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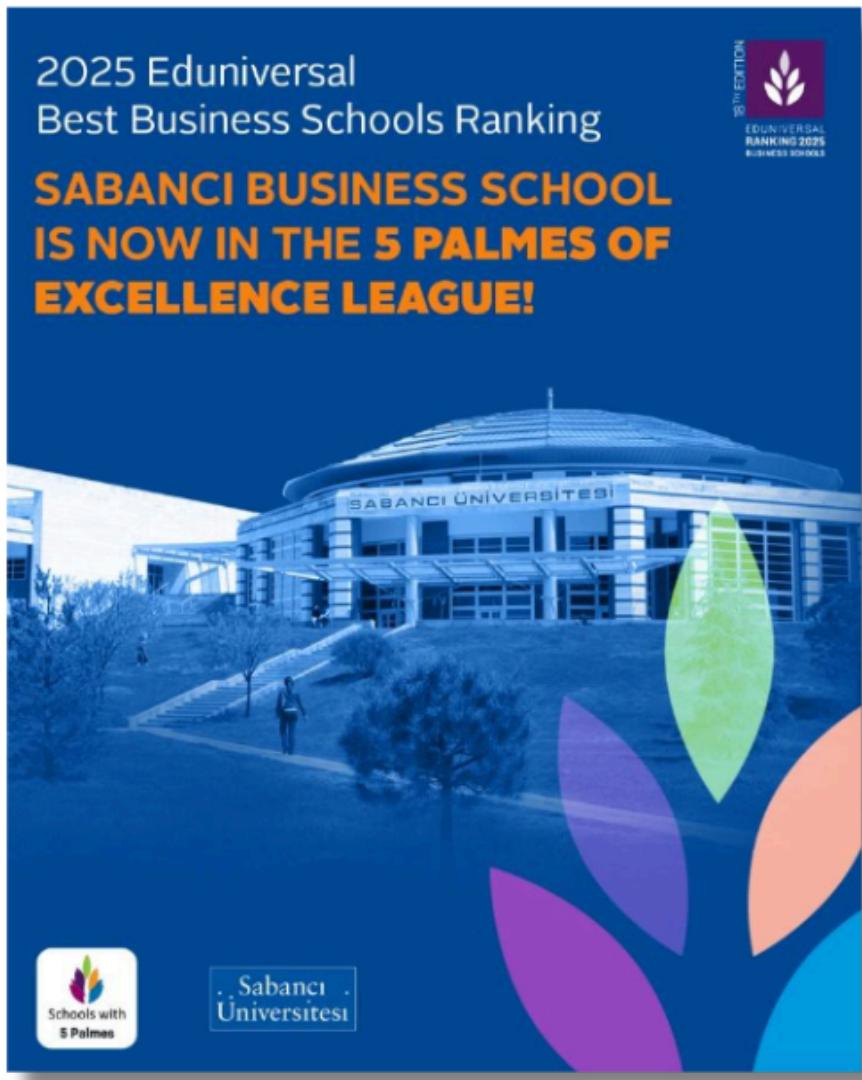
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Hosting Sustainability Leaders
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5 Palmes to Sabancı Business School, Global Influence!



Sabancı Business School is now in the **5 Palmes of Excellence** category, the highest category, in the 2025 Best Business Schools Rankings announced by Eduniversal, one of the most prestigious global business ranking organizations.

FT European Business School Rankings: Sabancı Business School Remains at the Top in Türkiye



EUROPEAN BUSINESS SCHOOLS 2025 RANKING

Sabancı Business School has been **ranked 53rd among Europe's top 100 business schools in the 2025 Financial Times European Business School Rankings**, making it the highest-ranked school from Türkiye.

The FT rankings are internationally recognized for their **comprehensive evaluation of MBA, MiM, EMBA and executive education programs**, highlighting excellence in business education.

