

## CEO-CF Leader Appointed to Board of Europe's 500

### *David Darsch, an “entrepreneur’s entrepreneur”*

David Darsch was recently elected a board member of Europe's 500 Entrepreneurs for Growth because of his excellent networking skills and knowledge in entrepreneurship - not only in Europe but also in the US.

Europe's 500 ([www.europes500.com](http://www.europes500.com)) is the pan-European association founded in 1996 by and for high-growth entrepreneurs. The non-profit organisation is based in Brussels. Europe's 500 has selected and honored the top 500 growth entrepreneurs within Europe each year since 1997, organises an annual conference, the European Growth Summit, and holds regular roundtable meetings with high ranked EU decision makers.

David Darsch is a respected entrepreneur and founder of the CEO Collaborative Forum (CEO-CF) the revolutionary pan-European community for the EU's high growth CEOs. As principal of CEO-CF, [www.ceo-cf.com](http://www.ceo-cf.com), Darsch brings together many of the greatest leaders of high growth companies in the European Union to work through challenges only their peer CEOs can understand. Based in Barcelona, Darsch sits on the boards of multiple companies around the world.

Darsch founded and managed a privately held software company in the Washington, DC area from 1979 until its acquisition by a systems integrator in 1996. During this time, the firm made the Inc. 500 list of fastest growing companies in America and was widely recognized as one of the few firms in the high-tech market to experience both explosive growth and longevity without external capital.

Darsch has participated in numerous transactions involving the purchase, sale, merger, or infusion of capital. He has defined the business items with the purchase and sales agreements, designed earn-out provisions as well as compensation, employment, and non-competition agreements. In acquisitions, he has represented the buyer, guiding the deals through the process of integration of the acquired companies. He has also led due diligence processes and inter-company stock valuation determinations.

Darsch is a member of the investor community of two different angel funds that provide \$250K to \$2M in equity financing to promising early stage companies. Representing these funds, he led the team performing the due diligence assessment for a US half-million dollar capital investment. He has worked closely with the management of major organizations in Barcelona to develop their e-strategies.

A guest lecturer in European entrepreneurship and investment circles, Darsch has been a regular keynote speaker at the European Investment Forum and the Europe 500 conference. He has been a guest lecturer in the MBA programs of several European universities, including IESE, INSEAD, London School of Business, the University of Chicago, and ESADE. He has taught courses on entrepreneurship for the European Commission and for BBVA and Terra Lycos in Spain.

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