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# TPF Gala

**Monday, May 9, 2022**

**The Metropolitan Museum of Art**

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**Cocktail Reception at 6:30 PM**

**The Great Hall**

**Dinner and Program at 7:30 PM**

**The Temple of Dendur**

# HONORARY BENEFACTORS



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Haldun Tashman  
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# FOUNDERS CIRCLE

TPF's six founding members had a vision for a foundation that could encourage philanthropy among those interested in supporting Turkey and addressing vital needs in local communities. TPF's success is a direct result of these pioneers, who have stood behind the organization and have brought ideas, positive energy, and a beautiful intensity. Their leadership contributes daily and to our legacy. And, we are forever grateful for their service.



Haldun Tashman, *TPF Chairman Emeritus*

Mustafa Kemal Abadan

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# THE FOUNDERS SOCIETY

TPF's Founders Society is a diverse group of dedicated investors who provide the vital foundation for TPF's work on every level. The Founders Society provides the financial foundation for TPF's programs, and helps us engage, inspire and support our donors to address the most pressing social issues in our communities. Our sincere thanks to the following donors for their generous contributions to TPF to date.



## CHAIRMAN'S CIRCLE +\$500,000

Serpil and Yalçın Ayaslı  
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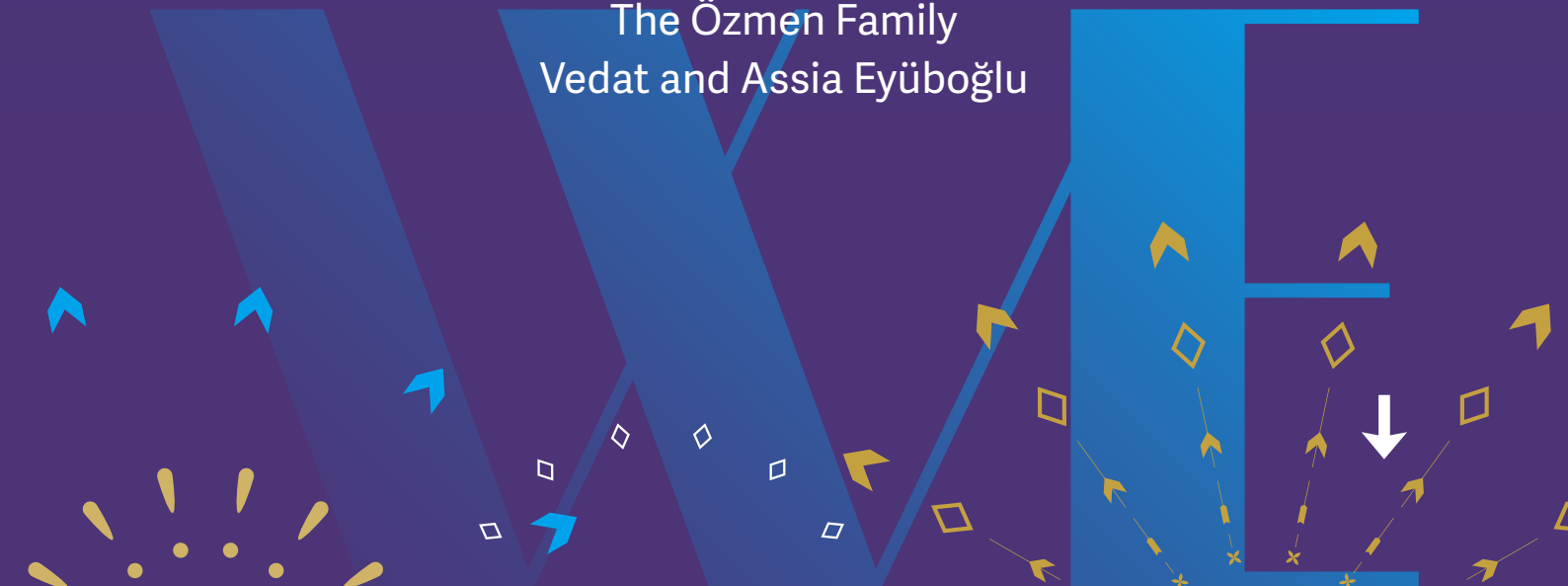
## LEADERSHIP CIRCLE +\$250,000

