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## Welcome to the 2018 Turkey General Counsel Summit, hosted by CEE Legal Matters!

Having hosted the 2016 CEE General Counsel Summit in Istanbul, CEE Legal Matters returns to the Queen of Cities with the first Turkey GC Summit: a forum for highly experienced and skilled senior in-house counsel from across the country — and across Europe — to exchange information about the strategies they employ and the challenges they face. The Turkey GC Summit's keynote presentation, Welcome to the New VUCA World, will be made by Ishak Jonas Isik, General Counsel at Siemens, who has recently returned to Turkey after several years in Siemens' Berlin, Brussels, and Middle East offices. Other speakers are coming to the event from as far away as Estonia and the United Kingdom, and distinguished Turkish lawyers will discuss compliance and corporate governance, data privacy and cyber security, managing external counsel, business expansion, and the evolving role of the GC. The event is made possible by our sponsors: Chairman Sponsor, TURUNÇ, along with Diri Legal, ELIG Gürkaynak Attorneys-at-Law, and Moral & Partners, and representatives of these premier law firms will be on-site to meet and talk with attendees.

Of course, the Summit is about much more than lectures, presentations, and panels. It's about networking, professional engagement, and informal information exchange with peers and counterparts — making valuable contacts with others who share similar challenges, frustrations, and responsibilities. It's also, simply, about socializing, making friends, and fun.

So take advantage of this rare opportunity while you're here. Ask questions of the speakers — they welcome it! Ask the sponsors, without whose assistance and contributions the Summit could not happen, for information about their practices and backgrounds. And make sure to stop by and introduce yourself to your CEE Legal Matters hosts (we're the ones in the blue badges). We produce this Summit for you, the leading in-house counsel in Turkey, and we're excited you're here.

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# Agenda

08.00	Morning Coffee and Registration
09.00	Welcome from CEELM and the Chairman
09.10	Keynote: Welcome to the New VUCA world
09.30	Panel: The Interface Between Compliance Systems and Corporate Governance in Turkey
10.10	Corporate Governance, Shareholder Disputes, and the Role of the General Counsel
10.30	Coffee & Networking
11.00	Panel: GDPR and Turkey's Data Protection Laws
11.40	Panel: Cyber Security and Cyber Hygiene
12.20	Lunch & Networking
13.20	Panel: Expanding Beyond Turkey
14.00	Contract Management vs. Managing with Contracts
14.20	Panel: Managing External Counsel
15.00	Coffee & Networking
15.30	The Evolving Role of the GC
15.50	The Advantages of Gaining Experience in Cross-Functions
16.10	Panel: Preparedness for Anti-bribery & Corruption
16.50	Closing Remarks from the Chairman and CEELM

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# Speakers



## ASLI YILDIZ

HEAD OF LEGAL  
DMA GROUP

Asli Yildiz is Head of Legal at the DMA Group, Europe's largest marketing trade body, which represents companies working in the UK's multi-billion pound data-driven marketing industry.

Based in London, Asli has over ten years of experience with international law firms, companies, and associations, including Taylor Wessing LLP, Canon Europe, and BT, in roles covering the UK, EMEA, Turkey, and Israel. In this time she has developed expertise in legal risk management, corporate and company related matters, distribution channels and systems, data protection, cyber security, anti-bribery & corruption, competition laws, regulations and regulated markets, and mergers & acquisitions.



## ATIKE KOKBUDAK

HEAD OF LEGAL  
KORDSA HOLDING

Atike Kokbudak is Head of Legal at KordSA and leads internal and external legal teams in six different jurisdictions.

Atike has worked extensively on various complex cross-border transactions including mergers, acquisitions, liquidations, and technology transfers. Prior to her current role, Atike worked for five years as Legal Counsel at KordSA. She has also worked as a partner at a boutique law firm in Istanbul and was in-house counsel at both Siemens and Avea. She earned her B.A. and M.A. degrees in Law from Marmara University and is admitted to the Istanbul Bar Association.

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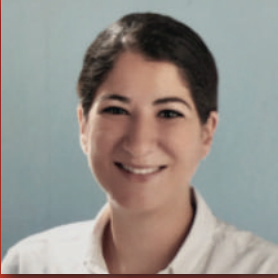
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### BAHAR YENERER

#### GENERAL COUNSEL ATOS

Bahar Yenerer is the General Counsel of Atos (Turkey), where she leads all aspects of legal and compliance matters in Turkey and in the countries where Atos Turkey is active.

