



Geroge Kiayias, Board Member of HAPCO & DES, CEO OPTIMUM GREECE DESTINATION & EVENT MANAGEMENT

Georgios Kiayias was born in Nicosia in 1963 and pursued his education at the University of New Haven in Connecticut, USA. In 1987, he earned his degree with distinction, Cum Laude, in Hotel and Restaurant Management (BSc). Subsequently, he worked for the Hilton International hotel chain, holding managerial positions in various 5-star hotels in Cyprus from 1989 to 1999.

In 1999, he relocated to Athens and, alongside his wife, became the owner and manager of Optimum Greece Destination & Event Management. The company specializes in organizing and managing corporate conferences and events both in Greece and abroad. Georgios has actively participated in various committees and agencies related to conference tourism and destination promotion.

Additionally, he is involved in three other companies within the broader tourism and catering industry. Since January 2021, he has served as a Member of the Board of Directors for the publicly listed company on the Cyprus Stock Exchange, Lordos Hotels (Holdings) Public Ltd. He also holds a position on the Board of Directors for HAPCO & DES (Hellenic Association of Professional Congress Organizers & Destination Event Specialists). Georgios is married to Ioli Harmanda, and the couple has two sons.