



Ugo Di Francesco

Chief Executive Officer

Ugo Di Francesco has been Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Chiesi Group since 2011, supervising all the global operations of the Company. He has 30 years of experience in the Pharmaceutical business.

Mr. Di Francesco previously held the position of Executive Vice President & Chief Executive Officer in Sigma-Tau and, in this position, he directly supervised all the European and global Business Operations of Sigma-Tau. Among several projects, under his leadership, he directed the acquisition in the USA of the Specialty Care Business of Enzon Inc.

Before that, he served as Vice President for SE Europe, Middle East & Africa, at the International Headquarter in Zug, Switzerland, of Amgen Corp. (Thousand Oaks, USA).

He joined Novartis in **2002** where he served, based in Prague, as Managing Director and Country Head of Novartis s.r.o. for the Czech and Slovakia Republics, after which he was appointed Managing Director and Country Head at Novartis Pharma S.p.A. in Italy (Origgio, Varese).

In **1998**, he joined Bristol Myers Squibb, based in Rome, where he served as Head of the Oncology Business Unit and, in 2000 he became Vice President of the Pharmaceutical Division of the Italian affiliate of Bristol Myers Squibb Corp. (Princeton, USA).

Mr. Di Francesco holds an Executive MBA in business administration from the University of Bologna Business School and a Post Graduate diploma in Global Management from Salford University, Manchester, UK.

He was born in Parma on August 20, 1960. He lives with his wife Elena and his two daughters Alessia and Vittoria.