



Dear Members,

Let me first wish you all a wonderful, prosperous and healthy new year, full of Swissness!

Our Chamber had a quite busy year in 2017, hosting as always a significant number of events, focusing not only on networking but also on know-how sharing and strengthening of the economic ties between Switzerland and Turkey.

We also supported several non-profit organizations dedicated to children and education in Turkey, with the aim to stay close to the next generation and help them develop in a better environment. We hope that our Chamber will be able to continue on this path in the coming years.

Looking at 2017 from the eyes of Swiss investors and entrepreneurs, we are happy to note that, despite the strong tensions between Turkey and European countries in the course of the year, the interest for Turkey is still alive on the Swiss side.

Even though official figures are not clear yet as to the exact level of trade and investments between both countries last year, it seems that business relationships maintain an overall positive trend.

Statements of various Swiss company executives confirm this tendency and we are therefore confident that bilateral flows will continue improving in 2018.

In order to keep improving the quality of the activities performed by our Chamber, we very much look forward to new cooperation opportunities with our members this year. We are indeed willing to keep helping our members increase their visibility on the market and serve as a platform supporting their successful development in Turkey.

In this respect, needless to say that our Chamber's team remains at the entire disposal of our members (current and future) and that we will be happy to support you as much as we can.

I wish you all the best of luck and success for the New Year and look forward to meeting you very soon on the occasion of our next events.

Sincerely yours,

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Please kindly find below a summary of the activities in 2017:



1. The Chamber closed the year with a total of **190 members** and **18 Sponsors**.
2. **12 new members** joined the SCCT
3. **7 members** resigned
4. New ideas and projects had been initiated in **6 Board Meetings**
5. **Schindler** became new **Platinum Sponsor**
6. **Grand Hyatt Hotel Istanbul** became new **Platinum Sponsor**
7. **Fairmont Quasar** became new **Platinum Sponsor**
8. 6 e-Newsletters have been published
 - + [e-Newsletter November 2017](#)
 - + [e-Newsletter September 2017](#)
 - + [e-Newsletter July 2017](#)
 - + [e-Newsletter May 2017](#)
 - + [e-Newsletter March 2017](#)
 - + [e-Newsletter January 2017](#)
9. Press Articles and Publications regarding the **XIII. Swiss Turkish Economic Forum**
 - + [XIII. Swiss Turkish Economic Forum](#)

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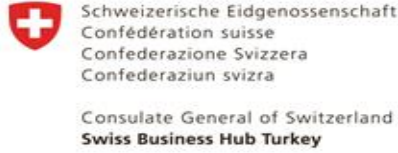
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Date 05 December 2017
Venue Swissôtel The Bosphorus, Istanbul

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SCCT 2017 New Members:

Nr.	Company	Entry
1	GRAND HYATT HOTEL	February
2	GÜLER KİMYA SAĞLIK	February
3	TAMER GROUP	April
4	QUALIST AG - PRATIKKOD YAZILIM	May
5	ALIMEX ALUMİNYUM	June
6	BTS	June
7	TETRA PAK	June
8	BELİMO TURKEY	July
9	ALAKART TURİZM	August
10	HB REAVIS	August
11	LION VALUE PARTNERS AG	October
12	CATHAY GROUP	December



Event Calender 2017:

Month	Date	Subject	Organizer	Type
January	19 January	Workshop with GLN	SCCT/GLN	Business Events
February	15 February	Luncheon with a speaker (Mr Cengiz Ultav – Vestel Executive Board Member)	SCCT	Business Events
March	07 March	Breakfast Seminar on work permit with Köksal Law Firm	SCCT	Business Events
	30 March – 2 April	Expomed Fair: Joint stand with S-GE	SCCT/SBHT	Forum / Fair / Summit
April	12 April	Breakfast Seminar on Industrial Property Law no. 6769 with Gide Loyrette Nouel	SCCT/GLN	Business Events
	19-21 April	Smart City Fair – ICSG 2017: Joint stand with S-GE	SCCT/SBHT	Forum / Fair / Summit
	28 April	Student delegation visit from St Gallen University, Turkish Business Association	SCCT	Business Events
May	03 May	Business Luncheon on Smart Cities with Ms Berrin Benli and Dr. Mónica Menéndez	SCCT	Business Events
	09 May	Breakfast Seminar on Performance-Related Termination of the Labour Contract”	SCCT/GLN	Business Events
	23 May	Summer Welcoming Cocktail	SCCT/SBHT	Social Event

June	13 June	Breakfast on Restruction of Taxing and current improvements with Köksal Law Firm	SCCT	Business Events
	21 June	Breakfast Seminar on Data Protection Law with BTS Law Firm	SCCT	Business Events
July	11 July	Chamber Corner Event with foreign Chambers	SCCT/AHK/BCCT/WKO	Business Events
September	19 September	3rd International Chambers Luncheon	SCCT	Business Events
	26 September	Welcoming Luncheon for new General Consul with Mr. Eli Koen	SCCT/UBP	Business Events
	26 September	Custom Unions 2.0 Dinner	AHK	Business Events
	28 September	Meeting with foreign chambers	ÜSIMP	Business Events
October	7 October	Charity Kids Chocolate Workshop for Theodora at Mövenpick Hotel Istanbul	SCCT/Theodora/ Mövenpick	Social Event
	25-28 October	Eurasia Packaging Fair	SCCT/SBHT	Forum / Fair / Summit
November	06-07 November	ÜSIMP Patent Fair Istanbul at Harbiye Askeri Müzesi	ÜSIMP	Forum / Fair / Summit
	21 November	Welcoming Luncheon for new Ambassador H.E. Dominique Paravicini	SCCT	Business Events
	23 November	Event with ISPAT	SCCT/SBHT	Business Events
	26 November	Sunday Family Brunch	SCCT	Social Event
December	04 December	Dinner with Speakers of the XIII. Swiss Turkish Economic Forum	SCCT	Business Events
	05 December	XIII. Swiss Turkish Economic Forum	SCCT	Forum / Fair / Summit
	12 December	Chamber Corner Event with foreign Chambers	SCCT/AHK/BCCT/WKO	Business Events
	19 December	Christmas Cocktail	SCCT/SBHT	Social Event
Board Meetings	08 February	Swissotel the Bosphorus, Istanbul		
	03 May	Fairmont Quasar Istanbul		
	26 September	Swissotel the Bosphorus, Istanbul		
	19 December	Swissotel the Bosphorus, Istanbul		