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To behold the world from above, to see how everything moves closer together down there, that's what simply fascinates me... up in the air, I find peace."

The pilot...

The pilot:

- Uwe Thomas Carstensen
- 60 years old
- private pilot licence since 1995
- instrument flight licence since 2004
- approx. 800 flying hours prior to the world circumnavigation
- lives in Hannover and Husum
- married to Maria
- professional degree as a qualified industrial engineer
- (in German: Diplomwirtschaftsingenieur)
- up to 2002, owner of a windmill company
- co-founder of the „MUT“ Foundation, a trust foundation of the German World Population Foundation (DSW = Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung) based in Hannover

... and his motives

Since his first experience with hang-gliding in 1987, flying has never lost its hold on him. Uwe Thomas Carstensen has long since changed to flying aeroplanes, thus increasing his opportunities. For the born North Frisian, the catchword "globalisation" holds something very tangible: He is fascinated by the idea that a private person in a small aircraft can circumnavigate the globe, and he is excited about the aeronautical challenges ahead. Anxiety? No, but tense expectation, utmost diligence and concentration before and during the flight.

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