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## INTERVIEW WITH HUSEYIN ÖZER

Hüseyin Özer, creator of Sofra and Özer restaurants and a Sustaining member of the TBCCI, gave an interview to the Chamber Newsletter talking about the remarkable story of his transition from a very modest background in Turkey to the high profile restaurateur he is known today in the UK. Hüseyin Özer also talked about the history of his restaurant business, his outlook and lifestyle as a creator and as a businessman.

To view the interview with Mr Özer,



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[click here for the Turkish version.](#)

### **INTERVIEW WITH ÇIGDEM ADAN**

Çigdem Adan, Managing Director of Mediterranean Stones Ltd, a new member of the TBCCI, in her interview with the Chamber Newsletter talked about their tile, stone, marble, limestone, granite, slate and porcelain products and the services they offer for the maintenance, repair and cleaning of these products. Çigdem Adan also discussed the history of stones and tiles and the trends and challenges faced in this sector. To view the interview with Ms Adan,

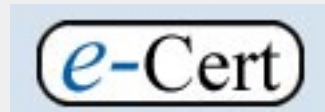
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### **TBCCI ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATION OF ATR & EUR1 MOVEMENT CERTIFICATES AND CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN**

From 17 October 2009, TBCCI will commence certifying documents electronically (e-Certification). The documents which can be certified will include ATRs, EUR1 Movement Certificates and Certificates of Origin, as well as being able to verify the signature on many other documents. This new service will enable exporters from the UK to get their export documents for Turkey certified online. The exporter will not have to post or leave their office but will simply log on to the e-Cert system, complete the documentation and submit it to the Chamber. TBCCI will receive the forms, check through them and stamp and sign them electronically and finally return to the exporter for printing out, or TBCCI can print and certify the documents and return them to you by post if the importer

requires original stamps and signatures.

This service will save the exporter courier costs, manpower and resources and shorten the document processing time, increase accuracy and remove the need for repetitive typing, by storing the information on a secure database for future access, at no extra cost. If the exporter requires other documents to be certified, the e-Cert system also allows you to up-load a scanned document into the system so that the chamber can verify the signature and again this will be returned electronically.

### **E-CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP, THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2009**

To help Exporters become fully conversant with this new system, TBCCI are holding an e-Cert Workshop on Thursday, 15 October. The workshop will be presented by i2i (Innovate to Integrate), the system supplier, and the Certification Training Executive from the British Chambers of Commerce. The workshop will explain how the system works and will give you all the information you need to be able to use this electronic system.

You will also be given the opportunity to ask as many questions as necessary and to register on the system so that when you get back to the office you will be ready to start preparing your documents to submit them electronically to the chamber.

We recommend that two people from each company attend to make sure you become fully conversant with the system. Please arrange to arrive by 10.0 am for registration for a 10.30 am start.

**Date:** Thursday, 15 October 2009

**Registration:** 10:00 am

**Start:** 10:30

**Venue:** TBCCI Conference Room (For directions, click [TBCCI Map](#))

To register, contact us at [export@tbcci.org](mailto:export@tbcci.org) or call 020 7321 0999

**Members:** £15.00

**Non-members:** £25.00

## **CHANGES TO COMPANIES ACT; 1 OCTOBER 2009**

Changes to The Companies Act 2006 will become effective from 1 October 2009 affecting every company operating in the United Kingdom. Companies House is writing to companies to advise about the final implementation on 1st October 2009. A letter and brief guide will be sent by the Companies House to every registered office address during August and September 2009.

### **The main changes for Private Limited Companies**

(Some of the changes have already taken place)

- There will be separate and simpler model Articles of Association for private companies.
- As part of the "think small first" agenda, there will be a separate, comprehensive "code" of accounting and reporting requirements for small companies.
- Private companies will not be required to have a company secretary.
- Private companies will not need to hold an annual general meeting unless they positively opt to do so.
- It will be easier for companies to take decisions by written resolutions.
- There will be simpler rules on share capital, removing provisions that are largely irrelevant to the vast majority of private companies and their creditors.

Further details can be found on the website [Changes to Companies Act 1 Oct 2009](#)

### **TRADE MISSION TO TURKEY, 1-6 NOVEMBER 2009, ISTANBUL**

TBCCI and UK Trade and Investment are jointly organising a Trade Mission to Turkey between 2-6 November 2009 in Istanbul. TBCCI and UK Trade and Investment will lead a delegation to meet with government and business leaders in Turkey and host networking events, one-to-one meetings and business receptions for potential investors. The delegation will include businesses from various regions of England, specialised in:

- Energy and Gas Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Environment

- Education and Training

Other sectors may be added to the event in due course. The mission will be supported by the British Embassy and Consulate in Turkey and Turkish trade associations and bodies. If you are a UK business wishing to join the trade delegation from the UK or if you are a Turkish company intending to participate the events and meetings in Istanbul, please contact us [info@tbcci.org](mailto:info@tbcci.org).

