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Following his graduation from the Izmir Science High School in 1989, Mr. Budak received his BA degree in Business Administration from the Bosphorus University in 1993. In 1996, he received his MSc degree in Money, Banking & Finance from the University of Birmingham in the UK.

Between 1993 and 2001, Mr. Budak held various positions at the Research, Asset Management, International Business Development and Corporate Finance departments at Demir Investment, a prominent investment bank in Turkey. During his term, he produced research reports on the economy, several industries and companies; managed equity mutual funds; established brokerage firms in Romania and Bulgaria and took part in several IPO and M&A projects.

During 2001-2015, he served as the Assistant Secretary General at the Turkish Capital Markets Association (TCMA), a self-regulatory organization, where he was in charge of the Research & Statistics, International Relations, Public Relations and Information Technology departments.

At the International Council of Securities Associations (ICSA), he served as the Advisory Committee Member between 2009 and 2013. Between 2010 and 2013, he also chaired ICSA's Emerging Markets Committee. Mr. Budak was the Chairman of the Affiliate Members' Committee of the Federation of Euro-Asian Stock Exchanges (FEAS) between 2012 and 2014. In 2010, he became one of the Founding Advisory Committee Members of International Forum for Investor Education's Asia Chapter (IFIE/Asia) to serve until 2014. During 2013-2014, he was elected as the Chairman of IFIE/Asia. Mr. Budak continues to be a Board Member of the Association of Business Persons from Bosphorus University (BRM) since 2010. He is among the Founding Board Members of the Financial Planning Association of Turkey (FPD) and continues to serve as FPD's Vice Chairman since December 2014. Mr. Budak has been serving as the Advisory Committee Member of the International Forum for Investor Education (IFIE) since 2010. He was elected as the Vice Chairman of IFIE in May 2015 and represents FPD at IFIE.

Alparslan Budak is currently the Executive Vice President of Ekspres Invest, a full service investment bank in Turkey. He is in charge of the Research, Corporate Finance, Investment Advisory, Accounting and Operations departments.