



# Alexandre Lamfalussy. The Wise Man of Euro

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- The still relevant analysis of the man who predicted the financial crisis
- The story of the euro, told by one of its founders

In 1949 a young Hungarian immigrant arrived in Belgium, with just a few dollars in his pocket. Fleeing from communist repression in his own country, Alexandre Lamfalussy had come to Leuven to study economics. From these modest beginnings, he succeeded in working his way up to become not only chairman of the board of directors of the Bank of Brussels, but also one of the fathers of the euro and an internationally respected economist. In this book, the Belgian baron tells his life story in a series of interviews never previously published. His testimony covers the history of many different countries, from Belgium to Hungary, and is the tale of one of the truly great Europeans, who strove to reunite the continent following the tragedy of the Second World War.

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