

Vito Pertosa

Curriculum Vitae

Vito Pertosa was born in Monopoli (Bari) on April 22nd, 1959; he is married and has two sons and one daughter. He is president and controlling shareholder of Angel, the Italian high-tech holding who leads a group of pioneering companies, which are global leaders and technology innovators in delivering end-to-end solutions to transportation, aerospace, and digital mechatronic sectors. Angel employs more than **1,750 people** – 1,200 being engineers - located in **19 countries worldwide**. Its products and services are used in **66 countries**.

The Angel group includes several leading companies in the markets they serve, among which:

- **MERMEC** is the world's largest supplier of measuring trains and signalling to railways and rapid transits; develop e-mobility solutions with connected vehicles.
- **MERMEC STE**, specialized in the design, development, and supply of signalling systems, electric traction systems and telecommunications networks to world's railways.
- **ANGELSTAR**, joint venture with the Swiss company Stadler specialized in the design and development of ERTMS onboard signaling and control systems.
- **EIKONTECH**, an innovative company specialized in the development of advanced engineering services in the fields of computational science, artificial intelligence, applied electromagnetism and radio communications.
- **SIT** develops information systems for territorial governance; provides services for the digital aerial survey of large infrastructural works and for the terrestrial survey with mobile mapping systems.
- **SITAEI** is the largest private Italian company in the aerospace sector that designs and develops satellites and propulsion systems.
- **BLACKSHAPE** manufactures high performance carbon fiber aircraft intended for sport flying, training of military and civil pilots, air patrolling for the research and monitoring of the territory.
- **SKYCOMM**, specialising in the design and development of high-performance satellite antennas for ultra-wideband connections.
- **BRIGHTCYDE** is specialized in the design and implementation of cyber-security solutions and services for network infrastructures.
- **EWINGS**, a company specialized in the design and development of high-performance radio frequency networks for telemetry applications (official supplier of all the Formula 1 teams).
- **MATIPAY**, the fintech company of the Group, which has developed an innovative payment and telemetry system that transforms vending machines into intelligent points of sale.

Vito Pertosa who currently holds the position of President and CEO of **MERMEC**, is in the register of Scientific Expert for the technological innovation of the **Ministry of Economic Development** (MISE). He was a member of the board of the **Italian Space Agency** (ASI), member of the National Technical Committee for Innovation and Research of **Confindustria**, Chief Executive Officer of the **Sud Space Consortium** (aerospace sector), Chief Executive Officer of the **Centro Laser S.c.ar.l.** (scientific research), Vice President of the **Tecnopolis** Science and Technology Park in Valenzano, Vice President of the **Procomp** Research Consortium.

He also served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of **IMAGEMAP** Inc. - Columbia, South Carolina, USA; President of the **Argenta Group** (vending); Sole Administrator of the **2M CLIV** Consortium (industrial automation); member of the board of the **Bank of Italy** - Bari; Sole Administrator of **ITEL Italiana** (production of electric generators); President and founder of the **POLIS** Development Business Association.

His companies have received numerous awards in the field of innovation, including: the **Confindustria Enterprise X Innovation Award 2006**; the **Confindustria Enterprise X Innovation Award 2008**; the **Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award** ("Innovation" category) **2009**; the **Photonics Prism Award 2011** (world oscar for electronic sensors) from the "International Society for Optics and Photonics - SPIE" (San Francisco, USA); the **2013 Fliieger Magazine Award** for the Blackshape Prime aircraft (Friedrichshafen, Germany); the **Career Award - Diagnostic Research 2015** from LandNet Italia; the **Leader in Innovation Award 2017** by DITECFER (District for railway technologies, high speed and network security); the **ERCI Innovation Award 2017** assigned by the European Research Cluster Initiative (Gdańsk, Poland); the prestigious **2b AHEAD Innovation Award** in Germany for the electric propulsion system for space applications (Wolfsburg, Germany); the **100 Italian Excellence 2017** award; the **CES Innovation Awards Honoree 2018** in Las Vegas in the Vehicle Intelligence & Self-Driving Technology category; the **NIAF Leonardo da Vinci 2018** award in Washington; the **Rome Award** for the Development of the Country **2018**; the **CES Innovation Awards Honoree 2019** in Las Vegas in the Smart Cities category; the **Aerokurier Innovation Award 2019** for the Blackshape Gabriel aircraft (Friedrichshafen, Germany); **CES Innovation Awards Honoree 2021** in Las Vegas in the Vehicle Intelligence & Self-Driving Technology category.

He received **Honoris Causa Master Degree in Automation Engineering** from Bari Polytechnic on May 2019.