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The Staniks: gold, a 228.1 m² flat and rising family income — what the latest declaration reveals

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Editorial photomontage featuring individuals from the original article. The 228.1 m² flat and a salary of around 2.8 million UAH are listed in Sergei Stanik’s 2025 declaration. Gold is listed in the family section of the declaration; the image of the gold bar and the house is for illustrative purposes only.

A document has emerged in the history of the Stanik family that allows us to look beyond the photograph of the mansion in Kozin. Serhiy Romanovych Stanik’s annual declaration for 2025 lists a flat with an area of 228.1 square metres, works of art, a family holding in gold and two income entries totalling 3,522,151 hryvnias. A comparison with the 2024 return shows an increase of almost 40 per cent in this amount. This information has been published by the declarant himself, rather than being an estimate of wealth based on the appearance of the property.

In previous article on Sergei and Suzanne Stanik We previously examined the theory regarding the transfer of ownership of the Kozin property and the historical sanctions list. This new instalment focuses on something else: what the family actually stated in their latest financial report, which figures can be compared, and why the October announcement of a significant change cannot be taken as a new, complete declaration. Kozin remains a separate line of assets that cannot be substituted by a tally of flats from another document.

The document for 2025 was submitted in the spring of 2026

Annual declaration for 2025 submitted on 31 March 2026 at 16:23. Place of work: Northern Economic Court of Appeal; position: judge. This is important for dating purposes: any purchases, salary or balance of funds reflected in the declaration relate to the specified reporting period, and the date of publication does not make them acquisitions for 2026.

His wife, Anastasia Skrizhevskaya, is listed in the family section. Official Suzanne Stanik’s biography on the Constitutional Court’s website confirms her career in public service and her role as a judge of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine from 2004 to 2010. However, the mother and wife of the current judge are distinct figures in this story. To lump their assets together under a single vague heading such as ‘everything belongs to the Staniks’ is to lose sight of the specific owner and the legal significance of each line.

The declaration provides a basis for comparison but does not constitute an independent valuation of the property’s market value. If it states the purchase price from many years ago, this is not the property’s current value. And if no valuation is provided, one cannot automatically substitute the

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figure from an advertisement for a seemingly similar property.

The judge’s salary has risen by 334,596 hryvnias

In the 2024 tax return Sergei Stanik’s salary is listed as 2,462,435 hryvnias, and his wife’s business income as 53,750 hryvnias. For 2025, the figures were 2,797,031 and 725,120 hryvnias respectively. The difference in salary amounts to 334,596 hryvnias, or approximately 13.6 per cent. This is the editorial team’s calculation based on the two documents mentioned, rather than the disclosed monthly salary figure.

Declared income, UAH	2024	2025	Change
Sergei Stanik’s salary	2 462 435	2 797 031	+334 596
His wife’s business income	53 750	725 120	+671 370
The sum of these two lines	2 516 185	3 522 151	+1 005 966

His business income has increased by approximately 13.5 times. However, without additional documentation, this figure cannot be categorised as net profit, family savings or unexplained income. The declaration records the amount but does not disclose the composition of the client base or the structure of expenditure. A pertinent question concerns the origin and nature of the transactions, provided there are specific grounds for raising it.

The combined increase across the two lines is around 40 per cent. This comparison is useful because it eliminates speculation based on a single year; it shows exactly which component has changed more significantly. Most of the increase was attributable to his wife’s declared business income, rather than an increase in his salary as a judge. Neither the increase nor its magnitude in itself constitutes an offence.

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Business income is not the same as net profit. An increase in the amount does not in itself constitute a breach.

A 228.1 m² flat: when did the right arise?

The 2025 declaration lists Stanik’s flat with an area of 228.1 square metres, the title to which was acquired on 29 October 2009. The declared value is 1,038,000 hryvnias. Also listed are two parking spaces, purchased in 2011, and a plot of land measuring 1,200 square metres. The family section includes his wife’s flat, measuring 52.7 square metres, to which she acquired title in March 2021.

This list shows why a large floor area and a recent filing date do not necessarily indicate a new, expensive purchase. The main flat appeared in the documented history long before 2025. To verify a specific purchase, one must compare the source of funds with the year in which the purchase was made. A current salary does not automatically explain a purchase made in 2009, nor is it the only possible historical source.

The Kozin property mentioned in journalistic reports cannot be identified as this flat based on its size or the surname. It is a different property with a different presumed chain of title. In this new report, we present them separately: the verified entry in the declaration and the external account of the property. This distinction preserves the subject of the investigation rather than creating an artificial ‘total value of the palaces’.

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Gold and francs: what the financial statements actually say

The section on monetary assets lists his wife’s funds in CHF and an asset in the form of a bank-held precious metal — a gold ingot, the value of which is stated as 7,480 CHF. POSTFINANCE LTD appears on the list of institutions. These entries suggest the existence of a declared financial asset linked to the named organisation. They do not imply the discovery of a secret cache or the smuggling of gold across the border.

