

Charles Popper – Senior Advisor

40+ years Strategy, Digital Transformation and Governance



Charles is a former partner at Deloitte Consulting and was the CIO at Merck, and Vice-Chairman and CTO of the investment bank Orama Partners.

Charles is a visionary leader in strategy, governance and digital change execution in financial services, life science, etc. He is Senior Fellow in the Innovation & Digital Transformation Institute of The Conference Board

Highlights

- 40+ years' experience as a technology visionary, growing from architect and developer to a very technical executive
- Hands-on and management experience with all major technology components
- Excellent conceptual design skills – integrating low-level data into compelling strategies and designs
- Deep understanding of the core business processes of many industries – pharmaceuticals, financial services, retail, manufacturing and airlines
- Thought leadership; develops / discovers important new ideas and communicates them effectively

Professional Experience

- Founded and helped build TechPar Group into a significant technology advisory firm, servicing more than 350 clients in 18 years
- Served at Interim CIO for multiple clients, mostly recently at Centerlight Health System and the International Rescue Committee
- Led Orama Partners investment activities
- Built the Merck IT Department into a valued and respected entity within Merck and, more broadly, within the global IT community.
- Streamlined the Merck IT and telecommunications infrastructure, dramatically improving performance and reducing cost.
- Led dozens of consulting engagements at Deloitte & Touche, for the financial, airline, retail and technology industries, as well as expert testimony.
- Developed leading-edge technology support for traders, bankers and analysts at Lehman Brothers
- Developed the conceptual design and business case for the American Express Enhanced Country Club Billing System.
- Helped design the first Bell Labs microprocessor chip.

Expertise

Change & Strategy:

- Strategy development
- Operating Model Design
- BPO and Shared Services
- Rescues
- Delivery execution

Financial Services:

- Credit card
- Investment banking
- Broker dealer
- Insurance
- Regulatory Compliance:
- FDA Compliance

Other:

- Cyber security
- Machine learning