



TURKOFAMERICA has published the most influential Turks under 40 in the USA in their latest special edition. The magazine, which was established in 2002 by two young Turkish entrepreneurs, ranked the most influential Turks from every area, ranging from Silicon Valley to the New York financial world, sport, and the arts and film industry, as the top '40 under 40'. Hafize Gaye Erkan, Senior Vice President, Chief Investment Officer and Co-chief Risk Officer of the First Republic Bank, was ranked in first place. She joined the bank in 2014 and has overseen its banking activities in the Boston and Portland regions. Tech world has some Turkish genius of computer engineering. Egemen Taş's products are used by millions computer users around the world. He is the Senior Vice President of one of the biggest internet security firms in America. Barış Gültekin, the engineer who developed Google Now. Serdar Bulut is managing BigCompute initiatives in Facebook's infrastructure engineering division.

Among the other noted individuals were award winning visual effects supervisor Olçun Tan, who has worked on 66 different Hollywood movies including 'Revenant' (2015) and also contributed to the popular TV-show 'Game of Thrones' and other productions such as 'Shark Tale', 'Kung Fu Panda' and 'Black Hawk Down'. Producer and editor Ahmet Atalay also made the list, known for his trailers for films such as 'Pirates of the Caribbean', 'Iron Man', 'Transformers', and gaming series 'Assassins Creed' and 'Black Ops'. Solita Marcelli manages \$160 billion in client assets. Melis Kahya, Vice President, General Atlantic Private Investment Firm which has several offices around the world with \$20 billion in capital under management. Pinar Kip is a Senior Vice President at State Street, the second oldest financial institution in the United States. Derya Taşkın is the first Turkish-American who has achieved a post as Deputy Mayor. And we have many more. Once again we proud to announce that the list consists all color of Anatolia.

The title page of the special edition carries a picture of the owner of the largest all year long Christmas gift stores 'It's Always Christmas', Neslihan Hıdırlıgil. Founder and CEO of N&F Global Corp, Hıdırlıgil has the craziest business idea that of selling Christmas gifts all year long at huge retail locations. Neslihan created a business vehicle to run multiple stores from New York to San Francisco.