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Paolo Taticchi is a Professor in Strategy and Sustainability and the School Deputy Director (Executive Education, MBA and Global Engagement) at University College London, School of Management; where is also the Co-Director of the UCL Centre for Sustainable Business.

His expertise lies in sustainability transformation, competitive strategy, consulting and the future of cities. Before joining UCL, Paolo was at Imperial College London where he served as Academic Director of the school's top-ranked MSc Management, Weekend MBA and Global Online MBA, and where he led the Global Student Experience. Currently, Paolo continues to work with Imperial as a Visiting Professor.

Alongside his work at UCL, Paolo is regularly invited to teach in top business schools in Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas. Highly active in executive education, Paolo has trained thousands of managers and executives of Fortune Global 500 companies. He has teaching/training experience in 14 countries and is highly recognised for his work in the fields of sustainability, MBAs, online education and global initiatives.

Paolo's research on corporate sustainability and performance measurement is internationally recognised. He has authored over 50 published academic journal articles and several books. Paolo's latest books include "Corporate Sustainability in Practice" (2021) and "Sustainable Transformation Strategy" (2023).

Paolo is a sought-after speaker regularly invited to give keynote talks at world-class academic, governmental and industry events.

Outside of the academic field, Paolo has significant consultancy experience in strategy, education and sustainability. He has consulted with firms of various sizes across many industries. Today, Paolo advises or serves on the advisory boards of influential organisations in Canada, India, Italy, UK and US. In recent years, he also advised the Italian Ministry for the Environment.

In addition to his academic and advisory work, Paolo is also an entrepreneur, having co-founded four firms in the fields of engineering, technology and consultancy. As an intrapreneur, Paolo successfully co-founded and directed six New York-based international summer schools associated with prestigious universities; launched an MBA and opened in Italy a campus with Bradford School of Management; secured and developed a multi-million-pound project at Imperial College and is the co-founder and co-organiser of an international internship programme. Passionate about inspiring youth and changing lives, Paolo mentors youth from all over the world and has supported and ideated social impact projects in Ethiopia and Italy.

Paolo has received numerous awards and recognition for the impact of his projects, which have been covered by influential newspapers in the UK, US and Italy. Paolo's projects, quotes and opinions have been featured over 350 times across media outlets like The Financial Times, Forbes, The Economist, Sole 24 Ore, RAI, Sky News, Mediaset, BBC and CNN.

In 2018, Paolo was chosen by influential website Poets & Quants as one of the world's top 40 business school professors under the age of 40. In the same year, Paolo received the title of Knight of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic. In 2019, Paolo received the "Talented Young Italian Award" from the Italian Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the UK. In 2021-23, Paolo was named by Italian's leading business daily Sole 24 Ore as the most influential Italian under the age of 40. In 2024, Paolo became the recipient of the prestigious Stefan A. Riesenfeld Memorial Award given by Berkeley Law in recognition for his significant contributions towards sustainable business practices.

Paolo holds a BEng and MEng in Mechanical Engineering (cum laude), and a PhD in Industrial Engineering with a focus on operations management from the University of Perugia; and an MBA with a focus on innovation from the University of Perugia and the Bradford School of Management. He has also completed Harvard Business School's High Potentials Leadership Program.

Always on the move, Paolo has travelled 56 countries and developed business projects in 5 continents.