



CORPORATE CATALOGUE



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CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE 1882



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Since 1882...

President's Message

Some cities lead their entire region. Some, on the other hand, boost a whole country. Finally, some cities function as the heart of the globe, they inspire the entire world, and Istanbul belongs to all three groups. Istanbul experienced all three stages throughout its journey that started in B.C. 8.500 and had positioned itself in the final stage since A.C. 4th century. In this way, the city became the centre of commerce and the heart of all empires. Istanbul gathered traders from every nation and belief; a trader from Castile, a Venetian businessman, and Muslim trade caravans and Russian mercantile colonies. Istanbul nourished them while they empowered the city. On top of all, Istanbul witnessed the launch of a new age when Sultan Mehmed II conquered the city that connects the sea and land routes between Asia and Europe...

Each century brought a novelty to Istanbul's structure that blends commerce, sports, tourism, politics, art and culture. Rooted towards the West with its seeds, the city's arms were fed by the light that rose from the East.

Cultivated by a long-established tradition of chambers, the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce has been striving

since 1882 to elevate this glorious and grand city. Ever since, the Chamber has endeavoured to render Istanbul risen by the guidance of commerce as a modern city of finance, tourism, trade, history and culture with its corporate culture and accumulation of nearly 1,5 centuries. To that end, the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce continues to actualise the projects to elevate our city and Türkiye while enhancing the efficiency and competitiveness of its over 700 thousand members. The Chamber is active in various areas, from entrepreneurship to social responsibility, education to sports, and technology to arts and culture.

The Chamber maintains a circulation of ever-increased power by transferring the power of Istanbul's business people to our city and country. This catalogue will introduce all aspects of an institution devoted to Istanbul. Moreover, it will help build a profound vision for the future by availing information on the projects generated by the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce.

Şekib AVDAGIÇ
President
Istanbul Chamber of Commerce




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**Istanbul Chamber of
Commerce – ICOC
enhances the productivity
and competitiveness
of over 700 thousand
members while launching
projects to take our city
and Türkiye to the next
stage.**

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and heartfelt values,
the Chamber strives
for the trade's future.**

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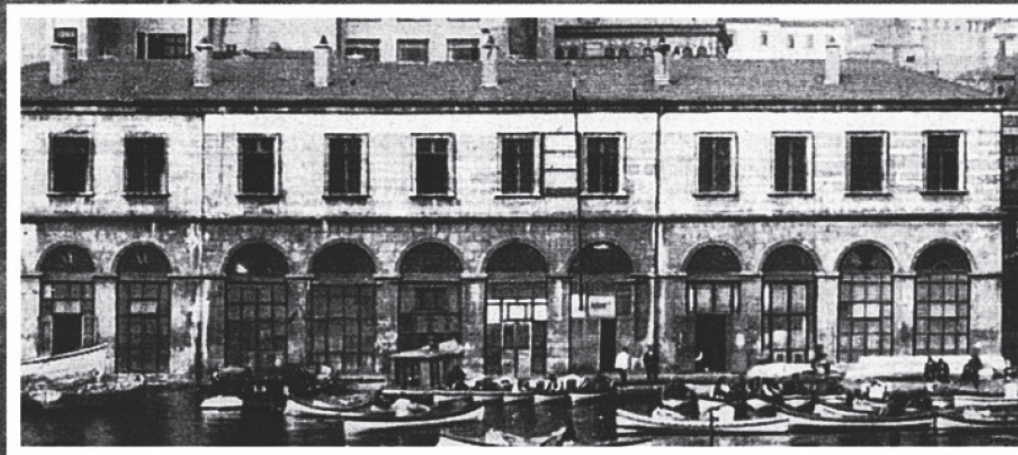
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Mehmet Ali Paşa Han
was the first official
headquarters of the
Dersaadet Chamber of
Commerce.



Founded in 1882 by Abdulhamid II, the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce made its mark in many areas since its establishment.

Today, as the world's second-largest chamber with over 700 thousand members, the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce strives to boost Turkish companies' global influence.

Fundamental Principles of the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce

The Istanbul Chamber of Commerce guides its members with its innovative vision and conserves its fundamental principles.

Technology

Updates its infrastructure and reinforces its services by constantly following technological developments.

Benefits

Aims to achieve ultimate benefits in all the projects.

Dynamism

Guides its members' trade routes with its dynamic structure aligning with the developments of the global economy.

Commitment to Values

Performs the services with the ethical principles shaped by the over 140-year-old corporate values.



Rooted

Shapes the future of trade with its rooted past.

Visionary

Renders Istanbul as an intercontinental attraction centre in line with the glorious past of the city that connects the trade routes.

Innovative

Continues to guide its members with the innovations achieved.


Global

Contributes to the progress of global business.

Travelling Through Time In The Capital Of Trade

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01



With a history that dates back as far as 8,500 years, Istanbul consecutively had been the capital of the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman Empires. It thus became the constant centre of global politics and trade for 1,600 years.

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce has been striving to effectively guard Istanbul's values while enhancing the city's brand value ever since its establishment in 1882.

01

1.1. World's Most Established Chamber of Commerce

Dersaadet Chamber of Commerce's official inauguration ceremony and the first meeting took place on 14 January 1882. The Chamber's name was changed to the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce. Istanbul Chamber of Commerce is presently one of Türkiye's and the world's largest and most rooted chambers.

The official inauguration of the Dersaadet Chamber of Commerce took place in 1882 at Mehmed Ali Pasha Inn in Haliç (the Golden Horn). With over 700 thousand members, the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce is one of the world's largest chambers. The Chamber has been taking firm steps towards the future with 81 occupational committees, 273 assembly members and 353 committee members representing all sectors of Istanbul. Istanbul Chamber of Commerce has been introducing our country's potential and high-quality products and services to the globe with the robust commercial connections built with many countries worldwide.

