



Margherita Agnelli de Pahlen

Margherita Agnelli de Pahlen was born in Switzerland in 1955, daughter of Giovanni Agnelli and Donna Marella Caracciolo. She has eight children.

Mother, teacher, writer, artist: she has a strong social commitment.

One of her major social commitments is her role as co-founder and vice president of BlueOrchard, a Swiss asset management company that specialises in managing portfolios which invest in companies active in microcredit in developing countries. Among those managed with the guidance of BlueOrchard is Dexia Micro Credit Fund, the first European SICAV founded with the explicit objective of financing companies that specialized in microcredit. To keep track of BlueOrchard's work in developing countries, Ms De Pahlen has been travelling on numerous trips to South America, Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe over the past few years.

She is recognised in Italy as the *Ambassador on Microcredit*, being very active in promoting the microcredit culture in Italy and abroad with institutions, companies, banks and media such as:

- Oslo - October 2007 her speech opened the work of the "2007 WIN Forum".
- Milan - November 2007 participated at the conference "Bridging the gap - Microfinance as a new investment asset class", organised by Bocconi University.
- Milan - March 2008 she participated at the second edition of the Women Leadership Forum organised by Sole 24 Ore.

Since 2006, in conjunction with the Turin Municipality, she has been promoting a project to help street children. The Villa Sole community was opened on June 2008.