### **UK TURKEY EXPORT IMPORT TRADE 2009:**

Turkey exports to the UK: In July 2009, the rate of decline of Turkey exports to UK slowed down to 19.3%, which was 45.3% in the first six months period January-June 2009. In the cumulative period to the end of July this year, Turkey exports to UK shrunk by 50.1%.

UK exports to Turkey: UK exports to Turkey was 43.7% down in July 2009 and declined by 41.4% in the cumulative period to the end of July this year over the same periods last year.

[ Value: Million US \$ ]

| <b>(Million \$)</b> |              |                |               |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>July</b>         | <b>2009</b>  | <b>2008</b>    | <b>Change</b> |
| Export              | 284.0        | 504.4          | -43.7%        |
| Import              | 625.9        | 776.0          | -19.3%        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>909.9</b> | <b>1,280.4</b> | <b>-28.9%</b> |

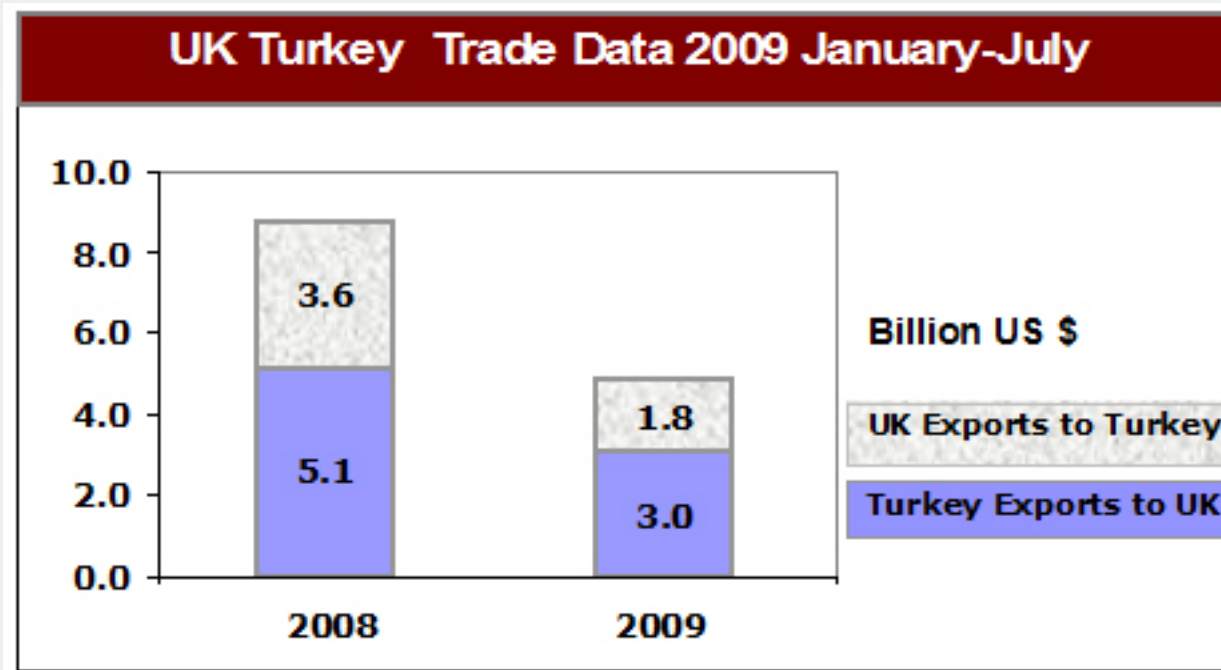
| <b>(Million \$)</b> |             |             |               |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| <b>Jan-July</b>     | <b>2009</b> | <b>2008</b> | <b>Change</b> |
| Export              | 3,017.2     | 5,147.6     | -41.4%        |
| Import              | 1,798.1     | 3,605.7     | -50.1%        |

|              |         |         |        |
|--------------|---------|---------|--------|
| <b>Total</b> | 4,815.3 | 8,753.3 | -45.0% |
|--------------|---------|---------|--------|

