

## **ÜNLÜ & Co Leaves its Mark on EMEA Finance with Corporate Social Responsibility: Awarded in Four Categories**

**ÜNLÜ & Co, Turkey's leading investment services and asset management group, was honored with the Corporate Social Responsibility Award in Europe at the 2022 Europe Banking Awards organized by EMEA Finance, a prominent finance magazine serving the European, Middle Eastern, and African markets. Furthermore, ÜNLÜ & Co received accolades in Best Investment Bank, Best M&A House, and Best Debt House categories.**

**Commenting on this remarkable achievement, Mahmut L. Ünlü, the Chairman and CEO of ÜNLÜ & Co, stated, "We strive to create a positive impact by promoting sustainable development and social prosperity. We firmly believe that the active involvement of women in the workforce and our support for entrepreneurship play crucial roles in both economic growth and social development. It is a source of great pride for us to be recognized for the first time in Europe for our outstanding achievements in Corporate Social Responsibility. We remain committed to our ongoing efforts to contribute towards a prosperous and sustainable future for our nation's economy."**

The 2022 Europe Banking Awards, organized by EMEA Finance, celebrated the top banks and financial institutions in the Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) regions. ÜNLÜ & Co, Turkey's leading investment services and asset management group, was honored with the Corporate Social Responsibility Award in Europe, also crowning its achievement with accolades in Best Investment Bank, Best M&A House, and Best Debt House categories in Turkey.

**'We focused on 3 main areas as part of our corporate social responsibility projects'**

Making a statement about the award, ÜNLÜ & Co Chairman and CEO Mahmut L. Ünlü said, "Since its inception, ÜNLÜ & Co has always attached great importance to giving back to the

society. We concentrated our corporate social responsibility efforts on three primary branches, namely entrepreneurship, education, and empowering women in the business sphere. We collaborated with esteemed institutions and stakeholders to achieve our goals. We are proud to be recognized for the first time in Europe for our outstanding achievements in Corporate Social Responsibility, which is among our core values. We strive to create a positive impact by promoting sustainable development and social prosperity. We firmly believe that the active involvement of women in the workforce and our support for entrepreneurship play crucial roles in both economic growth and social development. As part of our commitment, we provided training and support to 100 women entrepreneurs over a span of five years through the ÜNLÜ & Co Women Entrepreneurs Academy, which we established in 2016 with the invaluable support of the Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation and Endeavor Turkey with the goal of inspiring and guiding them on their entrepreneurial journey. Our dedication to this cause remains unwavering. In early 2023, we introduced the ÜNLÜ & Co Women Technology Entrepreneurs Academy in collaboration with the Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation (GİRVAK). This initiative arose from the need to address the underrepresentation of women in the software field and the entrepreneurship ecosystem. Through comprehensive training programs, we support the participants in their 13-month journey, equipping them with software and technology skills, while also providing them with guidance in all the essential aspects required to transform their ideas into successful ventures. We hold a strong belief that this project will bring about a meaningful impact, introducing successful, profitable, and innovative initiatives to the ecosystem.”

**‘We will continue to strive towards to a sustainable future’**

Mahmut L. Ünlü remarked, "In addition to our inaugural European Corporate Social Responsibility award at the Europe Banking Awards, we have been honored with awards in the 'Best M&A House' category for the third consecutive year, and the 'Best Investment Bank' category for the second consecutive year. Furthermore, this year, we are proud recipients of the 'Best Debt House' award. These accolades further motivate us and embolden our resolve. Together, we remain committed to our ongoing efforts to contribute towards a more prosperous and sustainable future for our nation's economy. On behalf of our Board of Directors and myself, I express heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated employees, esteemed

customers, and all our valued business partners who have contributed to our achievements. Your support and collaboration have been invaluable.”

