



Q: How long have you been involved in the diamond industry and where and how did your involvement begin?

A: My involvement started about 45 years in Antwerp. After my father passed away his partner asked whether I would like to take his place. I accepted.

Q: What is your company called and what do you enjoy most in your daily work environment?

A: The company is called Ginée Rotti Diamond Company and what I enjoy most is seeing my friends in the diamond industry.

Q: Are you married and do you have children, if so what do they do?

A: I've been married for more than 40 years now and have three. My youngest daughter is quite interested in the diamond industry.

Q: What has been your greatest achievement so far?

A: I cannot say that I achieved great things but what I am proud of is keeping my business running. I can also say that I always did whatever I could for the Diamond Club in Antwerp and for the diamond community in general.

Q: In what way has the industry changed over the years?

A: The industry has changed completely in the past four years – from mining companies to rough dealings, diamond polishing and diamond marketing. It's a completely different world these days.

Q: Are you optimistic about the future of the diamond industry and would you encourage young people to get involved?

A: Yes, definitely, as diamonds are forever. But a person has to be cautious and put himself/herself in the right position.

Q: What advice would you give a young person thinking about entering the diamond industry?

A: Enter the business, definitely, but don't make the same mistake so many people make and think the business is going to make you extremely wealthy.

Q: If you had the choice, would you consider any other profession?

A: No.

Q: Do you hold any position in any other club or association other than the WFDB?

A: Yes, I am part of an association that promotes the protection of monuments and I am also part of a company managing the infrastructure of a hockey club.

Q: Who is your role model and who in the world would you most like to meet?

A: As I'm not young anymore, I look to history for my role models, especially World War II. I like people who are visionaries and have a lot of energy. Two names come to mind: Winston Churchill and Charles de Gaulles.

Q: Is there anything you can tell us about yourself that your colleagues might not know about you?

A: As I was born in Europe during the War, I honestly see every single day as a blessing and a gift.

Q: Do you have time for a hobby and if so what do you do?

A: I see diamonds as a job and a hobby. Maybe, if I have time again, I'll write another short story.