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Education

PhD in Finance

University of Reading, Henley Business School — Reading, United Kingdom

Sep 2023 –

- Full Scholarship

MSc in Finance

Bilkent University — Ankara, Turkey

Sep 2019 – Sep 2022

- CGPA: 3.33 / 4.00

- Full Scholarship & Honour Degree

- Published in Applied Economics Letters:

<https://doi.org/10.1080/13504851.2023.2216434>

BSc in Business Administration

Middle East Technical University — Ankara, Turkey

Sep 2005 – Jun 2010

- CGPA: 3.61 / 4.00 — High Honour Degree

Exchange Program

Middlesex University — London, UK

Sep 2008 – Jun 2009

GPA: 4.00

Professional Experience

Leader – Decision Support & Financial Analysis

Roketsan Missile Industries Inc. — Ankara, Turkey

Dec 2018 – Aug 2023

- Led M&A and valuation processes for advanced tech & space projects

- Oversaw periodic financial reporting, budgeting, and analysis

- Coordinated proposals and contracts with legal teams

- Developed a financial dashboard for executives and project managers

Vice President – Investment Banking

ICBC Turkey Securities — Istanbul, Turkey

Aug 2016 – Jun 2018

- Closed first M&A deals for ICBC between Turkish and Chinese entities

- Contributed to department formation, strategy, and documentation

- Managed syndication loan projects involving major Chinese banks
- Created strategic roadmap for Turkey Sovereign Wealth Fund
- Conducted roadshows in Hong Kong

M&A Associate

Pragma Corporate Finance — Istanbul, Turkey

Mar 2015 – May 2016

- Worked on 30+ projects, with 3 successful closures:
 - Acquisition of Idea Kimya by Fosroc UK
 - Mezzanine financing of Perkon Bilisim by NBK Capital Partners
 - Acquisition of Arkel by Mediterra Capital

Senior – Transaction Advisory Services

Ernst & Young — Istanbul, Turkey

Dec 2012 – Mar 2015

- Due diligence for acquisitions:
 - Tekstilbank by ICBC
 - Alternatifbank by Commercial Bank of Qatar
 - Kemal Kukrer by Ajinomoto

Assistant – Financial Audit

Ernst & Young — Istanbul, Turkey

Oct 2010 – Nov 2012

=Specialized in finance and insurance industries