

Mario M. Casabona, Founder and Managing Director of Casabona Ventures and TechLaunch

[Mario Casabona](#) is an entrepreneur and active angel investor. In 2007, he founded [Casabona Ventures](#), investing in over 40 seed and early-stage companies. In 2012, he founded [TechLaunch](#), New Jersey's first ever business accelerator, whose mission was to identify and nurture early-stage tech ventures through mentoring, coaching, and providing access to resources and capital. To date, TechLaunch has supported over 200 tech companies, mentored over 300 budding entrepreneurs and has over 150 mentors in its network.

Mario is Chairman Emeritus and active Board member of both the [JumpStart NJ Angel Network](#) and the [R&D Council of New Jersey](#). In 1982, he founded and was Chairman & CEO of Electro-Radiation Inc. (ERI), which was acquired by Honeywell Aerospace in 2004. ERI was a developer of Radar, Navigation and Communications equipment for the National and International Defense industry. He received the Small Business Administration National Tibbett's Award for his contributions in technology and was listed as one of the top five most influential persons in New Jersey technology by The Star-Ledger and featured in ROI-NJ's Influencers Power List 2020: Technology.

In 2017 Mario was awarded the Rutgers University Business School, Center for Urban Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (CUEED) Impact Award. In 2014 he was named NJ's Immigrant Entrepreneur of the Year. He was twice recognized by the NJ Tech Council, now [TechUnited](#), in 2013 as the recipient of their Legend of Technology Award and prior, in 2010 as the recipient of their Financier of the Year Award. He currently serves on the Boards of various for-profit and non-for-profit organizations. He is often quoted in mainstream media and trade outlets, and enjoys being a frequent guest speaker and panelist at University and Professional events.

Mario is an Electrical Engineer and is named in 11 national and international patents in the field of satellite-based navigation and communications. He lives in Essex County, enjoys mentoring, and launching new ventures.