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Türkiye's Exports in September Reach All-Time High of \$22.6b

Annualized exports also hit record high of \$269.7B, up 3.2% year-on-year, trade minister says



Türkiye's monthly exports hit an all-time high value of \$22.6 billion in September, rising 3% on an annual basis, the trade minister said. Addressing a press conference in Ankara, Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat said the annualized exports also reached a record high in September, rising 3.2% to hit \$269.7 billion. Bolat said that in the first nine months of 2025, the exports amounted to \$200.6 billion, up 4.1% compared to the same period last year.

"In the first nine months of this year, we recorded a \$8.3 billion increase in the overall exports compared to the same period of last year," Bolat said. He added that in 20 months of the last 28 months, the goods exports climbed, and reached monthly record levels in 16.

Bolat emphasized that Türkiye's monthly foreign trade deficit fell in 16 months of the last 28 months. "We reached the goods and services export target of \$390 billion in September, which we set at the beginning of the year," he added.

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Türkiye's Services Exports Totaled \$117.2b in 2024

Türkiye's exports in services amounted to \$117.2 billion last year, according to the country's statistical bureau, TurkStat.



Türkiye's services exports climbed by 11 percent in 2024, reaching \$117.2 billion, up from \$105.5 billion in 2023. Travel services made up 48% of the services exports last year versus 47.4% the previous year, reaching \$56.2 billion. The "other business services" sector had a 5.9% share in service exports last year. Transportation services—second to travel services in size—increased 7% to \$40.9 billion last year. Telecommunications, computer, and information services exports soared 37.8% to \$5.3 billion.

EU countries' Turkish service exports, excluding travel services, reached \$27.7 billion, while non-EU European countries bought Turkish services worth \$8.4 billion. EU countries were the largest group of countries in Türkiye's service exports and imports, excluding travel, accounting for 35.8% of the total service exports and 42.3% of the total service imports. Germany, the US, and the UK made up 30.2% of total services exports except for travel services last year. Germany had a 12.3% share of service exports with \$7.4 billion, while the US accounted for 11.8% and the UK 6.1%.

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Global Economy More Resilient Than Expected This Year, OECD Says

OECD raises 2025 global growth forecast to 3.2% from 2.9% earlier this year



The world economy has proven more resilient than anticipated in the first half of the year, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) said. “Industrial production and trade were supported by front-loading ahead of higher tariffs,” it said. “Strong AI-related investment boosted outcomes in the United States, and fiscal support in China outweighed the drag from trade headwinds and property market weakness.”

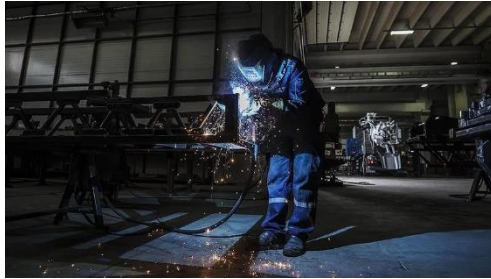
In its updated outlook, the OECD has raised its global growth forecast for 2025 to 3.2%, up from 2.9% in its previous estimate. Even with the stronger projection, global growth is expected to ease from 3.3% in 2024. The outlook for 2026 was left unchanged at 2.9% “as front-loading ceases and higher tariff rates and still-high policy uncertainty dampen investment and trade,” the report said. The OECD cautioned that downside risks remain, citing higher trade barriers, geopolitical tensions and policy uncertainty. As tariff increases take effect and immigration declines, the US GDP growth is forecast to slow to 1.8% in 2025 and 1.5% in 2026.

Eurozone growth is projected to be 1.2% in 2025 and 1% in 2026, amid rising trade frictions and geopolitical uncertainty. China’s growth is expected to ease to 4.9% in 2025 and 4.4% in 2026 as tariff pressures mount and fiscal support fades. The OECD also forecast headline inflation in most G20 economies to fall to an average of 3.4% in 2025 and 2.9% in 2026 as growth moderates and labor market pressures ease. Türkiye’s economy is projected to expand by 3.2% in 2025, an upward revision from the earlier forecast of 2.9%.

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Türkiye's GDP Expands 4.8% Year-On-Year in Q2

GDP growth rate exceeds expectations in 2nd quarter



The Turkish economy has grown by 4.8% year-on-year in the second quarter of this year, exceeding expectations. Gross domestic product (GDP) at current prices soared 43.7% to 14.62 trillion Turkish liras (\$377.6 billion) in April-June, the Turkish Statistical Institute announced. In the first quarter of 2024, the Turkish economy expanded by 2% year-on-year. On a quarterly basis, Türkiye's GDP increased by 1.6% in the three months to June.

Mehmet Simsek, the Turkish treasury and finance minister, said that Türkiye continues to grow and the inflation continues to fall despite challenging global conditions. The manufacturing industry, bolstered by a strong increase in high-tech production, delivered its “best performance in 12 quarters,” he said, adding that consumption and investment maintained a balanced trajectory.

“Despite the relatively low growth of approximately 2% among our trading partners and the front-loaded demand, the current account deficit-to-GDP ratio remained at a sustainable level of 1.3% annually,” he added.

Simsek said: "We have reached a significant milestone in achieving the ultimate goal of our program: sustained prosperity growth. According to the World Bank classification, our likelihood of joining the high-income countries group in 2025 has increased." He also said the country will soon unveil its Medium-Term Program for the 2026-2028 period, which will further advance its achievements.

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World Bank Provides \$600m in Flood, Drought Relief to Türkiye

Under Türkiye Flood and Drought Management Project, flood control facilities will be built throughout the country, says Turkish minister of agriculture and forestry



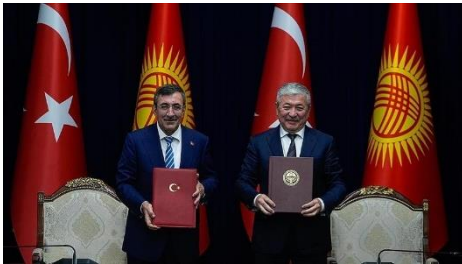
Türkiye launched a project to build flood control facilities throughout the country with \$600 million from the World Bank, the Turkish minister of agriculture and forestry said. He emphasized the impact of global warming and climate change on life at the launch event for the "Türkiye Flood and Drought Management Project" in the capital of Ankara, saying the world is

in a period where more proactive action is required to address these issues before they escalate into a much larger problem. He said the World Bank has provided significant funding for the Türkiye Flood and Drought Management Project. "With \$600 million, we will build flood control facilities across our country." He emphasized the importance of creating a safer and more resilient Türkiye to feed future generations.