FT 2025 Executive MBA Success: Sabancı Business School Ranks 48th Worldwide



EMBA 2025 RANKING

FT Financial Times 2025 Executive MBA Rankings placed Sabancı University 48th worldwide, **making Sabancı Business School the only school from Türkiye in the top 50**.

Sabancı Business School's EMBA program **made a remarkable leap from 81st place in 2023 to 48th place this year, an impressive 33**, place climb that highlights the program's growing strength and visibility on the international stage.

Sabancı Business School Earns Its Second International Accreditation



The Association of MBAs (AMBA), one of the world's three most prestigious accreditation bodies and dedicated to evaluating MBA programs, has accredited Sabancı Business School's MBA, Professional MBA, and Executive MBA programs for a period of three years.

By earning AMBA accreditation, Sabancı Business School has demonstrated its position **within the top 2% of business schools globally**.

Andrew Main Wilson, CEO of AMBA, congratulated our School and expressed his hope that the fruitful collaboration will continue for many years to come.

12th Hakan Orbay Research Award Winners Announced



The graphic is a white rectangular card with a blue border. At the top left, it says "2025" in blue. In the center, it says "HAKAN ORBAY" in large black capital letters, and "RESEARCH AWARD" in red capital letters below it. At the bottom left, it says "WINNERS" in white capital letters on a red background. To the right of the text is a portrait photo of a smiling man with short brown hair, wearing a grey t-shirt with "SABANCI BUSINESS SCHOOL" printed on it. The background of the card is a blurred image of the ocean.

2025

HAKAN ORBAY

RESEARCH AWARD

WINNERS

The winners of the Twelfth Hakan Orbay Research Award have been announced. **Adrian Aycan Corum** from Cornell University has received the award in the Young Researcher category, and **Okan Akarsu** from Sabancı University has been awarded in the Doctoral Student category.

We congratulate the winning candidates.

The **12th Hakan Orbay Research Award**, organized in memory of our esteemed colleague and former Sabancı University Business School faculty member Hakan Orbay, has been presented to this year's winners.

In the Young Researcher category, **Adrian Aycan Corum** from Cornell University received the award for her paper titled **“The Stick or the Carrot? The Role of Regulation and Liquidity in Activist Short-termism.”**

In the Doctoral Student category, **Okan Akarsu** from Sabancı University was honored for his work **“Inflation Expectations and Firms' Decisions in High Inflation: Evidence from a Randomized Control Trial.”**

Professional Master's Programs 2025 Graduation Ceremony



Prrof. Dr. Yusuf Leblebici

The 2025 Graduation Ceremony of Sabancı University's Professional Master's Programs took place on October 11, 2025, at the Tuzla Campus. We congratulate our graduates and wish them continued success.

Sabancı University President Prof. Dr. Yusuf Leblebici congratulated the graduates during the ceremony held on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at the Tuzla Campus. Expressing pride in the achievements of Sabancı University graduates both nationally and internationally, Prof. Dr. Leblebici continued:

"With our Graduate and Professional Graduate programs, we train Türkiye's most valuable professionals."



Hüsniye Uslu

It is a source of great joy to hear the stories of our graduates who, after graduating from Sabancı University, have started their own businesses and achieved global success.

Our goal is not only to be the best in Türkiye, but to become a research university recognized and appreciated worldwide, earning our well-deserved place. We continue to work towards this goal.”

The honorary speaker at the ceremony was Hüsniye Ulu, ING Türkiye's Executive Vice President of Business Banking.

Ulu, a 2022 graduate of the MiF program, addressed the new graduates:

“Sabancı University not only gave me academic depth, but also taught me to approach business problems from different perspectives and to think in a more analytical and visionary way in critical decision-making moments. I can say that every decision I make today bears the traces of my experience at Sabancı University.



“Throughout your careers, you too will face major decisions, challenging projects, and uncertainties. It is in those moments that the knowledge, discipline, and vision you gained at Sabancı University will guide you.”

