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Turkey is successfully managing the Covid-19 pandemic. Dynamic domestic demand, steps taken in a timely manner by the government, declining interest rates, and other idiosyncratic factors are all likely to mitigate the possible future negative impacts of this pandemic on the Turkish economy.

Considering all these, Turkey should emerge as one of the least damaged countries globally and we anticipate a V-shape quick recovery for Turkey in the wake of the pandemic. We expect positive GDP growth for 2020, and starting within two months we expect a rebound in most sectors including aviation, tourism, and retail.

As always, the Investment Office is at the service of international business community during these challenging times.

President, Investment Office
Burak DAĞLIOĞLU

**Message from the Investment Office**

The May 2020 schedule of President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan included inaugurations of new infrastructure investments in the transport, healthcare, energy, and logistics sectors.

**On May 10**, President Erdoğan delivered remarks via videoconference at the construction completion ceremony of the tunnels of the Gayrettepe-Kağıthane-Istanbul Airport Metro Project. “We are reinforcing Istanbul’s feature as a world city with this metro line that connects Istanbul Airport to the city center,” said Erdoğan.

**On May 16**, a ceremony to mark the completion of the towers of the 1915Çanakkale Bridge was held. President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan attended via videoconference, telling attendees that construction projects such as the 1915Çanakkale Bridge will make Turkey the heart of regional transportation. “We have many highway, railway, aviation, and maritime projects still underway. When these projects are completed, Turkey, beyond meeting its own needs, will become a regional transportation hub,” said President Erdoğan.

The 1915 Çanakkale Bridge, planned to come into service on March 18, 2022, will boast the longest central span of any suspension bridge in the world when it opens.

**On May 19**, for the Commemoration of Atatürk, Youth and Sports Day, President Erdoğan attended via videoconference the commissioning ceremony of the first turbine of the power plant at the Ilısu Dam in Mardin province. Speaking at the ceremony, President Erdoğan stated, “Turkey’s fourth-largest dam, Ilısu Dam, will contribute USD 412 million to the Turkish economy annually, contribute to the development of the southeast, and is expected to generate 4.1 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity per year.”

**On May 20**, at the inauguration ceremony of the Yeşilköy Prof.Dr.Feriha Öz Emergency Hospital in Istanbul. The hospital has been built in 45 days in order to respond to emergencies like Covid-19 pandemic and has 1,008 patient beds, 16 operating rooms and 432 intensive care units.

On the same day, Erdoğan greeted the boats that pass through the Bosphorus on the 567th anniversary of the conquest of Istanbul, including Turkey’s first domestically-made drilling vessel Fatih, which was bid farewell from Istanbul to the Black Sea.

With a capacity of delivering healthcare to 35,000 outpatients daily, the hospital will be able to provide uninterrupted service to both Turkish and foreign patients during the Covid-19 outbreak.

**On May 27**, Erdoğan attended the opening ceremony of the Democracy and Freedoms Island in Istanbul. The island, formerly known as Yassada, was a symbol of the execution orders after the military coup in 1960. It has been renovated under the name of “Democracy and Freedoms Island”, where congresses and exhibitions will now take place.

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**On May 31**, President Erdoğan also inaugurated the Yeşilköy Prof. Dr. Murat Dilmener and the restored Hadımköy Dr.İsmail Niyazi Kurtuluş emergency hospitals in Istanbul.
TURKEY GETS READY FOR NORMALIZATION

After successfully implementing measures to fight against the Covid-19 outbreak, Turkey is getting ready to return to normalcy. President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan unveiled the steps of the normalization process.

Emphasizing the fact that these steps will open a new page for ‘a new normal’, President Erdoğan said, “We have to lead our lives in accordance with precautions that will protect us from pandemic threats for a long time.” Relaxation measures will ease daily lives by also preventing the Covid-19 outbreak from gaining momentum, said President Erdoğan.

On May 11, shopping centers were permitted to reopen.

Curfew on citizens of age over 65 was removed once a week for a period of 6 hours.

Curfew on citizens of age between 0-18 was removed twice a week for a period of 6 hours.

On May 11, barber shops and hairdresser salons were reopened.

On May 5, taxi cabs started working in the three most populated cities of Turkey — Istanbul, Ankara, and Izmir.

Dating from May 5, provincial quarantines ended in 7 provinces, some of which are Antalya, Mugla, and Aydin, leading destinations for summer tourism. And, dating from June 1, provincial quarantines ended in all provinces in Turkey.

