when no one even knew where Latvia was, ELKO had already signed its first agreements with IT giants Western Digital, Seagate, Sony, and Samsung, soon followed by deals with Intel, Microsoft and many others.

As well as being a skilful diplomat, Egons knows how to choose the right people for his team – of the 12 employees who joined the ELKO team in the first three years (1993-96), six are still with ELKO to this day. Now, when the ELKO Group has grown into a multinational company with multimillion turnover and more than 700 employees, Egons confidently steers the ELKO Group and continues to play a vital role in the development of long-term strategies ensuring the company's further successful growth.

Education: Graduated in Engineering and Computing Studies from the Riga Polytechnical Institute (1992)

Personal: Egons is the landlord of a renovated Neo-Baroque palace – *Dīkļu pils*, near Valmiera – in a single year he managed to transform the old abandoned building and its surroundings into a beautiful venue for rest and recreation ([www.diklupils.lv](http://www.diklupils.lv)). Egons has also never given up his oldest hobby – hunting.

Born in 1967, in Riga