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# THE LEGACY SOCIETY

We celebrate our Legacy Donors - generous individuals and families who have chosen to support the causes that matter to them through gifts that are planned today and will be realized beyond their lifetimes. These donors have made the decision to make a lasting difference for our community by creating a permanent fund at Turkish Philanthropy Funds. Some put TPF in their wills, others stipulate that their current funds be managed by TPF long after they are gone. Endowed gifts entrusted to TPF through a will or trust leave a lasting legacy that benefit both current and future generations and help us quickly address emergencies, no matter how unforeseen.



Ali Rıza Sarıođlu  
Asuman and Faruk Özer  
Asuman and Metin Taşkın  
Elaine and Mehmet Selis  
Hülya and Aydın Koç  
Mustafa Kemal Abadan  
Nakiye and Ziya Boyacıgiller  
Nihal and Haldun Tashman

Ömer Ertur  
Ömer Uzun  
Özlenen Eser Kalav  
Şevket Turgut Neşe



# WELCOME

Dear Donors, Partners and Friends,

On behalf of our Board of Directors and the entire staff at Turkish Philanthropy Funds, we would like to thank you for joining us as we celebrate TPF's 15<sup>th</sup> year and honor Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya with the Philanthropist of the Year Award.

We are proud to honor Hamdi Ulukaya with the 2022 Philanthropist of the Year award in recognition of his lifetime dedication to philanthropy, especially his commitment to helping bring an end to the refugee crisis through Tent Partnership for Refugees. His life exemplifies the meaning of philanthropy, as seen through his career, leadership, and philanthropic engagement. Hamdi has tirelessly championed a fair and equitable world for his employees, the communities supporting his business, refugees all around the world, and our society at large.

This gala is a true celebration of our past, present and future and our collective accomplishment. For the past 15 years, TPF has been here to listen, learn, share and engage with those who have chosen us as their partner in philanthropy. As a result, we have invested more than \$26M in more than 177 organizations working across 120+ cities and towns in the United States and Turkey. Today, we recognize how these forward-thinkers have shaped our success, and how their work positioned us for a vibrant future. The story of philanthropy in our communities both in Turkey and in the US is evolving. And, we couldn't be more proud to bring this story to life with you.





We'd like to extend a special thanks to the Honorary Benefactors, The Özmen Family, Haldun Tashman, Selin and Ali Gülçelik, Zeynep and Evren Bilimer, Yonca and Halit Özbelli, Bank of America and Chobani as well as all of the sponsors of the evening. Your contributions are invaluable to TPF. Our mission is to inspire and mobilize innovative, high-impact philanthropy. We can only advance these endeavors and create a better future for everyone, only with your support.

We look forward to your continued partnership in helping TPF and our communities together, grow and thrive.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Mehmet Kırdar  
*Chairman*

Merve Gürsel  
*Gala Chair*

Senay Ataselim-Yılmaz, PhD  
*Executive Director*



# PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

## HAMDİ ULUKAYA

Founder, Chief Executive Officer & Chairman

CHOBANI



Hamdi Ulukaya has been named as the recipient of the 2022 TPF Philanthropist of the Year Award, which honors an outstanding philanthropist every year that has made significant contributions to philanthropy to make our communities stronger.

We are proud to honor Hamdi Ulukaya with this year's award in recognition of his lifetime dedication to philanthropy, especially his commitment to helping bring an end to the refugee crisis through Tent Partnership for Refugees. His life exemplifies the meaning of philanthropy, as seen through his career, leadership, and philanthropic engagement. Hamdi has tirelessly championed a fair and equitable world for his employees, the communities supporting his business, refugees all around the world, and our society at large.

Raised in Eastern Turkey, Hamdi Ulukaya founded Chobani in 2005 with the mission of making better food more accessible and providing good food for all, while also improving local communities. Selling the first cup of yogurt in 2007, Chobani became the No. 1-selling Greek Yogurt brand in the U.S. less than five years later. A devoted philanthropist, Ulukaya signed the Giving Pledge and founded the Tent Partnership for Refugees in 2016 to help end the global refugee crisis. Ulukaya serves on the board of La Colombe Torrefaction LLC, Pathfinder Village, and the Tent Partnership for Refugees.

