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Olympic Medalist Yusuf Dikeç and Derya Arms Announce New International Collaboration

The partnership brings together Yusuf Dikeç's experience as an elite international athlete with Derya Arms' engineering, R&D and global manufacturing capabilities.

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Olympic medalist and internationally recognized Turkish athlete Yusuf Dikeç has entered into a new collaboration with Derya Arms, the Türkiye-based firearms manufacturer with operations spanning more than 86 countries and an expanding manufacturing footprint in the United States.

The partnership was officially announced during a private media event at CoBAC WORKSPACE - Haliç in Istanbul, where Dikeç joined Derya Arms executives to introduce the collaboration and discuss the company's international growth strategy, product development vision and expanding global operations.

Under the new collaboration launched with the signing ceremony, Yusuf Dikeç will share his views and assessments with Derya Arms on sporting use and user experience, drawing on his professional athletic career and the experience he has gained through international competition.

Derya Arms' engineering, design, R&D, manufacturing and product development processes will continue to be carried out independently by the company's authorized technical teams. Dikeç's contribution will take shape through the sharing of feedback and perspectives on sporting use and user experience from the standpoint of a professional athlete.

The collaboration is intended to extend beyond a conventional sponsorship or ambassador arrangement, bringing together elite sporting experience with Turkish engineering and manufacturing expertise.

A Global Athlete Meets a Global Turkish Manufacturer

Yusuf Dikeç became one of the most recognizable athletes of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games after winning an Olympic silver medal for Türkiye and gaining international attention for his distinctive competition style and composed approach.

For Derya Arms, however, the value of the collaboration extends beyond Dikeç's global recognition.

His extensive experience as an elite athlete provides a valuable perspective on sporting use and user experience that can be shared with Derya Arms' teams as part of the company's ongoing work.

A Derya Arms executive said:

> *"We value Yusuf Dikeç not only for his international recognition, but also for the experience and perspective he has developed throughout his professional sporting career. Our aim is to bring that perspective together with Turkish engineering. We see today's signing as the beginning of a new period and believe that Yusuf Dikeç's observations and professional-athlete perspective will add meaningful value to our work."*

Dikeç also welcomed the collaboration as an opportunity to share the experience he has gained throughout his international sporting career with a Turkish brand operating globally.

> *"I have represented Türkiye on the international stage for many years. Being able to share the experience I have gained throughout this journey with a brand from Türkiye that has expanded into global markets is very meaningful to me. I believe the collaboration we have started with Derya Arms will contribute to Turkish sports and to the international brand value of our country."*

Derya Arms Expands Its U.S. Footprint With Local Manufacturing in Florida

The announcement comes as Derya Arms continues to expand its international operations and strengthen its position as a Turkish manufacturer with a growing global footprint.

In 2024, Derya Arms established its first overseas manufacturing operation in Florida through South Derya Co., marking an important milestone in the company's internationalization strategy and establishing local manufacturing capabilities in the United States.

The investment represented a strategic evolution from an export-focused model toward a broader international structure incorporating manufacturing, distribution, engineering and market presence across multiple regions.

Derya Arms currently serves customers in more than 86 countries, with approximately 90 percent of its production exported.

The company has also expanded its European infrastructure through Derya GmbH, including a distribution hub in Austria intended to strengthen inventory management, distribution and service capabilities throughout European markets.

With manufacturing operations in Türkiye, local production capabilities in the United States and an expanding European distribution network, Derya Arms is continuing to develop an increasingly integrated international business structure.

Derya MAX Targets the International Shooting Sports Market

Among the products presented during the Istanbul media event was Derya MAX, a platform developed with international shooting sports applications in mind.

Derya Arms is positioning the MAX platform for broader international exposure, including within practical shooting and IPSC competition environments.

The company believes that perspectives and feedback from experienced professional users and athletes can support the continued evaluation of sporting use and user experience.

Derya Arms' long-term objective is to establish Derya MAX as a globally recognized sporting platform developed and manufactured in Türkiye.

DY9Z Highlights a New Product Direction

Derya Arms also presented the DY9Z, a new-generation addition to its product portfolio.

Developed with an emphasis on performance, contemporary design and configuration flexibility, the DY9Z reflects the company's strategy of addressing a broader range of preferences across domestic and international markets.

The model forms part of Derya Arms' ongoing efforts to expand its product portfolio and strengthen the brand's visibility among an increasingly diverse international audience.

Derya MAX Anti-Drone Responds to Emerging Security Needs

Another project presented during the event was Derya MAX Anti-Drone, reflecting Derya Arms' interest in emerging security requirements associated with the rapid development of unmanned aerial systems.

As drone technology continues to evolve and create new operational challenges for security organizations worldwide, Derya Arms is applying its engineering and manufacturing capabilities to explore solutions in this developing field.

The MAX Anti-Drone project forms part of the company's broader approach to identifying emerging requirements and developing technologies within its areas of expertise.

Derya Arms is also evaluating the international market potential of the platform as demand for counter-drone capabilities continues to develop globally.

Derya Arms' Position Within the ASELSAN Konya Partnership Structure

Derya Arms participates in the ownership structure of ASELSAN Konya Silah Sistemleri A.Ş. through its shareholding in Konya Savunma Sanayi A.Ş.

Derya Arms is one of the founding partners of Konya Savunma Sanayi A.Ş., which holds a 49 percent stake in ASELSAN Konya Silah Sistemleri A.Ş.

The remaining 51 percent of ASELSAN Konya Silah Sistemleri A.Ş. is owned by ASELSAN.

Through its shareholding in Konya Savunma Sanayi A.Ş., Derya Arms therefore forms part of the ownership structure of ASELSAN Konya Silah Sistemleri A.Ş.

Building a Turkish Brand With a Global Footprint

For Derya Arms, international growth extends beyond increasing export volumes. The company's strategy is focused on building a sustainable global brand supported by engineering, R&D, manufacturing, distribution and local market capabilities.

With its core manufacturing operations in Türkiye, local production in Florida, European distribution infrastructure and a presence in more than 86 countries, Derya Arms continues to strengthen its international structure.

The collaboration with Yusuf Dikeç forms part of this broader vision, bringing together two internationally recognized Turkish success stories from different fields.

> *"Our objective is not simply to export products from Türkiye. We want Derya Arms to become a Turkish brand that is recognized and respected globally within its category," said a Derya Arms executive.*

> *"By combining our engineering and manufacturing capabilities with perspectives and feedback drawn from professional sporting experience, we aim to continuously strengthen our work while expanding our international presence."*

Istanbul Media Event

During the September 4 media event at CoBAC WORKSPACE - Haliç, Yusuf Dikeç and Derya Arms executives discussed the new collaboration, the company's international expansion and its future strategy.

Following the signing ceremony, members of the media had the opportunity to view Derya MAX, DY9Z and Derya MAX Anti-Drone.

Selected media organizations also conducted one-on-one interviews with Yusuf Dikeç and Derya Arms representatives.

ABOUT DERYA ARMS

Founded in 1998 in Konya, Türkiye, Derya Arms is an international firearms manufacturer focused on engineering, research and development, manufacturing and product development for sporting, hunting, tactical and other professional applications.

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