

Nazira Beishenalieva

Banker Investor Founder Board of Directors



Nazira Beishenalieva is a dynamic leader with extensive experience in banking, regional connectivity, and fintech. In key roles such as Chairperson of the Board of Directors at CJSC Bank of Asia, she drives strategic direction, oversees operations, and fosters economic growth and business relationships.

As the former Official Representative of the Astana International Financial Centre in the Kyrgyz Republic and Senior Advisor to the Chairperson of AIFC Board for Central Asia, Nazira facilitated financial cooperation and provided strategic guidance for successful initiatives in the region.

Her education spans Journalism, Law, and Accounting, and she holds certificates from prestigious programs at Harvard Business School and Tsinghua University School of Finance.

- **Building Economic Ties:** Nazira's expertise in regional cooperation has led to efficient longterm strategies.
- **Attracting Talents:** Through leadership roles, she has nurtured a thriving community of young talents.
- **Understanding of Geopolitics:** Extensive study equips her with skills to develop strategies and establish development relations between regions.
- **Innovations in Fintech:** Actively involved in transforming the financial sector, leading groundbreaking initiatives.

Natalya Shorokhova

COO

Founder Board of Directors



Natalia is an experienced Chief Operating Officer with a deep understanding of the communications industry. As Tidam's Chief Operating Officer, she plays a key role in ensuring the smooth operation of the agency, project management and achieving strategic goals. Thanks to her leadership and organizational skills, the Tidam team works smoothly and efficiently, providing customers with the highest quality services.

Effective operations management: Successfully manages various aspects of the agency's activities, including project management, resource allocation and financial control.

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Team Development: Natalia believes in the importance of talent development and creates a supportive work environment that encourages collaboration, innovation and professional growth. She actively supports team members by providing them with learning and development opportunities, which contributes to the formation of a highly qualified and motivated team.

- **Gender equality:** Her active support of international programs such as HeForShe demonstrates her commitment to the fight for equality.
- **Inclusivity:** Participating in projects to support people with hearing impairments highlights her commitment to creating a society where everyone feels accepted and respected.
- **Charity:** Working with charities indicates her desire to help those who need support.

Saule Imanova

Senior Business & Management Consultant



Saule Imanova, MPA in Economic Policy Management, is an experienced strategic management consultant with 20+ years of professional experience in emerging markets, investments, development finance, due diligence, structuring, public-private partnerships.

Saule is passionate about private sector development, corporate governance, promotes investments in emerging markets, connects market players, business and investment opportunities, talent. She is an art and ocean lover. She is based in Singapore.

Sarah Tonucci

Executive Director, Rumsfeld Foundation



Sarah Tonucci is the Executive Director of the Rumsfeld Foundation, a non-profit established in 2007 by former U.S. Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, and his wife, Joyce, to encourage leadership, public service, and free political and economic systems.

In her capacity as Executive Director, Ms. Tonucci directs the Foundation's two Fellowship Programs for rising leaders – the CAMCA Fellowship Program, a high-level exchange program in Washington, D.C. for exceptional professionals from the CAMCA (Central Asia-Mongolia-Caucasus-Afghanistan) region, and the Graduate Fellowship Program, a scholarship and network for talented American scholars pursuing public service careers. In addition, she oversees each program's robust alumni network activities, initiatives and events, including leading the Foundation's involvement as an organizing partner of the CAMCA Regional Forum, a premier international conference for stakeholders from all sectors interested in regional cooperation which convenes annually across the CAMCA region.

She also serves as President of the Board of CAMCA Group, a new non-profit established to advance regional cooperation across the countries of CAMCA as well as to provide support for the annual CAMCA Regional Forum and other CAMCA initiatives.

