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Born in Verona in 1963, he graduated in Business Economics from the University of Venice. In 1987 he started his career, working in the family business. After a year working in the commercial and technical divisions of Aquafil, he attended a six-month training course at Horizon Carpet in the United States. In 1989 he became assistant production manager at the Arco plant, and a year later took over management of the division. He was also involved in the move to Slovenia, assisting with the acquisition of the Kranj factory. In 1994 he returned to Aquafil, working on the acquisition of Julon d.d., an enterprise which was to become a fundamental asset for the Group. Between 1995 and 1998 he held the office of General Manager at Julon, relocating with his family to Slovenia. In 1999 he returned to Italy as Vice Chairman of Aquafil, before becoming Chairman of the group in 2008. He has been President of CIRFS (European man-made Fibers Association) from 2011 to 2014. Recently he became President of Confindustria Trento, the Employers' Association of the Province of Trento.