On June 1, all public personnel started to work at their institutions.

On June 1, kindergartens were allowed to reopen.

On June 1, restaurants and cafes were permitted to reopen.

TURKEY RECORDS 4.5 PERCENT GROWTH IN THE FIRST QUARTER

Compared to the same quarter of the previous year, the Turkish economy recorded 4.5% growth in Q1 2020, suggesting a strong recovery and slight downside effects from Covid-19.

Minister of Treasury and Finance Berat Albayrak said that Turkey boasted the strongest growth performance among EU, the G20 and OECD countries. “The data reveals that strong recovery in our economy continued in the first quarter thanks to the success of Turkey’s fight against COVID-19. Economic activity will return to its potential level in the last quarter of the year and we will complete 2020 with a positive growth performance,” Albayrak said.

ECONOMIC ACTORS TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO MITIGATE IMPACTS OF COVID-19

Minister of Treasury and Finance Berat Albayrak announced that Turkey will carry out swaps in local currencies more effectively in the coming period. Albayrak’s remarks came after Turkey tripled its currency swap agreement with Qatar. The Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey (CBRT) announced that the amount of its swap agreement with the Central Bank of Qatar has been increased to USD 15 billion from USD 5 billion. Ministry officials also said that swap negotiations with other countries continue and that they will announce the agreements as they are signed.

Albayrak also hosted a teleconference with international investors including Citigroup and Société Générale on May 6, where he shared the details of Turkey’s success and the economic measures taken by the government as well as the roadmap of Turkey’s economic policy after the outbreak.

CBRT cut its policy rate by 50 basis points to 8.25 percent from 8.75 percent as expected, taking advantage of recent lira strength to keep supporting the economy amid the coronavirus pandemic. This means interest rate cuts since July 2019 have totaled 1,575 basis points. CBRT also released the second “Inflation Report” of 2020 and revised its year-end inflation forecast down from 8.2 percent to 7.4 percent.
A freight train carrying raw plastic materials from Gaziantep and Adana reached the Çorlu district of Tekirdağ as part of the first uninterrupted domestic freight train journey connecting Turkey’s European and Asian parts. The feat was made possible by utilizing the Marmaray tunnel.

The 400-meter-long train departed from Adana and carried goods weighing 1,300 tons in 32 containers. Materials that were unloaded at Çorlu station will be transferred overland to Asyaport in Tekirdağ.

It is planned to transport 25,000 containers annually when freight train services become active along the Marmaray route.

The company in charge of carrying out the freight train transfer project said, “We established Ömerli and Tekirdağ loading and unloading stations, Turkey’s two most important railway projects. Our goal is to carry 250,000 containers (5 million tons) nationwide from 2020 onward, 25,000 of which will be crossing under the Bosphorus. The transport we actually carried out in 2019 is 2 million tons of containers in weight. We aim to contribute to the economy of our country and Turkish State Railways by routing freight trains through the Marmaray’s railroad tunnels, one of the foremost transportation projects of Turkey.”

Turkey is reaping the fruits of investments made into the energy sector. Minister of Energy and Natural Sources Fatih Dönmez announced that Turkey set a new record with its domestic and renewable energy sources. 90 percent of Turkey’s electric generation on May 24 was provided by domestic and renewable sources.

The total electric production on May 24 was provided 43.7 percent by hydroelectric energy, 16.5 percent by coal, 14.5 percent by wind energy, 7.2 percent by solar energy, 5.3 percent by geothermal energy, 2.6 percent by biomass energy, and 0.2 percent by other energy sources.

Amid the global economic challenges caused by Covid-19, Turkey is finding ways to continue its trade activities. The DP World Yarımca Port, operating in the northwestern province of Kocaeli, welcomed the arrival of a gigantic container ship named “MSC Tina,” one of the largest of its kind in the world with its 19,224 twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) capacity.

DP World announced that the terminal received the ship, which was operating under a dual partnership of Maersk and MSC, which together account for a significant share in Turkey’s commercial relations with East Asia. According to the written statement released by the company, the 2M consortium put aside concerns related to the Covid-19 outbreak and agreed on enlarging the capacity of their ships carrying goods to the country.

