

Ross Mason

Ross Mason is the Innovator in Residence with the TI:GER program at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

In 2004, Ross founded HINRI.org (the High Impact Network of Responsible Innovators), which focuses on venture philanthropy and social enterprise. He is also a co-founder and president of Aurora: The Business Forge, an early-stage investor and accelerator in healthtech and govtech and a managing director in the Caplin Family Offices.

In 2007, Ross broke his neck in a bicycle collision, leaving him with quadriplegia. Before his paralysis, Ross was active in triathlons, diving (cave, ice, and wreck diving), climbing (rock and ice), and surfing.



Ross lived and worked in Silicon Valley from 1999 to 2004, where he co-founded and sold a healthcare software startup. He also worked with Volkswagen's €280 million Healthcare Venture Fund and €500 million innovation campus in Wolfsburg, Germany.

Before he moved to Silicon Valley, Ross was an associate in Private Banking at Morgan Stanley in New York, London, Zurich, Moscow, and Atlanta. In 1992, he founded a real estate investment and development company in Moscow, Russia, that he owned and operated for 12 years.

Ross is the former chair of the board of the State of Georgia Department of Community Health, which oversees a health plan providing coverage to more than 660,000 people and manages an annual budget exceeding \$11 billion. He was a senior fellow at both the Center for Health Transformation and the Georgia Public Policy Foundation.

Ross was a member of the Healthcare Advisory Board of Emory University and chair of the Board of Visitors of Augusta University. He also served on the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Tech Alumni Association. Other boards of directors on which Ross has served include the Association of Black Cardiologists, the Maynard Jackson Foundation for the Elimination of Healthcare Disparities, and the Praxis Spinal Cord Institute (in Vancouver, Canada).

Ross was a missionary with Cru in Poland and with Operation Mobilization in St. Petersburg, Russia. He was also a volunteer in an AIDS hospital in Zimba, Zambia. He is an Honorary Knight of Grace in the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem (The Knights Hospitallers), the oldest Christian order of knights in the world.

Ross holds a bachelor's degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering from Georgia Tech, where he was President of the Student Government Association, and an MBA in Finance from The Wharton School.

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