Each year, the Chamber organises national participation in 40 fairs in 25 countries on four continents and builds business connections via delegation visits to open the Turkish private sector to new markets. The Istanbul Chamber of Commerce supervises the business transactions of Istanbul's enterprises and business people and records their registration processes. The Chamber is the commercial representative of "Istanbul – the Sultan of Cities". The Istanbul Chamber of Commerce develops projects, carries out effective lobbying activities and strives to raise qualified human resources to increase Turkish companies' share in the global economy.

1.2. A GLOBAL POWER

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce's objective is to adopt the measures that enable sustainable economic growth for increasing Türkiye's share in global trade and act with a vision in line with the modern economic age by closely following global developments. The Chamber aims to become a global power influencing the international political and economic formations that shape global trade.

1.3. OUR PRINCIPLES

- Acting with an ever-improving management approach that focuses on the members.
- Corporate reputation and sense of mission.
- Adopting a contemporary and efficient service mindset.
- Building a pluralist and participatory management.
- Carrying out all activities by respecting the people and nature.
- Contributing to society's improvement by serving our country.

1.4. OUR DUTIES

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce's duties and authorities are stipulated by Law no.5147. According to this law, the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce is a professional public organisation with a legal entity. The duties of the Chamber are as follows:

- Facilitating the registration processes by ensuring fast and digital services,
- Resolving the private sector's structural and existing problems,
- Improving the global competitiveness of its members,
- Contributing to the progress of the country's economy,
- Constantly expanding its vision and working in all areas pointed out by the business world.



Simplicity in Every Process

- 2.1. Our Recording and Registration Services
- 2.2. Foreign Trade Activities
- 2.3. Capacity Report and Domestic
Goods Certificates

02

Istanbul-leading city of trade throughout history.

The Istanbul Chamber of Commerce strives to elevate Istanbul's values while facilitating the business life of its members.



2.1. Our Recording and Registration Services

The Registry of Commerce has been operational in the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce since 11 June 1996.

SERVICES OFFERED

- The Turkish Commercial Code and Trade Registry Regulation draw the operational framework. In line with the written instructions of the Ministry of Trade, the Chamber is in charge of registering or deregistering and recording the establishment and amendments to the registered features during the establishment of commercial enterprises founded by real entities, capital stock companies, cooperatives and foundations and associations,
- Rendering the registries available for examination, maintaining the trust and accuracy in commercial affairs, checking the authenticity of the applications,
- Drawing up Certificates of Authority, Headquarters Relocation Documents, Registry Certificate, Documents for Branching, Commerce Registry Copies, Tender Documents, Election Forms, Title Deed Certificates, Bankruptcy and Concordat Certificates,
- Registering the applications for registry via Central Registration System (Mersis) and updating the registries on this system,
- Archiving the registrations in an electronic environment under registration numbers,
- Responding to the written correspondences of public bodies, particularly of the judicial authorities on trade registries,
- Drawing up the authentication of signature, ratification of books within the corporate charter of natural entities, cooperatives and capital stock companies and signature circulars under the company name as per Law on "Amendments to Certain Laws for Improvement of the Investment Environment".

Departments

Eminönü Headquarters;

- Registration Department
- Correspondence Department
- Data Control and Coordination Department

Regional Offices

- Perpa Regional Liaison Office
- Giyimkent Regional Liaison Office
- Anatolian Side Regional Liaison Office

ONLINE PROCESSES:

Certificate of Activity (in Turkish, English, German and French)
Foreign Trade Certificates
Registration Application Tracking
Subscription Tracking/ Payment
Payment Receipt Tracking

2.2. FOREIGN TRADE ACTIVITIES

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce issues certificates regarding foreign trade operations as per Article 26 of "Law No.5174 on the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Türkiye and Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges".

Within this scope, the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce draws up ATA Carnet and TIR Carnet, A.TR Movement Certificate, EUR.1 Movement Certificate, Certificate of Origin, FORM A, and EUR-MED Movement Certificate. Documents (excluding ATA and TIR Carnet) are issued at five locations comprising Eminönü Headquarters, World Trade Center Istanbul, the Service Unit at Çatalca and Pendik and the Regional Representation at Anatolian Side.

2.3. CAPACITY REPORT AND DOMESTIC GOODS CERTIFICATE

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce furnishes capacity reports for documenting the registered small scaled industrial enterprises' unit production capacity per year with their existing machinery and labour.

Capacity reports are prepared upon the members' demand. The Istanbul Chamber of Commerce also issues Domestic Goods Certificates that extend price advantages in tender processes.

Wastage Rate Identification

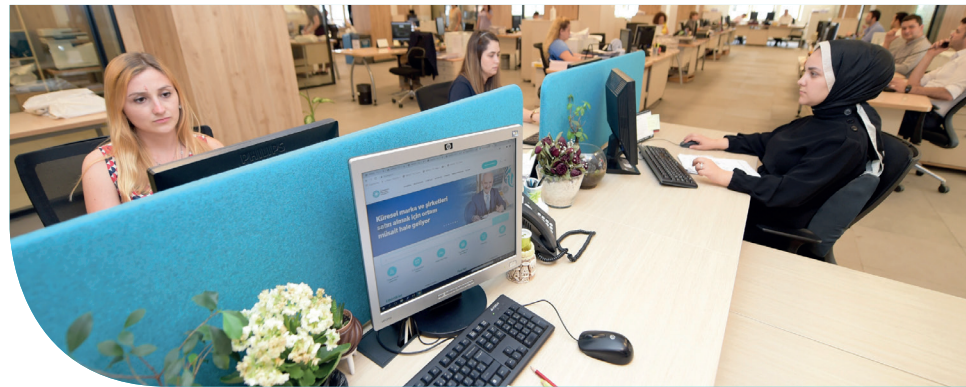
Istanbul Chamber of Commerce's Wastage Rate booklet contains the wastage rates that are considered by the businesses as cost elements by businesses. The rates of wastage not listed in our booklet can be identified upon demand.

