



Marina Jigalova-Ozkan

Managing Director

The Walt Disney Company Russia

Marina Jigalova-Ozkan was appointed Managing Director of The Walt Disney Company CIS LLC in April, 2006. In this role, Marina Jigalova-Ozkan is responsible for all of Disney's businesses and brands within the CIS, Georgia and Mongolia.

Under Marina Jigalova-Ozkan's leadership, The Walt Disney Company CIS LLC has grown into one of the leading entertainment and media companies on the market.

In 2011, Marina Jigalova-Ozkan led the successful launch of the Disney Channel, making it the biggest family entertainment FTA television channel in Russia. She also successfully launched the local film and TV program production, the Russian Disney branded movie "The Last Warrior" became one the top grossing films in Russia and CIS history. Marina Jigalova-Ozkan helped forge a joint film distribution venture between Walt Disney Studios and Sony Pictures, which holds leading positions in the film distribution industry in Russia for many years. She also worked with Russian theatres to feature Disney's award-winning Broadway musical productions, which received critical and public acclaim and built functionally integrated businesses that allowed Disney Consumer Products to become the number one Licensor and Kids Publisher in Russia.

Marina Jigalova-Ozkan is named Top-2 Russian managers in the Media Business category in Russia's 1,000 Top Managers Rating released annually by Russia's Managers Association. She was awarded in the Media Leader category of the Women in Leadership 2013 Competition by Ernst & Young. A member of the Russian Television Academy and National Academy of Cinematic Arts & Science. A recipient of state awards.

Prior to joining Disney, Marina Jigalova-Ozkan had been employed at Prof Media Holding Company for six years. Marina started her career at the company as Deputy Director General in 2001 and was appointed First Deputy Director General in 2004. Marina Jigalova-Ozkan's main responsibilities were to develop the holding company's overall strategy and exercise control of its realization, to form an investment policy, as well as to manage the core business activities on a day-to-day basis.

From 1994 to 1996 Marina Jigalova-Ozkan served as a financial analyst at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (London, Great Britain). In 1996 she joined Interros Group as Vice-President working there until 1999. At the same time, Marina held the position of Deputy Director General of the North-Western Shipping Company.

Ms. Jigalova-Ozkan holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Economic Relations from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO) and a Master of Business Administration from Harvard Business School. Holds the degree as a film director from Higher Courses for Screenwriters and Film Directors.