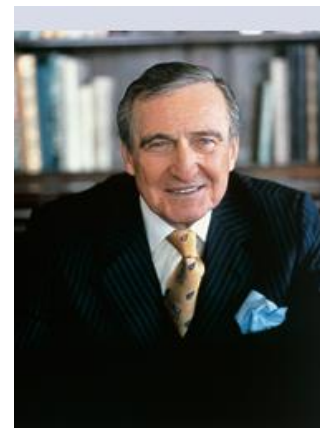


INTERVIEW WITH Mr. RAHMI KOÇ

Koç Holding, the major holding company in Turkey, according to Fortune Global, ranks 190th among the largest companies in the world. Koç Holding, a member of the of the TBCCI, operates in the automotive, consumer durables, financial services, energy, food and retailing, tourism and IT industries, employing 90,000 people. Mr Rahmi Koç, the honorary Chairman of Koç Holding gave an interview to the TBCCI. To view the interview with Mr Rahmi Koç, click on the link below the photo.



[Click here](#) for the interview with Rahmi Koc

FORTHCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

TBCCI Members Evening Reception, Monday, 10 March 2008

An Evening Reception for TBCCI Members will be held Monday. 10 March 2008 at the TBCCI premises in London . This is an evening social occasion where TBCCI members will be able to meet and network among fellow-members, the Directors of the Board, Turkish Diplomats and representatives form the UK government.

We are very pleased to announce that HE the Turkish Ambassador to London, the Turkish Consul General, the Chief Economic and the Chief Commercial Counsellors of the Turkish Embassy and representatives form the UK Trade & Invest have confirmed that they will also join as at this reception. All TBCCI members are invited to this evening. ([TBCCI members Evening 10.March](#))

Health & Safety Business Briefing Thursday, 6 March 2008

The TBCCI, in association with the Essex Chambers of Commerce, will launch on 6 March 2008 a new custom built 'Health & Safety Online Course' in both English and Turkish language versions. Health and Safety Training will be delivered to company employees via the TBCCI website. Health & Safety issues and the Online training Product will be presented at the Business Briefing, Thursday, 6 March 2008. 6.00 pm, Bury House, 33 Bury Street, London SW1Y 6AU. ([TBCCI Health Safety Seminar](#)) The speaker will be Karen Hoskins, Health & Safety Manager for Essex Chambers of Commerce, a licensed Auditor with qualifications in IOSH Managing Safely, NEBOSH National General Certificate and NEBOSH Diploma pt1.

TBCCI Annual Ball, Saturday, 31 May 2008

The major TBCCI social event of the year, the Annual Ball, will be held on Saturday, 31 May 2008 at the Royal Garden Hotel, London . For your bookings and information about Individual Tickets, Sponsored Tables, New Sponsorships and Brochure Advertisement opportunities, and for your Raffle and Auction prize donations, you can visit the 2008 Annual Ball page of our website at [TBCCI 2008 Annual Ball.](#)

Event Bookings and Information

For your bookings for these events or for further information, please contact us at info@tbcci.org or call (+) 44 20 7321 0999

NEWS

Meeting with UK Trade & Investment

The TBCCI Chairman, Mr Remzi Gur on 24 January met Mr Nick McInnes, Director, International Group UK Trade & Investment, and discussed various avenues of co-operation to promote Turkish-British trade and investment.

London Low Emission Zone

London's Low Emission Zone (LEZ) has been introduced since February this year to help improve air quality across Greater London by reducing harmful emissions from some type of vehicles. Diesel-engined lorries, buses, coaches, large vans (exceeding 1.205 tonnes unladen weight) and minibuses (over eight seats plus the driver's seat and below 5 tonnes) are affected. If these vehicles, whether based in the UK or arrived from any country, do not meet specific emissions standards, a daily charge will be applied. To find out more about this regulation and if your vehicle affected.

For more information, visit the official [Transport for London website](#).

If you would like to have a full copy of this communication in Turkish, contact us at info@tbcci.org.

Budget

The Treasury has announced that the Chancellor, Alistair Darling, will deliver his first Budget on Wednesday 12 March.