Prior to her work with the Rumsfeld Foundation, Ms. Tonucci held internship positions at various organizations including the Seeing Eye Foundation, McKinsey & Company, Feeding America, Coyne Public Relations and the Office of former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. Following her graduation from Northwestern University in 2009 with a B.A. in Political Science and International Studies, Ms. Tonucci returned to Rumsfeld's staff full-time. After assisting with the Foundation's various programs and grant giving, in March 2011 she was appointed as Executive Director to oversee all of the Rumsfeld Foundation's activities, working closely with Secretary Rumsfeld to develop the Foundation's programming and priorities until his passing. Ms. Tonucci lives in Washington, D.C. with her husband, their two daughters and son.

Bridget Sedlacek

Director of Programs, Rumsfeld Foundation



Bridget Sedlacek is the Director of Programs of the Rumsfeld Foundation, a non-profit established in 2007 by former U.S. Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, to encourage leadership, public service, and free political and economic systems. In her capacity as Director of Programs, she leads the Foundation's external communications and media, and assists in managing the Foundation's main programs for rising leaders - the CAMCA Fellowship Program and Graduate Fellowship Program - and the growing initiatives of their alumni networks, to include the planning and execution of the annual CAMCA Regional Forum, an international gathering for top regional policymakers, stakeholders and professionals. Ms. Sedlacek is passionate about investing in and supporting the next generation of leaders within the Foundation's networks, and about the role of cultural exchange and personal relationships in building a prosperous global community.

Before working with the Foundation, Ms. Sedlacek was a Staff and Research Assistant in former Secretary Rumsfeld's office, where she previously interned before graduating from the University of Virginia in 2011 with a B.A. in Foreign Affairs. During her undergraduate studies, she participated in a semester long study abroad program in Paris, France. She was brought on board to work for the Foundation in August of 2012.

Tamar Kekenadze

COO

Founder Board of Directors



Tamar Kekenadze is an accomplished professional with a robust background in higher education, political science, and international relations. She is currently deeply engaged in preparations for the Georgian Parliamentary Elections, working closely with various political parties to shape the country's future. Her expertise in political strategy and governance has made her a vital contributor to this critical national effort.

Ms. Kekenadze's career in academia is highlighted by her recent role as Dean of the Social Science Faculty at the British University in Georgia, where she managed academic programs and spearheaded collaboration with Buckingham University. Her leadership played a key role in elevating the faculty's reputation and advancing educational standards.

Beyond her academic and political endeavors, Ms. Kekenadze serves as the Managing Director of the CAMCA Regional Forum, where she facilitates cooperation among emerging leaders from Central Asia, Mongolia, the Caucasus, and Afghanistan.

Her earlier career includes key roles within the Georgian Ministry of Defense, where she was instrumental in advancing Georgia's Euro-Atlantic integration. As the Civilian Representative to NATO and the EU, and as Head of the Euro-Atlantic Integration Division, she played a crucial role in shaping Georgia's strategic partnerships with these organizations.

Ms. Kekenadze is also known for her work in civil society. She co-founded the CAMCA Network and served as its Chairperson, focusing on strengthening regional ties and promoting sustainable development across the CAMCA region.

Her achievements have been recognized with numerous accolades, including the "Young European of the Year" award, which she received for her outstanding commitment to fostering international understanding and unity within Europe. She also had the distinction of serving in the Cabinet of the President of the European Parliament, representing Georgia as a non-EU member country.

Khulan Davaadorj

Social Entrepreneur Public Speaker Founder Chief Technologist.



Ms. Khulan Davaadorj, is an internationally recognized, award winning Mongolian social-entrepreneur, public speaker and mentor who founded her company, Lhamour in 2014.

Lhamour is Mongolia's first ever organic skincare company (www.lhamour.com) with the vision to create a global brand with the purpose to nurture and encourage the power of love through hand-made, natural, eco-friendly skincare products.

As Mongolia's first organic skincare entrepreneur she is trying to pave the way for everyone else in Mongolia to try and overturn conventions and to contribute to positive social change and economic growth.

She holds a MSc in Public Policy from Hertie School of Governance, Berlin (2011) and from Columbia University, New York (2012) and has a degree in Organic Skincare Formulation from UK based Formula Botanica.

