

## **INDEPENDENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES**

### **AHMET AKÇA (Independent Member Candidate)**

From 1981 to 1988, Mr. Akça served as a Foreign Trade Manager in the glass and food industry. In 1988 he became the CEO of an International Trading Company, and held that responsibility until 1992. He later started his own business, which he still runs. Mr. Akça is the Founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors of logistic company Akça Lojistik Hizmetleri ve Ticaret A.Ş. Ahmet Akca has been appointed as a Turkcell Board Member by Capital Markets Board in March 2013 and has been serving as the Chairman of Turkcell since August 2013. He was a Member of the Committee of Trustees in January 2010, at the time of the Bezmialem Vakıf University Establishment, and has been serving as the Chairman of the Committee of Trustees since November 2011. After studying mathematics at Middle East Technical University and sociology at Istanbul University for a certain period, Mr. Akça graduated from the Bursa Economics and Commercial Sciences Academy's Department of Economics.

### **PAUL FOLEY (Independent Member Candidate)**

Born in London, UK in 1958, Paul Foley worked in his teens in the fruit and vegetable wholesale and retail business. He continued to develop within the industry and started his career at Iceland Frozen Foods in 1974. Over the years he kept on taking more challenges and the rose within company ranks to become Sales Director at the company. In 1989 Paul Foley joined Aldi a new company entering the UK market and became its first Director of the Midlands Region. The highlight of his career at Aldi came in 1999 when he became Group Managing Director UK and 5 years later CEO for UK & Ireland. In this role he led the business to its current position as number 1 discount retailer in the UK and the Republic of Ireland. He retired from this position at the end of 2012 after 23 years with Aldi Süd. In 2013 he founded his own company Foley Retail Consulting GmbH located in Vienna/Austria in which he continues to support large retail businesses, private equity investors and investment banks across the globe. During the same time, his deep insight and knowledge about retail granted him the opportunity to hold positions as a Non-Executive Director at EKO Holdings now part of DINO group Poland, ICELAND Foods, Independent Advisor to the Board at INVERTO AG now part of Boston Consulting group and AHT Cooling Systems GmbH in Austria. Paul is currently serving on the board at BelWillesden/GIPPO Hypermarkets in Belarus and VOLI Trade in Montenegro, Fortenova formally Agrokor in the Balkans and PJSC Magnit in Russia where his remit includes being Chair of Strategy and Capital Markets Committee. He is married and has five children.