Approval of Invoices

The invoices issued for the goods not included in the unit price lists identified by the relevant Ministries yet used in public construction works are approved for compliance.

Digital Tachograph Card

The Chamber accepts the applications for and distribution of the card that ensures the operation of the digital tachograph devices used as controlling instruments in commercial and regular transport vehicles for passengers and goods and distributes the cards.



Extensive Activities and Effective Services

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Istanbul is at the heart of commerce, and the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce is active in various areas to maintain the flow of trade activities.

As a pioneer of progress and transformation, the Chamber carries out organisations such as seminars, symposiums, panels, conferences and consultation meetings.



3.1. Seminars, Meetings, Conferences and Training Activities

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce has been regularly executing seminars, meetings and training programs on areas of socio-economic importance such as finance, SME incentives, EU implementations, investment, taxation, various legislations and foreign trade.

Additionally, the Chamber organizes periodic meetings with prominent domestic and international trade actors. It plays an active role in the growth of our trade volume and in fulfilling the demands and expectations of the business world.

3.2. GUIDANCE ON INCENTIVES AND SUPPORT MECHANISMS

Legislation on the Investment Incentive System, export incentives, R&D and technology incentives, employment incentives, etc., are followed, and the members are informed on critical developments. Guidance is provided to foreign investors wishing to establish companies, make investments or run businesses in Türkiye.

3.3. STATISTICS AND SURVEYS

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce has been estimating and publishing the price indices used as a reference in economic decision-making processes, the direction of business activities and the identification of the changes in the purchasing parity since 1927. The Chamber monthly prepares the Istanbul Wage Earners' Cost of Living Index and the Wholesale

Prices Index, regarded among inflation indicators and used as references by the relevant specialists. Also, our Chamber prepares the Foreign Capital Status Report based on data annually. To assess our Chamber's services, satisfaction surveys are extended to the participants of the seminars, panels and fairs and the trainees attending the Chamber's training programs and are evaluated through the SPSS statistics software programme.

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce Strategic Research Center (ITOSAM)

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce Strategic Research Center (ITOSAM) was established to perform studies on Istanbul's economic and commercial dynamics and present the findings from such studies to guide the real sector. The centre conducts extensive analyses in various areas by blending the field studies such as surveys, workshops, focus group meetings and interviews with the views of experts to contribute to Istanbul and Türkiye's economic progress.

3.4. TOBB ISTANBUL WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS COUNCIL (TOBB IKGK)

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce coordinates the TOBB Women Entrepreneurs Council, founded in 81 provinces as part of TOBB (Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Türkiye) in Istanbul. The Chamber carries out various projects to improve and reinforce the quality and quantity of Istanbul's female entrepreneurship potential. Istanbul Chamber of Commerce continues to lead the development of the entrepreneurial culture of our city's female inhabitants with numerous training activities.

3.5. ISTANBUL COMMERCE NEWSPAPER

Published in 1885, Istanbul Commerce Newspaper is one of the oldest financial papers in the world. The Newspaper adopts the vision of increasing Türkiye's share in global trade and revealing new opportunities for opening the Turkish business realm to the world by following global political and economic developments. Within this scope, Istanbul Commerce Newspaper is published weekly with its new cover and content. The Journal also contributes to the financial publication realm by posting the latest developments via the website istanbulticaretgazetesi.com and mobile application.



3.6 ISTANBUL NEWSPAPER OF COMMERCE ARCHIVE (ITGA)

Thousands of documents preserved in the archive since 1885 were scanned and transferred to the digital environment at www.arsiv.ito.org.tr. Archive documents in Ottoman, French, Turkish, English and German are available on the website.

3.7. CORPORATE PORTAL

As part of the digital transformation process, the members of the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce can execute online procedures for documents via their mobile phones, tablets and computers quickly, securely and efficiently.

Statistical data, wholesale price indices, consumer price indices, company info, and announcements about fairs and events are available at ito.org.tr website.

Every e-signed document is available online as well. Subscription payments by credit cards can be

performed online, while all printed material can be delivered via couriers upon demand. Subscription fee payments with credit cards are also available at the Portal.

Inquiry and verification of registration documents can be conducted via the e-Government and ito.org.tr website. In this way, the members of the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce are equipped with easy digital access to the required data and documents.

3.8. MOBILE APPLICATION

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce Mobile Application enables access to the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce's services with its renewed infrastructure. E-Signed Activity Certificate, Foreign Trade documents, Subscription Inquiry, Payments, Data Bank, Fair and Events can be accessed via the application menu.

3.9. RAPID COMMUNICATION CENTER

The scope of the services availed by the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce Rapid Communication Center has been expanded and renewed to provide uninterrupted service. The Call Center (444 0 486) and the Smart Assistant on the website deliver the members fast and high-quality services. Thanks to the Rapid Communication Center, problems are quickly solved online while the members can access data easily and time efficiently.



Istanbul Chamber of Commerce at the Global Stage

4.1. Fairs

4.2. International Activities

4.3. Supplier Days



Istanbul Chamber of Commerce carries out extensive global activities to enhance Türkiye's and Turkish brands' share in worldwide trade.

The Chamber participates in fairs across the world to mobilize members in the global markets.

The Chamber also prepares sectoral reports for the members.



4.1. Fairs

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce continues to offer fair organisation services focused on national participation that started with the Chicago World's Fair in 1893 in the United States of America. These services have been pursued with great impetus ever since.

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce provides a wide variety of services to the sector members for improving fair organisation in Türkiye. The Chamber ensures the Turkish real sector's participation in global fairs while ensuring the participation of correct and professional foreign visitors to the fairs held in Türkiye.

