



## Eytan Meir Stibbe

Eytan Stibbe is the founding partner of Vital Capital impact investment fund, established in 2010 with the aim of improving the situations of underserved populations in developing countries – especially in Africa – and mainly through partnerships with international development entities. Vital invests in enterprises that work to advance the economic, personal, and social well-being of low- and middle-income communities. The fund's strategy is to invest in companies whose intention is to generate positive, measurable social and environmental impact alongside a competitive financial return. The companies must also firmly adhere to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles, based on the United Nations' sustainable development goals.

Through these initiatives, millions of people have received essential services such as clean drinking water, electricity and modern healthcare services for the very first time. During its 10 years of operation, Vital Capital has won international acclaim as an opinion leader and a pioneer in the field of impact investment. As a trailblazer in this field, Stibbe is a member of the World Economic Forum (WEF) headquartered in Geneva. He is also a member of the advisory committee of Bridges Israel, an impact investment fund that invests in Israeli businesses.

Stibbe has been married to Ora Etrog Stibbe since 1985; they live in Tel-Aviv, Israel. Ora is a psychotherapist, working at her private clinic and at the Shalvata mental health center. They have three children – Amit, Shir and Yoav – and four grandchildren.

Stibbe and his wife are the founders and supporters of the social benefit company Anatta, which supports social and educational initiatives, and established the Human Spirit Treatment Center in the mixed Jewish-Arab city of Lod in central Israel. The center provides subsidized mental health treatment to low-income clients. They also support the establishment of social initiatives including "Zikaron BaSalon" Remembrance in the Living Room for commemoration of the Holocaust; "Inclu" a network of inclusive schools in Israel; The World Peace Bell initiative; "Unitaf" that provides early childhood programs for status-less communities and others. Stibbe also serves on the board of governors at various academies and nongovernmental organizations that are devoted to the humanities, education, art, and culture. In addition, Stibbe is an active member of the Steering Committee of the Center for African Studies at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Be'er Sheva; a member of the Steering Committee of the University of Haifa's Board of Governors; and an Honorary Fellow of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Eytan Meir Stibbe was born in Haifa in 1958 and at the age of 7 moved to Ramat-Chen, a suburb of Tel Aviv, after returning from a few years of his father's PhD studies in the United States. His parents previously immigrated from the Netherlands to Israel in 1953. His father, Ehud (Hugo), was a soil and water researcher at the ARO Volcani Institute in Rehovot, and his mother, Elma van Adelsberg, was a psychiatric social worker at the Ramat-Chen mental health center. Stibbe studied at the well-regarded Blich High School in Ramat Gan, played

the violin, practiced Judo with the national youth team, and was active in the Israeli Scouts (Tzofim).

In July 1976, Stibbe joined the Israel Air Force's fighter pilot training course. He first served as a Skyhawk A-4 pilot in Squadrons 140 and 102, then moved to Squadron 201 flying Phantoms F-4, and continued on to become an F-16 pilot in Squadron 117. He completed his military service in 1984 and continued to serve as a reservist in Squadron 117 until 2012. During the Gulf War in 1991, when the late Ilan Ramon was the commander of Squadron 117 and Stibbe was a reserve pilot, Ramon assigned him a senior operational formation leader. From 2013—2019 he served in reserve as a flight instructor at the Israel Air Force Flight Academy in the primary phase of the combat pilots' course. During his 43 years of flying in the IAF, Stibbe logged thousands of flights and received both the IAF's Outstanding Reservist award and its Distinguished Service Medal.

When Eytan Stibbe and Ilan Ramon, Israel's first astronaut, got to know each other during their service in Squadron 117, a close friendship developed between the two families. Stibbe visited the Ramon family several times in Houston, where Ilan was training at the NASA Johnson Space Center for his spaceflight. There Stibbe experienced his first deep exposure to the field of space research and recognized the inspiration it provides in the fields of education and science. After the death of Ilan Ramon's son Asaf, an IAF pilot who was killed in a training accident in 2009, Ramon's widow, Rona, brought together a small group of close friends to establish a foundation in their memory. Its mission is to perpetuate Ilan and Asaf's vision through initiating programs to promote academic excellence, leadership, and the study of aviation and space. Stibbe is among the founders of the Ramon Foundation and serves on its board of directors.

Throughout the years and up until the present day, Stibbe has been actively engaged in the work of the foundation, accompanying its educational activity and in setting its guidelines. On behalf of the Ramon Foundation, the first non-profit organization to send an astronaut to the International Space Station, Eytan Stibbe will be the second Israeli in space and one of the pioneers of the private space industry in the world. Stibbe plans to conduct scientific experiments of Israeli researchers and entrepreneurs coordinated by the Ramon Foundation and the Israel Space Agency at the Ministry of Science & Technology, and to undertake educational activities from orbit to inspire Israeli children, youth, and educators. Stibbe sees great importance in the fact that the private sector, in collaboration with the public sector, will take part in space exploration – thus he is enthused to take part in this first all-private international mission by Axiom Space. This perspective will also accompany his journey to space, which will be dedicated to advancing Israeli science and education.