

# Nicola Redi

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## SUMMARY

Nicola brings 25 years' experience in translating innovations into the market through venture capital investments and corporate R&D responsibilities. He is currently managing the first ever technology transfer fund. His venture capital past appointments include Chief Investment & Technology Officer of TTVenture and member of the investment committees of the French life science fund Technologie et Santé I (Sofimac Partners) and Atmos II renewable energy fund. Nicola also created and was appointed CEO of SeedLab, the first accelerator program for research based projects and companies.

Before entering the technology transfer and investment industries, he served leading multinational industrial corporates with Global and EMEA leadership positions in R&D and new product development. He also managed a manufacturing and service unit of automated and robotic machineries.

Nicola is also actively involved in policy related activities: he is Italian representative among the High Level Group for Innovation Policy Management and is author of various national and international publications around innovation policies.

His diversified and sound education includes: PhD in Management - Aston University in Birmingham, MBA with greatest honours - SDA Bocconi and MSc in Aerospace Engineering - Politecnico di Milano. Furthermore, Nicola holds a YMP from INSEAD, he is a Certified Process Kaizen Engineer and holds a certificate in Machine Learning from Stanford University.

## CORPORATE AND INVESTMENT EXPERIENCE

### ***Managing Partner, Obloo | Venture Factory***

Milan, Italy – Since Sept 2017

Partner and exclusive advisor of VV3TT, the first technology transfer created under the ItaTech platform, joint initiative between Cassa Depositi e Prestiti and European Investment Fund. 23 investments closed in spin-off companies and proof of concept projects of leading Italian research institutions.

Entrepreneurial Partner and shareholder of Galaxia, the first Italian aerospace technology transfer hub created by Cassa Depositi e Prestiti Venture Capital S.G.R., in charge of creating new businesses out of university and research centres IP in upstream, downstream and space enabling technologies.

### ***Non-Executive Director, Lean Experience Factory***

S.Vito al Tagliamento, Italy – since 2017

Lean Experience Factory is an Industry 4.0 model factory and the biggest global McKinsey's Digital Capability Centre.

### ***Investment Committee Member, Vertis SGR***

Milan, Italy – Since Sept 2017

Member of the investment committee of Vertis Venture 3 Technology Transfer

## EDUCATION

- Aston University (Birmingham, UK) – **PhD** in Management – 2014 | Thesis: econometric model on Regional Innovation Systems
  - Bocconi School of Management – **MBA** with greatest honours – 2003
  - INSEAD – YMP – 2001
  - Politecnico di Milano – **MSc Aeronautic Engineering** – 1995
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## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapter: *Funding and Financing – Fresh Thinking Required* in K.Gretschmann & S.Shepers, *Re-designing EU Innovation Policy: Pioneering the Future*, Palgrave-MacMillan, London, 2016

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## ***Investment Director, Vertis SGR***

Milan, Italy – May 2014 – Aug 2017

Responsible for venture capital operations, managing Vertis Venture fund with its 20 portfolio companies.

## ***Investment Committee Member, Sofimac Partners***

Lyon, France – 2008-2014

Member of the investment committee of the Technologié et Santé I Fund.

## ***Chief Investment & Technology Officer, TTVenture***

Milan, Italy – 2008-2014

The first Italian technology transfer fund with €64M of assets under management. Responsible for fund's operations and team. Co-founder and first investor of D-Orbit, space logistics startup and first Italian Deep-Tech unicorn.

## ***Founder and CEO, SeedLab***

Milan, Italy – 20011-2014

SeedLab, operated by TTadvisor s.r.l., is the first Italian accelerator for research-based companies, sold to M31.

## ***Project Managers Leader EMEA, Ideal Standard International***

Bruxelles, Belgium-Milan, Italy – 2004-2008

Responsible for R&D and innovation projects for Europe, Middle East and Africa.

## ***Target Cost Management, Pirelli Tires***

Milan, Italy – 2001-2002

Cost reduction project sponsored by CEO and managed by senior VPs steering committee. Leading two mainstreams. 30 Mil Eu saving identified in 2002. On 2007 the project accumulated 100Mil Eu bottom line savings.

## ***Project Portfolio Manager, Pirelli Tires***

Milan, Italy – 2000-2001

Global project portfolio management (R&D, operations), reporting to Senior VPs.

## ***Machinery Manager, Pirelli Tires***

Milan, Italy – 1997-2000

Leading manufacturing and service activities of automated machines global unit.

