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Nicola Garelli is a Director in The Boston Consulting Group - BCG Digital Ventures, part of the London-based leadership team. He is also the founder and President of iStarter.

Nicola has a deeply rooted engineering background and experience of M&A and equity investments (private equity and principal investors, family businesses), mainly high-tech industries.

He developed a passion for innovating through venture investments and gained significant governance and board management familiarity with multiple board roles in private and public-private companies.

Prior to BCG Nicola worked as a Principal for The Boston Consulting Group (2012-2017), for Booz & Company (2009-2012), for Gruppo Gavio/Ruscalla (2005-2009) and for Ernst & Young (2003-2004).

In 2007 he started up Iccom, a company focused on designing and producing microwave-based transmitting equipment, of which he later became the controlling shareholder.

In 2011 he founded iStarter, an investment company and business accelerator based in London aimed at advising cross-country ventures. iStarter's shareholding base is made of more than 100 successful entrepreneurs and managers. Nicola acts as the holding President, managing its governance and contributing to investment selection and development.

Nicola completed almost all his academic education while working full time. He holds a PhD in Management, Economics and Industrial Engineering, a MSc in Financial Engineering and a BSc in Telecommunication Engineering. In his research he is an active contributor in policy topics.

Nicola is a Chartered Engineer, Member of The Council for the United States and Italy in its Young Leader Program and Junior Fellow at the Aspen Institute. He is also the trustee of BCG's The Future Makers program.

He is fluent in Italian, English and has a basic knowledge of German.