

[BETTER KNOW A CEO]



GÉRARD BOURLAND

CEO-CHAIRMAN, DALKIA MAGYARORSZÁG ZRT

Bourland has been in the energy industry since 1978. He spent several years with France's EDF, specializing in the areas of nuclear energy and carbon, but also worked in HR and held various managerial positions. He has been living in Hungary since 2001. Before becoming CEO-chairman of Dalkia Energia, a subsidiary of Veolia Environnement, in 2008, he was CEO-chairman of the Budapest Power Plant Zrt for six years. Bourland was appointed CEO-chairman of Dalkia Magyarország this year. Married with two children, he is the captain of a rugby team in his spare time and as a long-distance runner, he regularly takes part in amateur running races.

► What is your favorite Hungarian dish?

Definitely somlói galuska



► What is your greatest achievement?

Having a fantastic family with two children who are on the road to be responsible adults.

► What is your most marked characteristic?

I am always straightforward, sometimes too much, but I always say what I think.

► Which talent would you most like to have?

To be more patient than I am.

► What is the trait you most disapprove of in others?

People who give up easily and don't try to reach their goals.

► Which living person do you most admire?

Nobody in particular, but I admire people having ethical rules and keeping to them.

► Who is your favorite hero in fiction?

No hero in fiction, as I prefer facing real life.

► Which Hungarian habit did you get accustomed to most easily?

Drinking Unicum, as I like it very much.



► Who are your heroes in real life?

People taking care of others through charity organizations and NGOs.

► What is your greatest regret?

Not being able to play music or to sing well.

► What kind of job did you dream of when you were a child?

I wanted to be a jet fighter pilot.

► What is your greatest fear?

The lack of oxygen, as I am claustrophobic.

► Where would you like to live?

In the mountains, since I like skiing, trekking and climbing.

► What is your hobby?

I like to practice a lot of sports to release the business pressure and restore my energy.

► What is the weirdest thing you have experienced in Hungary?

That in general, you cannot turn left on Budapest streets, so you have to calculate how to arrive at the left side of your destination if you do want to make a second round.



► What is the one thing without which you cannot imagine your life in Hungary?

I cannot imagine living in Hungary without my family as they are part of my personal equilibrium.

► What is your most treasured possession?

Health is by far the most valuable thing.

► What is your favorite Hungarian word?

Kilátó, as there are many in the Pilis and I like to jog up to them.

► Have you traveled around in Hungary outside of Budapest? If so, where?

With my family, we like the Bükk, the Tokaj region and the Mecsek a lot, especially Pécs, where I spent one year for my job.

► What is your motto?

Life is too short to be sad, so enjoy it.