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The American Turkish Society (ATS) honored Hüsnü Özyeğin, Founder and Chairman of FIBA Holding and **Hamdi Ulukaya**, Founder and CEO of Chobani, at their 2015 Gala, which raised over \$400,000 at The Pierre on Tuesday, October 6th.

Honorary Gala Chair **Mica Ertegun**, ATS Chairman **Murat Köprülü**, Vice Chairman **Lawrence Kaye** and Executive Director **Marie Stewart** welcomed over 350 guests including Turkish Ambassador **Halit Çevik** and OIC Permanent Observer to the United Nations **Ufuk Gokcen** to the benefit evening.



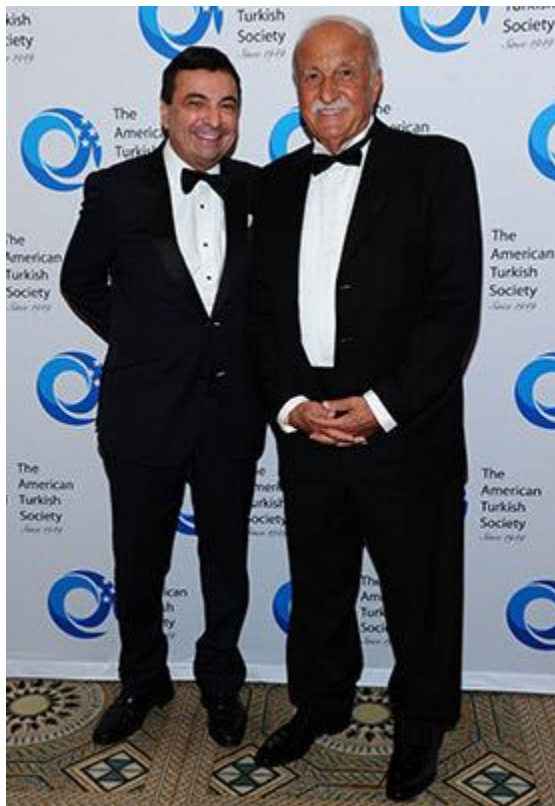
The Coca Cola Company Chairman & C.E.O. and Dinner Chair **Muhtar Kent** presented Hamdi Ulukaya with The American Turkish Society's Humanitarian Award and Hüsnu Özyeğin with the ATS Philanthropy Award for their significant contributions and moral commitment to improving the lives of so many throughout the world.

The tables in The Pierre's Grand Ballroom were completely transformed into Ottoman inspired Turkish delights by the country's leading designers including **Guillaume Gentet, Dennis Rolland & L'OBJET, Edward D. Lobrano, Jack Levy, Tracy Stern and Randy Polumbo, Lukas Design Group and Robert Passal, Maggie Norris, Tümay Günaydın, DeBare Saunders and Ronald Mayne's** Stingray Hornsby Interiors. Supporters including **Abigail Rockwell, Susan White, Dan Weiss and Joan Kaye** took in live performances by **Joey Morant** and the Lucky Chops Brass Band during the night, which also included a delicious three-course dinner, silent and live auction, dancing and an after-party at Beautique.



Joey Morant performing

Founded in 1949, The American Turkish Society is the oldest, independent organization dedicated to building bridges between the United States and Turkey. The American Turkish Society's mission is to enhance business, economic, and cultural ties between Turkey and the United States. The Society fosters understanding and cooperation between the countries through education, cultural exchange, philanthropy, humanitarian efforts and networking; presents and supports programs highlighting Turkish arts and culture; and nurtures the next generation of leaders through its Young Society Leaders program. All proceeds from the gala will support the non-profit's many programs in the areas of education, arts, culture, and business. For more on the American Turkish Society, please visit www.americanturkishsociety.org.



Murat Koprulu and Husnu Ozyegin



Mica Ertegun



Larry Wohl and Leesa Rowland



Cassandra Seidenfeld



Tracy Stern and Randy Polumbo



Robert Passal



R. Couri Hay and Maggie Norris



Ege Ozyegin



Fredrick Edwin Bertin and Marie Stewart



Tummy Gunaydin



Muhtar Kent and Hamdi Ulukaya