

Wim Bosman and SerTrans

# Belgian-Turkish friendship

The Belgian national branch office of the Dutch logistics service provider Wim Bosman has entered into a overland transport collaboration agreement with the Turkish transport and logistics enterprise SerTrans.

The partnership between Wim Bosman Belgium and SerTrans focuses on road haulage and intermodal transport solutions between Belgium and Turkey. Wim Bosman recently announced that the co-operation deal with new partner SerTrans will enable them to substantially expand

the frequency of departures from Belgium to Turkey – there will now be daily connections to and from the Bosphorus. The delivery of goods is generally possible in a lead time of eight days after pick-up. If customers chose Wim Bosman's intermodal alternative, then the goods



Photo: Wim Bosman

Wim Bosman Belgium now offers daily runs to Turkey.

arrive with a lead time of ten days after pick-up. The family-managed Turkish service provider SerTrans is based in Istanbul, is a Turkish market leader and is also a member of the international groupage network System Alliance Europe. *ra*  
[www.wimbosman.com](http://www.wimbosman.com); [www.sertrans.com](http://www.sertrans.com)

## Austrian post office expanding options in Bulgaria

The Austrian post office Österreichische Post increased its stake in M&BM Express from 26% to 51% on 1 April. The corporation has thus made use of a call option agreed upon when it took its initial stake in M&BM Express last year. A further option gives Österreichische Post the chance to acquire another 25% of M&BM Express in 2014 and bring its ownership to 76%. M&BM Express was founded in 2005

and is the No 1 amongst private letters service providers in the Bulgarian market, which has been completely liberalised since 2011. M&BM Express is also a market leader in the hybrid mail segment, which sees products sent to four printing centres electronically, printed and packed there and thence delivered. [www.post.at](http://www.post.at)

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## Transfreight

# New joint venture in Turkey

Since the beginning of this year the owner-operated freight forwarding and logistics company Transfreight, which is headquartered in Basel (Switzerland), has been represented in Turkey by a separate company. This was founded as a joint venture, in collaboration with KS Logistic, based in Vienna (Austria).

Transfreight and KS Logistic each hold a 50% stake in the joint venture, which operates under the name KS Logistic Istanbul. With this commitment the partners have integrated the business activities of a former partner company, together with its five employees.

## In an excellent position to advance

The offices of KS Logistic in Istanbul are located on the Asian side of the Turkish metropolis. The company provides a complete range of logistics services, from road and rail transport to air and sea freight, as well as project logistics.

«For us, this investment is an important step on the way to opening up new markets. Turkey is an increasingly important player and trading partner, as well as the leading economic power in the region, where Europe meets the Middle East,» said Attila Francz, director and shareholder of Transfreight.

He added that «we want to be involved in this growth market, and are in fact in an excellent position to do so with our experienced local team, excellent contacts in the transport and logistics industry and our existing logistics and systems infrastructure.»



Photo: Transfreight

**Andres Epting** (on the left) and **Attila Francz**, the two owners of the company Transfreight.

## Transfreight at a glance

Since it was founded in 1980 the owner-operated Swiss company Transfreight, with its headquarters in Basel, has become a successful firm in the global transport and logistics industry. It focuses on small and medium-sized enterprises and offers increasingly comprehensive services, which are specifically tailored to customers' requirements. The company's management team is made up of Andres Epting and Attila Francz.

Transfreight is a full member of the powerful transport and logistics networks Vernetzte Transport Logistik (VTL), International Forwarding Association (IFA) and World Cargo Alliance (WCA), covering 180 countries on six continents. In Europe, for example, Transfreight works in close cooperation with a combination of over 120 small and medium-sized freight forwarding companies, operating more than 150 procurement and distribution logistics depots in 20 countries. Direct daily services are provided to and from Germany, the Benelux countries and

Italy. In collaboration with IFA partner companies, Transfreight provides further regular freight services, including to and from Scandinavia, England, France, Spain, Portugal and Greece. To reliably handle its global air and sea freight orders, Transfreight uses the WCA network which operates in around 650 cities and at all major air and seaports.

Transfreight's specialities include direct daily services to the sea ports of Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg and Bremen, as well as two to three options a week to Koper. It operates this service for many freight forwarding companies that share its less-than-container-load shipments and appreciate its reliability, flexibility and neutrality. In Switzerland, inbound and outbound general cargo shipments are consolidated via its logistics and distribution depots in the Basel and Zurich areas, where Transfreight acts as both the recipient and consignor of dutiable goods. At both sites, customs clearance is carried out by its own customs agents.

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