Before going in-house, Bahar practiced as the Head of Corporate Affairs, M&A, and Contracts Law Departments of several leading law firms in Istanbul for more than ten years. She has a proven track record in M&A, Commercial Law, and Aviation Law, and she has assisted numerous local and multinational clients. She worked for Atos UK in London in 2014 and 2015.

Bahar received her degree from the Istanbul University Faculty of Law.



### BURCU SONMEZYALCIN DOKER

#### DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AFFAIRS AND COMPLIANCE OFFICER MEDIA MARKT TURKEY

Burcu Sonmezyalcin Doker is Director of Legal Affairs and Compliance Officer at Media Markt Turkey.

Burcu started her career as a legal counsel in a law firm in 2002, and she moved into her first in-house role with Metro Cash&Carry in 2004. In 2012 she became Head of Legal at Sutas, and moved to Media Markt in 2013.

Burcu received her Bachelor of Law degree from the Istanbul University Faculty of Law in 2000 and subsequently received a Ph.D. in Economics Law from Bilgi University.





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### CEREN ARSLAN

#### HEAD OF LEGAL KLEPIERRE TURKEY

Ceren Arslan is Head of Legal at Klepierre Turkey. Prior to her current role she served as a consultant to the retail industry for two years at the Ozay Law Firm and for three and a half years as an in-house attorney at Carrefour SA. She is experienced in litigation matters and in corporate and compliance services in commercial matters, particularly with regards to Real Estate Law, Labor Law, Intellectual Property Law, and Law of Obligations. She received her Master's degree from the Marmara University Faculty of Law in 2005.



### CEREN KARTARI

#### HEAD OF LEGAL, TURKEY AND NORTH AFRICA AREA BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO

Ceren Kartari is Head of Legal, Turkey and North Africa Area at British American Tobacco. Ceren has worked in various positions at British American Tobacco, initially joining the company as Trade Marketing Legal Counsel and then continuing as Marketing Legal Counsel. Following an assignment at the headquarters of British American Tobacco in London, where she served as Senior Engagement Manager for the EEMEA Region and gained experience in external and government affairs, she assumed her current position. Prior to beginning to work at BAT, Ceren was a Legal and Compliance Counsel at Mercedes-Benz Turk (a subsidiary of Daimler AG) where she became experienced in the areas of sales and marketing, competition, and FCPA Compliance. She started her legal career at White & Case, working in the international law firm's Ankara, Tokyo, and Istanbul offices. Ceren has a law degree from the University of Ankara and a Master's Degree in International Business and Economic Law from the Kyushu University Graduate School of Law.





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### DMITRY KURAVKIN

#### CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER ADMIRAL MARKETS GROUP

Dmitry Kuravkin is Chief Compliance Officer for Admiral Markets Group, which offers its services by utilizing companies authorized and regulated in Estonia, the United Kingdom, Australia, and Cyprus.

Before joining the Admiral Markets Group in 2017 he spent two years as Head of Compliance at Pocopay - one of the first payment institutions in Estonia - and spent almost nine years working in-house at Swedbank.



### EDA RIEHL

#### GENERAL COUNSEL/REGIONAL COMPLIANCE DIRECTOR MENA INGRAM MICRO

Eda Riehl is General Counsel/Regional Compliance Director MENA at Ingram Micro.

Eda is a Turkish-qualified lawyer with an LL.M. degree from the UK. She started her career working in the corporate and dispute resolutions departments of Turkey's Mehmet Gun & Partners. Before joining Ingram Micro she was legal counsel at Media-Saturn Turkey, where after two years she was appointed to Head of Legal Affairs and Compliance Officer, then to General Counsel. She subsequently held the position of Regional Compliance Director for Turkey, Middle-East and Africa at B/S/H/ Turkey.



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### EFE KINIKOGLU

#### PARTNER MORAL & PARTNERS

Efe Kinikoglu is Partner for the Moral & Partners law firm, where his practice focuses on Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution as well as IT law. Efe has considerable experience in various areas of law. He advises international and local clients mainly on data protection, cyber security, e-commerce, arbitration, litigation and dispute resolution matters in, among others, the energy, technology, automotive, real estate, alternative transportation services, logistics, heavy industry, textiles, tobacco, defense, and aviation sectors. He graduated from Istanbul Bilgi University.