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Türkiye, Kyrgyzstan Sign Joint Economic Commission Protocol

Protocol covers areas such as bilateral trade relations, industry, energy, transportation, agriculture, education, health care, culture



Türkiye and Kyrgyzstan inked the 12th Term Joint Economic Commission (JEC) Protocol, covering fields such as bilateral trade relations, industry, energy, transportation, agriculture, education, healthcare, and culture. Türkiye Vice President Cevdet Yılmaz and Kyrgyz Cabinet of Ministers Chairman Adylbek Kasymaliev met in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan's capital, and signed the protocol and a new 77-article action plan within it.

Speaking after the signing ceremony, Yılmaz said they are determined to meet President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov's trade volume targets of \$2 billion in the short term and \$5 billion in the medium term at the sixth meeting of the High-Level Strategic Cooperation Council in Bishkek in 2024. Yılmaz said they discussed all aspects of economic and trade relations between the two countries at the meeting, and that they comprehensively evaluated future steps in areas where there is strong cooperation and potential, such as healthcare, education, energy, industry, culture, and tourism.

He noted that with the action plan, which serves as a joint roadmap, they have identified concrete goals and new areas of work in an array of fields, including bilateral trade relations, industry and energy, transportation, agriculture, education, healthcare, and culture.

Additionally, collaborations will be developed in the mining sector, particularly in rare earth elements and critical minerals. In the field of industry and technology, joint efforts will be undertaken to establish industrial parks in Kyrgyzstan, he said, adding that a Kyrgyz-Turkish information technology (IT) meeting will be held as part of the Kyrgyz IT Forum to discuss software development, startups, and investments. He added that cooperation will be strengthened in the development of smart cities, digital transformation, and e-government. In the transportation sector, transit documents used in road transport will be made electronic, reducing bureaucracy. Yılmaz emphasized that new cooperation channels developed in various sectors, particularly energy, trade, transportation, healthcare, and agriculture, based on a win-win principle, will benefit the entire region. He said: "Our country, which ranks eighth in Kyrgyzstan's exports and sixth in its imports, is an important trade partner. "I hope that the commercial and economic relations between our countries will soon reach even higher levels, reflecting our brotherly bond."

Regarding investments, Yılmaz noted that Türkiye is the country's fifth-largest direct investor, with more than 2,000 Turkish companies operating in Kyrgyzstan and approximately \$2 billion in investments. He also noted that Turkish contracting companies have implemented 95 projects in Kyrgyzstan to date, totaling approximately \$1 billion. "Our traders, investors, contractors -- in short, all our actors in the trade sector -- will continue their joint efforts to further strengthen the economic and commercial relations between our countries, with a strong belief in a prosperous future. "Today, the Türkiye-Kyrgyzstan Business Forum will be held with broad participation, bringing together the Turkish-Kyrgyz business communities. "The contacts established by our businesspeople on this occasion will contribute positively to the increase of our bilateral trade, the evaluation of new investment opportunities, and our commercial relations," Yılmaz added.

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Turkish Vice President Meets EU Delegation; Underscores Need For Positive Agenda in Türkiye-EU Ties

Cevdet Yılmaz calls for concrete steps in Türkiye-EU relations amid rising global uncertainties



Turkish Vice President Cevdet Yılmaz met with Jurgis Vilcinskas, head of the EU Delegation to Türkiye, alongside ambassadors from EU member states at the Presidential Complex in the capital Ankara. Yılmaz said the discussions centered on escalating regional instability, including the war in Ukraine, the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, and growing uncertainty in the global economy.

He stressed the importance of taking concrete steps to deepen Türkiye-EU relations and establish a positive agenda amid rising global uncertainties, saying it is vital for both EU member countries and the region. "Amid growing global uncertainties, taking concrete steps in Türkiye-EU relations and creating a positive agenda is crucial for both EU member states and our region," he said. He added that other topics covered included EU enlargement policy, updating the customs union, visa liberalization, energy and transport cooperation, irregular migration management, and security and defense issues. "With our dynamic population of 85 million, strong economy, and strategic, political, economic, and

cultural influence extending from the Middle East to Africa, and from the Balkans to the Caucasus, we will continue working together with Europe, our largest trading partner, for our shared future,” Yılmaz added.

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Türkiye-US Relations ‘On Verge of New Leap Forward’: Turkish Trade Minister

‘Very good’ relations create ‘positive atmosphere,’ which can translate to more investments and exports for both Türkiye, US, while two sides discuss how to achieve \$100B trade volume target, says Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat



The relations between Türkiye and the US are “on the verge of a leap forward” as the two countries continue the efforts to “translate the positive atmosphere between the two into more investments and exports,” the Turkish trade minister told the press. Bolat, while accompanying Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, said Turkish and American business representatives and financiers held meetings on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York.

Turkish and American business world representatives discussed the Türkiye-US trade relations and mutual investments, tourism, energy, and other issues. There was a very positive atmosphere here,” he said. “They, (the American interlocutors) praised our reforms in Türkiye, as well as the stability and the growth trend we reached in the Turkish economy — almost all of them expressed plans to expand investments.” Bolat stated Türkiye’s gross domestic product (GDP) and foreign trade growth over the past 22 years have turned the country into a reliable supply, investment, logistics, and production hub. “Foreign investors are making efforts to do business in Türkiye and to expand and grow their other businesses in the Eurasia region with Türkiye as their center,” he said.

The minister noted that “a significant breakthrough” in the Türkiye-US relations may be on the horizon in the near future, having attended key business meetings. He mentioned that the trade between Türkiye and the US exceeded \$35 billion last year, which is expected to rise as high as \$40 billion this year. “We continue to discuss protecting Türkiye’s rights and interests, especially maintaining an advantageous position against competing countries, within the framework of the US’ recent trade policy,” said Bolat. Bolat highlighted that Türkiye was imposed lower reciprocal tariffs by the US on April 2 compared to competitors, while Türkiye kept in close contact with the US Department of Commerce and the Trade Representative in the face of tariff increases and protectionist trade.

He recalled that the US had imposed steel and aluminum tariffs on Türkiye in 2018 and Türkiye imposed additional financial obligations on the US in return. He said certain steps were taken to facilitate trade between the two countries to increase market access opportunities. The minister announced that the US’ additional financial obligations on 21 product groups were lifted. “We’re also in talks to clearly convey our expectations,” he said. “We’re discussing regulations on market access facilitation in negotiations to achieve the \$100 billion trade volume target set by the leaders of the two countries,” he added. Bolat stated that the Türkiye-US relations are in a “very good period” in politics, diplomacy, defense, energy, trade, investment, and tourism, noting that the US is the second-largest foreign investor in Türkiye and the second-largest exporter to the country. “Firms in both countries know each other, while more than 2,000 American companies have been investing, manufacturing,

trading, and doing financial activities in Türkiye for many years, which create hundreds of thousands of jobs,” he said. “A rise in these figures will contribute to the Turkish economy’s growth and the standard of living in Türkiye — all our efforts are directed at ensuring the welfare and the development of our country, and since foreign trade plays a key role in this goal, the US is a very important partner for Türkiye as the world’s largest importer,” he added.

