

Vito Pertosa

Curriculum Vitae

Born in Monopoli (Bari) on April 22, 1959, Vito Pertosa is married with three children.

Named Cavaliere del Lavoro (Knight of the Order of Merit for Labour) in 2009, he is among the few in Italy to have also received the highest honor of Cavaliere di Gran Croce dell'Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana (Knight Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic) in 2022.

In May 2019, he was awarded the Laurea Magistrale Honoris Causa in Automation Engineering by the Polytechnic University of Bari.

Vito Pertosa serves as President and sole shareholder of ANGELO Holding, an Italian industrial group synonymous with scientific excellence worldwide that designs and develops high-tech solutions for Transportation, Digital Mechatronics, and Aerospace sectors. The group employs over 2,000 employees – including 1,400 engineers and has offices in 20 countries and solutions in force in over 70 nations worldwide.

Vito Pertosa is President of MER MEC SpA, scientific expert for technological innovation of the Ministry of Economic Development (MISE), and member of the board of directors of the National Center for Sustainable Mobility Foundation.

Furthermore, he has been a board member of the Italian Space Agency (ASI), the National Technical Committee for Innovation and Research of Confindustria, CEO of the Sud Space Consortium (aerospace sector), CEO of Centro Laser S.c.ar.l. (scientific research), Vice President of the Science and Technology Park Tecnopolis in Valenzano, and Vice President of the Procomp Research Consortium.

He started activities in the Space sector in 2010 with several acquisitions and then with the establishment of Sitael S.p.A., a leading technology company for the design and construction of satellites that launched its first one into orbit in 2018, later becoming part of the European Space Agency's IRIDE constellation program and providing satellite platforms for major international customers.

Vito Pertosa has also served as chairman of the board of IMAGEMAP Inc. – Columbia, South Carolina, USA; chairman of Argenta Group (vending); Sole Director of 2M CLIV Consortium (industrial automation); Regent Director for the Bari Branch of the Bank of Italy; Sole Director of ITEL Italiana (production of generating sets); and President as well as the founder of the POLIS Development Business Association.

His companies have won numerous awards in the field of innovation, including: Imprese X Innovazione Award from Confindustria in 2006; Imprese X Innovazione Award from Confindustria in 2008; Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year Award (category "Innovation") in 2009 (Milan, Italy); the 2011 Photonics Prism Award (world Oscar for electronic sensors) from the "International Society for Optics and Photonics – SPIE (San Francisco, USA)." the Flieger Magazine Award 2013 for the Prime aircraft from Blackshape (Friedrichshafen, Germany); the Career Award – Diagnostic Research 2015 from LandNet Italy; the Leader in Innovation Award 2017 issued by DITECFER (District for Railway Technology, High Speed and Network Safety); the ERCI Innovation Award 2017 given by the European Research Cluster Initiative (Gdańsk, Poland); the prestigious 2b AHEAD Innovation Award for electric propulsion system for space applications (Wolfsburg, Germany); the 100 Italian Excellence Award 2017; the CES Innovation Awards Honoree 2018 in Las Vegas in the Vehicle Intelligence & Self-Driving Technology category; the NIAF Leonardo da Vinci Award 2018 in Washington, DC; the Rome Prize for Country Development 2018; CES Innovation Awards Honoree 2019 in Las Vegas in the Smart Cities category; Aerokurier Innovation Award 2019 for Blackshape's Gabriel aircraft (Friedrichshafen, Germany); CES Innovation Awards Honoree 2021 in Las Vegas in the Vehicle Intelligence & Self-Driving Technology category; SDA Bocconi Best Performance Award 2022 in the Best Performing Large Company category; Radar Accademy HR Award 2022 "Company for generation Z", ICCS Business Awards 2023 as "Best Italian MNC (Multinational Corporation) in Singapore".