

Vito Pertosa

Curriculum Vitae

Vito Pertosa was born in Monopoli (BA) on April 22nd 1959.

He is married with three children.

He has been appointed *Cavaliere del Lavoro* and he is founder of Angel, an industrial holding company with a high technological content, in the following sectors: Railway, Space, Aeronautics, Survey, IOT, present in 60 countries.

He is Chairman and controlling shareholder of the MERMEC Group, a world leader in the development of railway measurement equipment, track inspection trains, and signaling systems. He is also a controlling shareholder of several real estate, financial and technology companies.

He is the former Director of the Italian Space Agency (ASI), member of the National Technical Innovation and Research Committee of Confindustria, CEO of the South Space Consortium, Sole Director of the 2M CLIV Consortium. He was also a Scientific Expert for the Italian Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Economic Development, as well as Regent with the function of Censor for the Bari Branch of the Bank of Italy.

He was also Chairman of the Board of IMAGEMAP Inc. - Columbia, South Carolina, USA - Managing Director of the Laser Scarl Center, Vice-President of the Tecnopolis Science and Technology Park, Vice-President of the Procomp Research Consortium, Sole Director of ITEL Italiana, President of the Argenta Group.

He is also responsible for numerous Regional, National and European Research Projects.

Under his direction MERMEC achieved numerous innovation awards, including the Italy-Switzerland Prize for Cross-border developments in 2007, the Confindustria Enterprise X Innovation Award in 2008; in the same year MERMEC was among the winners of the Italian Mechatronics Prize, he has been awarded as Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year in the Innovation category in 2007 and 2009; in 2011 he obtained, in the USA, the world oscar for electronic sensors, the Photonics Prism Award.

In 2013, with Blackshape S.p.A. (Aeronautics Division), he obtained in Germany the "Flieger Magazine Award" for the best airplane in the world in its category and MERMEC, in 2017, the 1st European DITECFER Award for the Railway Innovation Contest and the ERCI 2017 Innovation Award. In 2018, SITAEL (Satellites & Propulsion Division), won in Germany the prestigious 2b AHEAD Innovation Award, while in the USA, with the IOT Division, the prestigious CES 2018 Honoree Award in Las Vegas.