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After graduating with honours in Theoretical Economics from the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan in 1994, he went on to specialise, thanks to a scholarship from the Italian state, in economics at the Paris School of Economics in France. After working at the OECD as an econometrician and economist in first the Industry Division and then the Education Division, he obtained an MBA from HEC Paris with an exchange at Tuck Business School in the USA. Until 2005 he worked at Société Générale in Paris in structured finance, then went to London to work at Credit Suisse International where he was in charge of Capital Markets, Derivatives, Special Situations, Illiquids and Capital Markets. Since 2012 he has been working in the world of financial consultancy and asset management between the UK, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Malta and Italy. He holds CEO roles for regulated funds, is Managing Director in the financial advisory sector, is an advisor in reinsurance companies, Compliance Officer and Director for companies active in structured and extraordinary finance in Europe. He held roles regulated by the FCA, MFCA, FINMA, CSSF and ECB when he joined the Board of Directors of the new entity Banco BPM in 2017. In 2020, he was appointed as a director at Banca Akros. Since his return to Italy in 2020, he has held directorships in various companies on behalf of private equity and venture capital funds in sectors ranging from advanced therapies to digital, artificial intelligence, big data, genomics, food and financial services. Since 2020 he has been teaching at the Università Cattolica in Corporate Finance and Corporate Governance.