

## Oscar of Finance goes to the project where DenizBank funds the lion's share

The project where DenizBank participates as the largest sponsor with around 700 million dollar financing received awards ranking as 1<sup>st</sup> in "Corporate Debt Deal of the Year" and 2<sup>nd</sup> in "Syndicated Loan Deal of the Year" categories of Bonds & Loans Turkey 2018, which is known as the Oscars of Banking.

The amount provided by DenizBank in quite volatile market conditions to the transaction worth 1,660,000 USD in total which was performed by Ciner Group in August 2018 for We Soda Limited company has been considered as a significant indicator of the trust in Turkish economy and Turkish investors.

DenizBank made a significant contribution to the project, which can be a milestone for Turkish economy, as the largest sponsor bank in the biggest syndicated loan of the real sector which was obtained on August 1, 2018 by We Soda, a 100% Ciner Group subsidiary founded in UK.

### The largest amount of the last 5 years

The loan is also the highest corporate financing provided in the last 5 years in Turkish debt market. The syndicated loan transaction has a historical importance both for its contribution to the trust in Turkish economy and its reputation in global markets and for the conditions of the period.

### Winner of 2018 Oscar of Finance Sector

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**"We are proud to be the largest stakeholder in such a project that boosts Turkish economy"**

Stating that this syndicated loan is among the most important transactions in his 38-year banking career and he feels great excitement and pride in its contribution to Turkey name, **DenizBank CEO Hakan Ateş** said "This project began years ago with a visionary perspective and reached where it is today. As the Bank, we have believed this vision from the very beginning and we are happy to be the first bank that contributes the first credit. In a period of market volatility in Turkey, this debt has increased the trust in Turkish economy and enhanced our country's reputation in global markets. In addition, it also brings Ciner Holding to an important position in the global arena. We will keep supporting such projects that instill hope in real sector and elevate our targets".

### About DenizBank

*DenizBank started its journey when it was acquired by Zorlu Holding in 1997 in the form of banking license from the Privatization Administration. In October 2006, a leading European financial group, Dexia*



*incorporated it to its structure. For 6 years, DenizBank operated in Dexia's main shareholding and since 28 September 2012, has continued to provide services under the umbrella of Russia's largest and well-rooted bank, Sberbank. As of 1 July 2013, DenizBank took over the Retail Banking Business Line of Citi in Turkey, with over 600 thousand customers and nearly 1,400 employees.*

*DenizBank Financial Services Group was established in 2003 in order to create a "financial supermarket" accumulating various financial services under one roof. Including subsidiaries, there are totally 754 branches within DenizBank Financial Services Group operating in 81 provinces of Turkey and abroad, employing around 14 thousand people. DenizBank Financial Services Group consists of DenizBank, five domestic, three international financial subsidiaries, six domestic non-financial subsidiaries and a branch in Bahrain. DenizYatırım, Deniz Real Estate Investment Trust, DenizPortfolio Management, DenizLeasing, DenizFactoring, Intertech, DenizKültür, Ekspres Bilgi İşlem ve Ticaret, Deniz Card Payment Systems, Açık Deniz Radio – TV and Bantaş are the group's domestic subsidiaries while Eurodeniz, DenizBank AG and DenizBank Moscow are its international subsidiaries.*

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