

Gerhard R. Andlinger



Gerhard R. Andlinger, was born January 17, 1931, in Linz, Austria. He graduated from the Realschule and continued his education in the United States obtaining his B.A. from Princeton University in 1952 and his MBA from Harvard Business School in 1954. He has also received an honorary doctorate from Bryant College in Rhode Island for his contributions to international management.

Mr. Andlinger began his career with McKinsey & Co., the well known management consulting firm, working on a variety of assignments for large international clients based in the U.S. and Canada.

In 1960, he joined ITT as Director of Planning and Organization for their worldwide operations. In 1962 he became Group Executive - Far East, headquartered in Hong Kong. He reorganized and expanded ITT's activities in the Pacific Basin, as well as serving on the Board of Directors' of NEC and Sumitomo Electric. While in the Far East, he was elected Corporate Vice President at age 34, the youngest man ever elected as vice president.

In 1965, Mr. Andlinger assumed responsibility for ITT's Latin America Operations comprising 22 companies. From headquarters in Buenos Aires, he managed the successful turnaround of the Latin American Group. Mr. Andlinger resigned from ITT in 1967 to become Chairman of Esterline Corporation, a New York Stock Exchange listed electronics and instrumentation company. In the span of four years, Esterline made more than twenty acquisitions and increased more than ten times in size.

In 1972 ITT attracted Mr. Andlinger back as Chairman of the Board of one of its subsidiaries, Levitt & Sons, Inc. Levitt at that time was the largest American home builder with sales of over \$300 Million. In addition, to building over four thousand units annually in the U.S., Mr. Andlinger expanded the firm internationally in Puerto Rico, France and Spain.

In 1975 he resigned in order to set up his private investment banking firm, specializing in leveraged buyouts. With several acquisitions and a number of partners, the firm was well on its way, when in 1978, ITT hired Mr. Andlinger back for a third time (a fact unprecedented in the company's history). He was elected an Executive Vice President of ITT corporation and President of ITT - Europe. Based in Brussels, he was responsible for some 360 companies with sales of over \$10 billion. Following a change of corporate chief executives at ITT, Mr. Andlinger returned to his own firm as chairman in 1979.

Mr. Andlinger has been a trustee of the American Austrian Foundation since 1990. He has funded the [The Andlinger Residency Exchange Program](#) since its inception and also is the major donor for the Andlinger Chair for International Medicine at Weill Medical College of Cornell University.

For more information on Gerhard Andlinger please visit www.gerhardandlinger.com