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Otokar broadens Malta's horizons.

Does one success lead to another? The successful introduction of the Vectio C buses to the Maltese fleet opened the door to a new collaboration between bus manufacturer Otokar and Maltese bus network operator ALESA-ALSA.



Following on from the 9.6-metre Vectio Cs specially designed for the narrow Maltese streets, the decision was taken to add a longer vehicle to the bus company's range. Cue the timely arrival of the Kent C. June 2016 saw the initial delivery, which was followed by another. The 28 new models, which arrived in late July 2017, will provide a connecting service to the airport and serve some of the island's busiest routes.

Design me a bus.

This new agreement builds on the close collaboration established by the two companies in January 2015 to design vehicles to meet the specific needs of the island. Otokar has delivered a special version of its Kent C, with a 6.7 litre, 6-cylinder 280 HP engine and Voith Diwa automatic transmissions. The interior features luggage areas and USB ports to provide optimal comfort to passengers travelling to or from the airport.

And, because no special fleet is complete without custom support services, Otokar has worked closely with Malta Public Transport to set up a preventive assistance programme and a supply chain guaranteeing regular delivery of parts, both of which are tailored to Malta's island situation. The result: potential problems and overheads are minimised which, crucially, increases the availability of the 200 vehicles. Every two weeks, Otokar's teams travel over in order to anticipate and resolve potential problems as quickly as possible.

A fine example of Otokar's ability to adapt to any route and to provide solutions that satisfy the needs of both its customers and users of public transport. Malta Public Transport has reaffirmed its confidence in Otokar, which looks forward to further productive collaborations in the future



KENT C

Length 10/12 m
Height 3.145 m
Width 2.540 m

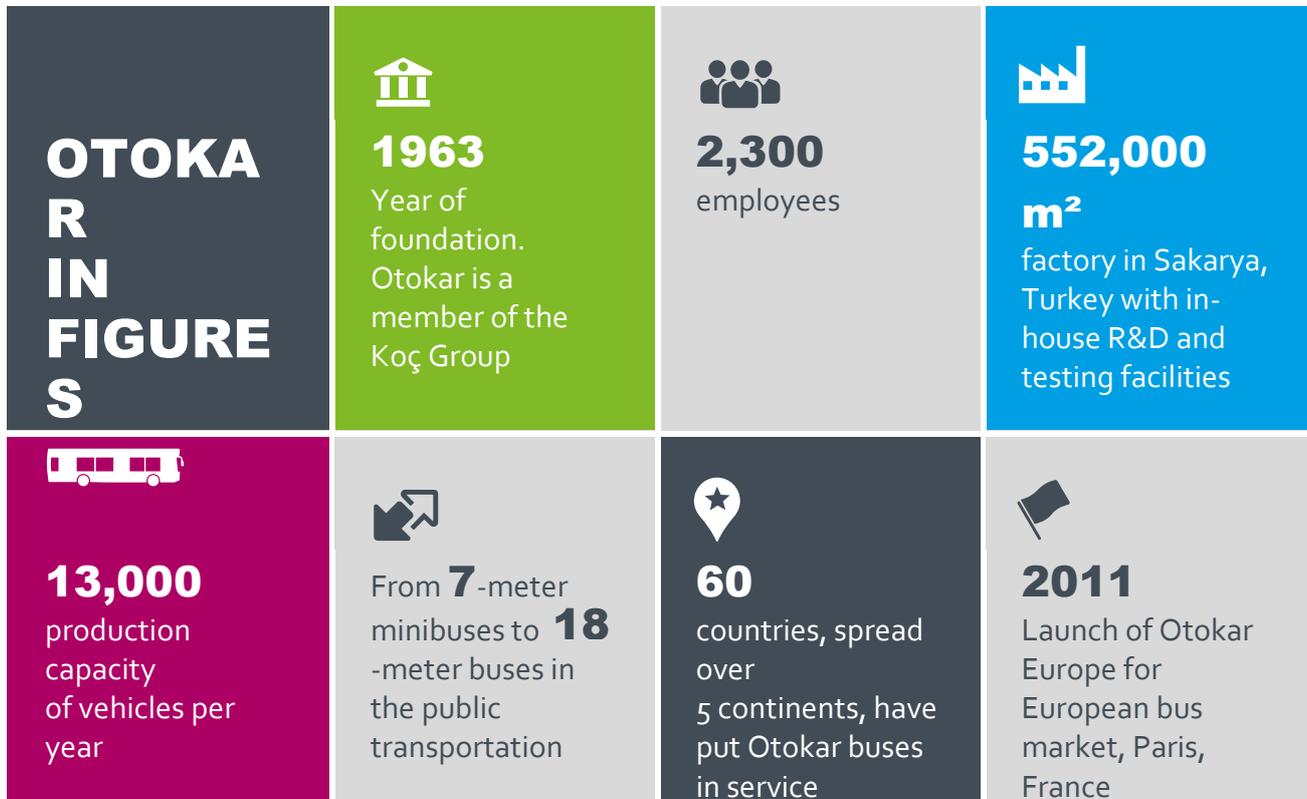
Up to 94 passengers

Cummins ISB6.7E6 engine
Max. power 221 kW
(300 hp)/2100 rpm.

VOITH automatic
transmission



Seven Otokar **Kent C** buses are used to serve the international airport



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