

Hierros Etxebarria's CEO to Attend Metal Expo Istanbul to Expand Metallurgy Strategic Partnerships

The Spanish steel manufacturing leader and its specialized division, Metalcorten, will engage with industrial partners on September 17.

ISTAMBUL, TURKEY, September 9, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Grupo [Hierros Etxebarria](#), a European steel manufacturing and distribution enterprise headquartered in Galdakao (Bizkaia, Spain), has announced that its Chief Executive Officer will officially visit Metal Expo Istanbul on September 17, 2026. Held annually at the Istanbul Expo Center, Metal Expo ([metalexpo.com.tr](#)) serves as a central trade hub connecting European, Asian, and Middle Eastern metallurgical suppliers, structural engineers, and industrial buyers.

The executive visit forms part of Hierros Etxebarria's ongoing international expansion strategy for its specialized division, Metalcorten. The brand focuses on the research, production, and distribution of Corten steel ([weathering steel](#)) structural elements, serving civil engineering, architectural cladding, and heavy construction sectors across Europe, North Africa, and the Americas.



MetalExpo 2026



MetalExpo logo

Addressing Structural Integrity Challenges in Weathering Steel

Weathering steel, known for its protective copper, chromium, nickel, and phosphorus alloy patina, has seen accelerating adoption in outdoor structural applications due to its low maintenance requirements and atmospheric corrosion resistance. However, industrial buyers and structural engineers frequently face technical hurdles, such as cross-contamination caused by combining standard carbon steel supports with Corten cladding, leading to uneven oxidation and structural degradation over time.

Since 2016, Metalcorten's research and development division has addressed this issue by developing specialized Corten structural tubing (square, rectangular, and round profiles) produced with the exact chemical composition match of original Corten sheets (S355J2WP and INDATEN HC315WP grades). By ensuring identical alloy characteristics across all load-bearing and decorative elements, the company eliminates base-metal contamination and ensures uniform atmospheric aging.

"Modern structural engineering requires total reliability from raw materials," stated the executive leadership team at Hierros Etxebarria. "When executing large-scale civil infrastructure or architectural facades, material inconsistency introduces unnecessary risk. Our participation in Metal Expo Istanbul allows us to engage directly with international EPC contractors, steel fabricators, and regional distributors to discuss how precision-matched alloy compositions and guaranteed nominal thickness tolerances safeguard long-term project viability."

Technical Catalog and International Logistics Infrastructure

Hierros Etxebarria operates dedicated logistics hubs supplying direct markets in Spain, France, the United Kingdom, and Portugal, along with secondary warehousing and export channels spanning Slovakia, Belgium, Morocco, Turkey, Mexico, and Cuba. The company manufactures and distributes both patented COR-TEN® (USS Steel registered trademark) and certified European standard weathering steels.

The company's industrial portfolio includes:

Structural Tubing and Profiles: Cold-formed and hot-rolled structural tubes (thickness tolerances guaranteed at $\pm 0.2 \text{ mm}$), as well as heavy UPN structural channels produced under EN 10025-5 standards.

Specialized Sheets and Formats: Hot-rolled plates, anti-slip tear plates for industrial walkways, and perforated architectural screens with customizable square hole configurations.

Surface Preparation and Welding Consumibles: Polyamide grinding discs engineered specifically

to remove surface calamine scale from raw steel without reducing base metal mass, alongside Cu-Ni alloyed welding electrodes for high-corrosion marine environments.

Chemical Treatments: Water-soluble mineral salt oxidizers and neutral protective sealers designed for controlled oxidation processes in exterior installations.

Strategic Focus at Metal Expo Istanbul

During the September 17 trade event in Istanbul, Hierros Etxebarria's leadership will hold high-level bilateral meetings with Turkish metal manufacturers, Eurasian steel traders, and international engineering firms. The primary objective is to evaluate joint distribution frameworks and supply chain integrations that streamline the delivery of certified Corten steel products to major infrastructure projects across Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

Industrial stakeholders, civil contractors, and trade representatives attending Metal Expo Istanbul can schedule formal bilateral inquiries with Hierros Etxebarria's executive delegation prior to the event through the company's official communication channels.

About Grupo Hierros Etxebarria & Metalcorten

Founded in Spain, Grupo Hierros Etxebarria S.L. is an established industrial group specializing in the transformation, manufacturing, and international distribution of steel products. Its flagship specialized brand, Metalcorten, operates specialized processing facilities in Polígono Bekea, Galdakao (Bizkaia), housing cut-to-length lines, high-definition plasma cutting systems, and extensive coil inventories. Through dedicated regional platforms—including `metalcorten.net` (Spain/Global), `vente-aciercorten.fr` (France), and `metalcorten.uk` (United Kingdom)—Metalcorten supplies certified weathering steel solutions tailored to exact engineering specifications.

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