



## IVO BOSCAROL

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The name Ivo means merciful, consistent. Ivo Boscarol also reminds of the courageous boy in Seliškar's "The Blue Seagull Brotherhood", who is depicted as follows: "Nobody wanted to take any risks, and everyone kept silent – except for Ivo, who spoke up. He rose to the top and expertly got the job done."

One of Slovenia's most successful entrepreneurs, the founder and long-standing CEO of Pipistrel, has certainly done his job admirably – or rather, continues to do so – from the very top. He struggles to set limits, which is why one of his companies is focused on developing space technology. This year he was named the Living Legend of European aviation, an accolade he believes is the result of trust. He was always the first to test the 800+ aircraft that rolled off his production line, so he clearly places his trust in the people that assemble them. And that, he says, is the number one formula for success: a team he trusts, and employees who recognize that he trusts them. "Our company is like a family, built on traditional values: mutual respect, listening to each other, responsibility, and success – but never by compromising other people."

Life has taught him that nothing ever happens by chance, rather there is a purpose behind everything. "Maybe not today, maybe even years later, you realize that something went wrong, and you had a tough time because somebody up there loved you deeply. For me, failures are investments. They push me to improve, lift me off the floor, and rouse me from my slumber," says the man known for sleeping just two hours a night. Which means he does his dreaming while he's awake. He is reluctant to share advice, but he does like to suggest that we are like mirrors. "What we give out, we can expect to get back. If we adhere to this simple principle, both we and those around us will find joy in coexistence and cooperation."

An endless list could be written about the achievements and projects of an innovator and visionary who pushes the boundaries of aviation and inspires with his charity. After selling his majority stake in Pipistrel, he made it his mission to give back to society – materially and personally. Ivo Boscarol is a very special man. A man of many talents. A man with many accomplishments. One of those individuals who naturally connects the logic of the mind with the passion of the heart. One of those individuals who has always coupled business success with humanity.

They say you achieve fame when you feature in a newspaper crossword. And there are a lot of these people in our country. But only extraordinary individuals get to be depicted on a country's postage stamp. Ivo Boscarol is certainly one of them. The pioneer of electric aviation and the man who set new standards in the global aviation industry is unquestionably a unique personality.

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