The declaration also lists cash and funds in accounts held in several currencies. To total these, it would be necessary to select a single date and exchange rate. Without this, the calculation would produce a neat but arbitrary overall figure. We do not combine the value of precious metals, currency balances and annual income: these provide answers to different questions regarding the family’s financial situation.

The disclosure form itself is crucial for assessing the sensational headline. If an asset is listed in a public document, it cannot be called ‘hidden’ simply because it appears unusual. One can verify the accuracy of the information, the origin of the funds and the necessary rights. But for each such question, there must be a basis that goes beyond the word ‘gold’.

Ninety works of art – not a definitive market valuation

Stanik lists nine icons, 27 paintings by Ukrainian and unknown artists, and 54 statuettes. This totals 90 items — the arithmetic sum of the three lines. A men’s Perrelet wristwatch is also listed. The public record provides no basis for valuing the collection against the prices of famous artists’ works or new watches of the same brand.

The transport section for 2025 lists two Ford Transits and a Peugeot 307 CC. This is a snapshot of assets for a specific period. The long-standing dispute over powers of attorney for other vehicles must be examined in the context of the relevant years and decisions. The absence of a model from today’s list does not automatically explain whether the person used it previously or whether it was necessary to declare that right at the time.

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Neither the existence of a collection nor the presence of gold in public accounts constitutes, in itself, evidence of illicit enrichment.

Corporate details: what has been revealed about his wife’s business

The declaration also reflects his wife’s 100 per cent stake in IAMSKRI LLC — IAMSKRI, registration number 41460283, with a stated value of 100,000 hryvnias. This is another type of asset alongside the flat, cash and precious metals. The value of a corporate share as stated in the declaration does not automatically equate to the value of the entire business, its annual turnover or the owner’s income.

Business income of 725,120 hryvnias and ownership of the company are listed in different sections. It is not possible to combine them to claim that the entire sum necessarily came from dividends paid by this particular company: the document specifies the type of income as business income. To link a specific payment to the company, information about its source is required, not merely the fact that the recipient holds a share in the company.

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The family business of a commercial court judge may be a matter of public interest, but does not in itself constitute a conflict of interest. For such a matter to arise, specific cases, powers and decisions affecting related interests are required. The materials examined do not reveal any such personal connection with IAMSKRI.

October report: a salary of 198,969 hryvnias, not a declaration of zero assets

On 2 October 2026, Stanik submitted a notification of significant changes. It shows that on 29 September, he received a salary of 198,969 hryvnias from the Northern Economic Court of Appeal. The sections on property and transport in this declaration do not contain any new items. This is a declaration of a specific event, rather than a new, comprehensive inventory of all assets.

If one reads it as an annual declaration, one might mistakenly conclude that the judge's flats and cars have disappeared. In reality, the document describes a specific change. This is precisely why automatic entries showing zero values in certain sections need to be cross-checked against the original source. When it comes to assets, the format of the document can influence one's conclusion more than the boldness of the headline.

What to do with the old decision of the High Qualification Commission of Judges

Decision No. 384/ko-19 of the High Qualification Commission of Judges dated 5 June 2019 and includes both complaints from civil society organisations and the judge's explanations regarding powers of attorney for cars and other matters. The Commission confirmed that justice could be administered. The results of the NACP's investigation set out therein noted breaches of legal requirements, but found no evidence of the alleged administrative or criminal offences, conflicts of interest or unlawful enrichment.

Therefore, the previous decision cannot be used in two opposing extremes: either as a ready-made admission of corruption or as a lifelong guarantee that there will be no future questions. It has a specific subject matter and date. The new declaration adds new time periods, rather than automatically invalidating the explanations and conclusions of the previous procedure.

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Where does the Kozin intrigue lie?

StopCor, November 2026 …which described Anna Arsenicheva as the owner of the plot and discussed the initials ‘Stanik S. R.’ on the cadastral plan of the neighbouring plot. The initials do not unequivocally identify the owner or occupier. In Annex to Decree No. 133/2017 Roman Gilfanov is indeed included in the historical list, but the measure specified there is intended to last for one year. To conclude that the restriction was circumvented, one needs the date of the specific transaction and the restriction in force at that time.

The latest declaration does not settle this matter nor does it prove the theory of hidden ownership of the house. It changes the nature of the discussion: instead of a single media-reported valuation, we now have a comparison of two years’ income, listed assets and a specific event in October. The property saga remains a matter of public interest, but the verifiable part of it is based on specific rights and payments. Returning to an initial analysis of Kozin…it is now possible to see more clearly which details have already been disclosed and which documents relating to the transfer of ownership rights are still missing.

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