To this end, the Chamber participates nationally in nearly 40 fairs held in 25 countries across four continents every year. The national participation organisations are performed with the assignment and authorisation by the Ministry of Trade. The Istanbul Chamber of Commerce enables sector members to benefit from the incentives by providing numerous and extensive services to the companies. It ensures their inclusion in all the opportunities availed by the fairs.



4.2. INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce organises international delegation programs to increase the members' export volume, find new markets, build global partnerships and access the target markets. Thanks to the connections and reports made by such means, the Chamber carries out medium and long-term activities regarding domestic and international incentives. At the same time, the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce hosts many foreign delegations, international meetings and negotiations every year. These negotiations create the atmosphere for sharing ideas about cooperating with Türkiye in trade and business projects. The cooperation agreements signed with the Chambers of Commerce and Industry visiting the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce support the progress of mutual relations. Within this scope, joint studies, forums and projects are accomplished with global organisations and mutual delegation visits are performed. The Chamber informs the members of the developments and carries out European Union projects.

4.3. SUPPLIER DAYS

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce has been gathering leading local and global industrialists with subcontractors in Türkiye. It provides the environment to run mutual negotiations to ensure that they connect with the suppliers they need.



Youth and Training Services

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Istanbul Chamber of Commerce perceives the youth as the warrant of the future and continues to support them to ensure that they are prepared better and stronger for the future.

The Chamber executes projects to enable the youth to improve themselves in all aspects of life and to mobilise the participation of young entrepreneurs in the business world.



5.1. Formal And Vocational Training Activities

Raising the entrepreneurs and investors of the future, Istanbul Commerce University complements the education of the students by offering them the opportunity to gain experience in the real environment.

As the students acquire genuine market experiences through the projects and research they conduct with the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce's Occupational Committees, the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce builds sector and university cooperation.

ICOC Education and Social Services Foundation Sports Club Association encourage the sportive activities of young people and paves the way for them in various sports branches.

Vocational Training

Within the framework of the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce's "School and Industry Cooperation in Istanbul Model" Project, "mentorship" is provided to fifty-four vocational high schools in Istanbul with the cooperation built with the Ministry of National Education, Ministry of Industry and Technology, Istanbul Technical University and Istanbul Chamber of Industry. The Chamber aims to boost the quality of the graduates and prepare them for business by determining the occupations and education provided at these schools within the sector and contributing to fulfilling these schools' machinery and equipment demands.

5.2. SERVICES FOR ENTREPRENEURS

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce conducts activities to develop new-generation business models and improve the entrepreneurial ecosystem shaping the world.

The Istanbul Chamber of Commerce offers various services to entrepreneurs. It contributes to developing

new business opportunities with its affiliates – the Commercialisation Center of Istanbul (BTM) and Teknopark Istanbul Istanbul.

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce provides business mentors and workspaces. It organises meetups with investors for the entrepreneurs at BTM and guides the roadmap design for their business life. At Teknopark Istanbul, the activities are performed to create and grow indigenous and national technological brands.

SoftITo

SoftITo Software-Information Technologies Academy Project was launched under the auspices of the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce due to the lack of qualified labour in the sector and to equip young people with the competencies of the future. The Project aims to raise well-equipped human resources to the software sector and build a new-generation software ecosystem focused on entrepreneurship, mentorship and employment.

The Project was designed to contribute to the country's growth in line with the sector's growth trends and targets by creating new opportunities in reaching software and information technologies in Türkiye.

SoftITo Software-Information Technologies Academy provides the following seven training courses free of charge.

- Frontend Developer, • Backend Developer,
- Data Analytics, • Embedded Systems Developer,
- Mobile Application Developer, • Game Developer,
- Information Security Architecture.

The candidates are planned to receive the training required to augment the capacities needed by the sector. They will be granted the "accredited competence certificate" before joining the career pool to cover the business world's human resources needs.

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Istanbul Chamber of Commerce's Competence Center

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce Competence Center is a Project launched by the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce with the support of the Istanbul Development Agency (ISTKA) and the partnership of Tuzla Organised Industrial Site (TOSB) to fulfil the technical staff required by the industry. Istanbul Chamber of Commerce's Competence Center in Tuzla aims to raise qualified labour to increase indigenous production in the manufacturing industry with the "CNC Simulation Training" and "Electric Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Simulation Training".

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5.3. ARTS AND CULTURE SERVICES

Istanbul has been the world's favourite throughout history and hosted many civilisations. Hence, the city inherited a diverse cultural heritage. Istanbul Chamber of Commerce is a crucial part of such culture, and owning Istanbul's values that embrace the cultural elements of the Turkish-Islamic culture that reached its peak during the reign of the Ottoman Empire and transferring them to future generations are among the Chamber's targets.

Sultan's Pavilion of The New Mosque

Sultan's Pavilion located within the The New Mosque social complex The New Mosque, is among the most distinguished cultural heritages of the historic peninsula. Sultan's Pavilion is among the

most prominent structures of Classical Ottoman Architecture, and it hosts rare ceramic tiles, nacre (mother-of-pearl) inlays, bronze and ornamental works such as "edirnekarı" of the 17th century. Woodworking at the entrance of the mansion, tiled stoves inside, the decorative panels covering the walls and coloured glass windows are regarded as rare examples of craftsmanship. Part of the ceramic tiles were customised for the Mansion's decoration.

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce executed Sultan's Pavilion of The New Mosque's restoration in alignment with its original magnificence. The restoration process respected the cultural heritage and granted Istanbul a centre of arts and culture for traditional handicrafts.

Sultan's Pavilion of The New Mosque introduces around fifty exhibitions and events for art enthusiasts. Art stores within the Mansion host many artists and contribute to performing arts activities. Representatives of the classical arts launched their collections at the Sultan's Pavilion of The New Mosque and turned the Mansion into one of the most prominent art centres in the Fatih district.

