Dr Mostafa Ronaghi

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Dr. Ronaghi is a scientist-entrepreneur, inventor, investor, company-founder, executive and director. He is the co-founder and executive Board Member at Cellanome. Most recently, he was Chief Executive Officer at Dynamics Special Purpose Corp, a SPAC company that acquired Senti Bio. Prior to that, he was Chief Technology Officer, Senior Vice President and member of the Executive Leadership Team at Illumina (Nasdaq: ILMN) from 2008 to 2021. While at Illumina, in 2016, Dr. Ronaghi co-founded GRAIL, a next-gen liquid biopsy platform for cancer detection. He also started Illumina's Research & Technology Development group, and co-founded the Illumina Accelerator Program in 2014, one of the most successful accelerator programs in the industry. Prior to Illumina, Dr. Ronaghi was Principal Investigator at the Stanford Genome Technology Center from 1999 to 2008. Throughout his prolific career, Dr. Ronaghi co-founded several other companies, including Pyrosequencing AB (founded in 1997; IPO in 2000 in Stockholm), focused on sequencing-by-synthesis technology (which was the first next-gen sequencing technology, and laid the groundwork for the leading technology developed by Illumina). He then co-founded ParAllele Biosciences in 2001, which was acquired by Affymetrix in 2005, which developed a first-of-its-kind technology for highly multiplex genotyping (used by the international Hapmap project to identify genetic variations across different population and diseases). He co-founded NextBio in 2004 (acquired by Illumina in 2013), where he developed a software platform to analyze molecular biological data. He also co-founded Avantome in 2008 (acquired by Illumina in 2008), as a low-cost DNA sequencer to democratize sequencing. He has been a co-founder of Clear Labs, X-link Therapeutics, and CellarEye. He has advised and invested in more than 70 companies and is an inventor on over 30 issued and pending patents, as well as authored more than 80 scientific publications. Dr. Ronaghi holds a PhD in Biotechnology from Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, and B.Sc in Biomedical Chemistry, University of Kalmar, Sweden.