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Charly Kleissner is an impact investor. He believes that the real meaning of wealth is to make a positive contribution to humanity and the planet. He is a leader of the deep impact movement which is not only treating the symptoms of our failing economic system, but its root causes – with a level of awareness and consciousness that is non-anthropocentric, acknowledging that humanity is part of the evolutionary process, not outside of it. He sees impact investing not as an intellectual exercise, but as an expression of who he really is.

Dr. Kleissner co-founded [KL Felicitas Foundation](#), [Social-Impact International](#), the [Central European Investment Ready Program](#), and [Hawai'i Investment Ready](#), which help social entrepreneurs worldwide accelerate and increase their impact. Dr. Kleissner co-founded [Toniic](#), a global network for impact investors and Toniic's [100% Network](#), a global group of asset owners dedicated to 100% impact, currently representing over \$6 billion in assets that are actively moving into impact.

Dr. Kleissner serves as a full member of [The Club of Rome](#), as Chairman of the Board at [ImpactAssets](#), on the Board of the [Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship](#) and [Proof of Impact](#), and on the Advisory Board of [Chi Impact Capital](#), [Industree Foundation](#), [Impact Hub Tirol](#), [MCI Business School](#), [Commonland](#), [4L Capital](#) and [Rainfall](#).

Dr. Kleissner has over twenty years of experience as a senior technology executive in Silicon Valley working for companies like NeXT and Ariba. Dr. Kleissner earned his M.S. and Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Technology, Vienna.