



Press Release

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GALİP KARAGÖZ IS NEW CEO AND A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF HAYAT FİNANS, THE FIRST DIGITAL BANK OF TÜRKİYE

Having leded many digital transformation projects through his experience in information technology, banking and capital markets, Galip Karagöz is now the CEO and a member of the Board of Hayat Finans, the first licensed digital bank of Türkiye.

Galip Karagöz was appointed the new CEO and a member of the Board of Hayat Finans, the first licensed digital bank of Türkiye. Handing over the position to Galip Karagöz, M. Murat Ertem will remain as member of the Board of Hayat Finans.

Galip Karagöz was IT Consultant and a member of the Board of Osmanlı Yatırım Menkul Değerler for four years, and from 2018 to 2021 he worked as IT Consultant and Solution Architect at the London office of Santander Corporate & Investment Banking doing business over 20 countries. Mr. Karagöz was CEO of Ezgetech Technology, a technology consulting firm based in London, from 2017 to 2018; IT Group Director of Hepsiburada, an e-trade platform, from 2016 to 2017; and Vice Chairman of the Board of Merkezi Kayıt Kuruluşu (Central Securities Depository & Trade Repository) from 2012 to 2016. In the same period he also was CIO and Deputy Managing Director of Takasbank. Mr. Karagöz was Application Development Director of Ziraat Teknoloji, an affiliate of Ziraat Finans Grup which is one of the oldest public companies in Türkiye. He got his bachelor's degree in Computer Engineering and his master's degree in Business Management at Boğaziçi University.

Combining his extensive experience in the financial sector with his vast knowledge of integrating technology with business processes, Galip Karagöz aims to lead Hayat Finans, Türkiye's first digital bank, to the forefront of digital banking and global banking with his vision as an innovative leader.