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Opening of Zangezur Corridor to Activate Middle Corridor, Increase Transit Trade: Turkish Trade Minister

Azerbaijan important strategic transit point for Türkiye as it opens up to Central Asia, Far East, says Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat



The opening of the Zangezur Corridor in Azerbaijan will integrate services of the Turkic world and revitalize the Middle Corridor, which extends from the Far East to Europe, strengthening transit trade, Türkiye’s trade minister said. Bolat, speaking at an Azerbaijan-Türkiye Economic and Cultural Relations Bridge program in Ankara, said Azerbaijan is an important strategic transit point for Türkiye as it opens up to Central Asia and the Far East.

Bolat noted that Türkiye-Azerbaijan trade has progressed every year during his tenure. "As of the first eight months of this year, our trade volume has been improving. Investments, in particular, are very important," he said. Bolat underlined that Türkiye's largest investment in the world, in terms of the number of businesspeople and companies, is in Azerbaijan. "Our largest investment, worth \$17 billion, is also in Azerbaijan. Azerbaijan also has approximately 3,000 companies in Türkiye," he added.

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Türkiye Facilitating Multiple-Entry Visa System For Libyans as of Mid-September

Libyan nationals now eligible for easily obtainable long-term and multiple-entry visas for Türkiye, beginning Sept. 15, says Turkish trade minister



Türkiye will implement a new visa system for Libyan nationals, offering easily obtainable long-term and multiple-entry visas as of Sep. 15, Turkish Trade Minister Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat announced. The announcement came during the second round of the Türkiye-Libya Joint Working Group meetings, held in Ankara with the participation of Libya’s Transport Minister Mohammed Al-Shahoubi.

The minister highlighted that mutual trade between Türkiye and Libya reached \$3 billion in the first eight months of this year. “We aim to close the year with \$4 billion, and we target \$5 billion in trade volume next year,” he said. “Turkish contractors carried out some 641 projects worth \$31.5 billion in Libya to date -- we also have close cooperation and exchanges in education, health, and tourism,” he

added. Looking ahead, Bolat announced that the long-delayed Türkiye-Libya Joint Economic Commission (JEC) will reconvene in December, marking its first session since 2009. He also pointed to major opportunities for expanded cooperation in sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, mining, and renewable energy.

In addition, Bolat revealed that a Türkiye-Libya Joint Economic and Trade Commission (JETCO) agreement will soon be signed in Istanbul, while the working group will continue efforts to resolve outstanding issues in the construction sector. Libyan Minister Al-Shahoubi welcomed the strengthened ties and emphasized efforts to expand connectivity between the two countries. Some 50 flights operate per week between Türkiye and Libya, while Libya's oil sector presents opportunities for Turkish firms. He also highlighted investment opportunities in Libya's oil sector, which he said are open to Turkish companies. As part of Libya's Return to Life strategy, the government has launched numerous projects -- from road construction to hospital development -- many of which are undertaken by Turkish firms.

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Türkiye Delivers 25 Tons Of Humanitarian Aid to Quake-Hit Afghanistan

Humanitarian aid including shelter materials, hygiene kits, food delivered to Kunar province in Afghanistan in response to emergency appeal



Türkiye's disaster agency delivered to Afghanistan some 25 tons of humanitarian aid supplies to people affected by last weekend's earthquake. Following the 6.0 magnitude earthquake that struck the eastern province of Kunar in Afghanistan, Türkiye was asked to provide assistance.

In response to the call, humanitarian aid supplies prepared in coordination with the Turkish Foreign Ministry, Disaster and Emergency Management Agency (AFAD), and the Turkish Red Crescent were delivered to the region by a Turkish Air Force A400M aircraft which departed from Erkilet Airport in Kayseri. Seyfettin Karabulut, the head of AFAD's International Humanitarian Aid Department, said that, according to local authorities, 1,457 people lost their lives and more than 3,000 were injured in the quake. Explaining that humanitarian aid supplies were prepared in response to Afghanistan's emergency appeal, Karabulut said that thanks to the coordination between the relevant units of the Turkish Presidency and the ministries of Interior, Foreign Affairs, and National Defense, the supplies were dispatched from Kayseri to Jalalabad.

"Approximately 25 tons of humanitarian aid supplies, made up of shelter materials, hygiene kits, and food boxes, which are urgently needed in the region, have been delivered to the Afghan Red Crescent. The emergency humanitarian aid materials we delivered to the region will be distributed to those in need in the region in cooperation with the Afghan Red Crescent and the Turkish Red Crescent," he added.

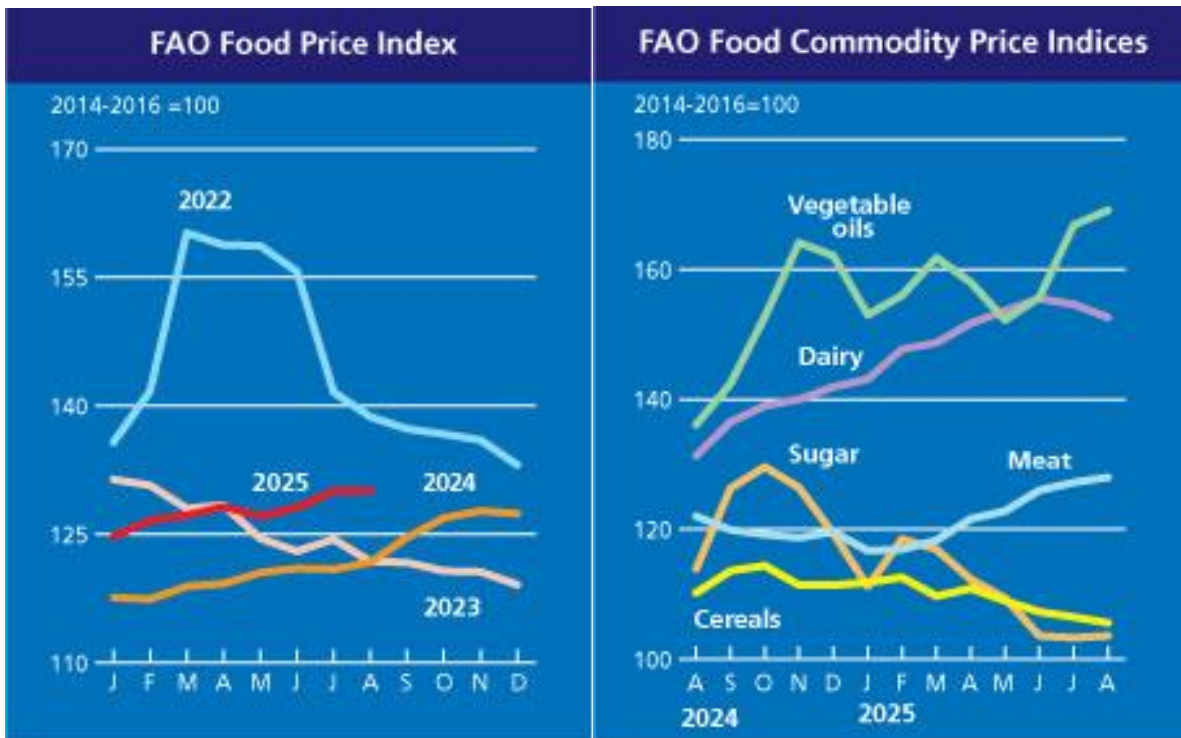
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FAO Food Price Index Virtually Unchanged in August

