JÓZSEF VIDA

He is an economist, having graduated from the Budapest School of Economics, the University of Pécs, Szent István University and Université Paris X-Nanterre. He started his career in finance at Citibank in 1999, and he became the Head of Department at the Hungarian Savings Bank in 2001. He joined Szentgál és Vidéke Takarékszövetkezet in 2003, where first he was the Director of the active business unit and then the Chairman-Managing Director.

He has played a key role in the renewal of the Hungarian savings and loan sector. From 2007 to 2014, as a member of the Board of the National Association of Savings Cooperatives, he represented his region in the interest group of savings cooperatives for two terms. Since 2014, he has been the CEO and a member of the Board of Directors of Magyar Takarék Befektetési és Vagyongazdálkodási Zrt. 10 savings and loans companies merged with his management in 2015 and B3 Takarék Szövetkezet was established. In July 2016 he was elected President of Szövetkezeti Hitelintézetek Integrációs Szervezete (SZHISZ), the central governing body of the Takarék Group, and in December he was appointed Chairman-Managing Director of the Group's central bank, the Magyar Takarékszövetkezeti Bank. Under his leadership, FHB Bank and FHB Mortgage Bank were integrated into the Takarék Group in 2017.

Under József Vida's leadership, twelve regional credit institutions were established in 2017 through the merger of fifty-two savings banks, which were merged in two steps in 2019 into a single universal commercial bank, Takarékbank. He became the first Chairman-Managing Director of the new national bank.

Under his leadership, the development of the merger of Budapest Bank, MKB Bank and Takarékbank within Magyar Bankholding was launched in 2020, and the strategy and timetable for the merger was adopted in 2021.

He has been Chairman of Takarék Jelzálogbank since 2017.

In addition to his banking work, he has been a liquidation and reorganization advisor to Ariadné Válságkezelő Kft. since 2015, he is the member of the Board of Directors of the National Deposit Insurance Fund since September 2016, and a member of the Supervisory Board of STATUS Capital Venture Fund since December of 2016. He is a member of the Board of Director of Opus Global since 2018.

Since 2019 the Abraham Goldmann Fiduciary Trust, in which he holds an interest, owns TV2 Media Group.

In addition, he is a farmer and holds leading positions in several social organizations: he is the chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Magyar Ebtenyésztők Országos Egyesületeinek Szövetség and chairman of the Leonbergi Ebtenyésztők Országos Egyesület. He is a passionate charioteer, a professional chef, and the producer of several nature-themed films.