Alkagesta Names Taha Karakan and Ayd?n Y?ld?z to Lead Turkish Marine Fuels Business After Energy Petrol Acquisition

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Alkagesta has appointed two senior executives to lead its marine fuels business in Türkiye following the completion of the Energy Petrol acquisition in November 2026. The Malta-headquartered trading house finalized the transfer of shares after approval from the Turkish Competition Authority, taking ownership of its first vessels in the process.

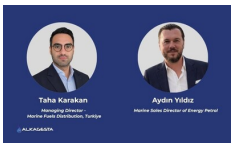
Taha Karakan, Managing Director – Marine Fuels Distribution, Türkiye, assumes strategic and commercial oversight of Energy Petrol within the wider marine fuels portfolio of Alkagesta. He joined the company in October 2024 from Bunker Holding, the world's largest marine fuel trading group with annual volumes of approximately 24–25 million metric tonnes, where his roles covered marine fuel trading, physical supply operations and cargo supply management.

Ayd?n Y?ld?z joins Energy Petrol as Marine Sales Director with more than 20 years of maritime, technical and commercial experience. Between 2015 and 2025 he worked at Petrol Ofisi, latterly as Head of Marine Sales, where the PO/Marine business led the Turkish marine fuels market with a share of approximately 39% and annual volumes above one million metric tonnes, operating a nationwide network, 20 supply vessels and more than 10 marine fuel stations. His career began at sea as a Marine Engineer, rising to Chief Engineer before his move into commercial leadership.

Energy Petrol, founded in 1997, is the third-largest physical marine fuel supplier in the port of Istanbul and continues to trade under its own brand. The acquisition brings eight marine fuel supply vessels and a long-term lease of 28,000 cubic metres of tank capacity at the Alt?ntel terminal in Gebze. Its founder, Mustafa Muhtaro?lu, is the founding and current chairman of the Turkish Bunker Association and has served on the board of the International Bunker Industry Association for 20 years.

The new leadership structure pairs the international trading network of Alkagesta with established Turkish market expertise, preserving the customer relationships and service standards Energy Petrol has built over nearly three decades while providing the platform for its next phase of development across Türkiye and the Eastern Mediterranean.

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