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Adana Port Increases Container Handling Capacity with **LHM 550** Crane



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## Arkas & Turkon

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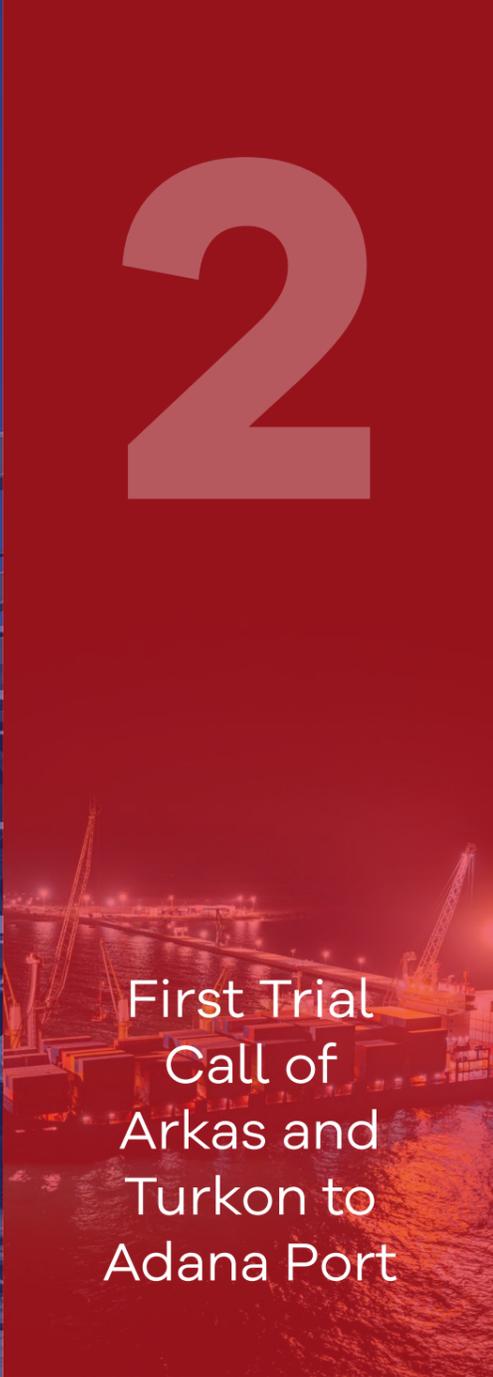


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International Women's Day was celebrated at Adana Port.

## Container Corridor: Taking the Lead in the Eastern Mediterranean in Turkey

Hasan Çiftçi

General Manager of Adana Port



“We are not following, we are leading the new wave.”

Over the past decade, Turkey’s container trade has steadily grown at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 5%. This growth reflects the country’s evolving trade structure, infrastructure investments, and its increasing role in regional logistics.

Yet behind this national average lies an even more striking story: the Eastern Mediterranean region, long distinguished by its industrial infrastructure and strategic location, has outperformed the national trend with a CAGR exceeding 7.5%.

### Demand-Driven Regional Performance Improvement

The Eastern Mediterranean’s container growth, which exceeds the national average, is more than just a simple statistical deviation. It reflects a real change in production, consumption, and trade patterns. The region, with strong industrial centers such as Adana, Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş, Adıyaman, and Şanlıurfa, strengthens its position as one of Turkey’s leading exporters in sectors like textiles, plastics, chemicals, and agriculture-based industries.

As industrial production increases, the shift from bulk and conventional loading methods to containerized transport in line with modern

logistics standards is accelerating, boosting demand for containerized trade every day.

The region’s strategic proximity to Iraq, Syria, and other landlocked Middle Eastern markets provides a significant competitive advantage for Eastern Mediterranean ports. Existing ports in the region, along with multipurpose terminals under construction, not only meet the logistics needs of Turkey’s inland areas but are also increasingly taking on a critical role as regional transshipment and logistics hubs.