“The DP World Yarımca terminal marked the first stop for the MSC Tina, which has a 19,224 twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) capacity, the largest of any ship coming to Turkey. The modern design and technological capacity of the 922-meter-long dock at DP World Yarımca’s terminal allow for the docking of two 400-meter-long container ships simultaneously,” the company reported.
THE FIRST FREIGHT TRAIN STARTED ON THE MODERNIZED SAMSUN-SIVAS RAILWAY LINE

The Samsun-Sivas Kalın railway line, one of Turkey’s oldest railway lines, was opened in 1932. In an effort to modernize the line it was shut down on September 29, 2015, so that renewal works could take place. Thus began Turkey’s largest railway modernization project to date. Within the scope of the project, the entire infrastructure and superstructure of the 378 km line was renewed and the signal system was brought up to European Union standards. The project was recently completed, and initial tests of the modernized line began the past month.

FILYOS PORT PROJECT COMES TO AN END

The construction of a port at Filyos on the Black Sea coast in Zonguldak province, an idea that dates back to Ottoman times as a dream project of Abdülhamid the 2nd, will finally be realized more than a century later as it became a priority for investment back in 2014. In addition to the port, 6 million square meters of area was declared the ‘Filyos Industrial Zone’ in the investment program. 4 million square meters was opened to industrialists as a free zone. The Filyos Project is viewed as a ‘liberation of the region’ with a target of generating 12,000 direct employment in factories expected to locate there. Filyos Port, which is 67 percent completed and is planned to be operational by the end of 2020, will be commissioned with a load capacity of 25 million tons. When it comes into service, the Filyos Project is intended to be among the three major ports of Turkey.

TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS IN TURKEY

6th
Turkey’s rank among Europe in transportation and warehousing in the past 17 years.

USD 127 billion
Total contract value of the 175 PPP projects in Turkey during the 2003-2018 period.

27,000 km
Total length of highways in 2018. (2002: 6,000 km)

1,200 km
Total length of high-speed railways. (2002: none)

Number of airports increased to 56 up from 26.
Annual passenger capacity of the newly-commissioned Istanbul Airport, once all stages are completed and once we return to normalcy, will be 200 million.

10.8 million TEU
Capacity of maritime containers transport. (2002: 2 million TEU)

INVESTMENT OFFICE SHARES EXPERIENCES WITH KAZAKH COUNTERPARTS

The Presidency of the Republic of Turkey Investment Office held an experience sharing program with Kazakh Invest via video conference on May 20.

Investment Office Vice President Ahmet İhsan Erdem made the opening speech and welcomed the Kazakh Invest delegation. Erdem started his words by mentioning the joint programs and ever-growing bilateral relations among the two countries. He then made a summary of the Investment Office’s primary roles of acting as a bridge between government institutions and international investors and of promoting Turkey as an investment hub in all global platforms.

After the opening remarks, the Investment Office team shared their experiences and the Kazakh Invest delegation was briefed on corporate structure, project management process, sectoral experiences, and aftercare services.

ITALIAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY BRIEFED ON TURKEY’S POST-COVID-19 ROADMAP

The Presidency of the Republic of Turkey Investment Office held a webinar for the Italian business community on May 20 to share information on what economic measures Turkey has taken and what Turkey could offer to its Italian counterparts in the face of the Covid-19 outbreak.

At the webinar entitled ‘How does Turkey Support Italian Business Community During Covid-19?’, Furkan Karayaka, Head of the Investment Office’s Overseas Activities Department, addressed the Italian delegation. Karayaka touched upon the measures being taken against the outbreak that has affected over 5 million people globally to date as well as on the economic policies of the Turkish government to support the business community in the time of the pandemic.

In addition to Ambassador of Turkey to Italy Murat Salim Esenli, representatives of Ferrero Turkey and Investment Office country advisor to Italy Gino Costa spoke during the webinar. More than 80 people attended the program as audience.

INVESTMENT OFFICE ORGANIZED WEBINAR ON FDI WITH EY TURKIYE

The Presidency of the Republic of Turkey Investment Office along with Ernst & Young Turkey organized a webinar entitled “FDI 2.0: Now, Next, and Beyond with COVID-19” on June 3rd.

Investment Office President Burak Dağlıoğlu made the opening speech and welcomed the audience. Dağlıoğlu provided an overview of the measures being taken by the Turkish government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that has affected over 6 million people globally.

“Turkey was not caught unprepared... Turkey has been investing in its healthcare infrastructure by building—through public private partnerships—integrated healthcare campuses and city hospitals equipped with advanced technologies. It is worth mentioning that foreign investors have played an important role in Turkey’s healthcare PPP projects,” he said.

Dağlıoğlu also talked about the impact of the pandemic on FDI. “While the recent developments are certainly creating challenges for global FDI, on the other hand, they are also going to create new opportunities for companies and investment promotion agencies,” he emphasized.

