



## TBCCI NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2014

**INTERVIEW WITH  
İLHAN İL  
CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
TRAVELEX TURKEY**



We are very pleased to present the interview given by İlhan İl, Chairman of the Executive Board of Travelex Turkey, a new Patron member of TBCCI. İlhan Bey talked about his professional life, Travelex UK, Travelex Turkey, Foreign Exchange services, opportunities and challenges in the sector, plans for the future and the role of Business Associations, and gave a message to the business communities in the UK and Turkey. To read the interview, please [click here](#).



### **TBCCI NETWORKING EVENING WITH DWF LLP**

**11 November 2014**

TBCCI Networking Evening, hosted by [DWF LLP](#), a Patron Member of TBCCI, was held on Tuesday, 11 November 2014 at DWF's offices in the landmark Walkie Talkie building in London. Representatives from the Turkish and British business communities got together at this event where HE Abdurrahman Bilgiç the Turkish Ambassador to the UK, was the Guest of Honour speaker.



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## TBCCI ANNUAL BALL, THE SAVOY LONDON

25 October 2014

TBCCI celebrated its 34th Anniversary with its Annual Ball on 25 October 2014 at The Savoy. The Guests of Honour, the Turkish Deputy Economy Minister Adnan Yıldırım and HE Abdurrahman Bilgiç Turkish Ambassador to the UK, and the TBCCI Chairman Emma Edhem, CC pointed out in their addresses to the guests that the two countries had drawn closer in their economic ties and in other areas.



**Turkish Deputy Economy Minister  
Adnan Yıldırım**



**TBCCI Chairman  
Emma Edhem, CC**



**Lancaster Room  
The Savoy**

The Turkish Deputy Economy Minister emphasised the TBCCI role in achieving this positive progress between the countries. TBCCI Chairman Emma Edhem, CC mentioned that the cumulative level of UK investment into Turkey had reached 21 billion dollars and that bilateral trade between the two countries was scheduled to exceed 16 billion dollars for the first time. Edhem said that as a result of recent initiatives and restructuring, TBCCI had become a leading information and networking platform between UK and Turkey, its higher profile and recognition in this role being demonstrated by the fact that leading global companies were joining and supporting TBCCI as members and sponsors. Following the reception, speeches and the dinner, the Ball continued with live music, a raffle and auction.

## TBCCI MEMBERS MEETING WITH KADİGER Women Entrepreneurs Association of Turkey 21 November 2014

TBCCI was delighted to meet with a delegation from Women Entrepreneurs' Association of Turkey in London on Friday, 21 November 2014. At the meeting the Women Entrepreneurs' Association of Turkey was introduced to TBCCI members and areas of co-operation between KADİGER and TBCCI and B2B possibilities were shared.

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## TBCCI 2015 LONDON NETWORKING EVENTS

21 January  
11 March  
14 May  
15 July  
10 September  
11 November  
9 December

London Networking Events will be held on Wednesdays every other month. Venues & Guest of Honour Speakers will be announced in due course.

## TBCCI 2015 UK & TURKEY SECTORAL EVENTS

28 January	London	3rd Doing Business in Turkey
19 February	Istanbul	Networking Event
17 March	London	3rd Hi-Tech in Forum
31 March	London	2nd Turkey Medical Services-Travel
16 April	London	2nd Doing Business in the UK
7 May	London	5th Cross Border Legal Issues
28 May	Ankara	1st UK-Turkey Business Forum
11 June	Istanbul	3rd Doing Business in the UK
25 June	London	2nd Doing Business in Turkey
15 October	Istanbul	6th UK-Turkey Business Forum

Venues and speakers will be publicised in due course. In addition to these scheduled events, further TBCCI organised and partnered events will be publicised in 2015.

## TBCCI MEMBERS MEETING WITH MEVKA Mevlana Development Agency 2 December 2014



TBCCI is very pleased to announce a meeting with a delegation from the Mevlana Development Agency on Tuesday, 2 December 2014 in London. The agenda for the Meeting will include an introduction to the Agency, consideration of its institutional functions and the possibilities for co-operation with TBCCI, a video presentation of opportunities for investing in and trading with the Konya and Karaman regions of Turkey, and networking. This is a TBCCI-members-only event. For details, please contact [info@tbcci.org](mailto:info@tbcci.org).

## HEALTH EXPO ISTANBUL 2014 10-13 December 2014

Venue: Istanbul Expo Center / CNR Expo  
Host: Ministry of Health Turkey

Organiser: Association of Medical tourism Development, support and organisation services of Turkey



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**In Association with:** Hospitality Health & Travel, a TBCCI Sustaining member

**Event focus:** Presentations & B2B – Medical- Hospital Products, Healthcare Informatics and Technologies, Laboratory Systems, Home Care Products & Medical Tourism Exhibition, Health & Pharmacy industries

**Event & Registration details:** <http://satud.org/healthexpo/> & <http://cnrhealthexpo.com/>

**TBCCI:** is supporting organisation of the event.

**TBCCI Chairman, Emma Edhem CC,** will be addressing the delegates on 'The Role of Chambers of Commerce in Medical Travel, Technologies and Expertise.

## NEW TBCCI MEMBERS

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## UK TURKEY EXPORTS-IMPORTS

### January-September 2104

Turkey Exports to UK 7.5 billion US \$ (up 17.1%)

UK Exports to Turkey 4.4 billion US \$ (down 2.7%)

In the first three quarters of 2014, the percentage of Turkish exports to the UK rose from 5.7% to 6.3% of the overall volume of Turkish exports compared to the same period last year. In the same period, the share of UK exports to Turkey grew from 2.4% to 2.5% of the overall volume of imports into Turkey.

## **NEWS ABOUT TURKISH ECONOMY**

Turkey's tourism revenue in the first 9 months of 2014 has reached USD 26.6 billion, marking an all-time record for the period. The Association of Turkish Travel Agencies (TURSAB) forecasts 43 million tourists in 2015 and USD 36 billion revenue,

Turkey's exports reached a record level of USD 12.5 billion in October. According to Turkish Exporters Assembly, Turkey's total exports in the first 10 months of 2014 went up by 5.6%, while Turkey's exports to the UK rose by 17.1% in the January-September period. Turkey expects to see its exports reaching USD 160.5 billion by the year end.

Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) into Turkey in the January-August period reached USD 8.6 billion, a rise of 9.8%, the manufacturing sector attracting the highest portion of FDI, followed by financial intermediation sector. 63% of the FDI originated from the EU.

Foreign investors established 2850 companies in Turkey in the first 8 months of 2014, making a total of 40,506 foreign owned or partnered companies in Turkey to.

Turkey has become the top agricultural producer of Europe and 7th in the world. In 2013, the gross value of Turkey's agricultural production reached USD 62 billion.

## **KEY UK TAX DEADLINES FOR TAX AGENTS DECEMBER 2014 & JANUARY 2015**

30 December 2014:

Deadline for online submission of Self-Assessment tax returns for tax year ended 5 April 2014 for HMRC to collect tax through clients' PAYE codes, where they owe less than £3,000.

31 January 2015:

Deadline for online submission of Self Assessment tax returns for tax year ended 5 April 2014.

Deadline for paying Self Assessment 'balancing payments' for tax year ended 5 April 2014.

Deadline for first Self Assessment payment on account for tax year ended 5 April 2015.

## **UK EMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCE**

Employers in the UK can reduce the amount of National Insurance contributions (NICs) they pay for their employees by up to £2,000. This is called the 'Employment Allowance'. Employment Allowance can be claimed from 6 April 2014. For details, see <https://www.gov.uk/employment-allowance>

With best wishes



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