

Turkish implements key changes in executive management structure

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Dhaka: Turkish Airlines has implemented key changes in its executive management structure. The Istanbul-based airline has appointed Professor Murat Şeker as the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee and Ahmet Olmuştur as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

The new chairman, Professor Murat Şeker, a graduate of Industrial Engineering and Economics, formerly worked as an Economist at the World Bank from 2008 to 2013 and as the Senior Vice President of the Financial Institutions and Investor Relations Department at Ziraat Bank from 2013 to 2016, before joining Turkish Airlines as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) in 2016.

As CFO at Turkish Airlines, Professor Şeker was responsible for financing, treasury operations, accounting, procurement, and investor

relations. Additionally, he has served as a member of the Board and the Executive Committee of Turkish Airlines since March 2021 and as a Board Member of Turkish Technic and SunExpress.

Professor Şeker has been a member of the Financial Advisory Council established by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) since 2024 and has served as its Chair since 2025.

In addition to his corporate roles, Professor Şeker is actively engaged in the academic field. He worked as a part-time instructor at Boğaziçi University from 2015 to 2018 and received a Professorship title in December 2025.

CEO Olmuştur's career journey began in 2000 as a part-time employee at Turkish Airlines Call Center. Later, he joined the airline's Directorate of Revenue Management as a Flight Analyst and in the following years, he held various critical positions within the same department, including Manager of Global Distribution Systems, Manager of Revenue Management and Pricing, and Senior Vice President of Revenue Management.

In 2014, Olmuştur was named the Chief Marketing and Sales Officer, and in 2024, he was promoted to the Chief Commercial Officer of Turkish Airlines.

Throughout his career, Olmuştur made significant contributions in multiple strategic areas for the carrier, including route network planning, revenue management and pricing strategies, sales and marketing operations, customer experience, and the Miles&Smiles loyalty program.

Apart from his executive roles at Turkish Airlines, Olmuştur has been serving as a Board Member and Audit Committee Member of SunExpress, a Board Member of Turkish Technic, and a member of the IATA Distribution Advisory Council.