The **FAO Food Price Index*** (FFPI) averaged 130.1 points in August 2025, virtually unchanged from the revised July level of 130.0 points. Declines in the cereal and dairy price indices were offset by increases in the indices for meat, sugar and vegetable oils. Overall, the FFPI was 8.4 points (6.9 percent) higher than in August 2024 but remained 30.1 points (18.8 percent) below its peak reached in March 2022.

The **FAO Sugar Price Index** averaged 103.3 points in July, down 0.2 points (0.2 percent) from June, marking the fifth consecutive monthly decline, and 16.2 points (13.5 percent) lower than its July 2024 level. Early forecasts of a likely recovery in global sugar production in 2025/26, resulting from expectations of larger outputs in India and Thailand, coupled with favourable weather conditions in key southern growing regions in Brazil, exerted downward pressure on world sugar prices in July. However, signs of a rebound in global sugar import demand limited the overall decline.



The **FAO Cereal Price Index** averaged 105.6 points in August, down 0.8 points (0.8 percent) from July and 4.5 points (4.1 percent) from August 2024. International wheat prices declined month-on-month, reflecting ample global supplies and subdued import demand, especially from major buyers in Asia and North Africa. Larger harvests in the European Union and the Russian Federation further weighed on prices. By contrast, world maize prices rose for the third consecutive month, mostly underpinned by concerns over the impact of heatwaves on yields in the European Union and the increased demand for feed use and ethanol production especially in the United States of America. Among the other coarse grains, world prices of sorghum decreased while those of barley increased. Meanwhile, the FAO All Rice Price Index fell by 2.0 percent in August 2025, driven by lower Indica prices amid continued fierce competition among exporters.

The **FAO Vegetable Oil Price Index** averaged 169.1 points in August, up 2.3 points (1.4 percent) month-on-month, reaching its highest level since July 2022. The increase was driven by higher quotations for

palm, sunflower and rapeseed oils, more than offsetting a slight decline in soyoil values. International palm oil prices rose for the third consecutive month in August, largely underpinned by robust global import demand and news of Indonesia's intention to further raise its biodiesel blending mandate in 2026. Global sunflower and rapeseed oil prices increased on tightening supplies in the Black Sea region and in Europe, respectively. By contrast, world soyoil prices edged lower, mainly reflecting prospects of ample global soybean supplies in the 2025/26 season.

The FAO Meat Price Index averaged 128.0 points in August, up 0.7 points (0.6 percent) from July and 5.9 points (4.9 percent) from a year ago, marking a new all-time high. The rise was driven by continuing higher bovine and ovine meat prices, which outweighed largely stable pig meat quotations and lower poultry meat prices. International bovine meat prices reached a new record high, underpinned by strong demand from the United States of America, which boosted Australian quotations, and firm import demand from China, which kept Brazilian export prices firm despite reduced sales to the United States of America following the imposition of additional tariffs. Ovine meat prices rose for the fifth consecutive month, reflecting tight export supplies in Oceania, with higher volumes directed to more lucrative markets, notably the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America. World pig meat prices remained broadly steady amid balanced global demand and supply conditions. By contrast, poultry meat quotations declined, pressured by ample exportable supplies from Brazil. Although Brazil declared its commercial poultry farms free of high pathogenicity avian influenza in mid-June, import restrictions maintained by some major trading partners continued to affect demand.

The FAO Dairy Price Index averaged 152.6 points in August 2025, down 1.3 percent from July, marking the second consecutive monthly decline while remaining 16.2 percent above its level a year-earlier. The decrease reflected lower international prices for butter, cheese, and whole milk powder (WMP), outweighing higher skim milk powder (SMP) quotations. Butter prices declined by 2.5 percent in August, as robust production in New Zealand—despite the country's seasonal output lull—and steady supplies from the European Union boosted global availability, while import demand, especially from Asia, remained subdued. Cheese prices declined by 1.8 percent, reversing increases since April, with softer demand from key Asian markets and seasonally low export activity weighing on Oceania markets, while in the European Union, weaker domestic demand during the holiday period and increased export competition added pressure on cheese prices. WMP prices edged down by 0.3 percent, reflecting muted demand from key importing countries. By contrast, SMP prices rose by 1.8 percent, driven by limited exportable surpluses in New Zealand and steady demand from Southeast Asia.

The FAO Sugar Price Index averaged 103.6 points in August, up slightly by 0.3 points (0.2 percent) from July after five consecutive monthly declines, but still down 10.3 points (9.0 percent) from its level a year ago. The increase was mainly driven by concerns over Brazil's production outlook, amid reduced sugarcane yields and low sugar recovery rates in key southern growing regions. Additionally, stronger global sugar import demand, particularly from China, exerted further upward pressure on prices. However, expectations of larger crops in India and Thailand, owing to favourable weather conditions, limited the overall price increase.

