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Nikolaos (Nikos) Tripodis is the Global Franchise Head of Ophthalmology at Novartis, where he is responsible for building and executing an integrated worldwide Franchise (WWF) strategy for ophthalmology incorporating medical, development, market access, business development and licensing, lifecycle and commercial strategies.

Since joining Novartis in 2011, Nikos has led emerging markets, business development, commercial organization, sustainable development and corporate responsibility. Until 2014 he worked as Director of Corporate Strategy, leading the 'Go Africa' initiative and the upgrading of the Novartis Group Social Business.

In 2014, he took up the post of Country President and CPO Head of Novartis Philippines and in 2016 relocated to Moscow to work as the Country Pharma Organization Head and Managing Director of the Russian Federation, where he remained until 2019.

While in the Philippines, Nikos was also the Vice President of the Board and Chairman of External Affairs & UHC Committees and the Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Association of the Philippines (PHAP). Prior to Novartis he worked as Marketing Director of AstraZeneca Greece. Before that he was a management consultant at BCG, where he held the position of project leader, gaining experience in financial services, global pharma and telecom multinationals on local and international projects.

Nikos holds a PhD of Philosophy in Medical Genetics from Kings College London, a BS in biology from the Athens University, and has professional certifications in Bioethics and Bioinformatics from the Utrecht University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, respectively. He has over 10 years of academic research background in medical and molecular genetics, bioinformatics and cancer gene discovery.