Kitap İstanbul

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce presents prestigious publications comprising research regarding the agenda of the business realm and the publications that shed light onto Istanbul's history, trade and economy through Kitap İstanbul (Book İstanbul). The bibliophiles can access the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce's publications via www.kitapistanbul.org.tr.

Dersaadet Library

Prestigious works on Istanbul remain in the library, besides the collection of rare pieces. Students and researchers can benefit from the private workspaces in the library. Located in the cultural heritage Liman Han (Port Inn) that started a new chapter after a meticulous restoration Project, Dersaadet Library is a speciality library that focuses on “social sciences”, notably economics, business management and sociology, and the library entertains prominent national and international works.

Educational Structures and Restoration Projects

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce plays an active role in the construction of schools and various restoration projects to add value to the city and leave lasting structures in Istanbul. At the same time, Chamber ensures that our cultural and historical heritage reaches future generations with restoration projects.

Education Structures

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce contributed to the education system by building a total of forty schools comprising 23 Elementary Schools (9 schools in Istanbul and 14 in Anatolian cities), one Secondary School, twelve Vocational Schools, one Center of Arts and Science, two Education Centers for Children with Autism Syndrome and one Vocational High School.

Restoration Projects

- Sultan’s Pavilion of The New Mosque Restoration Project
- Kızlarağası Mehmet Aga Madrasa Restoration Project
- Rüstem Pasha Madrasa Restoration Project

5.4. TOURISM ACTIVITIES

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce conducts activities through the Tourism Development and Education Foundation (TUGEV) founded by the Chamber and Istanbul Convention and Visitors Bureau (ICVB) – a commercial enterprise of the Chamber to increase Istanbul’s share in the global tourism and contribute to the progress of the tourism sector. The Chamber strives particularly for the development of the congress tourism which is regarded tourism sector’s most efficient branch.



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One of Türkiye's leading institutions in a multitude of areas varying from technology to social life, congresses to tourism and sports, cultural activities to education.



6.1. ISTANBUL COMMERCE UNIVERSITY

One of Türkiye's leading institutions in many areas varyinIstanbul Commerce University was established in 2001 by the Education and Social Services Foundation of the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce. Located in the campuses in S  tl  ce and K    kyalı districts, the University provides courses updated in line with scientific and technological developments. It offers arts and cultural activities and an environment for research in global standards.

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce's experiences accumulated over 141 years play a significant role in delivering the students selecting Istanbul Commerce University a universal education that integrates theory and practice and business practicum.

The University started its education life with merely 73 students and now carries out its education and training activities with over 10 thousand students.

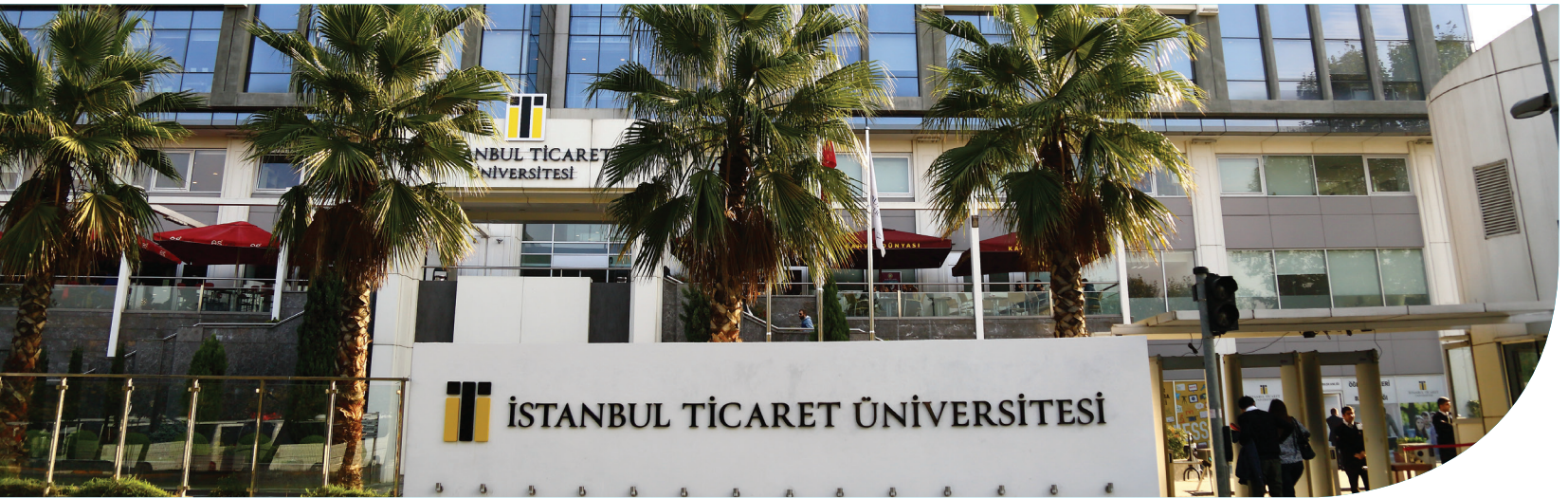
Faculties

Humanity and Social Sciences, Business Management, Law, Communication, Engineering, Architecture and Design.

Institutes and Vocational School

Graduate School of Foreign Trade, Graduate School of Social Sciences, Graduate School of Natural and Applied Sciences, Graduate School of Finance, Graduate School of Communication and Internet and Computer Programming and Cyber Security Vocational School.

English Prep School



6.2. TEKNOPARK ISTANBUL

Teknopark Istanbul was founded by the Presidency of Defence Industries and the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce as main partners to contribute to the local and foreign investors' capacity to develop technology in Türkiye. The Advanced Technology Industrial Park and Airport Project (ITEP) is a project performed by the Presidency of Defence Industries on the Anatolian Side of Istanbul. The project includes industrial support, research and development, science and technology, and education and training.

