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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](#), [Hawai’i Investment Ready](#), [pioneer:impact](#), [Toniic](#), the [100% Network](#), and the [Impact Hub Tirol](#). He serves as a full member of [The Club of Rome](#), as the chair of the supervisory board of [Alia](#), on the Board of the [Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship](#), [ImpactAssets](#), and [Proof of Impact](#), and on the Advisory Board of [Chi Impact Capital](#), [Industree Foundation](#), [MCI Business School](#), [Commonland](#), 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.