### GONENC GURKAYNAK

#### FOUNDING PARTNER ELIG GURKAYNAK ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

Mr. Gonenc Gurkaynak is a Founding Partner of ELIG Gurkaynak Attorneys-at-Law, a leading law firm of 87 lawyers based in Istanbul, Turkey. Mr. Gurkaynak graduated from the Ankara University Faculty of Law in 1997 and was called to the Istanbul Bar in 1998. He received his LL.M. degree from Harvard Law School and is qualified to practice law in Istanbul, New York, Brussels, and England and Wales (currently as a non-practicing solicitor). Before founding ELIG Gurkaynak Attorneys-at-Law in 2005, Mr. Gurkaynak worked as an attorney at the Istanbul, New York, and Brussels offices of a global law firm for more than eight years. He heads the “Regulatory and Compliance” department of ELIG Gurkaynak Attorneys-at-Law with a significant practice in Turkey focusing on internal investigations and white collar criminal matters. The practice also advises clients in connection with Turkish corporate compliance issues under the relevant OECD Convention, the FCPA, the UK Bribery Act, and Turkish anti-corruption laws.

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### HAKAN BEKIROGLU

CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER  
TOFAS

Hakan Bekiroglu is Chief Legal Officer of Tofas, the market-leading company in the automotive manufacturing sector in Turkey, listed on the Istanbul Stock Exchange, with wide sales in the region and a wide variety of import and export operations. Hakan has introduced many changes in the legal department since his arrival in the company five years ago. He restructured the organization of the legal department, redefined the roles and content of the legal services provided to the company, and implemented several compliance programs and IT infrastructure for the management of legal risks. Before moving to Tofas in 2013, Hakan managed the legal department of the heating, cooling, and hot water company Vaillant Group Turkey. He graduated from the Istanbul University Faculty of Law and holds an MBA degree.



### HILAL UTKU

LEGAL DIRECTOR FOR TURKEY  
L'OREAL

Hilal Utku has been Legal Director for Turkey at L'Oreal since April 2017.

Prior to joining L'Oreal, she spent five years at HP Inc., at the end as Country Counsel for Turkey and Greece. Prior to being in-house, Hilal worked in competition law and regulations in private practice for six years. She graduated from the Faculty of Law at Galatasary University in 2005.

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### ISHAK JONAS ISIK

#### GENERAL COUNSEL AND HEAD OF LEGAL SIEMENS TURKEY

Ishak Jonas Isik is the General Counsel and Head of Legal at Siemens Turkey.

Before assuming his current role, Ishak headed Siemens' Legal Projects team in the Middle East region from the company's hub in the United Arab Emirates, and before that, he served as Vice-President Legal at Siemens' Representation Office to the EU in Brussels. His first position with Siemens was its headquarters in Berlin, where he advised the global projects business of its Mobility Division. His career began in the Corporate/M&A Group of K&L Gates.

Ishak studied in Germany, France, and England, graduated from the University of Munster in Germany, and he holds both an LL.M. degree from the University of East Anglia in Norwich and a Ph.D. in European Union law from the University of Munster.



### ALTUG OZGUN

#### ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE DIRECTOR ASTELLAS PHARMA

Altug Ozgun is the Ethics and Compliance Director for Astellas Pharma. Altug started his career with the Ozgun law firm and then joined the multinational Eastpharma (Deva). He then switched from pharma to medical devices by joining Beckman Coulter (a Danaher company) in Turkey. He then spent almost five years as Head Legal at Sandoz (a Novartis division) Turkey before joining Astellas in January 2017.

He specializes in Company law, Labor law, Pharma law, White-Collar Crimes, Litigation, and Compliance and Competition law. He is a graduate of Marmara University and holds an LL.M. from the Marmara University European Union Law Institute.

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We advise clients in connection with Turkish corporate compliance issues under the relevant OECD Convention, FCPA, the UK Bribery Act and Turkish anti-corruption laws. This includes all matters relating to data privacy, employment law, anti-corruption policies and other related aspects of the Turkish legal regime.

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- administrative law • real estate law • anti-dumping law
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### KURTULUS CALTEKIN

#### GENERAL COUNSEL AVIVA SA PENSION & LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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### MEHMET CUNEJD TIRYAKI

#### CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER SUNAR GROUP

Mehmet Cunejd Tiryaki is the Chief Legal Officer of Sunar Group. The Sunar Group is one of the leaders in the Turkish agriculture industry, producing a wide spectrum of goods varying from starch to edible oils. Cunejd leads in the implementation of new contract management practices in procurement, sales, and administration, which significantly improve the Group's overall operational and legal performance.