# KAAN SEKBAN

Master of Ceremonies



Kaan Sekban is one of the most popular stand-up comedians in Turkey.  
His background in banking and finance made him a hit  
with the corporate world.

His stand-up, Saçmalar, had 170 sold-out shows in Turkey and worldwide.  
His recent "Kaan Sekban'la Alt Tarafı Bi' Talk Show'  
quickly became a success within television comedy.

# THANK YOU.



**15<sup>th</sup> Year Celebratory Sponsor**  
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# THANK YOU.



## **The Innovators**

Bill Ackman

Hakkı Akbulak

Nur and Aziz Hamzaođulları



## **The Supporters**

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Mert Onaran

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*PG Art Gallery*

Kaan Sekban

*Master of Ceremonies*





## **CONGRATULATIONS ON 15 YEARS!**

### **Turkish Philanthropy Funds:**


We salute you for 15 years of creating  
meaningful change in Turkey and abroad.

Your work inspires and mobilizes innovative  
and high-impact philanthropy.

We are honored to support you in this mission.

## **THE ÖZMEN FAMILY**






TPF brings philanthropists together with Turkish communities in need. We are proud to participate in this mission. On this anniversary, we congratulate Mr. Ulukaya for his generous contributions to philanthropy, the TPF team for their hard work, and Mr. Tashman for carrying out his vision of giving and sharing it with all of us.

Happy 15<sup>th</sup> TPF !

**SELİN & ALİ GÜLÇELİK**





I extend my sincere congratulations  
to tonight's awardee, Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya.


His enthusiasm and support towards  
TPF over the years have been  
nothing short of extraordinary.  
May he continue to be a source of  
inspiration to our community.

Congratulations to TPF on its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

**HALDUN TASHMAN**







We are proud to be members of the  
TPF community and to celebrate its legacy.

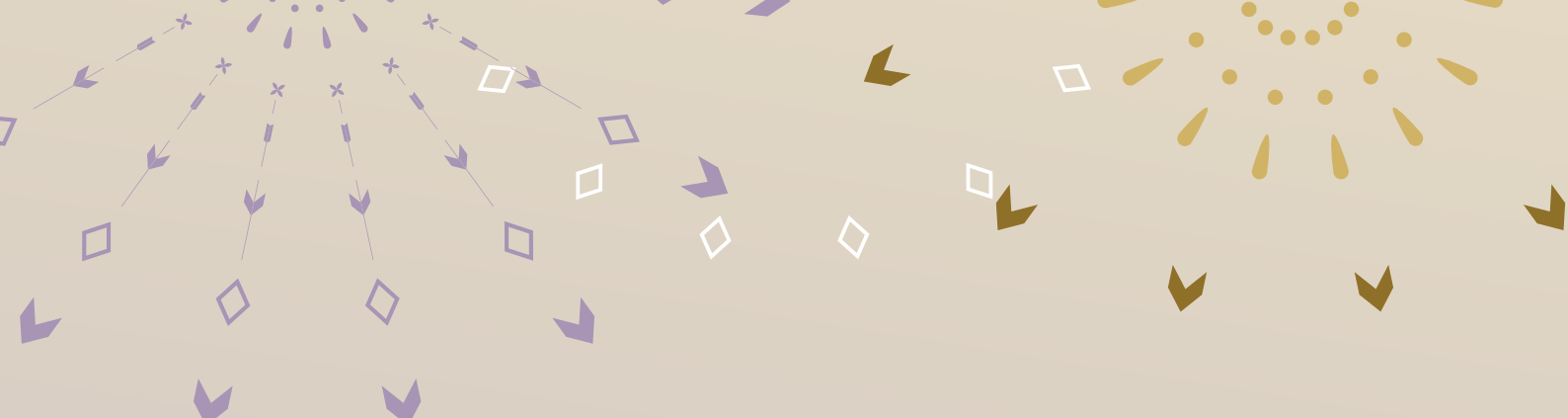
Congratulations to tonight's honoree

Hamdi Ulukaya

for his outstanding leadership in philanthropy.

