

Board Directors



Mahmut Magemizoğlu
Chairman of the Board of Directors

Mahmut Magemizoğlu graduated from Middle East Technical University Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences with a degree in Business Administration. He also received a master's degree in Investment Analysis at the University of Stirling (UK). Mr. Magemizoğlu has started his career at İşbank in 1982 as an Assistant Inspector, where he held various positions until 1999 and worked as the Head of the Subsidiaries Department from 1999 until 2005. After serving as İşbank's Deputy Chief Executive between 2005 and 2016 and as Senior Deputy Chief Executive between 2016 and 2018, Mr. Magemizoğlu retired in September 2018. Holding the position of the Chairman of the Board of Directors at Anadolu Hayat Emeklilik since 2009, Mr. Magemizoğlu also serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors at Milli Reasürans T.A.Ş. and a member of the Board of Directors at Türkiye Şişe ve Cam Fabrikaları A.Ş.



Hasan Koçhan
Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors

Hasan Koçhan graduated from Ankara Academy of Economic and Commercial Sciences, Banking Insurance Trade Institution of Higher Education, Banking Department. Beginning his career at İşbank as an Officer in the Maçka/ Trabzon Branch in 1984, Mr. Koçhan was appointed to Bayburt Branch as an Assistant Section Head and served in the same position at Yomra/Trabzon, Bulancak/Giresun and Trabzon Branches. He served as a Sub-Manager and Assistant Manager at the Trabzon Branch. He was appointed as a Branch Manager to Park/ Trabzon, Ordu, Gaziantep and İzmit/Kocaeli Branches. He was elected to İşbank's Board of Directors on 3 November 2008, 31 March 2011 and 28 March 2014. He served as Member of the Credit Committee from 30 May 2011, and retired when he was a member of İşbank's Board of Directors on 31 March 2017. He has been elected a Board Director of Anadolu Hayat Emeklilik on 28 April 2017.



M. Uğur Erkan
Director & CEO

M. Uğur Erkan holds a degree in economics from the Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences at the Middle East Technical University. He started his career in 1986 as an assistant inspector trainee on the Board of Inspectors of İşbank. He worked as an assistant manager in the Bank's Information Processing Department in 1994, and assistant manager in the Software Development Department from 1995 to 1998, when he was appointed as group head in the same department. Brought to the position of Deputy CEO of Anadolu Hayat Emeklilik on 14 July 2003, Mr. Erkan has been appointed as the CEO of Anadolu Hayat Emeklilik effective 25 July 2014.



Şebnem Ergün, Attorney at Law and Mediator Director (Independent)

Şebnem Ergün received her law degree in 1986 at Ankara University Faculty of Law. After completing her law internship, she started her professional carrier as an Assistant Legal Expert at the Capital Markets Board of Turkey (CMB) in 1988. Later she was promoted to legal expert and senior legal expert posts, respectively and also served as the Deputy Head of the Corporate Finance Department for three years. After her retirement from the CMB in 2008, she started to provide services on her specialized areas such as Capital Markets Law, Corporate Law, M&A and Corporate Finance to publicly traded companies/holdings, companies who intend to go public, Capital Market Institutions, individual and institutional investors as a Legal Consultant and Attorney-at-Law. She was registered in the mediators list of the Ministry of Justice in 2017. She has Advanced Capital Markets Activities License, Corporate Governance Rating License, Real Estate Appraiser License, Derivatives License and Credit Rating License. She has served as a board member of Turkish Capital Markets Association for two periods. She is a member of the Advisory Board of Istanbul Arbitration Center and an independent board member of Gimat Real Estate Investment Company Inc. She has been elected a Board Director of Anadolu Hayat Emeklilik on 26 March 2018.



Dr. Ahmet D. Erelçin Director (Independent)

Dr. Erelçin received his B.A. degree in Business Administration at the University of Istanbul, M.Sc. degree in Accounting & Finance at LSE and his Ph.D. in Business & Economics at Lehigh University. Having 28 years of experience in Turkish Capital Markets, Dr. Erelçin started his career in banking at İktisat Bankası. Dr. Erelçin later worked at Treasury, Investment Banking and Asset Management departments of Garanti Bankası, Interbank and Finansbank. After serving as Demir Yatırım General Manager, Dr. Erelçin was appointed as the General Manager of HSBC Investments in 2000 and served as a member of the Executive Committee of HSBC Turkey in charge of its Brokerage and Asset Management subsidiaries. In 2008, Dr. Erelçin established the Turkish desk of HSBC Principal Investments and invested in Turkish companies utilizing HSBC's equity. During this period, Dr. Erelçin represented HSBC at the boards of its portfolio companies, Havaş and TGS. After ending his active professional career in banking, Dr. Erelçin started lecturing in finance courses at the Graduate Business Schools of Koç and Özyeğin Universities. Dr. Erelçin sits at the Board of Directors of Darüşşafaka Society and its various commissions. He has been elected a Board Director of Anadolu Hayat Emeklilik on 26 March 2018.



