

## **Biography – FIROZ LADAK**

Firoz Ladak is a Canadian and French citizen of Indian descent. He is a graduate from McGill University and the University of Oxford, where he completed an M. Phil in Oriental studies as an Aga Khan Foundation scholar. He then spent over 10 years in investment banking at Paribas, specialising in project finance and the set up of private-public partnerships in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. He was also involved in privatisation operations, through which he gained a considerable experience in economic development and the management of relations with international organisations and governments.

In 2004, He joined the Edmond and Benjamin de Rothschild Foundations as Executive Director and Board Member. In this current position, he is in charge of designing and implementing all aspects of the Foundations' strategy and activities worldwide, particularly in education, social entrepreneurship, medical research, cross-cultural dialogue and the arts.