

## GÜNDÜZ AKTAN

**Mr. Gündüz Aktan**, diplomat and columnist in a daily Turkish newspaper Radikal, graduated from Ankara University, Faculty of Social Sciences. He worked in the Ministry of Interior of Turkey, then was appointed in various positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey. He was commissioned as Turkish ambassador to Nairobi, Bern, Athens and Tokyo, respectively. He worked as Turkish representative in OECD in Paris and in UN in New York. His articles are published in Radikal since 1998 and he is an Editorial Board Member of the quarterly journal of Uluslararası Hukuk ve Politika (International Law and Politics) published by USAM (International Strategic Research Organization).

## Dr. YILMAZ ARGÜDEN

**Dr. Yılmaz Argüden**, the Chairman of a management consulting firm ARGE, has a B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering from the Bosphorus University and PhD in policy analysis from the RAND Graduate Institute. He worked at the Koç Group, RAND Corporation and in the World Bank. He was commissioned in the Privatization Program of Turkey. He also served as the Chief Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister. He is an Adj. Professor of Business Strategy at the Bosphorus University and the MBA program of the Koç University and is also a columnist focusing on business and strategy issues. He is the coordinator chairman of Turkish - North American Business Councils under DEİK, a Founding Board Member of Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (TESEV) and a Founding Board Member of the Turkish Education Volunteers Foundation (TEGV).

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**Mr. Alpaslan Korkmaz** got his BA and Master Degree in Management from Neuchâtel University, Switzerland. He worked in various positions in Onur Air based in Zurich, Begotex SA, the Investment Promotion Agency of the State of Neuchâtel, Western Switzerland Economic Development Agency and Kyphon International. Since October 2006 he is the President and CEO of the Investment Support and Promotion Agency of the Republic of Turkey, under Prime Ministry, which aims for promotion of the investment opportunities in Turkey. He is also a Lecturer in Neuchâtel University, in a Master program in management, "International & Cross-Cultural Negotiation" and currently is working on his PhD degree at the same university.

## MUSTAFA BOYDAK

**Mr. Mustafa Boydak** was born in 1963 in Hacılar, Kayseri and graduated from Muğla University, the department of Administration Management. His business life started at the Copper Manufacturing Department of Hes Kablo, then became Director in the Purchasing and Foreign Trade Department. He has taken several positions including Chairman under the Group of Merkez Çelik A.Ş. In 1999 he served as a general manager of Hes Kablo and chairman of the board Anadolu Finans. He is the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Boydak Holding which has the activities of furniture manufacturing, marketing services, finance, logistics, textile, cable and wire manufacturing, chemicals, information technologies, and includes the leading Turkish furniture brands İstikbal and Bellona. Boydak Holding comprising 7 brands and 29 companies, has achieved giro of more than 2 billion TL in 2006. He is a Member of TÜSİAD (Association of Turkish Businessmen and Industrialists) and Board Member of Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEİK), and the Chairman of Kayseri Chamber of Industry.

## TAMER TAŞKIN

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