Erda Gerçek Director (Independent)

Erda Gerçek holds a degree in economics from Boğaziçi University. Erda Gerçek started his career in the Treasury Department of Citicorp Zurich in 1989, where he later managed the principal-guaranteed products from Swiss and UK pension funds. In 1991, he set up the Global Emerging Markets division at the same group and also worked as Latin America and EMEA strategist. He undertook two secondments to the Hong Kong office as the group's Far East strategist and Chief Investment Officer and was in charge of the Asia Pacific region. In addition to managing the global funds of Citi Asset Management (CAM), he was also the portfolio manager of Korea, Thailand, Greece, Portugal and Turkey in the same period. In 2004, he set up the Group's Hedge Funds. In tandem with his strategist role, he assumed the responsibility for portfolio management, managing and marketing Long-Short Market Neutral and 130-30 products. Within the Citigroup, he gave courses to employees of market and economy regulators and especially central banks of various countries. He also worked as trainer in the group's Management Trainee program. Erda Gerçek currently offers training programs in strategy and global markets in and out of Turkey, provides consultancy services, and teaches in the graduate programs of various universities in Turkey. He has been elected a Board Director of Anadolu Hayat Emeklilik on 24 March 2014.

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Dr. M. Rafet Akgünay
Director (Independent)

Dr. Rafet Akgünay holds a degree in public administration from the Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences at the Middle East Technical University. After completing a master's degree in the USA, he received a doctorate degree from the Department of International Relations at the Middle East Technical University. He started his professional life as a junior career officer in the Department of Cyprus and Greece Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1977. He worked in various postings in Nicosia, Tel Aviv and Athens under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs between 1980 and 1985. He then worked as Section Head, Department of International Security Affairs of the Ministry (1985-1987), Faculty Advisor and Senior Turkish Representative in the NATO Defense College (1987-1991), Division Head of Military Affairs, Department of International Security Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Counselor and Deputy Chief of Mission in the Turkish Embassy in Washington DC (1993-1997), Deputy Director General of the Directorate General of Policy Planning under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1997-1998), Chief of Staff to the President of the Republic of Turkey (1998-2000), Turkish Ambassador in Beijing (2000-2004), and Chief Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister and Deputy Undersecretary for Multilateral Political Affairs and International Political Organizations (2005-2008). He held the position of Special Envoy for Countering Terrorism in 2007 and 2008. Following his posting as the Turkish Ambassador in Ottawa from 2008 until 2012, he voluntarily retired. Ambassador (R) Dr. Akgünay works as Advisor to the President and Faculty Member at the Middle East Technical University Northern Cyprus Campus and also serves on the Consultative Council to the President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, which was formed to assist the 3rd President of the TRNC in the negotiations. Dr. Akgünay has been elected a Board Director of Anadolu Hayat Emeklilik on 24 March 2014.



Mehmet Celayir
Director

Mehmet Celayir graduated from İstanbul University with a B.A. degree in International Relations at İstanbul University in 1992. His banking career started in 1996 at İşbank by joining Elaziğ Branch team. After working at various junior and managerial positions at İşbank Mr. Celayir was promoted to the post of Diyarbakır Regional Director of the SME Loans Underwriting Division. In 2013, he was assigned as the Manager of Mersin Commercial Branch until he became the Division Head of the Commercial Banking Sales Division at the Headquarters in 2017. He has been elected a Board Director of Anadolu Hayat Emeklilik on 26 March 2018.



Serdar Yılmaz
Director

Serdar Yılmaz received his bachelor's degree in electrical and electronics engineering from the Middle East Technical University in 1995 and his master's degree in 1998. He got an MBA from Bilgi University in 2014. After starting his career as a developer in İşbank's Software Development Department in 1995, he worked as an Application Architect and Project Manager at Softtech from 2004 to 2008. In 2008, he was assigned as an Assistant Manager to IT Architecture and Security Division of İşbank, where he became a Unit Manager in 2009. He functioned as IT Architecture Director until 2012, when he became IT Architecture and Data Management Director. Serving as Data Management Division Head since 30 January 2015, Mr. Yılmaz has been elected a Board Director of Anadolu Hayat Emeklilik on 26 March 2015.



Kemal Emre Sayar
Director

Kemal Emre Sayar received his bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from the Middle East Technical University. He then got an MS in Information Technologies in Management from Sabancı University and an MA in Economics and Finance from Boğaziçi University. He started his career as an assistant inspector on İşbank's Board of Auditors in 1999, where he subsequently held managerial positions in various units of the Bank. Currently he serves as a Unit Manager in the Subsidiaries Department of İşbank. Having held seats in the boards of directors of various group companies, Mr. Sayar has been elected a Board Director of Anadolu Hayat Emeklilik on 27 November 2015.



Hüseyin Emre Yılmaz
Director

Hüseyin Emre Yılmaz graduated from the Middle East Technical University, Department of Political Science and Public Administration in 1995, and completed the MBA program at the University of Amsterdam in 2013. Having started his career as an assistant inspector on İşbank's Board of Inspectors, Mr. Yılmaz became Keçiören Branch Manager in 2005, Amsterdam Branch Manager in 2006, Cross-Border Banking Unit Manager in 2011, and Bayrampaşa Branch Manager in 2014. Currently serving as Division Head of the Retail Banking Sales Division of İşbank, he has been elected a Board Director of Anadolu Hayat Emeklilik on 12 June 2017.