

Georgios Taniskidis

Having 30 years of experience in the Banking Sector, Mr. George Taniskidis holds the position of Optima bank's Chairman.

He commenced his career as an associate attorney with the law firm of Rogers & Wells in New York. Upon his return to Greece, he joined Motor Oil Hellas.

His banking career commenced in 1990, in Xiosbank, as Head of the Consumer Business Group and Branch Network. Upon Xiosbank's acquisition by Piraeus Bank, Mr. Taniskidis was appointed General Manager and served on the Strategic Planning Committee.

From 2002 until June 2010, as Chairman and Managing Director of Millennium Bank Greece, Mr. Taniskidis led the Bank from concept to fruition. It has to be stated that Millennium Bank achieved its goals much earlier than expected.

In the same period he led the acquisition of a banking institution in Turkey which was then renamed to Millennium Bank Turkey. He subsequently served as Member of its Board of Directors.

From 2003 to 2005, he was a Member of the Board of Directors of Visa International Europe.

For many years he has served as Member of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Banks Association.

He played a pivotal role in the acquisition of Marfin Bank Romania (currently VISTA BANK). He also envisaged the opportunity to create a bank without legacies in Greece. He pursued this goal fervently and finally he acquired Investment Bank of Greece (currently Optima bank).

Mr. Taniskidis holds a Law degree from the University of Athens Law School, having graduated first in his class and a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.