

Jak V. Kamhi

President, Profilo Holding A.S.



Born in Istanbul in 1925. After attending Saint Michel French Lycee, Jak Kamhi took a Degree at Yıldız Technical University. He later trained in the field of Steel Construction in France.

As a leading industrialist in Turkey, he is Chairman of the Board of the Profilo Group of Companies, Member of the Board of numerous professional and political organizations including the Istanbul Chamber of Industry, the Foreign Economic Relations Board, the Organization of Metal Industrialists and the Industrialists' and Businessmen's Association of Turkey. He holds the Honorary Chairmanship of the Foundation for Economic Development of Turkey, and the Turkish – French Business Council of which he used to be chairman for many years.

Jak Kamhi has performed duties as an adviser to the Prime Minister of Turkey for Turkey-EU, and Turkey-US, relations, and acts as a Voluntary Ambassador for EU Affairs, appointed by the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Jak Kamhi is a Founding Member of the Chairman's Club of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation. He was also selected as a member of the International Council of the United States Information Agency, established by President Reagan.

Jak Kamhi is a Member of the Board of United Nations Watch (Geneva), the World President's Organization (WPO), Chief Executives Organization (CEO), World Business Council (USA), the International Committee of the Peres Center for Peace and the Foundation for Economic Development which promotes relationships between the Turkish private sector and the European Union.

He was the first and only Turkish industrialist to be selected as a member of the European Round Table (ERT), a group founded by leading figures from European Industry, and served in this capacity from 1991-2003. Jak Kamhi is Founding Chairman of the Quincentennial Foundation.

Jak Kamhi's achievements have been reflected in his many Awards. In Turkey, Mr Kamhi has been honoured with the highest award that the state can bestow on a citizen, the State Medal for Outstanding Service, by the President of Turkey (2007). Other awards include the 'High Service Award' from the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and his appointment to the rank of "Doctor Honoris Causa" by Istanbul University.

Recognition of his work internationally includes the award of the French Legion d'Honneur (at the rank of *Chevalier* in 1991, promoted to *Officier* in 2006). and the rank of Commander in the National Order of Merit by decree of the President of the Republic of France, and the Commander of the Order of the Spanish Civil Merit from the King of Spain. The Federation of American – Turkish Associations awarded him the Medal of Honor and he has received the Commercial Leadership Award from the American – Turkish Friendship Council. The Israeli Minister for Industry, Trade & Labor has awarded Mr. Kamhi a special award for his contribution in strengthening bonds between Israel and Turkey.

Foundations that Jak Kamhi heads are active in the field of social services, including the Profilo Anatolian Technical Lycee and many other schools.

Married with 3 sons, Jak Kamhi speaks English, French and Spanish.