Pasquale Pistorio began his career as a salesman for Motorola products, rising through the ranks to become Director of International Marketing in 1977, based in Phoenix, Arizona. In 1980 Pistorio accepted the challenge to return to Italy as President and Chief Executive Officer of the SGS Group, the only Italian microelectronics company.

One of Pistorio’s most significant achievements to date was the successful integration of SGS with the French semiconductor champion, Thomson Semiconducteurs, in May 1987. This was a powerful merger, which put the newly formed company, SGS-THOMSON Microelectronics (renamed STMicroelectronics in 1998), in a much better position to compete on the international market.

Given the successful performance of the company, shareholders decided to list ST's shares on the New York Stock Exchange and the Paris Bourse. This 1994 listing was followed by the listing on the Borsa Italiana (Milan Stock Exchange) in 1998.

Throughout his career, Pistorio has also been a staunch advocate of environmental protection. He passionately believes that companies such as ST should continually strive to be at the forefront of the sustainable development movement. As a member of the United Nations Information and Communications Task Force dedicated to bridging the Digital Divide, he helps develop proposals to attract corporate attention and commitment to this new worldwide challenge.

Pasquale Pistorio has served as Chairman of Telecom Italia from April to December 2007 and is currently Board Member of Fiat and Chartered Semiconductors, and Vice President for Innovation and Research of Confindustria, the Confederation of Italian Industrialists.