**ZEYNEP & EVREN BİLİMER**





Heartfelt congratulations to  
Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya  
for receiving the Philanthropist of the Year award  
and TPF on 15<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.

**YONCA & HALİT ÖZBELLİ**





THE POWER TO  
**celebrate success**

Bank of America is proud to support the Turkish Philanthropy Fund's 15th Anniversary Gala. Congratulations to Hamdi Ulukaya, on your well-deserved recognition.



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A collection of small, light blue geometric shapes, including squares and diamonds, scattered across the top left of the blue background.

**Chobani**  
thanks Turkish Philanthropy Funds for recognizing  
the work of our Founder and CEO, Hamdi Ulukaya,  
and for its meaningful efforts in addressing economic,  
social and environmental needs in Turkey  
and around the world.

A collection of white and yellow geometric shapes, including triangles and circles, scattered across the bottom right of the blue background.

The logo for Mustafa K. Abadan & The Abadan Family is a golden-yellow square with a pattern of stylized arrows and diamonds. The text is centered in a white serif font.

# Mustafa K. Abadan & The Abadan Family

is proud to support  
Turkish Philanthropy Funds  
and honored to celebrate tonight's honoree  
Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya  
for his philanthropic leadership.

The logo for The Ağırnaslı Family is a purple-to-blue gradient square with a pattern of white and yellow stars and diamonds. The text is centered in a white serif font.

# The Ağırnaslı Family

celebrates  
Turkish Philanthropy Funds' 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
and congratulates tonight's honoree  
Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya for his philanthropic  
leadership.



The Marmara Park Avenue  
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Turkish Philanthropy Funds  
(TPF) and delighted to  
celebrate tonight's honoree  
Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya.

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call your home.



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salutes Turkish Philanthropy Funds  
on its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary and congratulates  
Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya  
on the Philanthropist of the Year Award.



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**Congratulations to TPF  
for Great 15 Years of Impact.**

**Ece Calgüner Erzan & Onur Erzan**

We are proud to be a part of TPF and celebrating its 15 years of philanthropic contributions to social and economic development and gender equality in Turkey and congratulations to tonight's honoree Hamdi Ulukaya.

Eyübođlu Family

The image features a low-angle, upward-looking view of several modern skyscrapers with glass facades, creating a sense of height and architectural grandeur. The sky is a clear, light blue. In the center, there is a white-bordered rectangular area containing the Herrick logo (a white 'h' on a red square) and the word 'HERRICK' in white capital letters. Below the logo, there is a red horizontal bar with white text. At the bottom of the white-bordered area, the website address 'WWW.HERRICK.COM' is written in white capital letters.

**HERRICK**

Herrick's Turkish Practice Group is proud to celebrate TPF's 15th Anniversary and honor Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya with the Philanthropist of the Year Award

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Congratulations to tonight's honoree,  
Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya and to the entire TPF community  
on its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are proud to support  
an organization that empowers so many people  
to live up to their potential.

Merve & Kağan Gürsel

Mehmet & Audrey Kırdar

congratulate Hamdi Ulukaya for his leadership  
and legacy in Philanthropy.

We couldn't be happier to celebrate  
TPF's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with such a  
deserving honoree!





With each act of generosity and partnership  
we make our communities stronger



**Double Knot**

wishing success to

**TURKISH PHILANTHROPY FUNDS**

and its partners for decades to come



**Elif & Dr. Tamer Seçkin**

are proud to support tonight's honoree  
Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya and are honored to celebrate  
TPF's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



# YEARS SPENT ON KINDNESS

The American Turkish Society is proud to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Turkish Philanthropy Funds. Our deepest congratulations to our friend Hamdi Ulukaya on his well-deserved recognition.