### Global Dynamics Transforming Container Logistics

**1. Supply Chain Diversification:** The pandemic revealed the vulnerabilities of overly centralized supply chains. Many global carriers now adopt the “China+1” strategy, seeing Turkey not only as a consumer market but also as a nearshoring production hub for Europe and MENA. Strong logistics infrastructure investments will further support the development of Turkey’s Eastern Mediterranean ports.

**2. Shift to Regional Hubs:** The Red Sea crisis and increasing geopolitical risks along global trade routes have boosted the appeal of regional hubs. Carriers are increasingly opting for secondary transit points that offer speed, reliability, and cost flexibility, rather than relying solely on mega-ports. Our region fits this profile perfectly.

**3. Containerization of Conventional Cargo:** General cargo historically transported as breakbulk is gradually shifting to containerized transport. Terminals like ours are evolving to efficiently handle both bulk and container cargo, while customers prefer containers even for medium-volume industrial goods due to traceability, reduced damage, and easier multimodal handling.

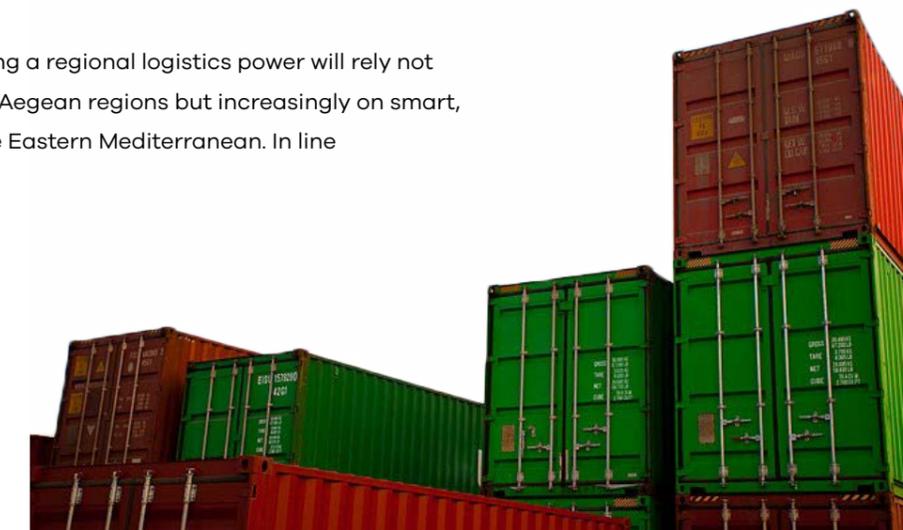
**4. Project Cargo and Heavy Lift Transport:** Rising energy, infrastructure, and industrial investments position Eastern Mediterranean ports strategically for project cargo and heavy lift operations. Equipment and modular components required for renewable energy plants, petrochemical facilities, and large-scale industrial projects can be handled effectively thanks to the multipurpose structure of the region’s ports.