Visit from EMPA NEST and OMYA Representatives to Sabancı University

Sabancı University welcomed two distinguished visitors:

Reto Largo, Director of EMPA NEST, and Philipp Hunziker, Vice President of Research & Development Services at OMYA.

The visit began with a meeting at our faculty, where the guests and our academics exchanged presentations on their research areas and ongoing projects.

Following this session, the delegation attended a briefing by the **SUCool** team, who introduced the program and its operations.



The visit continued with a presentation for our students back at the faculty.

In the final part of the program, the guests toured **SUNUM**, visiting its laboratories and receiving an overview of the center's activities through an informative presentation.



Expanding Networks at EFMD Global Asia Conference 2025



Sabancı Business School attended the **EFMD Global Asia Annual Conference 2025 in Daejeon, South Korea**, of which we are a member.

We had the opportunity to build valuable networks on enhancing quality in business schools, and we also attended inspiring lectures on sustainability and artificial intelligence.

We would like to thank Woosong University and SolBridge International School of Business for hosting us.

Executive MBA students visited Columbia Business School



The Executive EMBA 2025 students successfully **completed their study trip at Columbia Business School** this September.

Throughout the visit, participants attended **insightful sessions led by outstanding professors** on leadership, sustainability, and artificial intelligence.

The students' **visit to Nasdaq was another highlight of the program**, drawing great interest and offering firsthand exposure to global financial markets.

While experiencing the dynamic atmosphere of New York City, they also broadened their perspectives **on the global business landscape, gaining valuable knowledge and inspiration for their professional journeys.**



Introduction to Sustainability - MGMT 301

Pelin Yazıcı Karaçal

As part of the MGMT 301 – Introduction to Sustainability course, we were pleased to host our first guest speaker, **Pelin Yazıcı Karaçal, Sustainability Manager at Sabancı University.**

During her session on October, Pelin Yazıcı Karaçal drew on her professional experience to illustrate **how meaningful transformation can take place at both individual and organizational levels.**

By engaging with real-world examples from the field and our university, students **gained a more comprehensive understanding of sustainability and its practical implications.**

This interaction strengthened the course's goal of inspiring students, who are decision-makers of the future, to **think responsibly and proactively about building a sustainable future.**

Introduction to Sustainability - MGMT 301

Emre Güleryüz, Gökcé Çelik, Büşra
Yılmaz, Melike Devlet Karaağaç | Ecolab

As part of the MGMT 301 – Introduction to Sustainability course, another group of guest speakers we hosted were **Emre Güleryüz, Gökcé Çelik, Büşra Yılmaz, and Melike Devlet Karaağaç from Ecolab.**

Throughout the session, the Ecolab team shared the company's efforts shaped around its vision of creating **“a safer, cleaner, and healthier world.”**

They offered a broad perspective—from Ecolab's **water management projects to its approaches for assessing sustainability, as well as the strategies** embedded in their operations that prioritize the health of people, the planet, and business.

The examples they presented, grounded in their emphasis on water, health, and climate, enabled students to better understand **both industrial sustainability practices and the practical insights** that emerge from professional experience.

Introduction to Sustainability - MGMT 301

Faruk Eczacıbaşı

As part of the MGMT 301 – Introduction to Sustainability course, another distinguished guest speaker we hosted was **Faruk Eczacıbaşı, President of the Turkish Informatics Foundation and Vice Chairman of Eczacıbaşı Holding.**

In a session moderated by Prof. Dr. Zafer Yenal, Faruk Eczacıbaşı discussed **the profound technological shift of the past thirty years, the accelerating impact of artificial intelligence, and the necessity of rethinking education** in an age where information is instantly accessible.

Emphasizing that technological change reshapes not only economic structures but also social reality and sustainability perspectives, he highlighted the **need for a new global compass grounded in ethics, social justice, and planetary well-being.**

Through the insights and examples he shared, **students were left motivated to navigate an uncertain future by focusing less on finding answers and more on developing the methodologies** to reach them.

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