
Matteo Rizzi



Matteo Rizzi is one of the most recognized and respected faces in the FinTech industry globally with plenty of accolades. He has over 20 years of expertise and deep connections amongst global banks executives, startups and investors.

He is an unconventional entrepreneur and a book author with two decades of experience in Financial Services. For three years in a row (2014-2016), Financial News has nominated Matteo as one of the “40 most influential FinTech executives in Europe”.

In 2008 he co-founded Innotribe, the innovation arm of SWIFT, where Matteo worked for 13 years. He also launched the Innotribe Startup Challenge, the first global deal flow of its kind. He left SWIFT in 2013. From 2013 until 2015, Matteo was a Partner in SBT Venture Capital, one of the first funds (100M USD) solely dedicated to FinTech investment (Series A), building a portfolio of 12 startups.

In 2015, Matteo created and cofounded FinTechStage.com, a platform for Investors, Innovators and start-ups to foster FinTech innovation globally, with some 50+ missions and events all over the world. Through it, Matteo founded the Timepledge.org initiative, a global program helping African entrepreneurs in several domains of their businesses, from product to strategy to channels management to investors pitching.

He is the author of The FinTech Revolution (EGEAN, 2016, ITA) and of Talent&Rebels (HOEPLI, 2019, ENG and ITA). Recently, Matteo took the position of Executive Producer of Breaking Banks Europe (a spin-off of Breaking Banks US) available on Soundcloud, iTunes, Spotify and Google Podcasts. Matteo lives in Estoril (Portugal) speaks five languages, holds a University degree in Computer Science (University of Genova) and a Postgraduate in Financial Transactions (Solvay Business School).