

ELÇİN MELİSA SABANCI TAPAN



CURRENT

SABANCI UNIVERSITY Member of the Board of Trustees

MAR 2024

SABANCI HOLDING Board Member

MAR 2023

VISTA TOURISM & TRAVEL Board Member

MAR 2022

GATE 27 Founder

SEP 2019

Founder of international artist residency program:

- Established mission, vision, and strategy
- Secured funding and facilities, providing a platform for new and interdisciplinary collaborations in 2 locations
- Oversee all operations, including creation of public programs, events, and initiatives among local and international artists, academics, and cultural actors
- Encourage residents to partake in discourses around ecology, sustainability, and accessibility

AFFILIATIONS

TATE International Committee

OCT 2021 - ONGOING

Develop vision via cultural exchange and global outreach initiatives with patrons and collectors

LEGADO

NOV 2021 - MAY 2023

Participate in young leaders platform networking with globally renowned leaders

TUSIAD

MAR 2023 - ONGOING

Turkish Industry and Business Association

YPO

APR 2024 - ONGOING

Young Presidents Organization

SYNERGOS

JUN 2024 - ONGOING

EDUCATION

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, School of International and Public Affairs, New York NY

MAY 2020

Master of International Affairs, Economic and Political Development

Relevant coursework: Programming for Entrepreneurship; Creating a Social Enterprise; Launch Your Start-up; Accounting; Strategic & Entrepreneurial Management

RICHMOND UNIVERSITY, London, UK

MAY 2016

Bachelor of Arts, International Business

Minor: Psychology

SABANCI EXPERIENCES

SABANCI HOLDING, Istanbul, Turkey

AUG. 2016 - JULY 2017

Rotation Program

- Observed and analysed Sabancı Holding companies in rotation: Sabancı Holding, Avivasa, Aksigorta, Carrefoursa, Teknosa, Akçansa, Çimsa, Brisa, Kordsa, Temsa Otobüs, Temsa İş Mak. & Temsa Oto, Temsa Otomotiv, Enerjisa, Bimsa, Sabancı Üniversitesi, Akbank
- Observed and built knowledge of departments in above Sabancı Holding companies: Human Resources, Strategic Business Units, Purchasing Departments, Sales, Corporate Communications, Planning and Reporting, Finance, Strategy

SABANCI FOUNDATION, Istanbul, Turkey

MAY - JUNE 2014

Internship

- Contributed to decision making process in awarding grants; assisted and reported in meetings
- Updated statistical data of youth, disability and gender inequalities in Türkiye
- Wrote synopsis of '360 Communication with the Disabled' by Mehmet Kızıldağ

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES

MARSHALL WACE, London, UK

NOV 2020 - MAY 2021

Management Trainee, Istanbul Research Office

- Grew knowledge of portfolio construction by overseeing global opportunities
- Analysed wide range of companies
- Participated in all analyst calls and discussed them weekly with fund manager

INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY (IEA), Paris, France

JUL - AUG 2019

OLC Legal Analyst

- Conducted research on global energy investment trends in relation to expected energy demand and sustainability targets
- Analysed overlapping activities of OECD, IEA and ECT
- Presented recommendations to leverage potential synergies among OECD, IEA and ECT
- Produced approximately 50-page report

BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP, Istanbul, Turkey

APR - JUNE 2018

Consulting Internship

- Contributed to idea generation and market research to increase efficiency for a major automotive firm
- Facilitated internal meetings and performed organizational tasks

PWC, Audit and assurance, tax and consulting services, Istanbul, Turkey

OCT 2017 - FEB 2018

Analyst Internship

- Reviewed business enterprise valuations and conducted financial reporting
- Designed financial models for companies using Excel
- Revised project in sports industry and collaborated in administrative functions

ABRAAJ GROUP, Private equity firm, Istanbul, Turkey & Dubai, UAE

OCT 2017 - FEB 2018

Analyst Internship

- Assisted with financial analysis and preparation of pitch documentation and company valuations
- Prepared and presented investment memorandums while screening key factors of investment potential
- Researched potential target markets and sector trends

PROVERSTY, eLearning platform, London, UK

MAY - JULY 2015

Internship

- Investigated and connected potential business partners between British and Turkish markets

ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP

- Global Shaper, globalshapers.org, İstanbul, Türkiye 2018 – ONGOING
- MBC Hope winning team at Innovate for Peace student hackathon OCT 2019
- Citi Bank Next Generation Program, London, UK JUNE 2016

TRAINING

- Transforming Family Businesses (2023), Sabancı Üniversitesi (EDU)
- Circular Economy and Sustainability Strategies (2022), Judge Business School University of Cambridge
- Leading with Finance course (2021), Harvard Business School (HBS)
- UBS Financial Modelling Program (April 2021); UBS Family Office Program (2021); UBS Next Generation Academy (2021); UBS Investment Analysis Program (2021)
- Climate Change and Environmental Politics (2021), audited course at Sabancı Üniversitesi
- Media Training (2 week course), Dialog (2021)
- Belentepe Permaculture Program (2021)
- Completed 3 Financial CEF Certificates: Fundamentals of Finance, Oct. 2017; Capital Budgeting, Corporate Finance, Feb. 2018; İstanbul, Türkiye
- University College London (UCL), neuroscience certificate course, London, UK, Sept. 2017
- Executive Education and Wealth Management Program, The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, Aug. 2015

SKILLS

- Languages: Turkish (Native), English (Advanced), French (Beginner)
- Computer: Proficient in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Prezi, Windows, Mac
- Public speaking: experienced family spokesperson and event speaker; media interviewee on Gate 27-related topics
- Communication: effective writer and persuasive speaker
- Cultural literacy: multicultural background & international education (4 countries)
- Flexibility & adaptability: extensive travel experience & ability to thrive in diverse locations

INTERESTS

- SUSTAINABILITY
- FINANCE
- INVESTMENT
- ARTS