Paolo Ortolani, Candidate for the Member of the Supervisory Council

Born on 23.08.1993, in Milan, Italy.

Italian entrepreneur, investor and board member, holder of an Executive MBA from the University of Zürich and resident in Switzerland. He is specialised in mergers and acquisitions, financial planning and control and corporate governance, with cross-border experience across Switzerland and Italy.

Work experience:

Founder and Managing Partner of Lionycs, an advisory and co-investment firm based in Zürich, focused on M&A, fractional CFO services and portfolio investment for owner-led small and medium-sized enterprises across the Swiss and Italian markets. He advises founders and shareholders on M&A, financial strategy and value creation, leads buy-side processes end to end and co-invests alongside his clients through dedicated investment vehicles.

Since March 2026 he is Board Member of DEV1 Srl, an Italian real estate development company executing a value-add project of approximately EUR 5.4 million of gross development value, where he oversees the financial structuring, the risk profile and the capital deployment of the project on behalf of the shareholders.

From 2024 to 2025 he was Chief Business Officer of Treeless AG, a Swiss early-stage technology company, as a member of the executive team responsible for finance, commercial operations and corporate development, leading financial planning and management control and raising USD 1.4 million in combined equity and non-dilutive funding.

From 2022 to 2024 he was Head of Business Development and fractional Chief Operating Officer of Pica Group in Milan, a growth-stage technology company in which he had previously served, from July 2019 to December 2020, as Board Member and shareholder. In his operational capacity he supported revenue growth of over 400% across two years and improved gross margins from 10% to 65%.

From 2019 to 2022 he was Senior Consultant at Digitag in Milan, advising C-level executives on the digital transformation of marketing and sales.

He began his career as an entrepreneur, founding and leading The Golfers Only (2014–2018), a bootstrapped social marketplace for the Italian golf community, and Inside Food (2015–2016), dedicated to the operational and commercial restructuring of independent restaurants.

He holds an Executive MBA with a major in Digital Transformation from the University of Zürich, with a thesis on Entrepreneurship-Through-Acquisition, and completed executive education programmes at Yale School of Management and New York University.