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He is graduate of the School of Architecture of the Faculty of Engineering of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He holds a PhD in Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens and, since 1984, a member of the Technical Chamber of Greece (TEE) and the Association of Greek Architects (SADAS-PEA). He is holder of the Certificate for the 2018 C-Blue Training Program of CMPort and Shanghai Maritime University. Since 1984, he has been working as a freelancer, designer, and supervising engineer with forty years of experience in design, study, supervision, and construction of buildings, in the functional design of spaces and organization of construction sites. His business activity includes the establishment and operation for thirteen years as a partner and manager of the publishing-advertising-construction company Eurodiastasi Ltd.

He has held senior management positions in various organizations and was a member of various associations, cultural institutions and Chambers of Commerce.

In the period 2005-2011, he served as an architect in the Prefect's Office and was responsible for the design and operation of the Cultural Center "Polychoros Apollon" of the Prefecture of Piraeus. From 17/10/2011 to 27/12/2013, he served as Deputy Administrator and Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Special Anticancer Hospital "METAXA" in Piraeus.

From 2008 to 2010, as a representative of the Association of Greek Architects (SADAS-PEA), he was Regular Member in the Town Planning and Architectural Control Committee of Piraeus Town Planning.

From 2005 to 2010, he participated in the auxiliary work of support to the Administrative and Educational Staff members at the Department of Geography and Regional Planning of the School of Rural & Surveying Engineering of National Technical University of Athens.

Since 23/03/2018, he has been an independent member and Chairman of the Audit Committee in the Board of Directors of the Thessaloniki Port Authority (ThPA) S.A.

Also, in his capacity as an engineer and having served as a senior manager in companies and bodies of the public and private sector, with legal responsibilities including representative issues such as the Environment, the Society and the Corporate Governance (ESG), he has gained a long experience on issues related to the identification of risks associated to sustainable development.

He has been distinguished and honored by many institutions, and has received international recognition for his writings, as he has written and led the publication of many books on European travel and Greek culture, with emphasis on the architectural heritage in the ports of the Mediterranean, which have been deposited in the *Bibliotheca Alexandrina* (International Library of Alexandria).