



## **PRESS RELEASE**

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

## between the Athens Stock Exchange and the Economic Chamber of Greece

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A Memorandum of Understanding was signed today between the Athens Stock Exchange (ATHEX) and the Economic Chamber of Greece (ECC) outlining a new partnership that aims at the launch of initiatives and the implementation of actions, on the basis of their common views.

The purpose of the MoU is to reinforce synergies between the business and academic communities and the market, more particularly through information, training, research and data analysis.

The MoU was signed by Mr. Sokrates Lazaridis, CEO of the Athens Exchange Group, and Mr. Konstantinos Kollias, President of the ECC, in the presence of board members of the ECC, the management and executive officers of ATHEX and members of the press.

In the framework of the event, Mr. Kollias noted: "It was with great joy that we came here, as representatives of the Economic Chamber of Greece, to sign this memorandum of understanding. It is our firm belief that the Athens Stock Exchange can act as one of the key drivers of the Greek economy's return to sustainable growth, offering a source of financing to businesses that will allow them to grow soundly, reinforce their presence abroad and their extroversion, mainly by supporting their export and other activities. Once again, we are here to declare our steadfast commitment in doing our part towards this goal of paramount national importance".

Mr. Lazaridis added: "Our collaboration with the Economic Chamber of Greece falls under the scope of our efforts, as a Group, to promote the Stock Exchange as a business financing tool and a major pillar of the economy. In view of our partnership, we are planning initiatives and action, to pursue the goals we have set together, always with the aim of making a substantive contribution to the growth of the economy".