### Shaping the Future of Container Trade

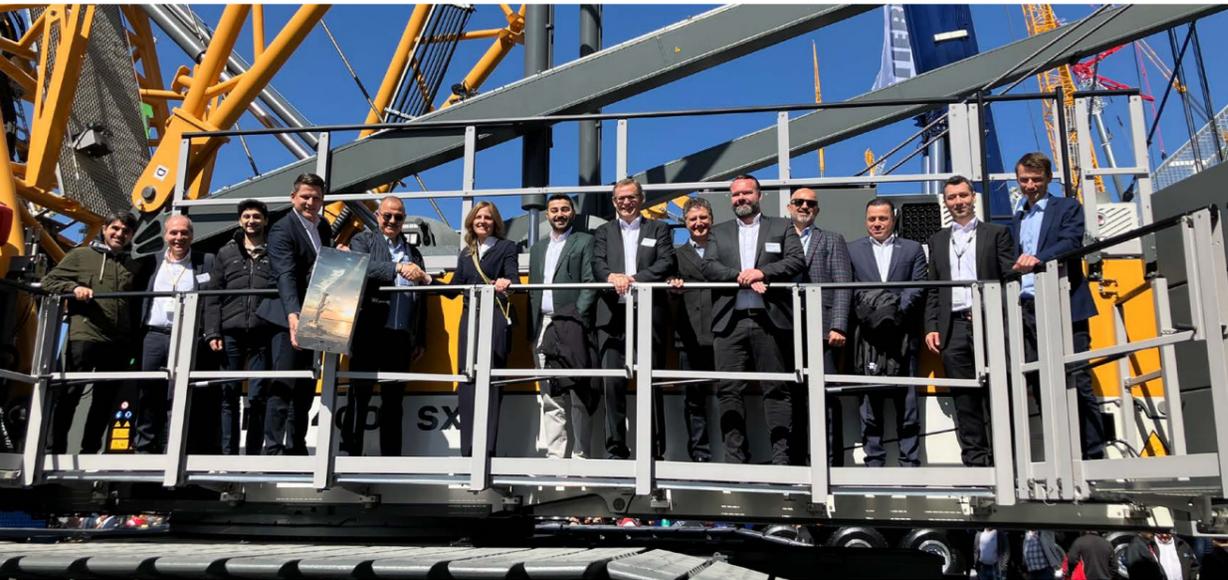
The roadmap for multipurpose terminals like Adana Port is clear: we must continue investing in infrastructure for container handling, digitize our planning systems, and collaborate with road transport operators to offer integrated solutions. Yard capacity, equipment upgrades, and operational excellence are no longer optional—they are essential to maintain our presence in this growing trade corridor.

Looking ahead, Turkey’s goal of becoming a regional logistics power will rely not only on mega hubs in the Marmara and Aegean regions but increasingly on smart, flexible, and growth-focused ports in the Eastern Mediterranean. In line with our long-term strategy, we will not merely follow the path.

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“This strategic investment allows us to increase our container handling capacity, better meeting the demands from our industry, and consumer focused hinterland. The LHM 550, with its advanced handling capabilities, will reduce vessel turnaround times at the port and help us provide higher service standards to our partners. Made with a customer-oriented and sustainable growth approach, this investment will further strengthen Adana Port’s role as a logistics gateway in the Eastern Mediterranean.”

**Hasan Çiftçi**  
General Manager of Adana Port

**A**t the official signing ceremony held during Bauma 2025, representatives from Adana Port and Liebherr celebrated the agreement for the new LHM 550 mobile harbor crane. This significant step forms part of Adana Port’s strategic investment plan to enhance its container operations.

Located at the entrance of İskenderun Bay in the northeastern Mediterranean, Adana Port has long been a loyal Liebherr customer. Operating under SANKO Holding, the port serves various vessels carrying containers, bulk, general, and project cargo along its 1,297-meter finger pier.

With the agreement reached at Bauma 2025, Adana Port adds a new Liebherr LHM 550 mobile harbor crane to its fleet, featuring a maximum lifting capacity of 154 tons and twin hoist capabilities,

specifically suited for container operations.

Founded in 1904 by Sani KONUKOĞLU in Gaziantep, SANKO Holding operates across multiple sectors including construction, textiles, automotive, healthcare, education, food, and energy. Adana Port, part of SANKO, commenced container

operations in December 2024 and continues its efforts to expand capacity without pause.

With this new investment plan, Adana Port will further strengthen its position in the maritime sector, efficiently handling various types of cargo while enhancing its competitive edge.

**Adana Port’s High-Capacity Handling Power: Strong Operations and Eco-Friendly Infrastructure with Mobile Harbor Cranes, Reach Stackers, Sennebogen, and 33-Ton Forklifts**



**x3**  
Mobile Harbour Crane

The MHCs boost efficiency at Adana Port while enabling eco-friendly and flexible operations.

**x2**  
Mobile Harbour Crane

Sennebogen cranes provide Adana Port with precise, balanced, and sustainable handling for general cargo operations.

**x4**  
Reach Stacker

Reach stackers provide speed, flexibility, and eco-friendly operation advantages for container handling at Adana Port.

**x1**  
33 Ton Forklift

The 33-ton forklifts, used for heavy cargo, ensure safe handling of project and general cargo.

