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## ABOUT US

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## AGENDA

**18:00** - Registration

**18:40** - Welcome Remarks

**18:45**

"Entrepreneurship and Funding in Italy" by **Novica Mrdovic Vianello**

**19:00**

Live interviews by **Valentina Caiazza** and **Fabrizio Nicolosi**

**Christian Padovan, Andrea Ferrante, Sabino Costanza, Carlo Piccinini**

**20:10** - Closing Remarks

**20:20 - 21:30** - Cocktails & Networking

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**Novica Mrdovic Vianello** General Partner at Star Tech Venture

Novica has more than 20 years of Europe, the US, Russia & China working and living experience in hi-tech industries. Key career milestones: Grosseptic, January 1998 – November 1999 he was the Operations Manager and Product Line Manager; Sistel, November 1999 – April 2000 (acquired by Tecon) as R&D Engineer; Tecon, April 2000 – January 2001 he worked as Field Applications Engineer; JDS Uniphase (NASDAQ: JDSU, today Lumentum Holdings NASDAQ: LITE), January 2001 – November 2006 he was Datacom Sales Manager EMEA and Business Development Manager EMEA; NeoPhotonics Corporation (NYSE: NPTN), Nov 2006 – 2018 he became the Vice President and Managing Director EMEA and Sr. Director of Sales EMEA.



**Sabino Costanza** Co-founder, Board Member and Lending officer at Credimi SpA

Sabino is co-founder, board member and lending officer in Credimi SpA a fintech platform offering a digital factoring product since Q4 2016. Credimi is authorised as a financial intermediary the Bank of Italy. Before starting Credimi, Sabino has been working 7 years in Consulting in Boston Consulting Group and Oliver Wyman, always with a focus on Financial Institutions covering strategy, organisation and risk management topics for Italian and International Banks. Sabino graduated from Bocconi University and obtained CEMS – Master in International Management in 2007. He is the father of a 3-year-old lady and loves travel, reading, innovation, running, swimming and good food.



**Carlo Piccinini** Member of the Board of Directors at AVM Gestioni SGR

Carlo Piccinini currently serves as a director and member of the board in AVM Gestioni SGR (Private Equity). He is also co-leading the Asset Management Activity, focusing on mid-sized companies, both development and buy-out operations. With over 20 years of experience in executive positions with full P&L responsibility, he has also served as director of different companies and industries. Angel investor, a Start-Up Mentor in Impact Hub (Milano), supporting social impact start-ups during their financing, growth and scale up stages. Actively involved in the Bocconi Alumni Association Mentorship Program. Member of SingularityU (Milan Chapter), a lively and committed like-minded international community, focusing on positive disruption through cross-field applied technology and research.



**Andrea Ferrante** CFO at D-Orbit

D-Orbit CFO, trusted finance person, experienced in fundraising, design state of the art Admin systems, ERP and management control. Previous experiences in launching the Nectar (Aimia Group) loyalty scheme in Italy, Catalina Marketing services, IVV, Unilever, PWC. Sectors: aerospace, marketing services, travel, cosmetics and FMCG.



**Christian Padovan** CEO and Co-Founder at Wash Out

Christian is co-founder and CEO of Wash Out, a digital platform offering on-demand ecological car wash for both private individuals and businesses, such as car dealers and corporate fleets. Wash Out has been awarded start-up of the year 2018 by BHeroes, an acceleration program sponsored by lastminute.com and Intesa Sanpaolo. Before starting Wash Out, Christian worked as Sales Manager for an optical chain and then for an industrial company. In love with the automotive world since he was a child, Christian is trying to change the way cars are washed, one car at a time.



**Valentina Caiazzo** Acuris Mergermarket (Milan)

Valentina Caiazzo is a Milan-based correspondent at Acuris Mergermarket. She writes about Italy's M&A and ECM markets. Before joining Acuris she was a financial correspondent at Reuters and Dow Jones newswires. She previously covered financial markets and the steel industry. Valentina specialised at Istituto per la Formazione al Giornalismo Carlo De Martino and holds a master's degree in international journalism from Cardiff University.





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*"The things we teach our kids are the things from the past 200 years - it is knowledge based - and we cannot teach our kids to compete with machines - they are smarter"*

Jack Ma  
Founder of Alibaba Group

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## WHY LEADERS FIRST?

### LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Access to masterclass and online educational programme to develop soft-skills required for leadership and entrepreneurship roles



NETWORKING

### EVENTS & COMMUNITY

Access to exclusive events - organised by Leaders First and its Partners - to learn, to connect and to get inspired by leaders

### OPPORTUNITIES & REWARDS

Access to opportunities, special offers and initiatives offered by Leaders First and its Partners



SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

## LEADERS FIRST PLATFORM



From 2019 each member will benefit from access to Leaders First platform\* enabling to:

- Fast booking for LF events and access to Partners events
- View other members profile
- Invite other members
- Access to Leadership Academy
- Opportunities & Rewards

\*T&C Applied

## LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Members will benefit from a bespoke educational programme realised in partnership with our global community, senior executives of international companies and leading experts

MASTERCLASS

ON-LINE



COMMUNICATION



TALENT DEVELOPMENT



RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

