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SUMMARY

Antonio Ragusa is an international academic leader, entrepreneur, and strategist in higher education, with over two decades of experience in building, governing, and internationalizing educational institutions across Europe and Africa.

He is the **Founder and Dean of Rome Business School**, an international business school based in Rome, recognized for its strong global orientation, diverse student body, and close integration with industry and professional practice. The School delivers postgraduate, executive, and Bachelor-level programs, and operates in alignment with international academic standards through a broad network of global faculty, corporate partners, and institutional collaborations.

Antonio is also the **Founder and President of Rome Business School Nigeria**, which has grown from a pioneering initiative into one of the largest postgraduate education hubs in West Africa, operating across multiple campuses and serving thousands of students. The institution plays a key role in developing local managerial talent while ensuring alignment with international educational benchmarks.

In addition, he is the **Founder and President of the Space Economy Institute**, a specialized international centre dedicated to education, research, and executive training in the space economy, space policy, and emerging space-related industries. The Institute brings together academics, industry experts, and policymakers from across the globe and delivers advanced programs designed in line with European academic frameworks.

Antonio holds a Law degree (cum laude), is a qualified lawyer, earned an MBA from Imperial College Business School, completed a PhD in Education at Universidad de Almería, and specialized in Marketing and Communications at the London School of Economics. Before fully

committing to academia and entrepreneurship, he gained managerial experience in major corporations, including Enel and Trenitalia.

Throughout his career, Antonio has focused on institutional development, academic governance, international accreditation, franchising and licensing models, and cross-border partnerships, working closely with universities, ministries, accreditation bodies, and diplomatic institutions. His work connects education, economic development, and social impact, with a strong emphasis on emerging markets and access to high-quality international education.

He is the author of several books on management, leadership, and global governance, including *Management Umanistico* and *United States of the World: A Blueprint for Global Peace and Prosperity*, reflecting his commitment to humanistic management, global cooperation, and sustainable development. His guiding principle, shared across his institutions, is “Better Managers for a Better World.”

Antonio Ragusa has received **multiple international awards** in recognition of his contributions to education, leadership, and social impact. These include the New York Summit Award for global leadership and innovation, the Emilio Castelar Award for contributions to international cooperation, and the Jean-Baptiste Say Award for impact in economic and managerial thought. He has also been honoured with the Alya Society Award and the Ubuntu Award by the Euro-African Forum, recognizing his commitment to intercultural dialogue, education in emerging markets, and Euro-African cooperation. In addition, he received the Top Innovation Leader Award for his role in advancing innovative models in higher education.

Antonio Ragusa has been appointed Academician of the European Academy for Economic and Cultural Relations (AEREC). He is regularly invited to speak at international conferences and academic forums on higher-education strategy, innovation in learning, global governance, and the future of universities.