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Türkiye, WFP Strengthen Partnership to Improve Global Food Security

Türkiye announces new support for World Food Programme, aiming to serve as strategic stockpile and logistics base for global operations



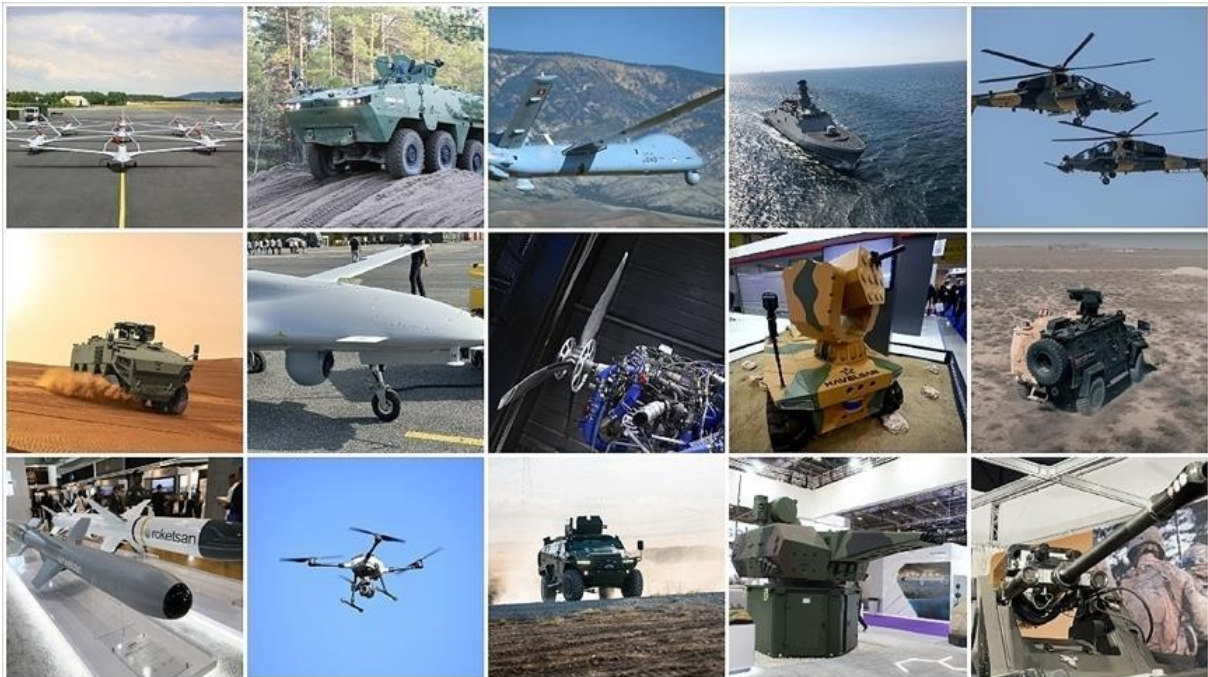
Türkiye and the UN World Food Programme (WFP) held talks on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly's 80th session to discuss ways to strengthen cooperation in the fight against global food insecurity. Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan and WFP Executive Director Cindy McCain discussed ways to strengthen collaboration, underlining Türkiye's vital role in the organization's global efforts thanks to its geostrategic location and robust logistical infrastructure.

"Türkiye announced new financial and in-kind contributions to WFP operations, including wheat supplies as well as the allocation of resources to meet storage and logistics needs," the Turkish Foreign Ministry said in a statement. The two sides also exchanged views on establishing a more systematic and expanded partnership aimed at positioning Türkiye as a strategic stockpile and logistics hub for WFP's global operations. "As a responsible member of the international community, Türkiye remains committed to delivering humanitarian assistance to all in need, particularly in Gaza," the ministry said. The statement stressed that the shared commitment expressed during the meeting marks another milestone in advancing cooperation between Türkiye and the UN system.

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Turkish Defense, Aerospace Industries' Exports Climb 39% in January-September

Türkiye's defense, aerospace exports totaled \$6B in 1st nine months of year, while September exports amounted to \$574M, says head of defense industries agency



Türkiye's defense and aerospace industry's exports this January to September surged 39% compared to the same period last year, reaching \$6 billion, the head of Türkiye's defense industries agency announced. "This rise, achieved thanks to the will and strong support of our President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, is not just a numerical success; it is also the global manifestation of Turkish engineering, our domestic production ecosystem, and our strategic vision," Defense Industries Secretariat head Haluk Gorgun stated. In September alone, the country's defense and aerospace exports amounted to \$574 million. Gorgun emphasized that Türkiye's industrialization policies, engineering-focused production, and sustainability approach ensure that every platform it develops is a reliable system not only for today but also for the future. "This vision makes our defense and aerospace industry a global player," Gorgun noted.

Highlighting that Türkiye's international cooperation activities, the joint projects it develops, and the solutions it offers to the country's vast hinterland make Türkiye a reliable global solution partner, Gorgun said these strong ties with friendly and allied nations contribute to peace and stability, while also boosting Türkiye's export performance to new heights. "We will continue to work diligently for a stronger Türkiye in global competition with our unique solutions in critical technologies," he added.

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Türkiye Enters Top 10 in Maritime Trade in 2025: Transport Minister

Deadweight capacity of Turkish-owned maritime fleet rises to 53.1M in 2025, from 8.9M in 2002, making Türkiye 10th in global maritime, Abdülkadir Uraloğlu says



Türkiye entered the top 10 countries in maritime trade in 2025, with the Turkish-owned maritime fleet with a deadweight capacity of 53.1 million, Türkiye's transportation minister announced. "We've elevated our country to the top 10 maritime nations ... Our Turkish-owned merchant marine fleet, with a capacity of 53.1 million deadweight tons, has risen from 11th to 10th in the world rankings," Abdulkadir Uraloğlu said.

Uraloğlu said that the fleet, which ranked 17th in 2002 with 8.9 million deadweight tonnage, reached 2,203 vessels in the first half of 2025, placing it in the top 10 in global maritime trade. "This represents an approximately sixfold increase in deadweight tonnage compared to 2002. Türkiye now flies its flag even more strongly among leading maritime nations. This success has once again demonstrated the strength and determination of the Turkish maritime industry. Our goal now is to take this success even further," he said.

Noting that 88% of global freight transport was carried out by sea in 2024, Uraloğlu said, adding: "Global maritime freight traffic increased by 2.4%, reaching 12.643 billion tons. In our country, 86% of foreign trade transport is carried out by sea. These figures once again demonstrate the strategic importance of maritime transport in international trade." He said that the amount of cargo handled at ports has increased by 180% and the amount of containers by 443% since 2002. "In 2024, the amount of containers handled at our ports reached 13.529 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs). Between January and August of this year, the amount of cargo handled at our ports increased by 3% compared to the same period of the previous year, reaching 366.799 million tons," Uraloglu noted. He also emphasized that Türkiye has five ports in the global top 100 ports that handle the most containers.

