

AHMET AKÇA

Ahmet Akça studied mathematics at Middle East Technical University and sociology at İstanbul University and graduated from the Bursa Economics and Commercial Sciences Academy's Department of Economics.

From 1981 to 1988, he served as a Foreign Trade Manager in the glass and food industries. In 1988, he became the CEO of an international trading company, a position he held until 1992. He later started his own business, which he still runs. He is the founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the logistics company, Akça Lojistik Hizmetleri ve Ticaret A.Ş.

He was a member of the Committee of Trustees in April 2010, at the time of the establishment of Bezmialem Vakıf University and has been serving as the Chairman of the Committee of Trustees since November 2011.

In March 2013, he was appointed as a Board Member at Turkcell, by the Capital Markets Board, and he served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors at Turkcell between August 2013 and March 2020. He also served as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Audit Committee at Lifecell Ukraine between 2015-2020, Chairman of the Board of Directors at Global Tower between 2016-2020, Chairman of the Board of Directors at Enerjicell between 2017-2020 and Member of the Board of Directors at TOGG between 2018-2020.

Akça, who has also been the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tedarik Lojistik company since 2018, has been serving as the Independent Board Member of BİM as of April 2018 and he is also Chairman of the Audit Committee.

PAUL MICHAEL FOLEY

Born in London 1958, Paul Foley is currently serving as the Board Chairman at KONZUM Plus in Croatia and as a member of the Supervisory Board at MERCATOR d.d. in Slovenia, VOLI in Montenegro, BIM in Turkey and Korzinka in Uzbekistan.

Paul previously held Board positions at FORTENOVA (Ex Agrokor) in Croatia, MAGNIT in Russia, GIPPO in Belarus, AHT Cooling Systems in Austria, INVERTO AG (a BCG company) in Germany, Iceland Foods in UK and at EKO Holdings in Poland.

Paul started his career with Bejam Frozen Foods in 1974 and has over 45 years of experience in retail management. The main bulk of his career was 23 years at Aldi Süd, a privately held, German-headquartered global retailer, with operations in 10 countries covering Europe, the US and Australia ending in 2012. During his tenure, Paul served on Aldi Süd international management board. He was the CEO for the UK and Republic of Ireland from 1999 -2009 as well as identifying and implementing new business opportunities, including market entry into new geographies.

Paul, is a British citizen residing in Austria and is married with 5 children.

Paul Foley is Independent Board Member of BİM and he also has been serving as Chairman of Corporate Governance Committee, Chairman of Early Detection of Risk Committee, member of Audit Committee and Chairman of Sustainability Committee.