Export: Exports from the UK to Turkey

Import: UK imports from Turkey

Source: Turkish Statistical Institute; TUIK



### UK EXPORTS TO TURKEY BY PRODUCT CATEGORIES

| MAJOR SECTORS (2009 Jan-Jul)                           | 2009  | 2008  | Change |
|--|-------|-------|--------|
| Boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances: parts    | 433.5 | 983.3 | -56%   |
| Iron and steel   | 191.0 | 741.2 | -74%   |
| Vehicle other than railway/tramway rolling stock parts | 203.6 | 418.1 | -51%   |
| Pharmaceutical products                                | 204.2 | 258.1 | -21%   |
| Electrical machinery and equipment: parts              | 103.0 | 189.1 | -46%   |
| Plastic and articles thereof                           | 108.4 | 156.0 | -30%   |

|  |      |       |      |
|--|------|-------|------|
| Optical, photographic, measuring, checking, precision  | 60.8 | 101.6 | -40% |
| Organic chemicals                                      | 71.4 | 91.9  | -22% |
| Tanning and dyeing extracts: fillers, stoppings, Links | 39.9 | 60.5  | -34% |

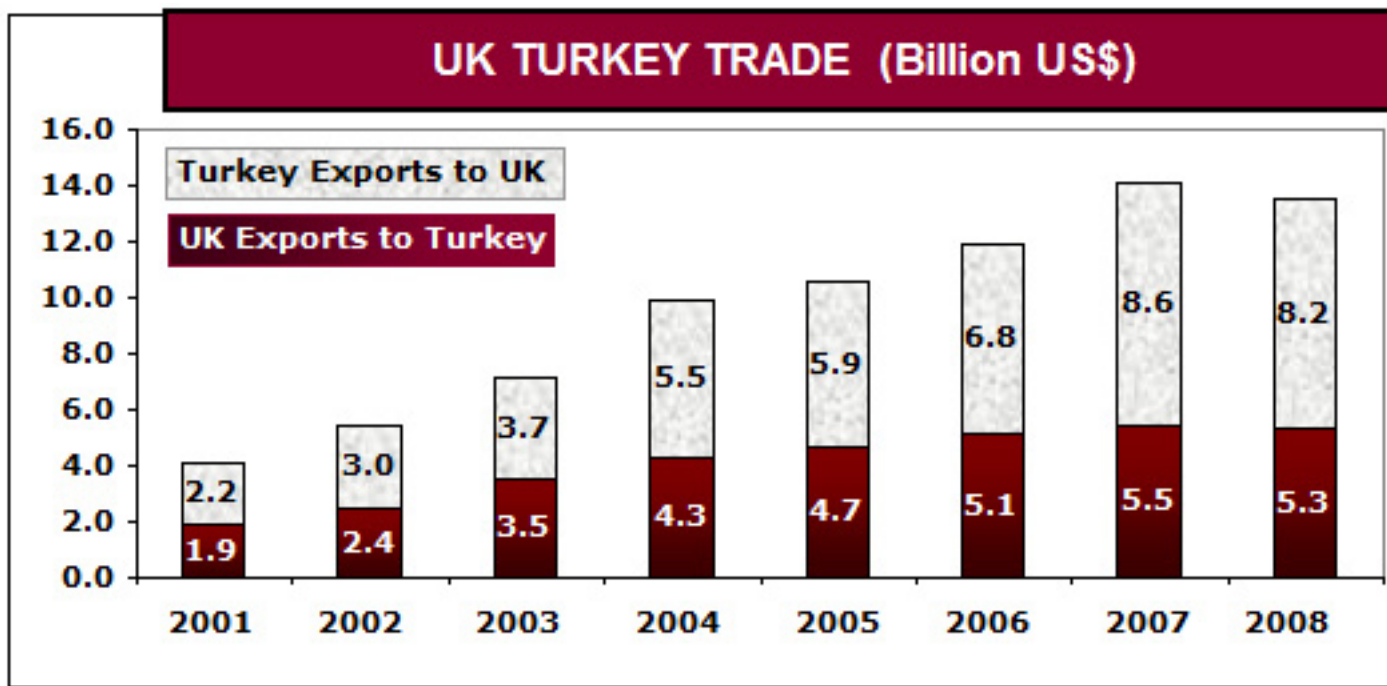
**For all product categories of UK exports to Turkey, [click here.](#)**

