

## **AHMET ZORLU**

Ahmet Nazif Zorlu (1944 - Denizli), is Chairman of Zorlu Holding, one of the biggest conglomerates in Turkey, with investments in textile, consumer electronics, information technologies, consumer durables, energy, property development and metallurgy.

Ahmet Zorlu began his career in a family-owned business in the textile sector. He set up his first company, Korteks, in 1976. Over the years, he continued to undertake new investments in the textile industry and founded Zorlu Holding in 1990. In 1994, he purchased the trademark rights of Vestel and has been chairman or board member of many companies operating under the umbrella of Zorlu Group.

Ahmet Zorlu is a Board Member of Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey (DEIK), a member of Turkish Industry and Business Association (TUSIAD), the Association of Turkish Home Textile Industrialists and Businessmen (TETSIAD), Education and Culture Foundation of Denizli Union (DENBIR) and Babadag Industry and Business Association (BASIAD).

In 2007, Mr. Zorlu was given the Order of Civil Merit of the Kingdom of Spain, by King I. Juan Carlos of Spain, for his contributions to the relations between the two countries.

In 1999, he founded Mehmet Zorlu Foundation, named after his father, awarding every year numerous scholarships to many students.

He is married, with 3 children.