The project's primary goal is to support building the dynamic scientific and technological infrastructure required to fulfil our country's advanced technology requirements with indigenous resources.

Teknopark Istanbul has been conducting activities with 297 companies and 5.063 R&D staff and, to date, patented 125 brands with 1.622 indigenous projects.

High-technology R&D studies are performed primarily in the defence industry area and areas of aviation/aerospace, maritime, advanced electronics, energy, healthcare sciences and industrial software in Teknopark Istanbul.

Teknopark Istanbul supports leading R&D Projects in the defence industry, such as the Altay Tank, Akıncı UCAV, Anka UAV, Atak Helicopter and Milgem Corvette, TCG Anadolu Multi-Purpose Amphibious Assault Ship.

Connectto Technology Transfer Office

to developing scientific and technological knowledge, commercialising the generated data and supporting technology transfer.

Teknopark Istanbul TTO was configured in 4 modules. Cooperation Development, Project Development, Industrial Property Rights, Clustering Supports.

Technology Transfer Office (TTO) aims to contribute to technology development with data with high added value and include the products formed in such a way to the economy.

Cube Incubation

Teknopark Istanbul's incubation centre Cube Incubation is Türkiye's first and only deep-tech-oriented incubation centre. The centre hosts an ecosystem that gathers entrepreneurs, investors and other shareholders with innovative business ideas with a single objective.

With the "Incubation Center for Deep-Tech Entrepreneurs" motto, the centre offers 7/24 Modern Work Spaces, Training Programs and Events, Mentorship, Consultancy Services and Technical Consultancy Programs to entrepreneurs. Additional facilities and support include entrepreneurial analyses and technical analyses, negotiations with local and international investors and companies, assembly workshop, dark room, laboratories and clean rooms, cyber security lab, server room, showroom space usage, library usage, teknopark taxes and advantages.



Teknopark supports building a dynamic scientific and technological infrastructure to cover our country's advanced technology demands through indigenous resources.



6.3. WORLD TRADE CENTER ISTANBUL

World Trade Center Istanbul is a business centre comprising three plazas, each with seventeen floors and a shopping floor of 18.000 m².

With a 5-star WOW Istanbul Hotel, a 4-star WOW Airport Hotel and the WOW Convention Center with a capacity of 4.000 people, WTCI is a major trade centre in the world.

Istanbul Expo Center

Istanbul Expo Center features over 98.000 m² space and eleven exhibition halls. Every year, an average of one hundred national and international fairs are executed at the centre.

The centre aims to increase its indoor capacity to 225.000 m² and thus contain Europe's most qualified and largest exhibition hall.



REMOTE WORK
FLEX SPACE
FLEXIBLE WORK
SPACE HUBS
COWORKING SUITES
HUDDLEROOM

MENTAL WELLNESS

GRATITUDE IS THE BEST ATTITUDE

Love is an emotion but we definitely have to figure out what its manifestation is. Humans rely subconsciously on others for security, safety in order to thrive. Love is meaningful once it brings out your passion on what you do. In its purest form "philanthropy" means love of humanity.

It is in our nature to love thus loving and caring for and about others is an ideal form of gratitude.

EXHIBIT



6.4. COMMERCIALISATION CENTER OF ISTANBUL (BTM)

The Commercialisation Center of Istanbul is a multifunctional entrepreneurship centre supporting startups with innovative business ideas. The Center is located over an indoor area of 3.000 m² and is furnished with modern equipment. The Istanbul Chamber of Commerce established BTM as a social institution to boost the entrepreneurship ecosystem, and the Center conducts its activities on a volunteer basis, without charge.

BTM strives to evaluate and commercialise all innovative business ideas regardless of the startups' sectors or age groups.

BTM contributes to the dreams of Startups through the BTM Camp, Pre-Incubation Program, Incubation Program, Post-Incubation Program mechanisms and the investment facilities under its auspices. Winglobal is a vertical program that aims to enhance Istanbul's economy's competitive power and regional attraction on a global scale by strengthening the city's entrepreneurship ecosystem. The startup candidates in the program can make presentations before international investors and benefit from the investor-matching process that continues after the event. With the Inventor Entrepreneur programs, Winglobal provides solution-oriented support to inventors with patents and utility models. The services, procedures and activities performed to this end, the values defined by the startups, are actualised and scaled economically. Awarded as the world's most promising Center in 2019, the Commercialisation Center of Istanbul made its mark on a new success. BTM entered the global league of the best five incubation centres in UBI Global's list. With the index built from the data from over 600 incubation and acceleration centres in 90 countries, UBI Global is recognised as a prominent authority in this area. Moreover, BTM was selected as the "Incubation Center of the Year" as part of the StartupCentrum Entrepreneurship Ecosystem 2022 Awards determined by popular vote. Istanbul Chamber of Commerce, on the other hand, was deemed worthy of the Chamber of Commerce of the Year award for its contributions to the startup ecosystem.





7/24 Working Space

A 24-hour multifunctional social space of 3.000 m² is launched at our BTM campus, where entrepreneurs can operate whenever they wish.

Investor Meetup Activities

Investor meetup programs are carried out to gather investors with the startups accepted by BTM. Independent investors seize the opportunity to be matched with corporate investors, members of the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce and angel investors and gain the chance to improve their business.

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce**Committee Support**

The initiatives accepted by the BTM can benefit from the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce's experiences in receiving support in the validation process. They perform presentations in the relevant sector committee and reach detailed data regarding target markets.

One-to-One Consultancy Support

Startups can develop their projects by receiving one-to-one consultancy support from the "Entrepreneurs and Commercialisation Office", "Business Development and Innovation Office", and "Corporate Communications Office" in BTM.

BTM Camp Program

The BTM Camp Program is organized for entrepreneurs who wish to transform their innovative ideas with value propositions into creative business ideas and participate in the entrepreneurship ecosystem.

