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Dr. Yener is a practitioner-academic who specializes in corporate finance, investments, financial sector and corporate governance development.

He joined Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School as practitioner faculty in finance in March 2013. He was the Academic Program Director of the Master of Science in Finance program at JHU Carey Business School during 2013-2022.

Prior to joining JHU Carey Business School he served for 20 years as program director in international financial sector development at the USAID and the World Bank. His development work mainly focused on the Middles East, Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regions during 1992-2012.

Dr. Yener was professor of Finance prior to his career move to the World Bank, and he taught at Suffolk University and Babson College in Boston from 1980 through the mid-1990s.

During his two-decade long economic development career (Jan 1992- Dec 2012), he led various international economic development programs as Director of Finance in over a dozen countries in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union as well as the Middle East regions at the World Bank (1992-2000) and USAID (2000-2012). These countries included Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, Central Asian countries, including Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Mongolia, other Eastern European countries and the Balkans, the Middle East (West Bank, Egypt, Jordan), Francophone Africa (Senegal, Cote d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Gabon), and East Asia region (China, Cambodia, South Korea and Thailand).

As part of his responsibilities during his economic development career, he directed diverse teams of experts in project management, designed and developed technical advisory programs and projects in private and financial sector and capital markets development, corporate governance, entrepreneurship and executive training and capacity development under various projects funded by international donor countries. These programs emphasized institution building, executive and directors' training and capacity development programs, leading to banking and financial sector development.

In conjunction with his duties, Dr. Yener launched sustainable training and research institutions for graduate and executive programs and professional studies in corporate governance, banking, business and finance professionals training in a number of

countries as part of the efforts to help build professional management capacity in private and financial sector.

Dr. Yener pursued an academic career as finance faculty during the period 1973-1995 and held assistant, associate and professorship positions in Finance at Suffolk University (Boston) and Babson College (Wellesley, Mass) respectively. He taught courses in corporate finance, investments, portfolio management, corporate governance, financial institutions, international finance and international business.

He also held visiting positions at Harvard University, Bocconi University, American University of Paris, University of Utrecht, Netherlands. He guest lectured at the University of Cairo, Faculty of Economics, Moscow State University and Institute of Finance and Economics in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

At JHU Carey Business School, he teaches courses in corporate finance, investments, financial institutions and corporate governance, which he designed and developed. He has served as the Faculty Academic Program Director for the MS in Finance program. He was instrumental in the development of the STEM MSF Program.

His research interests are in emerging financial markets, private sector development, restructuring and corporate governance. He has numerous academic and research papers, assessments and policy papers on financial sector, capital markets development, private sector development and implementation of good corporate governance.

He is actively engaged in consulting services for private sector firms and international donor organizations throughout his academic career. His consulting activities include business valuation, corporate finance, business development, corporate governance, impact investing, Employee ownership (ESOPs) development, and training.

Dr. Yener is the co-founder of Ownership Associates of Cambridge, MA (1985) which specializes in corporate governance and Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs).

He holds degrees in BSBA (Accounting) (1970); MBA (1973) (Finance and International Business); PhD (1978) (Corporate Finance and Corporate Governance), from Gazi University, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Ankara, Turkey and Syracuse University, Whitman School of Management, respectively. He is Citizen of the United States of America, married with children and grandchildren.

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