

# **Metin Durmaz**

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**Metin Durmaz** (born June 16, 1978) is a Turkish entrepreneur, architect, and physics engineer.[1] He is the Founder and President of Sagist Group.

## Early life and education

Durmaz was born to Halil Durmaz and Hatice Durmaz. He graduated in Architecture and Physics from Sichuan University, Chengdu Sichuan, in 2001.[2] He also studied in China with the TUBITAK student exchange program during this time.[3] He trained under Zaha Hadid, a British-Iraqi architect designer, for 6 years.[1]

#### Career

Durmaz began his career as a home furniture producer[4] and later became an Assistant General Manager at Hongkong Investment Company.[1][5]

He became the Founder and CEO of the family company Sagist Group, a global manufacturer of custom-made luxury furniture that works with different businesses on a project basis and creates investment opportunities for investors in its field. His company has invested in Istanbul, California, London, Sofia, Dubai, Moscow, Vienna, and Abuja.[6][7] Under his leadership, he turned the company into an international one that has worked on 126 5-star hotels, 1650 ultra-luxury villas, and several schools and hospitals in 47 countries. He also managed the company's investments of several foreign customers in different parts of the world.[8] Apart from Sagist Group, Durmaz is a Manager in several other companies.

In early 2022, Durmaz made a 5 million dollar agreement to produce furniture with Glee Hotel, the only 7-star hotel in Africa.[9] He also carried out a 60-million-euro project in Bulgaria following the launch of Sagist Mega international. The project will work on opening 400 luxury villas in Bulgaria and will be open to investors, particularly from Africa.[10] Additionally, he has bought 140 thousand square meters of land in Şile, Turkey, to build 40 villas.[11][12]

# Philanthropy

In April 2022, Durmaz announced an education scholarship for 100 Female University Students in Africa, including Nigeria, South Africa, Ghana, and Kenya. The architecture graduates among these female students will be chosen for an internship for three years to be personally trained by Durmaz, subjecting them to an intensive training program.[13]

### **Awards**

- Businessman of The Year at The Golden Crow Awards, 2022[14][15]
- Europe Best Custom-Made Factory Award, 2022
- Europe Best Contract Furniture Manufacturer Award, 2021
- International Arch of Europe Award, 2020
- Best Contract Furniture Factory Five Star Diamond Award, 2019
- The American Academy of Hospitality Sciences, 2018[2][16]

### Personal life



Durmaz is married to Guluzar Durmaz and has a son.[1] He is fluent in English, Chinese, and Turkish and currently lives in Istanbul.

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