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Background

- Yılmaz is the Chairman of Global Financial Advisory in Türkiye. He has more than 30 years of working experience in the financial sector
- Prior to joining Rothschild, he worked at the RAND Corporation and World Bank, led the Privatization Program between 1988-90 and served as the Chief Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister (1991)
- Yılmaz holds a B.Sc. in Industrial Engineering from Boğaziçi University and a PhD in Policy Analysis from RAND Graduate School with top honors.
- Renowned governance expert. Member of the Private Sector Advisory Group of the IFC's Corporate Governance Group, Vice-Chairman of the Governance Committee of Business at OECD, the founder of the Argüden Governance Academy Foundation and author of numerous books.



Selected transactions

While heading the Privatisation Program:

- Largest foreign direct investment was brought to Türkiye by the sale of 5 cement plants to Ciments Français.
- Also the basic principles of competition law were implemented as part of the sales agreement, prior to any such law being enacted
- The public offering of Government's shares in industrial enterprises was initiated, flourishing the Istanbul Stock Exchange
- The Turkish investment banking industry was established with his policy requirement of forming JVs with local firms in privatization assignments

As the Chairman of ARGE Consulting:

- Worked with more than 400 companies on more than 1,000 projects
- Worked with international investors in the privatizations of Türk Telekom, Erdemir, and Tüpraş
- Worked on a joint assignment by Çukurova and TMSF on the governance of Yapı Kredi Bank
- Served as the B20 Knowledge Partner (Governance & Sustainability)
- Served on over 60 boards as an independent director in 4 jurisdictions. Elected as the Global Chair of UN Global Compact Local Networks and served on the Board of UN Global Compact
- While serving as the Chairman Rothschild Türkiye, Rothschild completed more than \$30bn deals particularly in the FIG, infrastructure, and consumer goods industries
- Tübitak, Fulbright, and Eisenhower Fellow, a recipient of numerous leadership, distinguished citizenship, and career awards and was selected as a "Global Leader for Tomorrow" by the World Economic Forum.