

## **Strong support by DenizBank for the future of esports with Wildcats**

**Having supported development and introduction of sports to more people for many years in various fields, DenizBank has now expanded this support to esports, which is a form of competition played by 456 million athletes and enjoyed by over 2.5 billion spectators, and became the main sponsor of Wildcats – the first professional esports club in Türkiye.**

As the world's largest esports club with 486 esports athletes, technical staff of 26 and communication team of 16 people, Wildcats will perform with the name **DenizBank İstanbul Wildcats** in the new season. DenizBank İstanbul Wildcats is competing in 33 different fields with 45 teams in esports.

### **"We support the development of esports ecosystem"**

Stating that they have attached importance to supporting sports in different branches with an inclusive vision since day one, **DenizBank CEO Mr. Hakan Ateş** said, "As DenizBank, we have always been beside any initiative that would contribute to our country, people and, in short, our future. As a bank that provided the greatest funding to Turkish sports for many years, we are closely watching the digitisation of the sports industry and its integration with the gaming sector. With the same understanding, we support the evolution of esports ecosystem, which has captured a wide audience since 2020. Our support to Wildcats, the team that has been truly successful in this field, started with our mobile wallet fastPay; and it will continue with the DenizBank name in the upcoming period. We are delighted to support DenizBank İstanbul Wildcats and proud to witness their national and international achievements."

### **"With DenizBank, we continue our journey adorned with championships"**

Speaking on behalf of **DenizBank İstanbul Wildcats, Orlando Carlo Calumeno** said, "Founded in 2006 as the first esports club in Türkiye, İstanbul Wildcats owes its recent aggressive growth and achievements to valuable sponsors, DenizBank in particular. Thanks to Mr. Hakan Ateş's positive outlook on sports and the fact that he is one of the first ones to notice the significance of esports ecosystem, the synergy between Wildcats and DenizBank grows incrementally. The pleasure that we have for representing our country domestically and internationally with huge success as the world's largest esports club is reinforced with our feature of only playing against Turkish players in all branches and games. With its principle of positive discrimination towards female and all Turkish esports athletes, Wildcats will continue its journey adorned with success, championships and trophies. Our route with DenizBank, as our Admiral-in-Chief, will go on with surprises and many firsts ahead of us".



## **About DenizBank İstanbul Wildcats**

HWA, which was founded in 2006 as the first professional esports club of Türkiye, was rebranded as İstanbul Wildcats in 2018. In 2020, DenizBank's innovative product fastPay became İstanbul Wildcats' sponsor. Named as DenizBank İstanbul Wildcats as of 2022, the club continues its mission to be the academy and school for Turkish esports.

Breaking a world record by winning over 120 trophies in 2021 in all branches and claiming its League of Legends Türkiye Championship title on 9 April 2022 and bringing home the Winter Cup for the second time, DenizBank İstanbul Wildcats represented our country at 2022 MSI (Mid-Season Invitational), held in Busan, South Korea between May 10 – 29. Having won the Turkish Championship in PUBG Mobile Pro League Turkey Spring 2022 League, Wildcats managed to be the EU REH Cup #5 champion with Rainbow Six:Siege team.