Uraloğlu underlined that this success was made possible by the determination of the sector, the ministry's visionary policies and the efforts of the seafarers. "This success of our fleet is not only a ranking but also proof that Turkish maritime has become a powerhouse in the global arena," he added.

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Artificial Intelligence Expected to Increase Global Trade By 37%: WTO

World Trade Organization report argues AI apps contribute to productivity in economies, as well as semiconductors, other AI-enabling goods



World Trade Organization (WTO) report argues AI apps contribute to productivity in economies, as well as semiconductors, other AI-enabling goods. However, it warns that without targeted investments and inclusive policies, Artificial intelligence (AI) could deepen existing divisions. AI is expected to increase the value of global trade and services up to 37% by 2040, as poor countries close the technological gap with rapid advancements, according to a WTO report.

The report, titled WTO 2025: Making trade and AI work together to the benefit of all, said that AI applications contribute to productivity in economies, enabling more companies to comply with complex regulations. The report said that AI's most significant impact will be seen in the digital services industry. "AI-enabling goods, such as semiconductors and intermediate inputs" play a key role in global trade, as these products' trade volume reached \$2.3 trillion in 2023, the organization said. The WTO, however, warned that without targeted investments and inclusive policies, AI could deepen existing divisions and the upwards of 37% growth in global trade may not be reached by 2040. "However, the effects of the development and deployment of AI are raising concerns that many workers, and even entire economies, could be left behind," WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala said in the report.

Digital infrastructure, technology, and skilled workforce are currently concentrated in few high-income countries, according to the WTO report, while investments in education are necessary to prevent inequalities. "AI has vast potential to lower trade costs and boost productivity, as well as to create new avenues for services production and exports," she said. "Today, however, access to AI technologies and the capacity to participate in digital trade remain highly uneven, especially for many low-income economies. Without proactive policy responses and greater international cooperation, AI could deepen inequalities rather than reducing them."

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Turkish Premier Tech Event TEKNOFEST Welcomed Visitors

Istanbul Ataturk Airport to host 5-day TEKNOFEST from Sept. 17 to 21



Türkiye's premier five-day technology event, TEKNOFEST, kicked off in İstanbul. TEKNOFEST has been held since 2018 with the support of dozens of government bodies, private sector partners, and universities. Standing out with its annually renewed competition categories, TEKNOFEST has featured 58 main and 137 subcategories.

Participants from all over the world shared their knowledge and experience, making significant advances in the field of technology development. From Sept. 17 to 21, TEKNOFEST hosted visitors not only with technology competitions but also with a wide array of spectacular events. The festival featured breathtaking air shows, various exhibitions and workshops, immersive simulation areas, a planetarium, trade fair activities, and special student flight events, bringing together a plethora of technological and exciting experiences. The event has traditionally been held in different Turkish cities in even-numbered years and in Istanbul in odd-numbered years. The event was also held in two foreign countries: Azerbaijan and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Blue Homeland, TEKNOFEST's maritime edition, was held in Istanbul. The event in the southern Turkish city of Adana attracted approximately 1.1 million visitors in 2024, with a total attendance of around 11 million so far.

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TEKNOFEST Visitors Experience Türkiye's Air Defense System Steel Dome

Steel Dome offers visitors opportunity to experience system with advanced imaging technologies



The Steel Dome experience area, created as part of TEKNOFEST Istanbul, offered visitors the opportunity to experience the system with advanced imaging technologies. The five-day Turkish premiere tech and aviation event TEKNOFEST opened its doors in the Turkish metropolis of Istanbul. The Steel Dome experience area allowed visitors to understand how it works.

Using advanced imaging technologies, visitors were able to see how Steel Dome components protected against threats through animation film technology. President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has put the achievement in the context of Türkiye's global standing, saying that the Steel Dome – Celik Kubbe in Turkish – “will instil confidence in friends and fear in enemies”.

He stated that Türkiye was writing success stories with its own systems in the air, on land, and at sea, Erdoğan said, adding: "We are the 11th largest country in defense exports. We are among the top three in the world in UAV and combat UAV technologies. We are one of 10 countries that produce their own warships, from design to mass production. We are strengthening our power in the skies with our entirely domestically produced aircraft and helicopters, in the blue homeland with unmanned

vessels, patrol, marine vehicles, and frigates, and on land with unmanned vehicles, tanks, combat vehicles, radars, and electronic warfare systems." He added that Türkiye has been preparing for breakthroughs not only in the defense industry but also in artificial intelligence (AI).

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5G Technology Likely to Contribute \$100b to Türkiye's Economy By 2030: Deputy Minister

5G technology to enhance many aspects of day-to-day life in Türkiye, from industry to healthcare, agriculture to transportation, and education



Türkiye is planning to fully implement 5G technology, ushering in transformative changes across multiple sectors as of next April. The minimum frequency values for the 5G rollout were officially published this August. The minimum frequency value for a total of 11 frequency packages was set at \$2.1 billion.

Türkiye's planned 5G frequency tender and the subsequent full coverage process are expected to bring

a contribution of \$100 billion to the Turkish economy and the potential for 1.5 million new jobs by 2030, Türkiye's deputy transport and infrastructure minister announced.

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Istanbul to Host 11th World Halal Summit in November

Summit to gather experts, academics, entrepreneurs and industry representatives from around the world



The 11th World Halal Summit, which brings together the halal ecosystem on a global scale and is among the world's leading events in this regard, will be held in Istanbul from Nov. 26-29. According to a statement from the World Halal Summit Council, the summit, held under the auspices of the Turkish Presidency in cooperation with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation's (OIC) Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) and under the coordination of Türkiye's Trade Ministry and the Halal Accreditation Agency, will host visitors at the Istanbul Expo Center.

The event, will welcome over 50,000 visitors from more than 100 countries. The summit is among the most important events for the global halal market, which is projected to grow to \$12 trillion within five years. During the summit, experts, academics, entrepreneurs and industry representatives from around the world will announce important roadmaps for the development and implementation of halal standards and market growth.

The World Halal Summit, which has a significant mission to develop standards in the halal market, strengthen global trade and support sustainable development, will once again bring together all trade stakeholders in Istanbul this year. The International Halal Trade Fair (Halal Expo), Eurasia Tourism and Healthcare Fair (ETHEXPO), B2B programs, country business forums, the Global Seller Summit, and the Modest Fashion Trade Show, all held as part of the summit, will contribute to the Turkish economy and open doors to new collaborations. The Ministerial Session, one of the summit's most important side events, to which ministers from 60 countries have been officially invited, aims to forge new trade agreements. The country business forums to be held as part of the event are expected to expand trade between participants and countries by developing new strategies. Manufacturers, industrialists and investors will come together in a dedicated area that will connect Turkish companies with foreign delegations through bilateral meetings and buyer organizations.

