

Hüseyin Gelis

CEO Siemens A.S., Turkey

Biography

After studying micro and macro economics at Berkeley University, Gelis graduated from the Business Administration department at the University of Phoenix Arizona. Starting his career in 1976, at the Siemens global Private Branch Exchange (PBX) Factory and R&D Center in Witten (Germany) in the field of telecommunications, Gelis served in the department of research&development, production, PBX systems, planning, logistics organization and strategic purchasing groups successively. After studying microchip production process in the US between 1987 and 1990, he worked as project director at ROLM System in Santa Clara, CA which was a Joint Venture of Siemens and IBM, between 1990 and 1993. He spent several years in market research in South America, where he was responsible for Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) contracting.

Returning to Turkey in 1993, Gelis worked as Sales and Marketing Manager of Simko's Corporate Network Department until 1996. Between 1996 and 2000, Gelis was the Marketing and Sales Executive of cell phones and pagers division at Siemens in both Germany and the US. Assigned to Siemens India as CFO and Vice President in 2000, Hüseyin Gelis was selected one of the "Top 10 CFOs" within the Fortune 500 corporations in Business Today's list of 2005. In his previous role, Gelis was appointed Vice President and CFO of Siemens Canada Ltd., finally being assigned as CEO & President of Siemens Turkey on October 1, 2007.

In 2015, Hüseyin Gelis took over the Presidency of the TÜSİAD (Turkish Industry and Business Association) Germany Network Working Group. In the same year, he attended the G20/B20 Turkey Digitalization Task Force. A member of the Advisory Council of the Turkish-German Youth Bridge (Mercator Stiftung) since 2016, Hüseyin Gelis is also a Board Member of YASED (International Investors Association) since 2017.

Receiving various awards and recognitions in more than 40 years of service in business and social activities, Gelis was rewarded the Order of Merit, the highest-ranking order given by the Federal Republic of Germany, on December 28, 2017. The Order of Merit is given by the Federal Republic of Germany since 1951 to persons who perform successful political, economic, cultural, moral, and voluntary deeds.

In addition to Turkish, he also speaks English and German. He is actively engaged in international social and cultural outreach programs. Hüseyin Gelis is a member of Darüşşafaka Society – Supreme Committee Council.

