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Pharmaceutical company IBSA announces with deep sorrow the passing of its President and CEO Arturo Licenziati, on 27 May 2026, following recent health complications.

As a visionary entrepreneur, Arturo Licenziati redefined the pharmaceutical landscape of Ticino (Switzerland) and Italy, combining strategic vision, social responsibility and a commitment to local development throughout his entrepreneurial journey.

Born in Rome on 3 April 1935, Licenziati graduated in 1957 with a degree in law. In 1963, he began his career as a manager in the pharmaceutical sector, supervising – among other activities – the establishment of the Belgian subsidiary of Zambon.

From 1969 to 1970, he was vice-president of the Italian subsidiary of Merk Sharp & Dohm, before returning to Zambon, where he was in charge of all research, production and commercial processes at the Swiss subsidiary.

In 1985, he embarked on a new adventure in the chemical and pharmaceutical sector, risking his own capital to buy a small company established in Lugano (Switzerland) in 1945, whose name was, and is to this day, *IBSA Institut Biochimique SA*.

In 2012, he founded IBSA Foundation for scientific research, the main promoter of IBSA's CSR programme.

Commendatore of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic and honorary member of the University of Italian Switzerland (*USI, Università della Svizzera Italiana*) since 2025, he was also recently recognised by the Swiss Academy of Engineering Sciences (SATW) for his career.

Licenziati has developed an original entrepreneurial model, driven by the belief that true innovation stems from listening to people. This philosophy has shaped IBSA's guiding principle: creating therapeutic solutions that enhance quality of life, including through user-friendly designs that encourage better adherence to treatment.

In this moment of deep sorrow, IBSA offers its deepest and most heartfelt condolences to his family and the global community of IBSA employees.

The duties of the Chairman of the Board of Directors will be entrusted to board member Federico Mautone, and from the 1 of June 2026, Mr. Salvatore Cincotti – entrepreneur and Italian-Swiss pharmaceutical executive – will take on the role of General Manager of IBSA Group.

The funeral will be held privately, as per Mr. Licenziati's wishes.