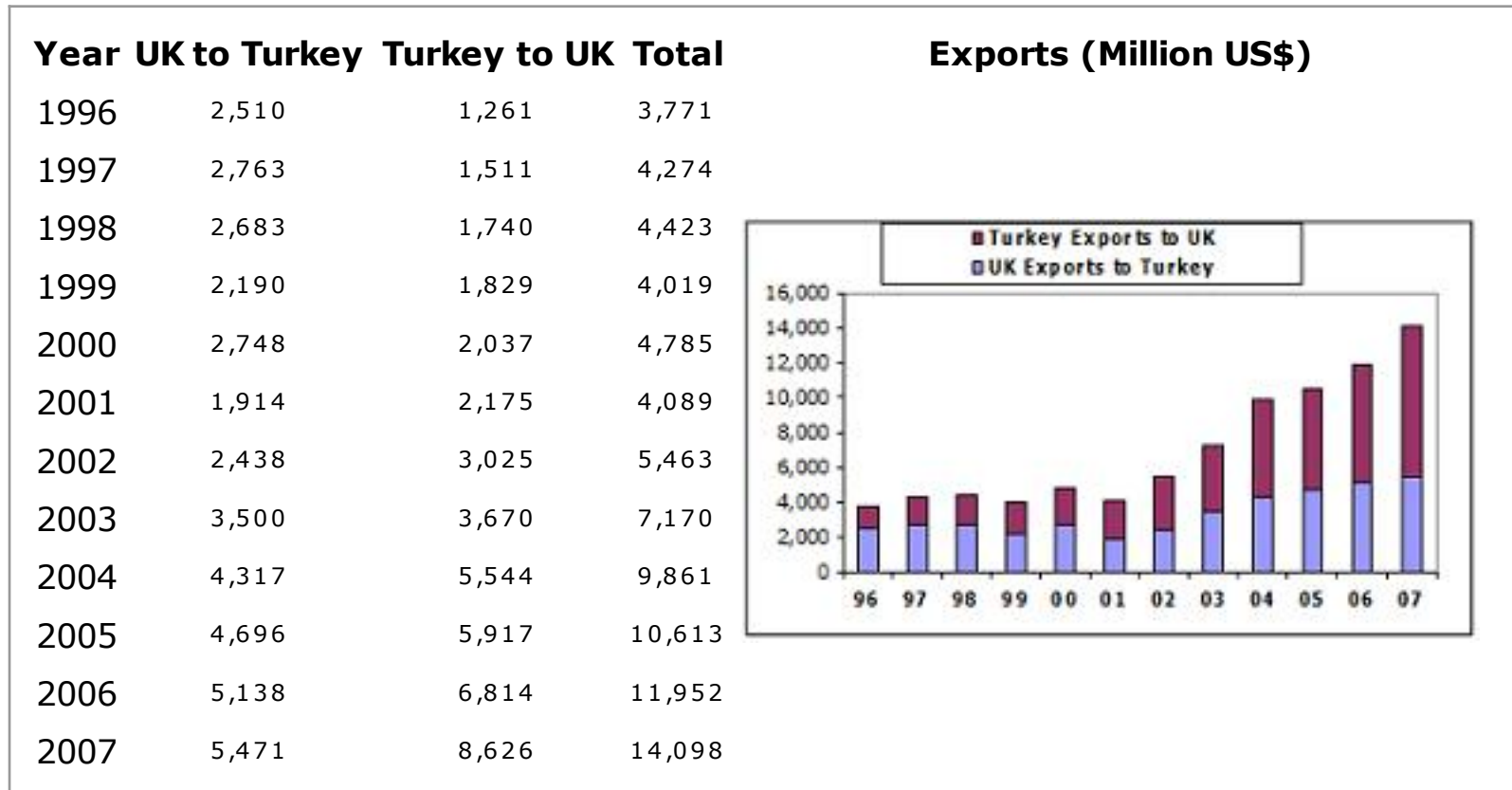
UK-TURKEY TRADE DATA FOR 2007

In December 2007 the trade volume between the UK and Turkey grew by 10.0%. In the 12 months cumulative January-December period, the increase was 18.0%.

(\$ million)			
December	2007	2006	Change
Import	777.4	742.9	4.6%
Export	549.1	463.3	18.5%
Total	1,326.5	1,206.2	10.0%

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Annual	2007	2006	Change
Import	8,626.6	6,814.3	26.6%
Export	5,471.2	5,137.6	6.5%
Total	14,097.5	11,951.9	18.0%

Import: UK imports from Turkey
 Export: Exports from the UK to Turkey
 Source: Turkish State Statistical Institute (TUIK)



Click on [Trade Statistics](#), to view 2006 & 2005 UK-Turkey export import figures by product categories and products

Number of visitors from the UK to Turkey

The number of visitors from the UK to Turkey has risen to 1.916.015 in 2007 with an increase of 14.1% over 2006, and nearly doubled since 2002.

Website and Newsletter Advertisement

There are new opportunities for TBCCI members to advertise on our website and the monthly e-newsletter with their Logo as a link to their website. For further information on advertisement or advert bookings, visit [TBCCI Advertising](#) or contact us at info@tbcci.org or call 020 7321 0999.

Trade & Partnerships Opportunities, Company Matching

All trade and partnership offers and enquiries communicated to the Chamber are placed on the same day on the Members Zone of the TBCCI website, www.tbcci.org, and emailed to members monthly. If you need a reminder for your username or password to login to the Members Zone, please let us know by email.

News from Members All members should inform us by email any new services or products they have began to offer, any partnerships they entered, or any changes in address, contacts, or new branches, which will be posted in our monthly newsletters.

NEW TBCCI MEMBERS

Willmotts	UK	Chartered Surveyor
Hurkan Sayman & Co.	UK	Chartered Accountants
Replus Limited	UK	Finance
Murat Guler	UK	Construction
Paradise Property World	UK	Property/Estate Agent
Guney Yildizi Petrol Uretim Sondaj	Turkey	Oil
LetsgotoTurkey	Turkey	Construction
Vip Vual Tekstil.	Turkey	Textile
Tufan Emlak Insaat	Turkey	Property/Estate Agent

Click on a Member Link to view contacts and business profile.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

[06.03.2008 - London - TBCCI Health & Safety](#)

[12.03.2008 - Mersin - Intl. Business Women Assembly](#)

[12.03.2008 - Istanbul - Istanbul Fashion Lab Event](#)

[26.03.2008 - Istanbul - Istanbul Jewellery Show](#)

[27.03.2008 - London - Invest in Property Show](#)

[10.04.2008 - Istanbul - Wedist 2008](#)

[17.04.2008 - Istanbul - Anatolive Olive Fair](#)

[17.04.2008 - Istanbul - AYMOD](#)

[17.04.2008 - Istanbul - Istanbul Leather Fashion Fair](#)

[30.04.2008 - Istanbul - TurkeyBuild Istanbul Fair](#)

[16.05.2008 - Antalya - Mediterranean Business Partneria](#)

[21.05.2008 - Istanbul - Evtteks 2008 Home Textile Fair](#)

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