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## DenizBank said "Hello" to its second decade on its special "10 Plus" Night

Acquired as a banking pre-license on a blank sheet from the Turkish Privatization Administration in 1997, DenizBank introduced itself to the sector on the 81st rank. However, DenizBank achieved to ascend to the 6th rank among private banks in ten years through a fast and steady growth and said hello to its second "decade" on its special "10*plus*" night.

Many leading names of the business world, banking and finance sector, culture-art and media world attended the special night held at Çırağan Palace by DenizBank to celebrate its 10th anniversary. DenizBank hosted approximately 800 guests on this special night and shared its 10 year success story and vision on forthcoming decades.

Senior managers of Dexia and DenizBank participated in this night hosted by Axel Miller, CEO of Dexia Group, which is the main shareholder of DenizBank and Hakan Ateş, President&CEO of DenizBank Financial Services Group.

During his speech on this night, Hakan Ateş said: "DenizBank's story is story of a 10 year old dream's turning into a reality. DenizBank is a growing corporation nourished by collective wisdom, sharing, team spirit, ambition, passion and respect. Our 8 thousand Sailors' fidelity to these values lies at the heart of our success. We, all together, have realized a very beautiful dream. While saying "Hello" to many a decade, we, as thousands of Sailors are ready to dream for the forthcoming decades with the strength and motivation added by Dexia, our main shareholder with whom we share the same corporate values and common vision."

Having taken the floor after Hakan Ateş, Axel Miller said: "Turkey doesn't need Europe; but Europe needs Turkey. Europe needs this entrepreneur spirit. We also need to believe that our future lies before us, not behind us. Therefore, we continue to perform in this magnificent country, in this magnificent market. Let's add a zero to the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of DenizBank and celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary all together."

Following the speeches of Hakan Ateş, President&CEO of DenizBank Financial Services Group and Axel Miller, CEO of Dexia Group, a surprise fireworks show was organized. On DenizBank's "10 *plus*" night, first Belgium Voice Male band and afterwards our renowned artist Sertab Erener took stage. Erener offered an unforgettable musical performance to the attendees with her beautiful songs.

While saying "Hello" to its second decade, DenizBank made a donation to the Turkish Education Association (TED) on behalf of its guests of the "10*plus*" night to contribute to successful students of poor families.