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Giovanni Soccodato is the Chief Strategic Equity Officer of Leonardo since July 2019.

Graduated in Computer Science from the University of Pisa, Giovanni began his career at Selenia Spazio. He worked for three years at Hughes (USA) for the design and development of the Italsat real-time satellite control centre.

After four more years on Space European projects, he moved to the Business Development team at Finmeccanica leading the project to establish Alenia Marconi Systems (AMS), the first Finmeccanica joint venture in the defence sector.

He then joined AMS to cover different first line roles: Business Integration, Business Improvement IT & Quality, Sales and General Manager of the Italian branch.

In 2005, Giovanni moved back to Finmeccanica as Executive Vice President of Strategy covering also different roles amongst which Improvement & Processes and Corporate Sales. With the appointment of Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer of Leonardo he also became responsible for the coordination of Research and Development, Innovation and Engineering best practices.

In his current role, Giovanni is responsible of managing JVs and relevant shareholdings and all M&A initiatives.

Giovanni is also Chairman of the Thales Alenia Space Board, Deputy Chairman of MBDA and Telespazio, and a Board member of GEM Elettronica Srl, AIAD, AMSH B.V., G.I.E. Avions de Transport Regional ATR.