

TOLGA KURTOĞLU - Board Member, Omidyar Network



Tolga Kurtoğlu is a board member at Omidyar Network. He served as Chief Technology Officer at HP and as Global Head of HP Laboratories. In this role, he managed HP Labs, one of the world's leading and most experienced industrial research laboratories, where he led the work on cutting-edge research and innovation.

Tolga Kurtoğlu is a technology executive with a long track record spanning research and development, business strategy and technology commercialization. He is the former CEO of Palo Alto Research Center (PARC), a renowned scientific research and open innovation company that brings together leading scientists, engineers, and designers to explore emerging areas of science and technology. In his role at PARC, Kurtoğlu led PARC's transformation from a research organization into a world-class open innovation enterprise.

Previously, Tolga Kurtoğlu worked at Xerox as Global Head of Research, managing the company's research centers and in-house deployment of advanced technology and engineering teams.

In previous years, Tolga Kurtoğlu worked as a researcher at NASA Ames Research Center and as a mechanical design engineer and group leader at Dell. Tolga Kurtoğlu has many patents and publications in the fields of automation and machine intelligence, fault-tolerant system design and 3D/digital production. Originally from Türkiye, he received his doctorate in mechanical engineering from the University of Texas at Austin and his master's degree in the same field from Carnegie Mellon.