Head of the Strategy Department of the Investment Office, Muhiddin Keskin; EY Country Managing Partner of Turkey, Metin Canoğlu; and EY Associate Partner of Turkey, Serhat Akmeşe, also participated in the webinar.

INVESTMENT OFFICE AND IPAQ HELD AN ONLINE MEETING

The Presidency of the Republic of Turkey Investment Office met with the Investment Promotion Agency of Qatar (IPAQ) via video conference to discuss best practices in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Investment Office Post Investment Services Unit Manager Fatih Altunyuva spoke about some new support mechanisms introduced by the Investment Office. “We have opened a new e-mail channel so that investors can quickly convey the problems they face to our office. In this context, we have a support team working around the clock,” he said.

Altunyuva continued, “Our success in fighting the pandemic rests four main pillars in Turkey — social distancing, supply chains, public administration and legal practices, as well as a strong healthcare system.”
COVID-19 STATISTICS FOR TURKEY

As of May 19, the graph below illustrates the trends in the daily numbers of respective factors, namely Covid-19 cases, recoveries, and death toll. Since the beginning of May, notable decreasing trends both in the number of death and of Covid-19 cases can be seen.

Looking at the trends in the particular factors through the lens of cumulative numbers provides a better insight.

The graph below clearly highlights that Turkey has already reached the peak level in the pandemic.

EBRD PRESIDENT CHAKRABARTI: “TURKEY WILL HAVE A V-SHAPED ECONOMIC RECOVERY”

“Every market in which the EBRD operates is contracting this year. I believe there will be a V-shaped improvement in Turkey and in some countries where we operate.”

President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Chakrabarti said “This year, every market in which the EBRD operates is in a narrowing. I believe there will be a V-shaped improvement in Turkey and in some countries where we operate. I expect our investments in Turkey will be higher this year.”

MOBIUS: “CRISIS PRESENTS OPPORTUNITY FOR TURKEY”

Mark Mobius, Founder of Mobius Capital Partners LLP, which focuses on investments in emerging markets, said that Chinese producers began looking outside of China to protect themselves from the trade war. “There are opportunities for Turkey here,” said Mobius. “Chinese producers can come to Turkey, and then Turkey can increase its exports to the US and enter the US supply chain more.”

US CONGRESSMAN STEVE COHEN THANKS TURKEY FOR AID

“I appreciate Turkey’s donation of much-needed medical supplies to help respond to the Covid-19 crisis,” said US Congressman from Tennessee Steven Cohen. “Our NATO allies stand shoulder to shoulder with us on the battlefield, and I am glad that they are doing so in this battle as well,” he added.
TURKEY: HUB FOR INNOVATION AND GROWTH

Easy access to multiple markets of $25 trillion GDP, $7.8 trillion trade, 1.7 billion people.

ACCESS TO MULTIPLE MARKETS

Europe
GDP: $19.5 trillion
Import: $6.5 trillion
Population: 700 million

Russia
GDP: $1.5 trillion
Import: $0.2 trillion
Population: 100 million

Central Asia & Caucasus
GDP: $0.3 trillion
Import: $0.1 trillion
Population: 100 million

MENA
GDP: $3.6 trillion
Import: $1.0 trillion
Population: 800 million

• Booming economy reaching USD 754 billion in 2019, up from USD 236 billion in 2002.
• One of the fastest growing OECD economies between 2014-2025, with a projected average annual growth rate of 4.7%.
• USD 217 billion of FDI between 2003-2019, while the total amount of FDI attracted between 1923-2003 stood at USD 15 billion.
AVERAGE ANNUAL REAL GDP GROWTH (%) (2003-2019)

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Turkey was the fastest growing economy of the OECD members during 2003-2019, with an average annual growth rate of 5.3%.

HIGHLIGHTS

• 13th largest economy in the world with USD 2.2 trillion (GDP at PPP). (IMF, 2018)

• The fastest growing economy in Europe and one of the fastest growing economies in the world with an average annual GDP growth rate of 5.3% over the past 16 years. (TurkStat, 2003-2019)

• The largest bus producer and the 2nd largest commercial vehicle producer in the EU. (OICA, 2018)

• 2nd largest steel producer in the EU and 8th in the world. (Worldsteel, 2016)

• Among top 6 holiday destinations in the world with over 46 million international tourists in 2018. (UNWTO & Ministry of Culture and Tourism)

SOPHISTICATED CONSUMER BASE

A population of 83 million, half of which is under the age of around 32.4. (2019, TurkStat)

