

Rodolfo De Benedetti

Rodolfo De Benedetti (Turin, 1961) has been Chairman of CIR and COFIDE since his appointment in April 2013. The COFIDE-CIR Group, of which he is a controlling shareholder together with his brothers Marco and Edoardo, operates in various business sectors, particularly Healthcare (KOS), Auto Components (Sogefi) and Media (GEDI Gruppo Editoriale). Within the group he is also a member of the Board of Directors of Sogefi and GEDI Gruppo Editoriale.

Previously he was Chief Executive Officer of CIR from 1993 and of COFIDE from 1995. He joined COFIDE in 1988 as Director of International Affairs and was subsequently appointed General Manager. In 1990 he also became General Manager of CIR.

Before that, he worked from September 1985 to December 1986 for Lombard Odier, one of the main private banking groups in Switzerland based in Geneva, as Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer. From January 1987 to January 1988 he worked for Shearson Lehman Brothers (New York) as an Associate in its Merchant Banking Group.

Currently he is a shareholder and director of Decalia Asset Management S.A., an international investment management company established in 2014.

He is a board member of Aon Italia, a risk management, insurance and re-insurance brokering company, and of October, a non-banking financing platform for small and medium-sized businesses. He is a member of the European Round Table of Industrialists (ERT), a forum made up of more than 50 of the most important European companies from various sectors and is also chairman of the European Advisory Board of Harvard Business School.

Rodolfo De Benedetti graduated from Geneva in 1982 in Political Economics and in 1985 in Law.

He's married to Emmanuelle de Villepin and is father to Neige, Alix and Mita.