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Emmanuel is Vice President and Partner at UCB Ventures. He has a particular interest in biotech start-ups that leverage novel biology or technology platforms to develop breakthrough therapeutics, especially in diseases associated with impaired cell and tissue homeostasis and/or progressive degeneration.

Emmanuel is currently a member of the Boards of Syndesi Therapeutics, a UCB spinout company developing novel therapeutics addressing cognitive deficits in, for example, people with Alzheimer's Disease; Walden Biosciences, a biotechnology company focused on developing first-in-class, highly-targeted therapies for individuals living with kidney disease; and EsoBiotec, a biotechnology company developing an in vivo engineering platform to produce cancer fighting cells inside the patient's body. Emmanuel also holds a Board observer position at LocanaBio, an RNA-targeting gene therapy company with a platform technology to address a wide spectrum of human genetic diseases. Previously, he held a Board observer position with Lumos Pharma, a rare disease company now traded on Nasdaq.

Before UCB Ventures, Emmanuel served as UCB's Head of Business Development Neurology where he was instrumental to the execution of multiple partnership and license agreements, product acquisitions, and other investments, including the discovery collaboration with Q-State Bioscience in Epilepsy; the R&D partnership with Neuropore Therapies in Parkinson's Disease; and the Series A and B investments in Lumos Pharma. In an earlier Sales and Global Marketing position, Emmanuel contributed to the coordination of global pre-launch activities for Vimpat® and the business planning for UCB's other CNS products.

Before joining UCB, Emmanuel led multidisciplinary teams at Cellectis SA, a biotechnology startup. He received an MBA from IMD (Switzerland), a PhD in Molecular Biology from ULB (Belgium) based on protein engineering research conducted at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (Germany), and a MSc in Biochemistry from the ULG (Belgium).

Emmanuel is based in Belgium with his wife and two children and enjoys scuba diving and trail running.

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