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From 2018 to 2022, he was the founding President of the Human Technopole Foundation, Italy’s flagship life sciences research center. Under his leadership, the institute evolved from concept to operation: from zero staff and facilities to a fully functional research campus, equipped with state-of-the-art laboratories and hosting 250 researchers and staff from 25 countries.

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