## ***Technical Coordinator, Eurofly***

Bergamo Airport, Italy – 1997

In charge of maintenance planning and control of a commercial airline.

## ***Second Lieutenant, Italian Army***

Italy – 1995-1996

1<sup>st</sup> classified over 100+ cadets, 158<sup>th</sup> cadet course.

Mobile Operations Commander, counter-crime operations in Sicily and Calabria

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## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

### ***Visiting Professor, Central European University***

Wien, Austria/Budapest, Hungary — since 2021

Executive MBA: New Product Development

### ***Adjunct Professor, MIB School of Management***

Trieste, Italy — since 2008

International and Executive MBA: New Product Development, Business Planning for New Ventures

### ***Adjunct Professor, University of Trieste***

Trieste, Italy — AY 2018/2019

New Product Forecasting, School of Engineering

### ***Adjunct Professor, Bologna Business School, University of Bologna***

Bologna, Italy — 2016 to 2019

Global MBA: Finance of Innovation

### ***Adjunct Professor, University of Pisa***

Pisa, Italy — 2015 to 2017

International MBA: Venture Capital

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### ***Italian Representative, High Level Group for Innovation Policy Management***

Brussels — 2013 – 2016 / back since 2020

A tripartite initiative advising the European Council and the European Commission on innovation policies.

### ***Technical Advisory Board Member, Italian Representation at the European Innovation Council***

Rome, Italy — since 2021

Supporting the Italian representative (Prof. Andrea Fosfuri, Bocconi University) in the management of the EIC funding program (FP9, formerly named Horizon Europe).

### ***Commissioner, Italian Ministry of Economic Development, Intellectual Property Award 2021, Evaluation Committee***

Rome, Italy — 2021

Selection of best patents from Italian research institutions, to represent Italian research at the Dubai Expo

### ***Commissioner, Polytechnic of Turin, Proof of Concept Committee***

Turin, Italy — 2017, 2018

### ***Commissioner, University of Bologna, Proof of Concept Committee***

Bologna, Italy — 2019, 2020

### ***Advisory Board, PACINNO - Platform for trans-Academic Cooperation in INNOvation***

Trieste, Italy — 2016

Advisor of the trans-academic initiative among Adriatic Countries (Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia, Montenegro, Albania and Greece), coordinator of the related Italian based accelerator and keynote speaker.

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*Expert Committee Member, University-Industry Observatory, Fondazione CRUI*  
Rome, Italy – 2015, 2019

## **Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research**

Rome, Italy – 2013

Member of the informal advisory board created by Minister Maria Chiara Carrozza

## **Commissioner, Spinner Program, Emilia-Romagna Region**

Bologna, Italy – 2010, 2013

Grant program for high tech entrepreneurial development

## **BOARD POSITIONS IN HIGH TECH COMPANIES**

### **Personal Factory, cloud manufacturing for dry mix building materials**

Simbario (VV), 2009 – 2016

### **D-Orbit, satellite technologies – Incubated by University of Florence**

Fino Mornasco (CO), 2011 – 2015

### **IPAD Lab, molecular diagnostics for agriculture – Spin Off of University of Milan**

Lodi, 2010 – 2014

### **Bionsil, oncology – Spin Off of University of Milan Bicocca**

Milan, 2011 – 2013

### **Glomeria Therapeutics, advanced peritoneal dialysis**

Chieti, 2010 – 2016

### **Promoqui, digital technologies**

Naples, 2014 – 2017

### **VRMedia, augmented reality for industrial applications – Spin Off of Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna**

Pisa, 2018 - 2020

### **Health Pixels, neurorehabilitation robotics – Spin Off of Campus Biomedico University**

Rome, 2019 / 2022

### **Zerynth, internet of things platform – Spin Off of University of Pisa**

Pisa, since 2020

### **QuicklyPro, Wearable electronics for rehabilitation – University of Bergamo Startup**

Pisa, since 2020

### **Nettuno Power (shareholders' SPV of Pelamis), wave conversion energy system**

Milan, Aberdeen, 2011-2013

Autorizzo il trattamento dei dati personali contenuti nel mio curriculum vitae in base all'art. 13 del D. Lgs. 196/2003 e all'art. 13 del Regolamento UE 2016/679 relativo alla protezione delle persone fisiche con riguardo al trattamento dei dati personali.