Before joining the Sunar Group, Cunejd was Chief Legal Officer at Dicle Electricity Retail and Distribution Companies, one of the largest groups in the energy sector with over 1.5 million clients. Prior to his private sector career, Cunejd was a Legal Officer at the Council of Europe, the continent's leading human rights and rule of law organization, where he managed several large-scale EU/Council of Europe Joint Projects on justice reform in Turkey.



### MERVE ONEY BARLAS

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### MURAT SUMER

**CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL  
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Murat Sumer is Chief Legal Counsel at Otoyol Yatirim ve Isletme A.S., an investment company established for the Gebze-Izmir Motorway BOT Project.

Murat obtained his LL.B. in Turkish Law at Ankara University and an LL.M. in International Commercial Law at the University of Westminster. He is also a Ph.D. candidate in EU Law at Ankara University.



### NAZAN DIRI BAL

**MANAGING PARTNER  
DIRI LEGAL**

Nazan Diri Bal specializes in corporate law, mergers & acquisitions, IT & data protection and competition law and has significant experience advising both domestic and international investors.

Nazan has excellent knowledge of regulated sectors and their needs, as well as a strong background in drafting and reviewing a broad range of contracts related to complex transactions. Her experience includes advising companies of different sizes and from sectors ranging from insurance to life sciences. She has led teams in a remarkable number of deals and also advised finance institutions in connection with complicated loan transactions and securities.

Prior to opening the Istanbul office of Diri Legal, she worked at the Birsell Law Offices - one of the oldest top tier law firms in Turkey - for more than a decade. She is also a lecturer at the Bilgi University School of Law and a national representative of Turkey at International Client Consultation Competition. She is a member of the International Bar Association and Istanbul International Law Institute.

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Nazli Dereli Oba has been the Legal Director of Karadeniz Holding A.Ş. - a company focused on generation of electricity through its Powerships - since 2012.

Prior to joining Karadeniz, Nazli was the Head of Legal at Enerjisa Enerji Uretim A.Ş. which is involved in generation of electricity through different types of power plants, including hydros and wind power and gas power plants, as well as the trading and distribution of electricity.

In the early part of her career, she was legal counsel at Citibank A.Ş. and a legal consultant in the Banking and Finance team of the Herguner, Bilgen & Ozeke law firm. She holds an LL.M. degree in Banking and Finance Law from Queen Mary, University of Law, a post graduate degree from the College of Law, London, and a B.A. degree in International Studies from Johns Hopkins University.



### NILUFER TURKCU HIRA

#### LEGAL DIRECTOR CALIK HOLDİNG

Nilufer Turkcu Hira is Legal Director of Calik Holding, which operates in the energy, construction, mining, textile, finance, and telecom sectors in 22 countries across Central Asia, the Balkans, and the Middle East and North Africa. Nilufer joined the Calik Group in November 2016, initially with Lidyia Mining, the group's mining subsidiary, after many years at two of Turkey's biggest law firms, Paksoy and Birsel, where she specialized in project finance, secured loan transactions, M&As, restructuring, and corporate and commercial transactions in the banking, insurance, energy, and media sectors, among others. She received her law degree (in 2002) and LL.M. (in 2006) from the Istanbul University Faculty of Law.



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### ONUR GUNEL

**GENERAL COUNSEL  
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Onur Gunel is the General Counsel of the beIN Media Group in Turkey. Before joining beIN, he worked as Legal Director in Oger Telecom, a telecom investment company based in Dubai, where he was primarily responsible for the company's investments in Turkey, South Africa, and the Middle East. As part of his private practice experience, he worked for both Allen & Overy, in the firm's Istanbul office, and Herguner Bilgen Ozeke.

He is a graduate of Marmara University and holds an LL.M. from National University of Singapore.



### OZGE AYOÇ

**DIRECTOR AND ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL  
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Ozge Ayoç is the Legal and Government Relations Director and member of the Board of Directors of P&G Turkey and Caucasus.

