



### **Candace Johnson**

Candace Johnson is a global infrastructure, network and innovation expert and entrepreneur. She is co-initiator of SES/ASTRA and SES Global, the world's pre-eminent satellite group. She is also founding President of Europe Online Investments S.A., the world's first internet-based online service and satellite broadband network, and founder of Loral Cyberstar-Teleport Europe, Europe's first independent private trans-border satellite communications network. Ms. Johnson is also founding President of the VATM, the Association of Private Telecom Operators in Germany and founding President of the Global Telecom Women's Network (GTWN). She has continued to be a long-time Member of the Board of Directors of all of these companies and organizations at various times throughout the years.

Ms. Johnson is founding Member and was President of the Board of the Sophia Business Angels in Sophia Antipolis, France from 2006 – 2008 as well as founding president of three multi-million Euro investment vehicles, Succès Europe, Croissance Europe and Innovation Europe, together with Meeschaert Gestion Prive. Ms. Johnson is also Founding Member of the Cologne Business Angels, Galata Business Angels and Advisory Board of the Luxembourg Business Angels Network.

Through her global investing activity, Ms. Johnson has widened her scope of expertise to include CleanTech and MedTech and has been actively involved in financing such companies as the Blue H Group, the world's first deep-water off-shore wind farms, Nheolis, a unique home-turbine energy concept company, and CertiNergy, France's first B2B2C energy-credit trading company as well as Quotient Diagnostic and AboDiag, life-sciences technology and services companies. In 2006, she created the Festival of the Fourth Dimension, the world's first festival of the Arts, Technology, and Sciences, which has since become a major French government global initiative for Industrial Innovation and Creativity (Pole ICI) of which she is the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.