### **TURKEY EXPORTS TO THE UK BY PRODUCT CATEGORIES**

| <b>MAJOR SECTORS (2009 Jan-Jul)</b>                     | <b>2009</b> | <b>2008</b> | <b>Change</b> |
|---|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Vehicle other than railway/tramway rolling stock, parts | 390.0       | 1038.8      | -62%          |
| Knitted and crocheted goods and articles                | 590.6       | 682.2       | -13%          |
| Electrical machinery and equipment: parts               | 419.1       | 563.9       | -26%          |
| Non knitted and crocheted goods and articles            | 311.9       | 464.0       | -33%          |
| Boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances:           | 272.8       | 406.8       | -33%          |
| Articles of iron and steel                              | 151.2       | 201.5       | -25%          |
| Iron and steel  | 27.0        | 164.6       | -84%          |
| Railway & tramways locomotives, rolling stock, parts    | 0.0         | 157.3       | -99%          |
| Knitted and crocheted goods                             | 8.0         | 108.4       | -93%          |
| Pearls, precious stones, precious metals: articles      | 15.1        | 101.7       | -85%          |
| Mineral fuels, minerals oils/products                   | 63.4        | 82.9        | -24%          |
| Old clothing and other textile articles: rags           | 54.4        | 80.6        | -32%          |

**For all product categories of Turkey Exports to the UK, [click here.](#)**

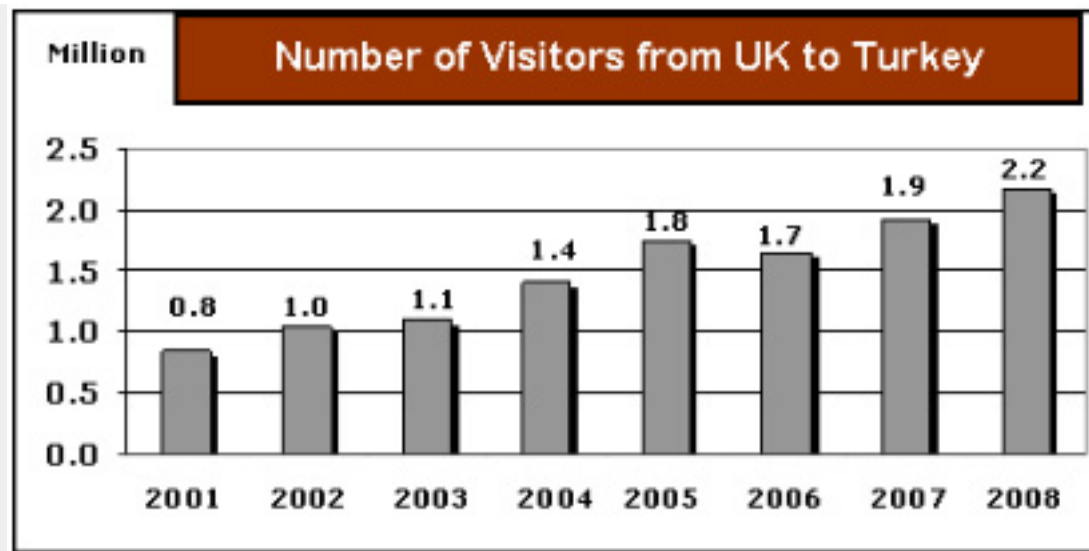
### **UK TURKEY TRADE DATA 2001-2008**



### NUMBER OF UK VISITORS TO TURKEY

In the January-July seven months period in 2009, the number of visitors from the UK to Turkey was 1.277.472, recording an increase of 11%. Most popular Turkish destinations for UK visitors were Bodrum (+10%), Antalya (+15%) and Istanbul (+23%).





### **TBCCI MEMBERS RECEPTION 6 NOVEMBER 2009, ISTANBUL**

**Date:** Friday, 6 November 2009

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Venue:** Pera premises, British Consulate Istanbul

This will be an evening reception where TBCCI members from Turkey will meet and network among Board and fellow-Chamber members, new members joining the Chamber, the Directors of the Board, British diplomatic mission in Turkey, representatives of Turkish trade associations and government and delegates from the Trade Mission. If TBCCI members wish to join this reception, please let us know at [info@tbcci.org](mailto:info@tbcci.org).

### **TURKEY UK BUSINESS DAY 6 NOVEMBER 2009, ISTANBUL**

**Date:** Friday, 6 November 2009

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Venue:** TBA

The conference on Doing Business with Turkey and the UK has also moved from Friday, 25 September to Friday, 6 November 2009. Updates will be available soon.