Incubation Mechanisms

Rapid and proper growth is enabled for the startups with the Pre-Incubation, Incubation and Post-Incubation Mechanisms.

Winglobal Program

The Winglobal Program is designed for Born Global Startups, and the program duration is 16 weeks. Five successful projects are qualified to visit Silicon Valley at the end of the program.

Inventor Entrepreneur Program

Within the scope of this program, designed explicitly for inventors with patents and utility models or patent applications, the entrepreneurship ecosystem and invention concepts are integrated to commercialize the launched products to attract investors rapidly.

Stage XL-Demo Day

Startups can introduce their projects to investors in the panels on the ecosystem, and all investors are invited to the "Stage XL" event that enables the startups the environment to introduce their projects.

Training Programs

BTM offers startups the training support they demand in any area and contributes to their self-improvement and business improvement.

Dialogues

The dialogues performed to increase our entrepreneurs' networks comprise Investor dialogues and I2B dialogues.

6.5. ISTANBUL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce Foundation was established in 1994 to fulfil the members' and staff's training, sports and recreational demands. To this end, the Foundation founded the Istanbul Commerce University in the education area, provides social and cultural services with Cemile Sultan Facilities and is active in sports with the professional team of the ICOC Sports Club.

6.6. TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION (TUGEV/ICVB)

Launched in 1984, TUGEV is a foundation and a non-governmental organisation. TUGEV's member profile comprises the representatives and executives of the tourism organisations and prominent business people from the stakeholders.

TUGEV's priority is to mobilise Türkiye's tourism potential, increase tourism's contribution to the country's economy and participate in organisation and coordination in building tourism policies. To this end, the foundation aims to raise qualified workforce to the sector through education support and form effective policies by underlining the importance of the congress sector.

The Istanbul Convention & Visitors Bureau - ICVB was established in 1997 within the body of TUGEV as a non-profit and impartial destination marketing organisation. ICVB's primary goal is to assist in the promotion and marketing of the congress, conference, fair and exhibition venues of Türkiye and particularly of Istanbul, in Türkiye and abroad, reinforce the congress and conference sector and, in this way, achieve the development of tourism.

ICVB is also the only authorised body that represents Istanbul on behalf of the leading international meetings industry organisations such as the ICCA (International Convention & Congress Association), City Destinations Alliance, the World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) and Meeting Professionals International (MPI). Additionally, ICVB officials play critical roles on behalf of our country and our city in the global communication network by participating in the executive boards and commissions of the organisations mentioned above.



6.7. ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION CENTER (ITOTAM)

Istanbul Chamber of Commerce founded the ITOTAM arbitration centre to align the Chamber's arbitration services delivered since 1979 with the global standards and arbitration practices abroad.

ITOTAM;

- Resolves commercial disputes by arbitration rapidly and efficiently.
- Contributes to the fast and effective settlement of arbitration trials with the help of competent experts and recognised arbitrators.
- Offers voluntary and mandatory arbitration services.
- Serves to improve and promote arbitration,

mediation and other alternative dispute settlement mechanisms.

- Follows the local and international developments in arbitration and mediation areas and updates the relevant parties on the latest developments in these areas by attending the related national and international conferences.
- Cooperates with foreign arbitration and mediation centres and develops projects.
- As part of the Istanbul Arbitration Days event, organises national and international conferences on arbitration and mediation.



6.8. CEMILE SULTAN FACILITIES

Cemile Sultan Facilities has been a social facility in Kandilli, Istanbul, since 1994. The restaurants that stand out as prominent features of the facilities offer the guests unique delicacies accompanied by a magnificent view of the Bosphorus. The Facilities features hiking paths, a mini golf course and tennis courts.

Cemile Sultan Facilities offer services in the Istanbul Expo Center, Istanbul Commerce University campuses, and the Liman Han (Port Inn) terrace.

Istanbul Commerce Palace will become operational in the Haliç (Golden Horn) Facilities.

Cemile Sultan Facilities has extensive experience hosting events and corporate services to the business world and carries out seminars, conferences, parties and meetings. Weddings and engagement parties are organised at the venue as well.