Since starting her career in 2000 with P&G, Ozge has worked both in Turkey and in the company's European headquarters, assuming diverse international assignments and responsibilities for a broad scope of legal services and Legal organizations in more than 20 jurisdictions around the world. She has significant expertise mainly in commercial law, competition law, advertising law, and regulatory and compliance matters. She is also active in various national/international industrial associations and professional platforms in the field of Law and Government Relations. Ozge is a graduate of the Istanbul University Faculty of Law and is admitted to the Istanbul Bar.





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### SECKIN SAVASER

#### LEGAL AND COMPLIANCE MANAGER GOODYEAR LASTIKLERI TAS

Seckin Savaser is Legal and Compliance Manager and General Secretary at Goodyear Lastikleri TAS.

Seckin began his career with five years at the Kilic Law Firm in Istanbul, where he focused particularly on Administrative and Tax Law-related matters. After completing his military services in 2012 he became in-house counsel at Celebi Aviation Holding. After four years there he moved to Goodyear Lastikleri in 2016. He has also served as Secretary of the Istanbul Bar Association Tax and Administrative Law Commission and as Vice Chairman and Secretary of The Aviation and Space Law Commissions.

He received his degree from the Istanbul Kultur University Faculty of Law.



### SEZA CEREN AKTAS

#### HEAD OF LEGAL & COMPLIANCE SIGNIFY

Seza Ceren Aktas is Head of Legal & Compliance at Signify (formerly known as Philips Lighting) in Turkey. She is currently coordinating activities with regional and global senior stakeholders, providing day-to-day legal support for lighting business in Turkey and advising on compliance with regulatory matters and global policies including antitrust, anti-bribery and anti-corruption, data privacy, and ethics.

Before joining Signify she was Managing Attorney at PwC Turkey and was a Partner at Istanbul's Koyuncuoglu & Koksall Law Firm. She is a graduate of the Yeditepe University Faculty of Law in Istanbul and obtained Master's Degrees in Law and Economics from the University of Hamburg and the University of Bologna.





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### TOLGA ISMEN

#### CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL SISECAM

Tolga Ismen is the Chief Legal Counsel of Türkiye Sise ve Cam Fabrikalari A.S., a leading global glass manufacturer, with 44 production facilities and five listed companies. From 1998 to 2016 Tolga practiced in several of Turkey's leading law firms, including for 13 years as the Managing Partner of the Ismen Law Firm. His private practice was focused on mergers and acquisitions, securities law, competition law, and privatizations. He was a founder of i-Wisdom, an UK-based LegalTech company, and he also acted as the CEO of CB Media, a movie and TV production company.

After graduating from the University of Istanbul in 1997, Tolga Ismen obtained an LL.M. degree (with merit) from King's College London. From 2001 to 2009 Tolga taught classes on Mergers & Acquisitions to LL.M. students at Istanbul's Bilgi University. In 2010-2011 he taught Business Law at Sabanci University.



### YASEMIN ERDEN

#### LEGAL COUNSEL ATA HOLDING

Yasemin Erden is Legal Counsel at Ata Holding and TFI TAB Gıda Yatırımları A.S., providing advice to the group's more-than-30 companies. TFI, together with its subsidiaries in Turkey and China, is one of the largest quick service restaurant operators in the world, and is the master franchisee of Burger King in these two countries, as well as brands such as Popeyes, Arby's, and Sbarro in Turkey. Yasemin has specialized in M&A transactions since the beginning of her career at the Pekin & Bayar Law Firm. She received her law degree from Cambridge University, which enabled her to better understand the needs of foreign investors wanting to invest in Turkey.



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### YAVUZ SELIM GUNAY

#### HEAD OF LEGAL AND CONTRACTS HAVELSAN

Yavuz Selim Gunay is Head of Legal and Contracts at Havelsan Hava Elektronik Sanayi ve Ticaret AS, the leading Turkish technology company. Prior to joining Havelsan, Yavuz worked for Herguner Bilgen Ozeke as an associate, specializing in corporate law and governance, dispute resolution, contracts, intellectual property, and finance law. Yavuz obtained his LLB from Bilkent University, and an LL.M. in Corporate and Commercial Law from the London School of Economics. He is a Ph.D. candidate at Gazi University in Ankara, studying company and finance law.

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TURUNÇ's corporate strength is matched by its deep experience in dispute resolution. Its team litigates several hundred cases each year in various industries across a wide range of areas. These include competition, corporate and commercial, finance, insolvency, insurance, intellectual property, real estate, administrative and tax litigation, and tort and product liability defense.

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