## **TBCCI ANNUAL BALL SATURDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2009, LONDON**

**Venue:** The Royal Garden Hotel, Palace Suite

### ***Guest Speakers at the TBCCI Annual Ball***

**Mehmet Simsek**, The Minister of Finance, Turkey

**Rt. Hon Jack Straw MP**, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice

**Sir David Logan KCMG**, Former British Ambassador to Turkey

**Shared Tables Feature:** You can buy standard and sponsored tables for 10 or 11 or 12 persons, or you can share a standard or sponsored table for 6 persons

To register or for more information, see [2009 Annual Ball](#)

To book Online, click [Online Booking](#)

## **TURKISH INVESTMENT SUMMIT, 20-22 October 2009, LONDON**

A banner for the Turkish Investment Summit. The left side is dark blue with the Adam Smith Conferences logo (a globe with a hand) and the text 'Adam Smith CONFERENCES' and 'TURKISH INVESTMENT SUMMIT'. The right side is a lighter blue gradient with the text 'TURKISH INVESTMENT SUMMIT' in large white letters, '20th – 22nd October 2009' below it, and 'Renaissance Chancery Court Hotel, London' at the bottom.

**Summit Organiser: Adam Smith Conferences**

TBCCI is a Supporting Organisation

*TBCCI members will be eligible to 20% discount*

**To register or for more information [click here](#).**

## **CARBON MARKETS, 29-30 SEPTEMBER 2009, ISTANBUL**

A banner for Carbon Markets. The left side is purple with the 'Carbon Markets' logo (a globe with a plant) and the text 'TURKEY, SOUTH CAUCASUS & CENTRAL ASIA'. The right side is white with the text 'UNDERSTANDING KEY MARKET CHANGES AND CARBON REDUCTION OPPORTUNITIES' and 'Istanbul, Turkey: 29-30, September 2009'.

**Conference Organiser: GreenPower Conferences**

Venue: Mövenpick Hotel Istanbul  
TBCCI is a Supporting Organisation  
*TBCCI members will be eligible to 20% discount*  
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## **REGULATIONS, FINANCE & INVESTMENT IN EUROPE'S NEW GEOTHERMAL MARKETS**

GeoPower Europe 2009

**Venue:** Munich, Germany:

**Date:** 24, December 2009

The Official Conference of the European Geothermal Energy Council (EGEC)

Further information on this conference will be announced shortly

## **UK TAX DEADLINES SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2009**

- 30 Sep - End of CT61 quarterly period.
- 1 Oct - Corporation Tax due for the period ended 31 Dec 2008
- 5 Oct - Notification of HMRC by Individuals/trustees of new sources of income-chargeability in 2008/09 if a Tax Return has not been received.
- 14 Oct - Due date for income tax for the CT61 quarter to 30 Sep 2009
- 19/22 Oct - Quarter 2 2009/10 PAYE remittance due.
- 31 Oct - Last day to file 2009 paper Tax Return.

For more information on these taxation matters, select from the links indicated in our website [Tax Deadlines: Sep & Oct 2009](#).

## **LEGAL ARTICLES BY MEMBERS**

Below is a selection of articles written by members of the TBCCI about legal aspects of business matters about the Uk and Turkey.

- [Doing Business in the UK](#), Bargate Murray Solicitors, London
- [Public-Private Sector Partnership Models In Turkey](#), Fazlioglu Law, Istanbul

Members are invited to publish their articles on areas of their expertise on the TBCCI website.

## **TURKISH FESTIVALS IN LONDON**

### [The 15th London Turkish Film Festival](#)

Between 5-19 November this year, over 8,000 people are expected to attend sixty screenings of up to 20 different feature films.

### [Turkey at Mayor's Thames Festival](#)

12 & 13 September 2009 - Turkey will be featuring at the Thames Festival in London this year on 12th and 13th September on the South Bank

For more information, select from the links above or visit the official website of the Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism in the UK at [www.gototurkey.co.uk](http://www.gototurkey.co.uk)

## **TBCCI NEW MEMBERS**

|   |                   |    |
|---|-------------------|----|
| <a href="#">Lotus Cars Ltd (Sustaining Member)</a>    | Automotive        | UK |
| <a href="#">Aggreko Europe &amp; ME (Sustaining)</a>  | Energy/Power      | UK |
| <a href="#">Business Link in London</a>               | Association       | UK |
| <a href="#">Mediterranean Stones Ltd</a>              | Marble            | UK |
| <a href="#">Tasty Med (Tike Restaurant)</a>           | Restaurant        | UK |
| <a href="#">Millenium Hotels Knightsbridge London</a> | Hotel             | UK |
| <a href="#">Supply Chain Solution Ltd</a>             | Transport/Freight | UK |
| <a href="#">Anthony Gardiner</a>                      | White Goods       | UK |
| <a href="#">Woodside Ltd</a>                          | Pharmacy          | UK |

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