6.9. ISTANBUL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S SPORTS CLUB

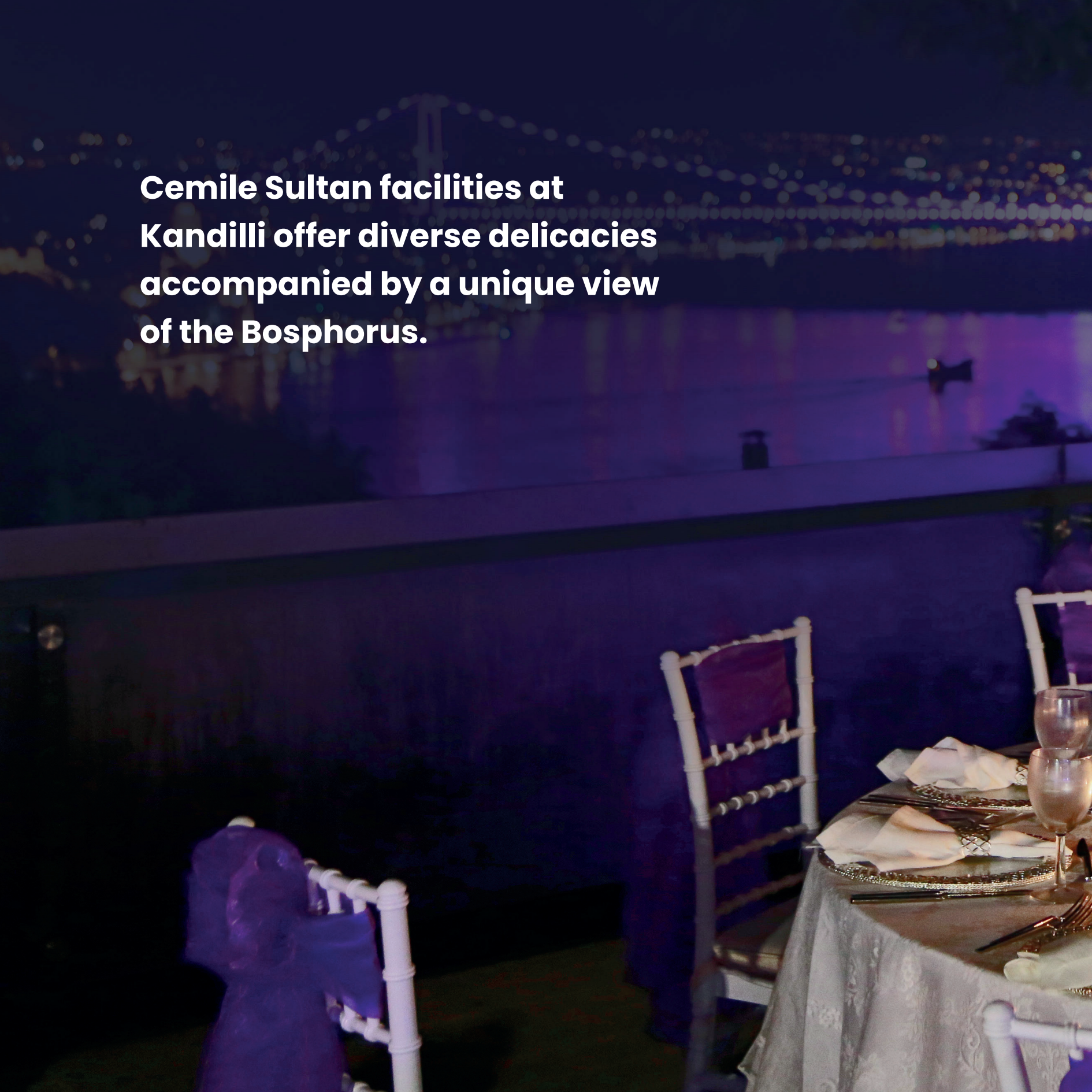
Established in 2004, ICOC Sports Club is active in basketball, karate and football. A sports hall and a training centre in FIBA standards were built for the club. The club provided A-category basketball facilities to 1.200 young people. Our U18 Basketball youth team became champions in 2019. The sports club offers basketball training to the children under protection at the "Care Homes" of the General Directorate of Family and Social Policies. Beyond merely a sports club, it is an institution contributing to young people's social lives.

6.10. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (IKV)

Economic Development Foundation was established by the initiative of the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce and Istanbul Chamber of Industry on 26 November 1965. IKV is a non-governmental research organization specializing in the EU and Türkiye-EU relations. Since its establishment, IKV has been conducting research, publishing reports and books and organizing seminars and meetings to inform public opinion. IKV Brussels Office has been working on IKV's relations with the EU institutions since 1984.



**Cemile Sultan facilities at
Kandilli offer diverse delicacies
accompanied by a unique view
of the Bosphorus.**





AFFILIATES OF ISTANBUL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1. Teknopark Istanbul A.Ş.
2. World Trade Center Istanbul (WTCI)
3. Formula Yatırım A.Ş.
4. Turkish General Stores Inc. (UMAT)
5. Customs and Tourism Enterprises Co. (GTI)
6. IT Valley
7. Industrial Development Bank of Türkiye (TSKB)
8. Central Bank of the Republic of Türkiye (TCMB)

ESTABLISHED/ REPRESENTED FOUNDATIONS

ICOC IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF

1. Education and Social Services Foundation of Istanbul Chamber of Commerce
2. ICOC Commercialisation and Research Foundation
3. Tourism Development and Education Foundation (TUGEV)
4. Istanbul Huzur Hospital and Rest Homes Foundation
5. Economic Development Foundation (IKV)
6. TOBB Personnel Insurance and Retirement Foundation
7. Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (IKSV)

ICOC IS REPRESENTED AT

1. Hacı Nimet Özden Mosques Foundation
2. Bakırköy Psychiatric Hospital Foundation
3. Turkish Employers' Association Confederation's Foundation of Microsurgery and Reconstruction
4. Darülaceze Foundation
5. Marmara University's School of Medicine Foundation
6. Istanbul Environmental Protection Foundation
7. Foundation of the Self-Employed and Executives of Turkish Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (TOSYOV)
8. Bezmialem Foundation University Medical Faculty Hospital
9. Economic Research Foundation (IAV)

ICOC'S MEMBERSHIP TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. Association of the Mediterranean Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASCAME)
2. Alliance of European Metropolitan Chambers (AEMC)
3. Danube Chambers of Commerce Federation (DCCF)
4. International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
5. Sub-Industry Market (YSB, as part of UNIDO Technical Cooperation)

INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS WE ARE REPRESENTED

1. Istanbul Development Agency (IDA)
2. Foreign Economic Relations Board of Türkiye (DEİK)
3. Soil Conservation Council of the Governorship of Istanbul
4. Crime Prevention and Resettlement Councils of the Chief Public Prosecutor's Offices
 - a. Anatolia Chief Public Prosecutor's Office Crime Prevention and Resettlement Office
 - b. Bakırköy Chief Public Prosecutor's Office Crime Prevention and Resettlement Office
 - c. Istanbul Chief Public Prosecutor's Office Crime Prevention and Resettlement Office
5. Security Council of the Governorship of Istanbul
6. Küçükyalı Arkeopark Archeological Landscape Presidency's Advisory Council
7. Provincial Commission of National Defence Obligation
8. Turkish American Chamber of Commerce and Industry
9. Turkish-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry
10. İkitelli Organized Industrial Zone
11. Istanbul Leather Organised Industrial Zone Board of Entrepreneurs
12. Istanbul Giyimkent Cooperative
13. Istanbul University Medical Faculty Hospitals' Advisory Board
14. International Chamber of Commerce Türkiye National Committee





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