# First Trial Call of Arkas and Turkon to Adana Port

Adana Port continues to strengthen its capacity and operational capabilities in container operations. As part of the trial voyage by Arkas and Turkon, the vessel Mustafa Dayı was successfully handled at Adana Port.

Measuring 182.98 meters in length overall (LOA) and 28 meters in width, the vessel was accommodated in full alignment with Adana Port's quay area and technical infrastructure. This first trial voyage provided an important opportunity to test the port's ability to handle large-tonnage vessels and evaluate operational processes on site.

Throughout the operations, the compatibility of quay equipment, the efficiency of planning processes, and operational coordination stood out. With the successful completion of the vessel acceptance process, Adana Port once again demonstrated its readiness for regular services on new routes.



# Phase 1

## Infrastructure Expansion Works in Adana Port Container Yard

A 27,000 m<sup>2</sup> concrete area with 150 reefer plug connections for refrigerated cargo is being constructed at the front of the national warehouses within the port area. This expansion aims to streamline port operations and increase the container storage capacity.



# Phase 2

## Adana Port e-RTG and Container Yard Infrastructure Expansion Works

As part of the second phase of infrastructure expansion works carried out by Adana Port, construction has begun on a new 40,000 m<sup>2</sup> e-RTG yard above the existing container area, with completion expected on November 25.



# Phase 3

## Infrastructure Expansion Works for Adana Port Truck Park and Social Areas

A high-capacity, environmentally compliant truck park will be constructed. The park will be equipped with vehicle entry-exit control systems, security infrastructure, lighting, and camera systems. Additionally, social facilities to meet drivers' needs are included in the project, featuring amenities such as a cafeteria, rest areas, and a convenience store.



# Covered Type A Warehouse



**22 meters**



**12 meters**



**30,000 m<sup>2</sup>**

Equipped with a natural ventilation system, these storage areas provide suitable conditions for storing various types of bulk, big bag, roll, and general cargo. In addition, with a 45,000 m<sup>2</sup> covered warehouse and national storage facilities, bulk cargo can be containerized, supporting integration into modern logistics processes.



**Grain**



**Coil Steel**



**PTA**

# Eastern Mediterranean

# Growth Drivers



## Agriculture and Food

Wheat, Corn, Barley  
Sunflower, Watermelon,  
Citrus, Cotton, Soy



## Textiles

Cotton Yarn, Polyester  
Carpet, Fabric, Apparel  
PTA, Woven and Knitted Products



## Metal Industry

Rebar, Steel Profiles  
Coil Steel, Industrial  
Recycled Scrap Metal



## Mining

Bauxite, Coal, Petcoke  
Cement, Clinker  
Marble, Gravel



## Energy

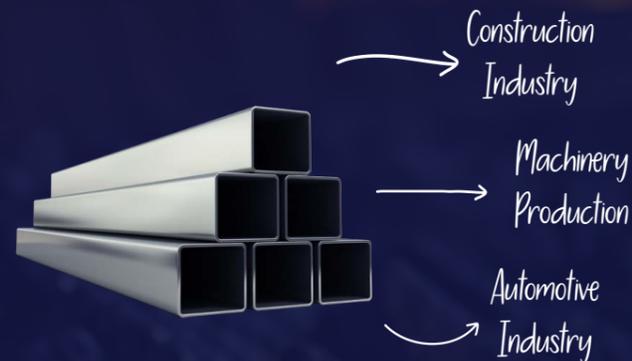
Thermal Power Plant  
Coal  
LPG, Fuel Oil, Chemical  
Liquids, Fertilizer



## Logistic

Container  
Transportation  
Exports Shipments  
Cross-Docking

The Eastern Mediterranean is a strategic region for grain trade. Ports in the area play a critical role in the export and import of grains, particularly wheat and barley. Ports with high bulk cargo capacity provide safe and fast transfer opportunities.