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**Kaye Spiegler** congratulates  
**Turkish Philanthropy Funds** for 15 years  
of service and **Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya** for his  
recognition as Philanthropist of the Year

**KAYE SPIEGLER**

ART LAW ATTORNEYS

We are proud to support TPF at its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary Gala! We would like to congratulate Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya on being honored at the TPF Gala with the Philanthropist of the Year Award.

Seran & Ravi Trehan

AKDO is proud to support the Turkish Philanthropy Funds' 15th Anniversary Gala. Congratulations to Hamdi Ulukaya, on your well-deserved recognition.

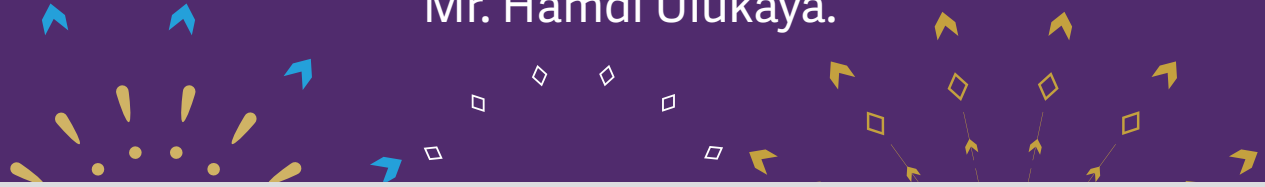


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# Mr. and Mrs. Aziz & Nur Hamzaođulları

are proud to support  
Turkish Philanthropy Funds and delighted to  
celebrate tonight's honoree,  
Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya.



I am thrilled to celebrate the  
Turkish Philanthropy Funds 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary and  
my sincerest congratulations to  
tonight's honoree, Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya.

Karen Jamesley



Congratulations to Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya.  
We are grateful for your sincere dedication  
to philanthropy. The Karaoğlu family is delighted  
to celebrate your accomplishments and is honored  
to support Turkish Philanthropy Funds.

Magdalena & Ersin Karaoğlu

RPD Fund Management (“RPD”) is proud to support  
high-impact social investments of TPF in addressing economic,  
social and environmental needs in Turkey  
and around the world.

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**RPD**

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TPF's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

AND IN HONORING

Mr. Hamdi Ulukaya

PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR

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| What is your legacy?



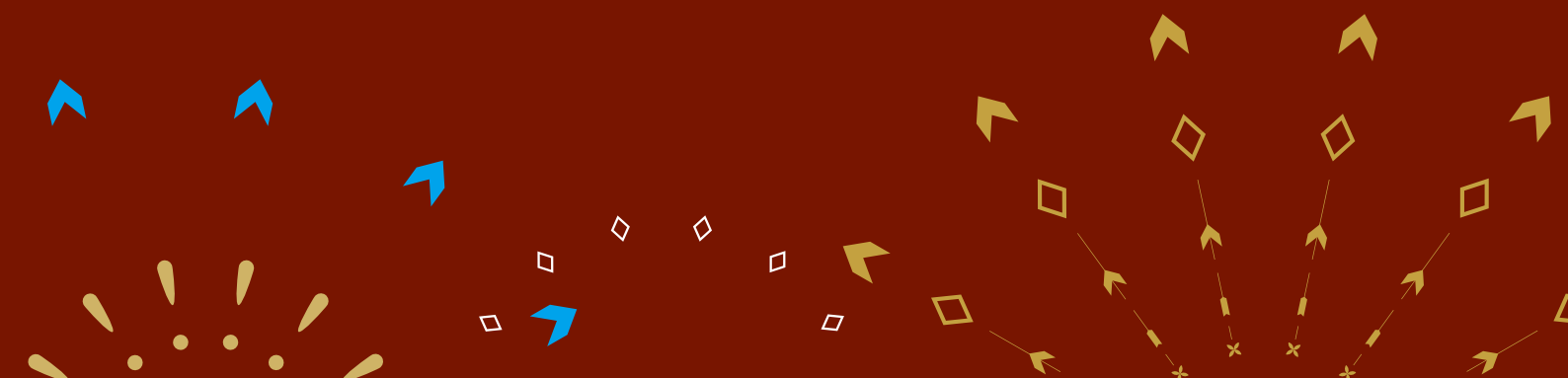
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