OLGA POLIZZI

Olga Polizzi is the eldest of the late Lord Forte's five daughters and is a younger sister to Sir Rocco.

Since 1996, Olga Polizzi has been working with Sir Rocco to build a new luxury hotel company, Rocco Forte Hotels, of which she and her brother are the major shareholders. Olga Polizzi is Director of Design at Rocco Forte Hotels and Deputy Chairman of the company.

Prior to the creation of Rocco Forte Hotels, Olga Polizzi was a Main Board Director and Director of Building and Design at Forte plc from 1983 to 1996, when it was taken over by Granada.

Olga was a Westminster Councillor from 1989 to 1994, and was Vice Chairman of Planning. Olga Polizzi is currently on the Council of Edward VII Hospital; Board of the Landau Forte Academies; Board of Fellowship & Honorary Degrees at King's College London; Chairman of The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation; Trustee of The Italian Medical Charity; Trustee of St. Mary's School Ascot; Trustee Lord Forte Foundation.

Olga Polizzi has two of her own hotels in the West Country – Hotel Tresanton in Cornwall and Hotel Endsleigh in Devon.

Olga Polizzi is also a director of Miller's Bespoke Bakery, which she and her daughter Alex Polizzi helped to establish in 1997.

Olga is married to the author William Shawcross; she has two daughters, as well as a step-son and step-daughter.