Largest youth population compared with the EU. (2019, Eurostat)

72 million broadband internet subscribers and 80.6 million mobile phone subscribers. (2018, TurkStat and ICTA)

SKILLED AND DEDICATED LABOR FORCE

Over 32.3 million young, well-educated and motivated professionals. (2018, TurkStat)

More than 800,000 students graduate annually from over 183 universities. (2018, CoHE)
### Turkey’s City Hospitals (2017-2020)

- **Total bed capacity**: 30,607
- **Rooms**: 19,354
- **Surgery Rooms**: 1,085
- **Intensive care units**: 5,189
- **Polyclinics**: 7,803
- **City hospitals launched**: 12
  - Across 11 cities (22 projected)

### Turkish Healthcare System (as of June 2020)

- **Hospitals**: 1,518
- **Doctors**: 166,000
- **Employees**: 1,100,000
- **Hospital beds**: 240,000+
- **Single patient rooms**: 100,000
- **Intensive care units**: 40,000
- **Healthcare professionals to be employed**: 32,000
  - As part of the stimulus package

#### Key Figures

- **CAGR in healthcare expenditures**: 14%
  - During the past 6 years

**Source:** Ministry of Health
Turkey is a perfect investment destination with its strategic location and motivated and qualified workforce. Global investors are invited to be a part of Turkey’s economic and social growth.

Following the Toyota Way, we implemented the Toyota Production System to produce high-quality motor vehicles in Turkey.

Toshihiko KUDO
President & CEO, Toyota Motor Manufacturing Turkey

Turkey is a dynamic and promising market with its young population and great location. It has a strategic importance for Nestlé and offers interesting opportunities for us to grow and invest. We are proud to be here for more than 100 years and to make contributions to the development of the Turkish food industry and Turkish consumers’ tastes over the years. We are convinced that there is still great potential to grow our business even more and to contribute to the development of the Turkish economy. Having established our first factory in Turkey in 1927, today, we are carrying out local production in Turkey together with two factories and more than 3,000 direct employees. We are committed to offering high-quality products to our consumers that are healthy, nutritious, and tasty.

Félix ALLEMANN
Former Chairman & CEO, Nestlé Turkey

Two factories and over 3,000 direct employees

Turkey’s economic dynamism – perfect match for innovation culture

We believe 3M’s innovation culture built on 3M Science and Turkey’s economic dynamism is a perfect match. 3M’s global manufacturing and technological legacy, combined with the skills and dedicated work of our Turkish employees, will continue to strengthen 3M and the Turkish economy. We thank the Investment Office for its valuable assistance and guidance throughout our decision and investment processes.

Hak Cheol SHIN
Former Executive Vice President - International Operations, 3M

45 years of experience as a domestic manufacturer in Turkey

The core of the Turkish national economic agenda, and the key value for investors, is a dedicated effort to promote innovation, enhance competitiveness, and encourage investment in global value chains. Dow has over 45 years of experience as a domestic manufacturer in Turkey, and our new joint venture with AKSA is a key example of how we can bring together raw materials, a high-skilled workforce, and most importantly a booming downstream customer industry. With a strong, pro-business government in Turkey, the investment environment makes sense. And it is also easy to operate, thanks to the Investment Office President and his entire team.

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WHO WE ARE

Investment Office is the official organization that:

- Promotes the investment environment of Turkey and provides assistance to investors.
- Reports directly to the President.

WE ARE HERE TO FACILITATE YOUR INVESTMENT IN TURKEY

WHAT WE DO

- To present investment opportunities to the investors and provide assistance during all the stages of their investments.
- To serve as the reference point for international investors and the point of contact for all institutions engaged in promoting and attracting investments at national, regional and local levels.
- To offer free-of-charge services including market information and analyses, site selection, B2B meetings, coordination with relevant governmental institutions, and facilitate legal procedures and applications such as establishing business operations, incentive applications, obtaining licenses and work permits.

HOW WE HELP

- Multilingual (Turkish, English, German, French, Italian, Arabic, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese and Korean)
- One-Stop-Shop approach
- Result-oriented
- Private sector approach with full confidentiality
- Focusing on high-tech, value-added and employment generating investments.

OUR GLOBAL LOCATIONS
Investment Office, the official investment advisory body of Turkey, is a knowledge-center for foreign direct investments and a solution partner to the global business community at all stages of investments. It provides customized guidance and qualified consulting before, during and after entry into Turkey.