The Halal Expo, which will be organized in partnership with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), will showcase the potential of the halal market. The event will bring together local and international retailers, distributors, wholesalers, international ministry and chamber of commerce delegations, ambassadors, consuls and foreign trade experts. Global innovations in e-commerce, recent developments and future-oriented operations will be discussed at the Global Seller Summit. ETHEXPO, one of the summit's most visited venues, will bring together domestic and international companies operating in the tourism and health care sectors under one roof. Over 100 exhibitors, more than 15 participating countries, over 100 visiting countries and over 50,000 visitors will explore new collaborations to grow trade at ETHEXPO. ETHEXPO will bring together hospitals, medical centers, clinics, outpatient clinics, tourism agencies and transfer companies, enabling companies to expand into new markets. The Modest Fashion & Art Trade Show will also host designers, brands and key industry players showcasing the diversity of fashion.

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EVENTS

Turkish Companies From Various Sectors Will Participate in the Fairs Listed Below:

INTERNATIONAL FAIRS

FAIR	DATE		SECTOR	PLACE
AQUATHERM TASHKENT 2025	07.10.2025	09.10.2025	HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration)	Tashkent, Uzbekistan
LA TEXTILE 2025/2	07.10.2025	09.10.2025	Textiles, Apparel, Ready-to-Wear, Leather and Related Technologies	Los Angeles, USA
K 2025	08.10.2025	15.10.2025	Chemical Industry and Technologies	Düsseldorf, Germany
EQUIP AUTO PARIS	14.10.2025	18.10.2025	Automotive and Automotive Sub-Industry	Paris, France

FAIR	DATE		SECTOR	PLACE
AQUATHERM BAKU 2025	14.10.2025	16.10.2025	HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration)	Baku, Azerbaijan
138th Canton Fair – China Import and Export Fair (Phase 1)	15.10.2025	19.10.2025	General Trade	Guangzhou, China
SAUDI AGRICULTURE (AGRO FOOD, AGROPACK, AQUACULTURE)	20.10.2025	23.10.2025	Agriculture, Food, Seafood, Packaging	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
INTERLIGHT SMART CITY & HOME	21.10.2025	24.10.2025	Energy, Energy Products and Technologies	Moscow, Russian Federation
HOMETEXTILE DESIGN 2025	21.10.2025	23.10.2025	Textiles, Apparel, Ready-to-Wear, Leather and Related Technologies	Moscow, Russian Federation
138th Canton Fair – China Import and Export Fair (Phase 2)	23.10.2025	27.10.2025	Others	Guangzhou, People's Republic of China
STONE AFRICA 2025	23.10.2025	25.10.2025	Stone, Mining, Granite, Marble Products	Cairo, Egypt
BEAUTYWORLD MIDDLE EAST	27.10.2025	29.10.2025	Cosmetics, Beauty, Personal Care and Cleaning Products	Dubai, UAE
THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION FOR THE REBUILDING SYRIA - IMAR	29.10.2025	01.11.2025	Construction, Building Materials and Technologies	Damascus, Syria
Baghdad Turkish Export Products Fair	30.10.2025	01.11.2025	General Trade	Baghdad, Iraq
ASFW - 11.AFRICA SOURCING AND FASHION WEEK - ADDIS ABABA	30.10.2025	02.11.2025	Textiles, Apparel, Ready-to-Wear, Leather and Related Technologies	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
138th Canton Fair – China Import and Export Fair (Phase 3)	31.10.2025	04.11.2025	General Trade	Guangzhou, China
SAUDI BUILD	03.11.2025	06.11.2025	Construction, Building Materials and Technologies	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
ADIPEC 2025	03.11.2025	06.11.2025	Natural Gas, Petroleum, Energy	Abu Dhabi, UAE
AAPEX 2025	04.11.2025	06.11.2025	Automotive and Automotive Sub-Industry	Las Vegas, USA

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GULFOOD MANUFACTURING 2025	04.11.2025	06.11.2025	Food and Food Technologies	Dubai, UAE
ADVANCED MANUFACTURING 2025	05.11.2025	06.11.2025	Machinery, Mechanical, Electrical and Electronic Devices	Madrid, Spain
CHINA INTERNATIONAL IMPORT EXPO 2025 (CIIE 2025)	05.11.2025	10.11.2025	General Trade	Shanghai, China
FOODTECH & GLOBAL PACK GREECE	07.11.2025	10.11.2025	Food and Food Technologies	Athens, Greece
AGRITECHNICA 2025	09.11.2025	15.11.2025	Machinery, Mechanical, Electrical and Electronic Devices	Hannover, Germany
SIVECC 2025	10.11.2025	13.11.2025	HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration)	Algiers, Algeria
PAPERWORLD MIDDLE EAST 2025	11.11.2025	13.11.2025	Office Equipment, Paper, Stationery, Office Supplies, Writing Instruments and Printing	Dubai, UAE
FUNCTIONAL FABRIC FAIR FALL 2025	11.11.2025	13.11.2025	Textiles, Apparel, Ready-to-Wear, Leather and Related Technologies	Portland, USA
SIAL INTERFOOD 2025	12.11.2025	15.11.2025	Food and Food Technologies	Jakarta, Indonesia
EXPO TRANSPORTE ANPACT 2025	12.11.2025	14.11.2025	Automotive and Automotive Sub-Industry	Guadalajara, Mexico
FOOD AND HOSPITALITY CHINA 2025 (FHC CHINA 2025)	12.11.2025	14.11.2025	Food and Food Technologies	Shanghai, People's Republic of China
3rd Venezuela Turkish Export Products Fair	13.11.2025	15.11.2025	General Trade	Caracas, Venezuela
PLMA 2025	16.11.2025	18.11.2025	Private Label Products	Chicago, USA
PISCINA BARCELONA	17.11.2025	20.11.2025	Swimming Pools and Pool Equipment, Healthy Living, etc.	Barcelona, Spain
MEDICA	17.11.2025	20.11.2025	Medical Products & Technologies	Düsseldorf, Germany
MILIPOL PARIS 2025	18.11.2025	21.11.2025	Security and Defense	Paris, France

