

Luciano Balbo

Chairman, Fondazione Oltre Onlus

Luciano Balbo (62) is a well known Italian entrepreneur in the private equity business. He has built a successful career in over 20 years spent in the financial market and he is the founder and Chairman of Fondazione Oltre, the first Italian venture philanthropy foundation, located in Milan. Since 2003, Fondazione Oltre has developed a thorough knowledge of the social sector in Lombardy (northern Italy), and is now launching the innovative Social Investment Fund - Oltre Venture. The fund will invest exclusively in social enterprises which serve the middle and lower classes, and present credible models of self sustainability, aiming to realize long term investments for the benefit of the entire community.

Luciano Balbo has been a private equity manager since 1983 and is a co-founder of BS Private Equity, a leading private equity player in the Italian LBO/LBI market since 1988. Balbo served as the Chairman of BS until 2001.

Prior to creating BS Private Equity, Balbo served as General Manager of Finnova S.p.A., a leading Italian merchant bank part of SO.PA.F. S.p.A., and before that he had 9 years of industrial management experience in leading companies in the stainless steel distribution, chemicals and engineering sectors in Italy.

Luciano Balbo holds a degree in Physics and a MBA from Bocconi University in Milan.