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### **Closing bell 15 March 2018 - Welcoming of APIVITA, BARESQUARE, COCO-MAT, MEGAS YEEROS, VYRA and TRIKALINOS Presentation of business models and plans**

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A **closing bell ceremony took place** at the **Athens Stock Exchange** on **Thursday, March 15th 2018**, at 17:30, during which the bell was rung by **Nikolaos Koutsianas** Chairman & CEO of **Apivita**, **Giorgos Grigoriadis** CEO of **Baresquare**, **Marios Sofroniou** Vice-chairman of **Coco-Mat**, **Nikolaos Loustas** Vice-chairman & CEO of **Megas Yeeros**, **Christina Tratari** CEO of **VYRA**, **Zafeiris Trikalinos** CEO of **Trikalinos**, **Agis Pistiolas** Chairman of the ELLA-DIKA MAS Initiative, and **Athanasios Syrianos** CEO of **EZA** (Greek Brewery of Atalanti).

The companies being honoured - **Apivita, Baresquare, Coco-Mat, Megas Yeeros, VYRA** and **Trikalinos** - took part in the Six Success Stories project, and were included in a recent documentary shown during the corresponding event entitled “Greek Crisis Success Stories II”, organised by the Greek Liberties Monitor and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation.

Their representatives then continued with a presentation of their business models and plans in the **HERMES** hall of the Athens Stock Exchange, with the goal of bringing to the limelight businesses that take initiatives and stand out in the domestic and global economic environment.

During the closing ceremony, Mr. Sokratis Lazaridis **CEO of the Athens Exchange Group**, underlined that: *“the Athens Stock Exchange welcomed today the six companies that took part in the Six Success Stories activity. These are companies with a notable presence, both in Greece and abroad. It is important to turn the spotlight on companies that produce, create, innovate, display extroversion and internationally advertise the creative and competitive side of Greece, and it is useful for them to become better acquainted with the capital market”.*

Photographs are attached.



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