

## **Türk Ticaret Bankası Gaziantep Branch Officially Opened**

**Türk Ticaret Bankası, which has resumed operations with the vision of becoming the main bank of exporters, continues to expand its service network. The Bank aims to cover 85 percent of the country’s exports by the end of the year through new branch openings.**

The Gaziantep Branch of Türk Ticaret Bankası, relaunched to play an active role in Türkiye’s export-oriented growth, has now been opened for service. The opening ceremony was attended by Deputy Minister of Trade Özgür Volkan Ağar, Gaziantep Metropolitan Mayor Fatma Şahin, Gaziantep Deputy Governor Mehmet Bek, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Türk Ticaret Bankası Prof. Dr. Yusuf Balcı, Board Member and General Manager İlker Yeşil, Ahmet Fikret Kileci, Coordinator President of the Southeastern Anatolia Exporters’ Associations (GAİB), as well as many exporters operating in the region.

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In his remarks at the opening ceremony, Deputy Minister of Trade Özgür Volkan Ağar highlighted that the Ministry has mobilized all resources to transform Gaziantep’s production capacity into greater export potential. He stated: *“Today, together with the business community of Gaziantep, we are realizing an important concrete step. We are delighted to bring our bank to Gaziantep with the right initiative, in the heart of our exporter associations. I wish that the Gaziantep Branch of Türk Ticaret Bankası will be beneficial for our province and our export family.”*

**Prof. Dr. Yusuf Balcı: “We will continue to be the solution partner of our companies.”**

In his speech, Prof. Dr. Yusuf Balcı, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Türk Ticaret Bankası, emphasized that the Bank, founded in 1913 as the first national private-capital bank, has historically played a pioneering role in the development of the Turkish economy. He continued: *“In this new phase of our journey, as the second address of exporters, we are focused on strengthening Türkiye’s export potential, facilitating exporters’ access to finance, and producing solutions that will enhance their competitiveness. Gaziantep, with its export-driven production capacity, strong structure in organized industrial zones, strategic advantage in border trade, and entrepreneurial people, is a major trade hub not only for Southeastern Anatolia but for Türkiye as a whole... Therefore, opening one of our first branches here as Türk Ticaret Bankası carries great importance not only for our Bank but also for the national economy.”*

**İlker Yeşil: “We aim to provide TRY 75 billion in financing support to 1,000 companies in 2025.”**

İlker Yeşil, Board Member and General Manager of Türk Ticaret Bankası, emphasized that Gaziantep is one of Türkiye’s most important production and export hubs. Noting that Gaziantep ranks sixth among the provinces with the highest export volume, Yeşil said: *“As Türk Ticaret Bankası, our goal is not only to be a bank that provides financing support, but also to act as a business partner standing alongside exporters on their growth journey. We offer both physical—i.e., traditional—and digital banking services. By implementing this “Phygital”*

*banking model, we plan to cover 85 percent of the country's export footprint with the 15 branches we will open by the end of 2025. By year-end, our target is to increase the number of exporters we support with financing to 1,000, and to raise the total financing we provide to TRY 75 billion.*

**Fikret Kileci: "Türk Ticaret Bankası will enhance the competitiveness of our exporters"**

GAİB Coordinator President Ahmet Fikret Kileci expressed his great satisfaction at hosting the Gaziantep Branch of the Türk Ticaret Bankası. Stressing that fast and affordable access to financing is among the most critical needs of exporters, Kileci said: *"The launch of the Türk Ticaret Bankası in our region will strengthen the competitiveness of our exporters in global markets and contribute significantly to their growth. This is not merely the opening of a bank branch; it is a strategic step that will reinforce our regional economy across a broad spectrum, from production to exports, from employment to overall development. With this vision, the Türk Ticaret Bankası Gaziantep Branch, starting operations in our union building, will bring substantial added value to our export family."*

**About Türk Ticaret Bankası**

Established 112 years ago as the first private bank with national capital, Türk Ticaret Bankası has made significant contributions to the national economy for many years. In 2023, it was acquired by İhracatı Geliştirme A.Ş., a joint venture of TİM, Eximbank, 61 exporters' associations, and 20 banks. With the vision of becoming the main bank of exporters by providing financial support to Türkiye's export-oriented growth, Türk Ticaret Bankası continues its efforts to deliver all banking products and services needed by exporters, as well as other commercial and individual customers, through innovative financial solutions under the fastest, safest, and most favorable conditions. In its new era, Türk Ticaret Bankası aims to strengthen Türkiye's export potential, facilitate exporters' access to financing, and provide solutions that enhance their competitiveness.