



THE PHOENIX AWARD® COMMITTEE

**The Phoenix Award Committee is pleased to
announce Cavaliere Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kirman as the
51st recipient of the Phoenix Award and
“Glass Person of the Year 2023”**



The Phoenix Award Committee is pleased to announce Cavaliere Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kirman, Sisecam Chairman and Executive Member of the Board, is elected The Glass Person of the Year 2023 for his long-term, significant and valuable contributions to the glass industry. Outstanding personalities in the glass industry have been awarded with the Phoenix since 1971.

Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kirman is the Chairman and Executive Member of the Board of SİSECAM TÜRKİYE SİSE ve CAM FABRIKALARI and has been serving the glass industry since 2006. Today, Sisecam is a major global player in the fields of glass and chemicals and is the only global company operating in all core areas of glass production like flat glass, glassware, glass packaging and glass fiber. Based on 88 years of experience and an overall number of 24,000 employees, Sisecam conducts production activities in 14 countries on four continents and operates a sales network in more than 150 countries.

Prof. Dr. Kirman: Serving the glass industry is a way of serving humanity

"Glass is a miraculous material that has no substitute. With a history of 5000 years, glass has always been the most valuable material for civilizations. From this perspective serving the glass industry is a great way of serving humanity. It is the most sustainable solution for mitigating risks, and it promises a brighter future. I am very honored to be awarded one of the most prestigious awards of the glass industry." Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kirman said.

Prof. Dr. Kirman had been elected for his relentless engagement not only for Sisecam but furthermore for the International Committee of Glass (ICG) together with Prof. Alicia Duran, another strong contributor for the "International Year of Glass 2022" by the United Nations.

Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kirman, who has been serving the glass industry since 2006 was recognized for his contributions many times. In recognition of his outstanding lifetime contributions to the glass science and technology, encouraging the exchange of knowledge and promotion of domestic and international glass community, Prof. Dr. Kirman was honored with the "President's Award" by the International Commission on Glass (ICG) in 2019. ICG is the most reputable and recognized worldwide organization in the field of glass with representatives from thirty-three countries.

Prof. Dr. Kirman has been awarded with the honor of "Cavaliere" of "the Order of the Star of Italy," nominated by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and bestowed by the President of the Italian Republic, for his contributions to the strengthening of economic bilateral relations and mutual investments between Italy and Turkey.

Prof. Dr. Kirman has also been honored by the President of Tatarstan with the "Medal of Valorous Labor" in recognition of his valuable contributions to the development of investments and economic cooperation with Tatarstan. He has been honored with the "Medal of Appreciation" for his contributions to the economic development of the Targovishte Region in Bulgaria. He was also awarded the "Chairman of the Year" at the Le Fonti Awards, the award platform of one of the leading economics media organizations in Italy.

The award-giving ceremony will be held in Italy

The Phoenix Award Committee is therefore very pleased to announce Cavaliere Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kirman as the 51st recipient of the Phoenix Award and "Glass Person of the Year 2023". According to the rules of the Phoenix Award Committee, Cavaliere Prof. Dr. Ahmet Kirman will receive his award from Lincoln Brown, the PAC 2023 Chairperson, at the occasion of a Banquet and Award Ceremony that will be held in Italy on September 29, 2023.

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