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Mehmet Ögütçü is as an internationally recognized authority on energy, infrastructure investment, finance and geopolitics over the past 30 years, having worked as an advisor to the Prime Minister, Turkish diplomat, senior IEA and OECD executive and businessman/investor. He has built a significant knowledge and track-record of achievements, with a particular geographic focus on Europe, Central Asia, Russia, the Middle East and China.

Ögütçü provides high-level strategic counsel to a number of multinational corporations and investment houses on business growth and long-term strategy execution, stakeholder engagement in emerging market economies, private equity investments, and fund-raising for energy/infrastructure projects. He also works with governments in Eurasia and MENA regions on energy and investment policy matters.

Currently, he chairs Global Resources Partnership, a strategic investment and political advisory group in the UK, and sits on the boards of Genel Energy plc and Yasar Group (Pinar Su, Viking and Dyo) as independent non-executive director. Ögütçü has recently assumed the honorary position of the "Special Envoy" for the Energy Charter Secretariat in Brussels to help advance the Charter's strategic objectives around the world. He also leads the Bosphorus Energy Club, an exclusive platform bringing together the region's key energy elites in business, finance and government.

Until recently, Ögütçü was director for BG Group's international government and corporate affairs (2005-2011) in London covering 28 countries across the world, with a particular focus on China, MENA and Central Asia. He served for eleven years (1994-2005) as a senior executive at the International Energy Agency, known as the world's "energy security watchdog", and the OECD, dubbed as the "rich man's Club", in Paris, managing comprehensive energy security for Asia-Pacific and Latin America, and international investment programs for South East Europe, Russia, Central Asia, Asia, MENA and Africa.

Previously, Ögütçü was assigned as a diplomat by the Turkish Foreign Ministry (1986-1994) in Ankara, China, Belgium and France after having served as an advisor to Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal in Ankara, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Brussels and on the inspection board of Türkiye İş Bankası in Istanbul.

He is a graduate of Ankara University, The Faculty of Political Science (Mülkiye), London School of Economics and Political Sciences (MSc), and College d'Europe (MA), Bruges, and lectures at LSE, University of Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and University of Dundee.

Ögütçü writes and lectures extensively on energy, investment and geopolitical matters. He speaks Turkish, English, French and Chinese, and understands several Central Asian dialects.

