

Ugo Di Francesco

Ugo Di Francesco has been the CEO of Chiesi Group since 2011, supervising all the global operations of the company. He has 28 years of experience in the pharmaceutical business.

Mr. Di Francesco previously held the position of Executive Vice President and CEO at Sigma-Tau. In this position, he directly supervised all the European and global business operations of Sigma-Tau. Among other projects, under his leadership the company acquired the specialty care business of Enzon Inc. in the United States.

Before that, he served as Vice President for Southeast Europe, Middle East & Africa at the Zug, Switzerland international office of Amgen Corp. (Thousand Oaks, USA).

In 2002, he joined Novartis, where he served, based in Prague, as Managing Director and Country Head of Novartis s.r.o. for the Czech Republic and Slovakia, 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. 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 from the University of Bologna Business School. He was born in Parma on 20th August 1960. He lives with his wife Elena and his two daughters Alessia and Vittoria.