Steel is a key raw material for the construction, automotive, and machinery industries. Steel products, such as profiles, coil steel, and rebar, are transported both to the domestic market and for export. Ports located near production facilities accelerate shipment processes and serve as important hubs in international trade.

## International Women’s Day Celebrated at Adana Port

Adana Port celebrated International Women’s Day with a meaningful event. To highlight the indispensable role of women in social life, business, and port operations, Adana Port’s General Manager Hasan Çiftçi presented flowers and various gifts to female employees.

Women working across different units of the port enjoyed being recognized on this special day and reiterated their commitment to building a stronger future together. Themes of solidarity, equality, and respect were emphasized throughout the event.



## New Practices Implemented with a Safe and Green Port Approach

In line with the “Safe and Green Port” principle, Adana Port has implemented comprehensive measures across the port to maximize the safety of personnel and visitors working on site.

As part of these measures, bollard systems, additional pedestrian pathways, traffic control signs, and shuttle service stops have been installed to regulate vehicle traffic and ensure pedestrian safety. These applications contribute to the safe continuation of daily operations and allow personnel to move in a controlled and guided manner within the port area.



## Adana Port Successfully Conducted its Spring-Summer Oil Spill Emergency Response Drill

The drill was conducted to assess the port’s ability to respond quickly and effectively in the event of a marine pollution incident.

As part of the scenario, measures were implemented to contain and clean the spilled oil, including deploying barriers, identifying the source of the leak, and using cleaning equipment. Port operations units, environmental teams, and security personnel worked in coordination, successfully demonstrating the response procedures to be applied during an actual crisis.



## Safe Response in Emergencies: The Importance of Eye Wash and Emergency Shower Units

Emergency response equipment is critical for the health and safety of workers in industrial areas. In this context, eye wash stations and emergency shower units enable rapid and effective first response in cases of chemical splashes, dust exposure, or contact with hazardous materials.

At Adana Port, prioritizing the safety of personnel working on the port premises, strategically placed eye wash and emergency shower stations are regularly inspected and maintained in accordance with international safety standards.