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SOLUTRANS	18.11.2025	22.11.2025	Logistics & Transportation	Lyon, France
C&R 2025- SALÓN INTERNACIONAL DE LA CLIMATIZACIÓN Y REFRIGERACIÓN	18.11.2025	20.11.2025	HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration)	Madrid, Spain
INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF ELECTRIFICATION-DECARBONIZATION -GENERATELEC 2025	18.11.2025	20.11.2025	Energy, Energy Products and Technologies	Madrid, Spain
FAST TEXTILE 2025	18.11.2025	20.11.2025	Textiles	LODZ, Poland
YUGAGRO 2025	18.11.2025	21.11.2025	Food and Food Technologies	Krasnodar, Russian Federation
FASHION LONDON SVP 2025	18.11.2025	19.11.2025	Textiles, Apparel, Ready-to-Wear, Leather and Related Technologies	London, United Kingdom
ALGERIA WOODTECH 2025	22.11.2025	25.11.2025	Wood Processing Machinery, Equipment, Furniture Sub-Industries and Accessories	Algiers, Algeria
BIG5 GLOBAL SHOW / HEAVY AND TOTALLY CONCRETE / URBAN DESIGN & LANDSCAPE EXPO / MARBLE & STONE WORLD / HVACR WORLD / WINDOWS, DOORS AND FACADES	24.11.2025	27.11.2025	Construction, Natural Stone, Flooring, Construction Machinery, Equipment and Technologies, Urban Design and Landscaping	Dubai, UAE
WORLD ADVANCED MANUFACTURING SAUDI	24.11.2025	26.11.2025	Innovative Production Technologies	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
MEBEL MOSKOVA	24.11.2025	27.11.2025	Wood/Forest Products, Furniture and Technologies	Moscow, Russian Federation
AGRO PACK IRAQ (including FOOD IRAQ ve IRAQ PLAST)	24.11.2025	27.11.2025	Food Processing and Packaging	Erbil, Iraq
Beauty West Africa 2025 – Beauty and Cosmetics Fair	25.11.2025	27.11.2025	Cosmetics, Beauty, Hygiene	Lagos, Nigeria

FAIR	DATE		SECTOR	PLACE
Automechanika Shanghai 2025	26.11.2025	29.11.2025	Automotive and Automotive Sub-Industry	Shanghai, China
DENIM PREMIERE VISION	26.11.2025	27.11.2025	Textiles, Apparel, Ready-to-Wear, Leather and Related Technologies	Milan, Italy

DOMESTIC FAIRS

FAIR	DATE		SECTOR	PLACE
PetZoo Eurasia 11th International Pet Products, Supplies and Accessories Fair	08.10.2025	11.10.2025	Pet Products, Supplies and Accessories	İstanbul
19th EIF Energy Congress and Fair	08.10.2025	10.10.2025	Energy Industry Gathering	İstanbul
ISAF International Fair – 29th International Security, National Security, Cyber Security, Fire Safety, Occupational Safety Fair	08.10.2025	11.10.2025	Security, National Security, Cyber Security, Fire Safety, Occupational Safety	İstanbul
5th International MOBISAD IMEX Fair	08.10.2025	11.10.2025	Mobile Communication, Consumer Electronics and New Technologies Fair	İstanbul
WoodTech 2025 – 38th International Woodworking Machinery, Cutting Tools, Hand Tools Fair	11.10.2025	15.10.2025	Woodworking Machinery, Furniture Manufacturing Machines and Workbenches, Cutting Tools, Hand Tools	İstanbul
ISK-Sodex 2025 International Heating, Cooling, Air Conditioning, Ventilation, Insulation, Valves, Plumbing, Water Treatment, Fire Safety, Swimming Pool and Solar Energy Systems Fair	22.10.2025	25.10.2025	Heating, Cooling, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, Pumps, Valves	İstanbul

FAIR	DATE		SECTOR	PLACE
Eurasia Packaging 2025 – Istanbul 30th International Packaging Industry Fair (Printpack & Converting – Packaging Printing Technologies, Corrugated Cardboard–Paper–Carton Packaging Production Technologies Special Section- Beverage and Liquid Food Technologies Special Section – Food Tech Eurasia – Food, Beverage, Chocolate, Confectionery, Bakery, Nuts, Dairy Products, Meat and Meat Products, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Technologies, Machinery and Equipment, Food Safety, Hygiene and Quality Control, Cold Chain, Storage and Logistics Systems Special Section	22.10.2025	25.10.2025	Packaging Products and Machinery, Beverage and Liquid Food Technologies, Printing Technologies, Corrugated Cardboard Production Technologies	İstanbul
Unicera – Istanbul Ceramic, Bathroom and Kitchen Fair	03.11.2025	07.11.2025	Ceramics, Bathroom and Kitchen Equipment	İstanbul
Ayasofya International Footwear Sub-Industry Fair 2025	11.11.2025	14.11.2025	Footwear Components, Leather, Accessories, Machinery and Technologies	İstanbul
EV Charge Show – Electric Vehicle Charging Technologies and Equipment Fair	12.11.2025	14.11.2025	Units for Charging Electric Vehicles	İstanbul
Eurasia Window 2025 – 26th International Window, Shutter, Facade Systems and Accessories, Profile Production Technologies and Machinery, Insulation Materials, Raw Materials and Complementary Products Fair (Aluminum Profile, Facade Systems and Accessories Special Section; Shading, Protection and Closure Systems Special Section)	15.11.2025	18.11.2025	Windows, Shutters, Facade and Profile, Production Machinery, Accessories, Insulation Materials, Raw Materials and Complementary Products	İstanbul

FAIR	DATE		SECTOR	PLACE
Eurasia Glass 2025 – 15th International Glass Products and Applications, Production-Processing Technologies and Machinery, Complementary Products and Chemicals Fair	15.11.2025	18.11.2025	Glass Products, Applications, Production and Processing Technologies and Machinery, Complementary Products and Chemicals	İstanbul
Growtech 2025 – 24th International Greenhouse, Agricultural Technologies and Livestock Equipment Fair	18.11.2025	21.11.2025	Greenhouse, Agricultural Technologies and Livestock Equipment	Antalya
International Silmo Istanbul Optics Fair	19.11.2025	22.11.2025	Optical and Ophthalmological Products, Spare Parts, Industrial Machinery	İstanbul
International Istanbul Hardware Fair	19.11.2025	22.11.2025	Hardware Products and Technologies	İstanbul
9th International Halal Expo / World Halal Summit	26.11.2025	29.11.2025	Halal Food, Food Packaging, Catering Equipment, Pharmaceuticals and Cosmetics, Textile Products and Textile Technologies, Food and Beverage Products, Packaging, Natural and Organic Products	İstanbul
R+T Turkey International Sun Protection, Automatic Door Systems Fair	27.11.2025	29.11.2025	Sun Protection and Automatic Door Systems	İstanbul

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