

“Deal of the Year” in Europe from DenizBank

In February 2021, DenizBank secured a USD 435 Million equivalent debt facility to be utilized mostly in environmentally friendly and sustainable projects and was awarded “Deal of the Year in Europe” by The Banker, a prestigious media organ in the finance industry.

DenizBank became **the only Turkish Bank** to take place in the awards program where financial institutions across Europe were assessed under different categories based on the opinions of specialized bankers and analysts from the British finance magazine, The Banker. The funds in scope of the transaction which were deemed worthy of an award are utilized for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, for supporting female entrepreneurs with limited access to financing and in the agricultural sector which receives special focus from DenizBank.

The Bank continued to support the Turkish economy by securing long term and international funding with competitive terms via the transaction that was carried out under the coordination of Credit Suisse AG and Emirates NBD Capital Limited. The transaction that carries significance in terms of investor diversity was also well received by international investment and development institutions, corporate investors and commercial banks.

“A significant award for our sector, beyond our Bank”

DenizBank Financial Services Group CEO Mr. Hakan Ateş underlined the fact that they secured fresh funds for the national economy during such globally challenging times due to the pandemic and stated that they are proud to receive an award from a prestigious platform such as The Banker. **Ateş** remarked, “Besides securing a significant amount of international funding for our economy with the securitization transaction amounting to USD 435 Million during such delicate times, we have also provided funds to be used in sustainability projects in majority. We were also very much pleased that the loan we secured is a testament of the increasing confidence in our country and our bank with maturity extending to 7 years and competitive terms. We are delighted to extend a majority of the funding to green projects and women entrepreneurs and farmers with limited access to financing in line with our sustainable funding targets. The fact that the transaction was awarded by The Banker which is an important media in the finance circle also proves the dimensions of our success. We will continue to strongly contribute to the Turkish economy, especially agribusinesses and micro & small enterprises, by providing similar fresh funds. I would like to extend my gratitude to our **Executive Committee Member Mr. Bora Bücügoz and our Executive Vice President in charge of Financial Institutions Group Ms. Beril Oğuz** and their teams who organized this process in our bank from beginning to end.”

About the Banker Awards

Followed closely by the global business world, The Banker Awards recognise banks and / or their transactions in many countries based on opinions of expert bankers and analysts every year.