She was the recipient of the Julius Brocker Scholarship, was awarded as Asia-Pacific's best entrepreneur of 2016 and was named Forbes 30 under 30. She is deeply committed to advancing sustainability and currently also serves as the founder and chairwoman of Advance Credit LLC, a financial institution dedicated to becoming the leading provider of financing for ESG projects.

She runs several social businesses at the same time and is mostly a mother who just wants to create positive change for the next generation to live a better life.

Dana Shukirbayeva

Ecologist Urban geographer ClimateTech & Urban Tech Entrepreneur



From 2016 she regularly leads private and public research projects for city authorities, developers, international organisations, industrial companies, universities. Dana has worked in the quasi-public and private sectors, leading marketing and foreign projects at the Department of Transport and Road Transport Infrastructure of Moscow, the international IT company Ctrl2Go.

Since 2021, Dana started to develop her projects in Kazakhstan and founded consulting bureau ESG KZ, which provides services in the field of ESG, reporting and sustainable development of territories, and in 2023 she and Ruslan Zhemkov founded ClimateTech startup Forest Hero, AI-based Platform for Responsible Responsible Forest Management and with Madi Saken she founded QALA AI startup building Resilient City Platform, a geo-analytical platform for resilient urban development.

In 2023 Dana and Ruslan launched Climate Action Initiative Central Asia NGO, a Think Tank platform that accumulates and creates impact solutions, tools and best practices for climate action to move to net zero and enhance the region's ability to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change, that was presented at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP28) in Dubai. She is a winner of the second pitch competition for women climate entrepreneurs during the COP28 organized by Coalition for Climate Entrepreneurship and US Department of State's Office and judged by Google, Amazon, General Electric and LinkedIn.

Dana is Forbes 30 under 30 and UN Youth Advisory Board Member, she is actively involved in supporting women's entrepreneurship and youth, she is a Cartier Academy 2023 alumna, as well as in teaching as a lecturer and expert for Deutsch-Kasachische Universität, Cartier Academy Impact Course, a training programme for impact entrepreneurs in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Dana is curator of the Global Shapers Hub (World Economic Forum Initiative) in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Assel Taher

Assistant Vice-President, DBS Bank Singapore



Assel Taher is an Assistant Vice-President at the Department of Europe and Central Asia of DBS Bank Singapore. She supports ultra-high net individuals from Russia/Kazakhstan/Central Asia/Caucasus/Mongolia in managing their investment portfolios.

Assel has extensive experience in wealth management, financial planning, treasury and risk management. She holds master degrees from Columbia University (USA) and National University of Singapore. Assel is passionate about strengthening economic, financial and cultural ties in Central Asia.

Zhaniya Seraly

Managing Director, Quantum Education



Managing Director of three Private Schools in Astana, Kazakhstan:

- Work closely with organizational leadership and board of directors to guide operational strategy.
- Oversee operations, marketing, financial plan, academic program, international accreditation, professional development, and further growth in education of Kazakhstan.
- Launched Teacher Training Center in partnership with Chevron, Oulu University, and Abai Kazakh National Pedagogical University.
- Established partnerships with education networks, businesses, and academic institutions (private schools, universities, and foundations).

Dildora Kasimova

Designer

Founder



Dildora Kasimova is a designer from Uzbekistan who has been creating collections for her eponymous fashion house for over 15 years. Dildora Kasimova's designs feature feminine silhouettes, oriental ornaments, and the finest lace. Dildora debuted her podium in 2006 and has since presented her collections in various countries worldwide, including Italy, Kazakhstan, Korea, and Russia.

Every collection gives a sophisticated recognition to the East. Dildora is passionate about promoting traditional folk art by using techniques such as golden sewing, suzane, embroidery with semiprecious stones, and wood carvings to embellish her pieces. Her designs are always feminine and elegant, with unique oriental ornaments and elegant decoration.

Many celebrities, including the princess of Saudi Arabia, Maha Al-Sudari, designer Ulyana Sergeenko, and political and public figure Sheikh Moza, have worn Dildora's clothes, which are popular among Central Asian stage stars.