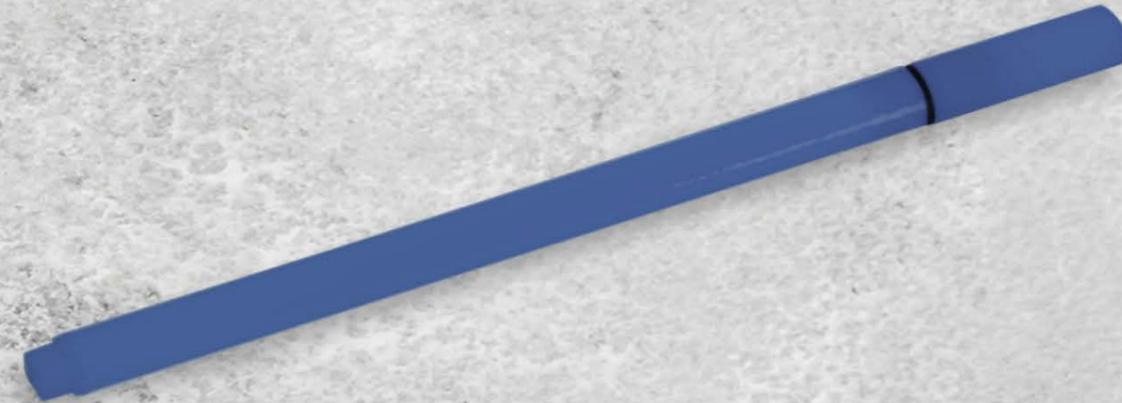
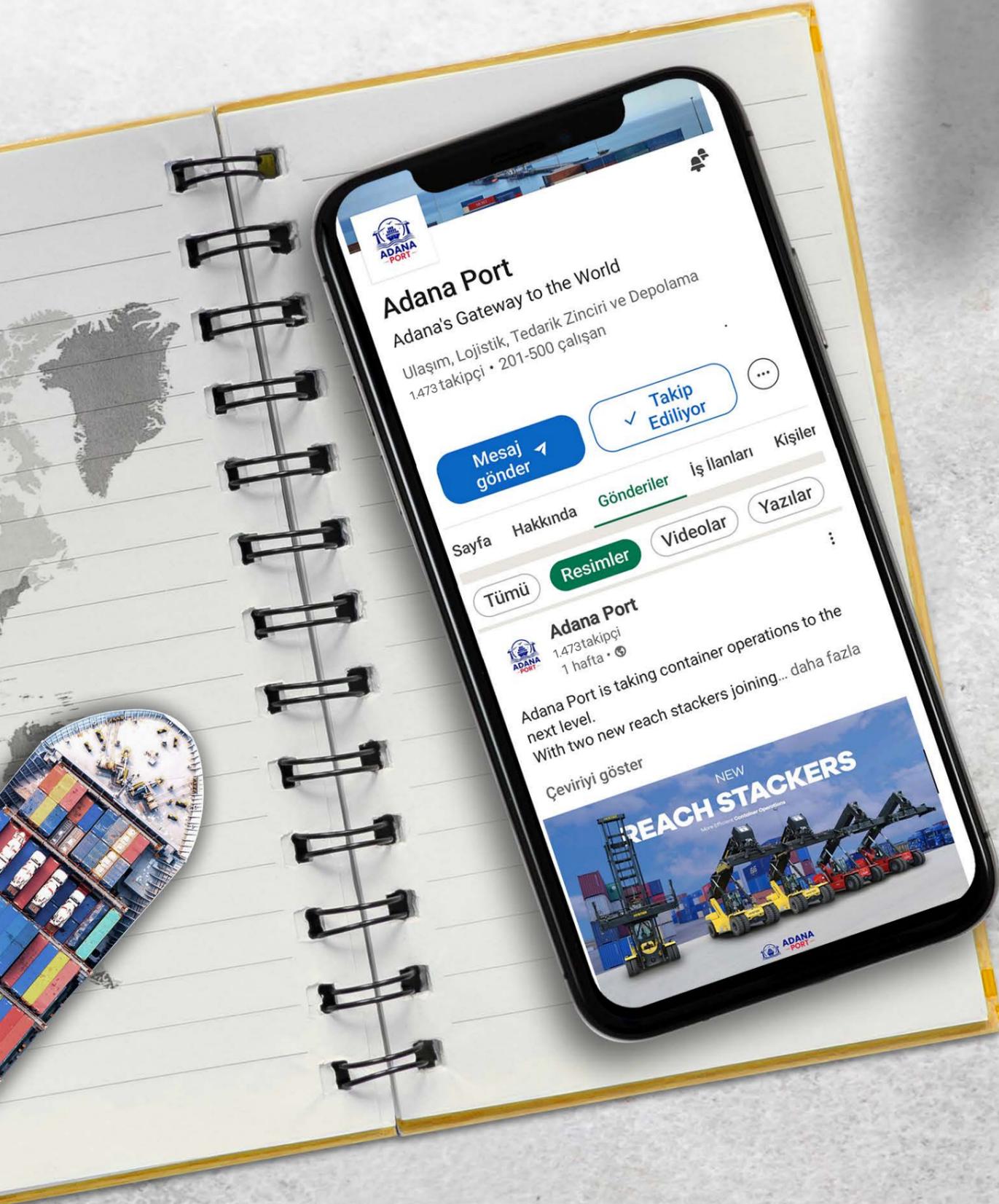


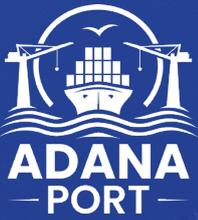
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Adana Port is a multi-purpose port operator providing services for containers, general cargo, and bulk cargo with its specially designed warehouses and silos. Its terminal area of 1,300,000 m<sup>2</sup> holds great potential for future growth and investments.

In the Eastern Mediterranean region, in addition to container and general cargo transportation, Adana Port offers superior value-added services to shipping lines and BCOs. In line with its investment plans, Adana Port continuously enhances its services to increase its contribution to the Turkish economy.

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