

BEKİR PAKDEMİRLİ

Bekir Pakdemirli was born in İzmir in 1973. Following his undergraduate education at Bilkent University Faculty of Business Administration, he completed his MBA at Başkent University and his doctorate studies at Celal Bayar University, Department of Economics, and subsequently received the title of Associate Professor.

Pakdemirli became a free entrepreneur in the fields of food, technology and automotive, and founded and managed various companies. In addition, during his career, he served as the General Manager of a ceramics company among Turkey's top 500 industrial enterprises and a publicly traded food company. He worked as a senior manager and consultant at McCain, a multinational company, and at Turkcell İletişim Hizmetleri A.Ş. and its affiliated companies, as well as being a Board Member of Albaraka Türk Katılım Bankası and BİM Birlesik Mağazalar A.Ş.

He served as the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Türkiye between 2018 and 2022.

He is currently a Board Member and Deputy Chairman of Albaraka Türk Katılım Bankası. He is lecturing in the Department of Economics at Celal Bayar University.

Pakdemirli is also a pilot, sea captain, and ham radio operator. He is married and has four children.

PAUL MICHAEL FOLEY

Born in London in 1958, Paul Foley is currently serving as an independent board member at VOLI in Montenegro, Korzinka in Uzbekistan and at BIM Morocco.

Paul previously held Board positions at FORTENOVA (Konzum and Mercator) in the Balkans, 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 BIM 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.