



UMBERTO PAOLUCCI

He was born in Ravenna in 1944. He holds an electronic engineering degree from the University of Bologna. After a period as a high school teacher and the military services as a second lieutenant of the Chemical and Physical Department of the Italian Military Force, he dealt with the Information Technology issues, firstly at Hewlett Packard and then at the General Automation of Anaheim (California), where he was General Director. After several years of international activities and charges with Microsoft Corporation, in 1998 he became Vice-President of the Italian subsidiary and, in 2003, Senior Chairman of Microsoft Europe, Middle East and Africa. He is a member of the Rotary Club, and Past President 1997/98 of the South East Milan Club. In 1998 he received an *honoris causa* degree in Business Statistics and Information Technology from the University of Bologna. He received a *cavaliere del lavoro* decoration (knight of labour) from the President of the Italian Republic, and was appointed as Director of several companies, associations and foundations in Italy and Europe, as well as Vice-President of Confcommercio, with a special commitment for innovation.

He was President of "Enit-Ente Nazionale Italiano Turismo" until 2008, and in 2009 he received the honorary title of "Grand'Ufficiale al Merito della Repubblica Italiana" by the President of Italian Republic, Giorgio Napolitano.

Currently he is President of "Microsoft S.r.l.", of "American Chamber of Commerce in Italy" and of the "Fondazione Scuole Civiche di Milano", and director of "Aeffe S.p.A.", "Coesia S.p.A.", "Banca Profili SpA", "Pirelli SpA".