

## Dr Niccolò Caderni

The recipient of the 1978 Annual Award of the Italian Physical Society for his research on General Relativity, Niccolò graduated summa cum laude from the University of Florence, his native city. He has covered a number of research and academic positions, notably European Space Agency Senior Fellow (subsequently Lector) at the University of Cambridge, a National Science Foundation Senior Fellow at the Institute for Theoretical Physics of the University of California, and a Visiting Professor at the University of Pavia, Italy. In the early Eighties Dr Caderni developed an interest in the then nascent field of technology transfer, and heeded to a new calling as a technology strategist.

In 1984 he was appointed Vice – President, Mergers and Acquisitions at Bankers Trust International in London with special responsibilities for emerging technologies, and in 1990, following a lifelong interest in fine art, took the post of Managing Director at Phillips, the third largest auction house in the world. From 1993 to 1997 he was Senior Advisor to the Bentinck Thyssen family, which, in addition to the renowned art collection, had extensive industrial and financial holdings. He also served on the Board of the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels.

In 1997 he co-founded, and became Chairman of, Internet Partnership Group AG, a technology incubator, with a portfolio of new media companies focusing on the delivery of digital content. In 2000, Dr Caderni was elected Chairman of the Board of Webiz Holding BV, the private equity fund of the Italian utility giant ENEL, Europe's second largest energy provider.

From 2004 onwards, Dr Caderni has contributed to a number of initiatives leveraging on his interest and experience in technology, private equity, art collecting, and the fostering of innovation. He is Chairman of ETT Solutions Ltd, a company offering multimedia interpretations to museums and cultural venues, a Director of Unit9, a leading digital agency, as well an advisor to a select number of financial institutions. Niccolò is a Trustee of the Chelsea Academy Foundation.