



Yerkin Tatishev

Yerkin Tatishev is Founder and Chairman and the strategic visionary behind the Kusto Group holding, where he currently sits on the boards of Kusto Oil and Gas; Kusto Vietnam; and Tambour. He is also a Member of the Board of Trustees of Almaty Management University (since 2013).

At the end of the 1990s, Yerkin embarked on a series of successful management projects aimed at turning around state mining assets in the former Soviet Union, starting in his native country of Kazakhstan (as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Kostanay Minerals and Orenburg Minerals JSC). In 2002, Yerkin launched Kusto, a new entity with a long-term vision of investment diversification, synergies and growth, expanding into real estate, construction, and building materials. In 2004-2009, Yerkin took leadership positions in banking in Kazakhstan and Turkey (Bank TuranAlem, Sekerbank T.A.S), and further expanded the growth horizon of Kusto with investments into agri-business and oil and gas. In 2013, Yerkin moved the company headquarters from Almaty to Singapore and took on the formal position of Group Chairman, while Kusto's expansion continued with acquisition of Tambour (Israel's leading paint and construction materials company) in 2014.

Yerkin has graduated from Moscow State University of Economics, Statistics and Information Science with specialization in Finances and Credit, and from Kazakh State Law Academy with the degree in Law. He is the recipient of the "Yeren Yenbek Ushin" medal for the contribution to the science development of Kazakhstan (2001), and the Honor Order - the Civilian Top National Reward of the Republic of Georgia (2006), for the successful capital investment projects and substantial contribution, being the first foreigner to receive this award. Always being fond of sport, he is currently concentrating on studying of kendo, boxing, alpine skiing, practice of fictile craft, and has the helicopter navigation license.