

Prof. Dr. MURAT YALÇINTAŞ

Professor Dr. Murat Yalçintaş is a prominent figure in both the business world and civil society where he has been actively involved for many years, and is recognized for his dual roles as an academic and businessman. In addition to his roles as President of the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce, Vice President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey, and President of the Mediterranean Union of Chambers, Dr. Yalçintaş has held various positions in many institutions and organizations throughout his life. As of July 18, 2025, he has assumed the roles of General Manager and Member of the Board of Directors at Ordu Yardımlaşma Kurumu (OYAK). From 2021 to 2024, Dr. Yalçintaş also served as the General Manager of BMC, a position from which he resigned on January 5, 2024. In addition to his businessman identity, he also served as the Director of the Foreign Trade Institute at Istanbul Ticaret University as a faculty member and gave lectures on innovation, strategy and management at various universities. Dr. Yalçintaş, who is the author of four books, “Dünden Yarına Bugünün Sözleri” (Today’s Words from Yesterday to Tomorrow), “Bende Kalmasın” (Let Me Not Keep It), “Zor Zamanda Geleceği Kurmak” (Building the Future in Difficult Times) and “Stratejik Yönetim ve KOBİ’ler” (Strategic Management and SMEs), has published numerous articles in national and international peer-reviewed journals and scientific books. Dr. Yalçintaş, who possesses a multifaceted perspective thanks to his experience in business, academia, and as president of professional organizations, has conducted work on topics such as the functioning of international institutions, civil society organizations, sustainable development, competitive advantage, entrepreneurship, family businesses, SMEs, crisis management, innovation, and leadership throughout his career. Dr. Yalçintaş been honored with numerous awards, including The King Leopold II High Merit Medal (Belgium, 2012), Legion d`Honneur (France, 2010), The Order of Merit Commendatore (Italy, 2010), Honorary Professorship from the Kyrgyz Presidential Academy (Kyrgyzstan, 2009), The Istanbul Exporters’ Association Export Service Honor Award (2008), The Istanbul Governor’s Office Honor Award (2008), The Social Responsibility Award from Platin Ekonomi Magazine (2006). After graduating from St. Joseph French High School, Dr. Yalçintaş graduated from Boğaziçi University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Dr. Yalçintaş, who earned his master's degree in business administration from a joint program of Boston University and VUB, and his Ph.D. from Faculty of Business Administration at Istanbul University, also speaks English and French fluently. Embracing sports as a way of life, Dr. Yalçintaş is a licensed athlete in multiple disciplines, including mountaineering (Kilimanjaro summit, Everest base camp, Mount Ararat summit), triathlon (Ironman 70.3), athletics (marathon and ultramarathon), equestrian endurance riding, and swimming (open water), and he has participated in many national and international competitions in these fields.