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Background

- ▶ Ekin is a Certified Fraud Examiner and Manager in the Forensic & Integrity Services practice.
- ▶ Ekin has over ten years of forensic experience. Her professional experience covers fraud investigations, compliance assessments and quantification of damages in contentious processes.
- ▶ Ekin has graduated with distinction from Bilkent University, holding a bachelor degree in Business Administration.
- ▶ Ekin was a lecturer of the MSc Forensic Accounting class of Bilgi University in Turkey.

Skills

- ▶ Ekin's diversified industry experience spans sports clubs, electronics, retail, media & entertainment, life sciences, construction, energy, automotive and NGOs.
- ▶ Whilst she is based in London, she has worked for the EY's Istanbul office for nine years, working extensively across the Middle East, Western Europe, Azerbaijan and USA.

Professional experience

- ▶ Advised the claimant in a loss of profit claim following the disruption of its business in the Middle East. This involved analysing the past performance of the business to form a view on its level of recurring variable profit.
- ▶ Acted for the respondent in a warranty claim brought by the purchasers of a sports equipment company - quantified the impact of the alleged breach of warranty on the value of the facility.
- ▶ Advised the respondent in a loss of opportunity claim following the seizure of an aircraft by a Middle Eastern government.
- ▶ Acted on behalf of the Claimant in an ICC arbitration related to disputed amounts payable under a manufacturing contract.
- ▶ Provided pre-claim advice to a Europe based family in connection with a shareholder dispute.
- ▶ Investigated the five biggest sports clubs of the Turkish Football League for the potential misconduct of BOD members and the key management. The investigations revealed misrepresentation of financial reports, hidden commissions paid to third parties, manipulation of transactions to demonstrate compliance with regulations and conflicted transactions with affiliates.
- ▶ Investigated the operations of a major US cosmetics company for breaking sanctions on Iran.
- ▶ Managed an investigation focusing on the potential fraudulent activities conducted by the project management team of the company. The project revealed fictitious procurement contracts and excessive payments to affiliated suppliers.
- ▶ Managed an investigation for the collusion between key executives of the client's Turkey management and its dealers. The investigation revealed a fraud and conflicts of interests between key account executives and dealers via providing the dealers with price advantages and excesses bonuses.
- ▶ Investigated the allegations of misconduct and fraudulent practices against previous board members of a Chamber of Commerce. The investigation revealed excessive payments to affiliated suppliers, fictitious tender procedures and procurement contracts, and misappropriation of inventory.
- ▶ Investigated the allegations against one of the top five banks in the EU raised by the Turkish Competition Board for violating the Protection of Competition regulations i.e sharing sensitive commercial information with other banks and acting in concert.
- ▶ Investigated a major telecommunication company's operations in Azerbaijan. The engagement included analyses of procurement transactions and payments made to third parties, illicit sales and conflicted transactions with third parties.