



**MARTIN BENNETT**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE – TURKEY**

Martin is a senior executive in the defence, aerospace and security sector. From an engineering background he has many years successful experience in international business strategy, market development and campaign management working in international markets across the globe.

Martin began his career as an Avionics engineer in the GEC Marconi Company and, following postings at British Aerospace, Warton and MBB in Bavaria, Germany, was seconded to Egypt in an engineering role. He subsequently moved into Business Development, representing his company in Singapore, Indonesia and Brunei.

After an appointment as the Director responsible for Defence & Space in the UK for Allied-Signal (subsequently Honeywell) and as the General Manager for a defence logistics company, Martin re-joined BAE Systems in 2003 as Director - Egypt based in Cairo. In 2006 Martin became Director Kuwait and Qatar based in Doha and in November 2008 was appointed Vice President for the Middle East based in Abu Dhabi.

In February 2011, Martin returned to the UK to take up the appointment of Managing Director – Europe and the Americas, with responsibility for business development in that region reporting to BAE Systems' Group Business Development Director. In July 2015 Martin took up the role of Managing Director – Central Region based in Abu Dhabi, with responsibility for markets in Central Asia, Turkey, the Middle East and Africa. In October 2016 Martin moved to Ankara to take up the appointment as Chief Executive for Turkey following its designation as one of BAE Systems' seven strategic markets.

Martin has an MBA from the University of Leicester and has been awarded a Doctorate from the University of Liverpool with his accepted thesis on international industrial alliances. He is married with two children and has interests in golf, football, flying and collecting antique maps.