

MUHTAR KENT - Former Chairman of the Board, The Coca-Cola Company



Muhtar Kent served as Chair of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of The Coca-Cola Company.

Following his appointment as President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) in 2006, he was promoted to President and CEO in 2008. He served as Chair of the Board of Directors, which he took over in 2009, and served as Chair and CEO until April 2017. He retired from his position as Chair of the Board of Directors on April 30, 2019.

Muhtar Kent first joined The Coca-Cola Company in Atlanta in 1978 and held various leadership positions in marketing and operations throughout his career. In 1985, he was appointed General Manager of Coca-Cola Türkiye and Central Asia. Kent, was the president of the company's East-Central Europe Department since 1989 and also the Senior Vice President of Coca-Cola International, was in charge of the company's operations in 23 countries in this role.

In 1995, Muhtar Kent was appointed general manager of Coca-Cola Amatil-Europe, which carries out Coca-Cola's bottling operations in 12 countries. In 1999, he served as President and CEO of Efes Beverage Group, which carries out Coca-Cola and beer operations in Southeastern Europe, Türkiye and Central Asia.

Returning to The Coca-Cola Company in 2005, Kent served as President and Chief Operating Officer of the company's North Asia, Eurasia and Middle East Group, responsible for a wide and diverse region including China, Japan and Russia. Less than a year later, he became President of Coca-Cola International and became responsible for all operations of the company outside North America.

Kent, who has a bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Hull, England, completed his master's degree in Administrative Sciences at City University London Cass Business School. An active member of the global business community, Muhtar Kent is a former World Economic Forum International Business Council President and Presidential Society Member, Concordia Leadership Council and Foreign Relations Council Member, and Chair Emeritus of the U.S ASEAN Business Council. He is a member on the boards of 3M, Special Olympics International Movement, Catalyst, Cambridge China Development Trust, and Emory University.