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Charly Kleissner is an impact investor and leader of the deep impact movement, advocating for systemic change and promoting conscious investing driven by values and mindfulness. He believes that the real meaning of wealth is to make a positive contribution to humanity and the planet. 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](#), [Twist](#), [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](#) and [Proof](#), on the Advisory Board of [Chi Impact Capital](#), [Industree Foundation](#), [MCI Business School](#), [Commonland](#), and [Rainfall](#), and as the chair of the ethical committee of [tree.ly](#). Dr. Kleissner is board chair emeritus of [ImpactAssets](#).

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