### **About ÜNLÜ & Co**

*Established in 1996, ÜNLÜ & Co Group has become Turkey’s leading merger and acquisition advisory firm with the 128 successful transactions it has advised on since 1998. The Company also ranks first in terms deals above USD 30 mn, with total number of concluded transactions, total number of cross-border transactions, and total number of private fund transactions since 2010. (Source: Mergermarket)*

*ÜNLÜ & Co Group ranks second among all financial institutions with a 22% market share (excluding privatizations) in capital market transactions through 2010-2022, involving initial public offerings, secondary public offerings, and accelerated book building; 32 transactions; and an aggregate transaction value of USD 3 billion. (Source: Bloomberg)*

*ÜNLÜ & Co Group has generated an aggregate volume in excess of TL 2.2 billion through 31 debt instrument issuances since 2013. (Source: Borsa İstanbul)*

*As one of Turkey’s leading non-performing loan management companies, İstanbul Varlık has TL 368 million in aggregate investments, and a portfolio with capital value of TL 4.2 billion.*

*ÜNLÜ & Co also offers personalized investment advisory services to qualified retail and institutional investors through DAHA Investment Advisory, which operates within its premises. Assets managed in the framework of DAHA operations amount to TL 13.7 billion as of March 2023. In the realm of Asset Management services, ÜNLÜ & Co is active with Fund and Portfolio Management, ÜNLÜ Alternative Assets, and Non-Performing Loan Management, with an employee headcount in excess of 280. Assets managed under Asset Management group amount to around TL 7.1 billion.*

*Headquartered in Istanbul and having a total employee count close to 500, ÜNLÜ & Co also has offices in İstanbul - Bağdat Street, Ankara, İzmir and Antalya along with subsidiaries in New York and London.*

### **Our Major Awards**

- **Euromoney**
  - Market Leaders 2022- Investment Banking-Turkey
  - Awards for Excellence 2016 / 2019 – Best Investment Bank-Turkey
  - Awards for Excellence 2015 - Best Merger & Acquisition House of the Year
- **EMEA Finance**
  - Europe Banking Awards 2022- “Europe-Corporate Social Responsibility, “Best M&A House-Turkey”, “Best Investment Bank-in Turkey”, “Best Debt House-Turkey”
  - Achievement Awards 2022- Best M&A House-CEE
  - Europe Banking Awards 2021 – “Best M&A House-Turkey”, “Best Investment Bank-in Turkey”, “CEE/ CIS-Financial Inclusion”

- *Europe Banking Awards 2020 – “Best M&A House-Turkey”*
- *Mergermarket*
  - *Turkey M&A Financial Adviser of the Year*
- *BV Awards*
  - *2022, 2021, 2020 – “Best Investment Research Team-Turkey*
- *12th & 13th M&A Atlas Awards- Global M&A Deal of the Year & Emerging Markets- Investment Bank of the Year*
- *TSPB Capital Markets Awards*
  - *Leader of Mergers and Acquisitions -2020*
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  - *Social Impact Project (ÜNLÜ & Co Women Entrepreneurs Academy)-2019*
- *Golden Leader Awards 2022- Turkey’s Most Admired 50 CEO’s/ 50 CHRO’s*
- *“Most Admired Brokerage Firm-2021”- Capital Magazine 21th “Most Admired Companies in Business World” Research*
- *Globee Business Awards 2022- Best Use of YouTube/ ÜNLÜ The Club- Gold Globee Award*
- *Stevie Awards for Great Employers 2021- Achievement in Learning Technology Implementation- Silver Stevie Award*
- *Bonds & Loans Turkey Awards- Local Currency Bond Deal of the Year*
- *ARC Awards 2021- Interior Design, Gold Prize / Traditional Annual Report, Silver Prize/ Chairman’s/ President’s Letter, Silver Prize*
- *ACQ5 Global Awards 2020 -Turkey- Investment Bank of the Year*
- *Bonds & Loans 2020 - Project Finance Deal of the Year Nominee - Unifree Duty Free A.Ş. Third Airport Project / Structured Bond Deal of the Year Runner-Up - ÜNLÜ Menkul Hasat Asset Finance Fund / Tarfin Tarım A.Ş.*
- *Sardis Awards- Positive Social Impact – Social Gender Equality / ÜNLÜ & Co Women Entrepreneurs Academy / Silver Sardis*

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