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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, advocating for systemic change and for treating the root causes of our failing economic system, not just the symptoms - 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, Twist, Social-Impact International, the Central European Investment Ready Program, pioneer:impact, and Hawai'i Investment Ready, which help social entrepreneurs worldwide accelerate and increase their impact. Dr. Kleissner co-founded the Impact Hub Tirol, Toniic, a global network for impact investors, and Toniic's 100% Network, a global group of asset owners dedicated to 100% impact.

Dr. Kleissner 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.

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.