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Axia Ventures Group announces it has been named 2014 Recognized Leader in Investment Banking – Cyprus by the Wealth and Finance International Magazine

*Nicosia, Cyprus - January 12, 2015 – Axia Ventures Group ("AXIA") announced today that it has been named Recognized Leader in Investment Banking – Cyprus in the prestigious 2014 Finance awards of the *Wealth and Finance International Magazine*.*

The 2014 Finance Awards were launched to recognise and reward excellence, best practice and innovation in all aspects of the finance industry. Winning one of these awards is considered a stamp of professional excellence and a badge of merit, integrity and leadership. The relevant article, included in the December 2014 issue of the *Wealth and Finance International Magazine* is as follows:

AXIA Ventures Group Ltd, headquartered in Nicosia, Cyprus, is an international investment banking firm with local presence in Nicosia, Athens, New York and London. Antonios Achilleoudis, Group Managing Director, and Omiros Pissarides, General Manager, told us how the firm helps its clients solve their important strategic issues while optimizing growth.

AXIA is a leading, independent investment banking firm founded with the primary aim of bridging global capital with regional opportunities by bringing people, capital and opportunities together to achieve our clients' objectives. "Our primary focus is to provide clients with quality, value-adding, independent advice that is tailored specifically to their individual circumstances and requirements," says Antonios Achilleoudis, Group Managing Director. "To this end, we service a wide variety of clients who come to us for advice on their most important strategic issues. We have considerable experience in executing large transactions while at the same time rising to the challenge of helping smaller clients optimize their growth and business strategy."

"Leadership and development is of paramount importance to us, as reflected in AXIA's team of people who offer a comprehensive spectrum of financial advisory services, based on their institutional background, deal and sector expertise, judgment, creativity and intellect."

The European periphery (including Greece and Cyprus) has experienced economic difficulties over the last few years, which have resulted in both legislative and political changes. "The regional uncertainty following the financial crisis in the European periphery has been a challenge, but it has not deterred us from reaching the stage we are at now," says Omiros Pissarides, General Manager. "Moving forward, the situation is expected to normalize while certain risks will persist," says Pissarides. "The financial specialists that will survive and grow are the ones who, like AXIA, understand the need to enhance client value during changing and challenging times."

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The firm was “delighted to have been named a Recognized Leader in Investment Banking – Cyprus in the Finance Awards”, says Pissarides. “We believe that it is a testament to the merits of our business model and our business approach.”

Pissarides feels that a firm in the investment banking industry should have the mission, and the relevant working practices, to create value in each one of its dealings with all agents. “We believe this is well reflected in our Greek name, ‘AXIA’, which, when translated, emphasizes the principles of value, merit and worth.”

About Axia Ventures Group Ltd

Axia Ventures Group ('AXIA') is a privately-owned investment banking group providing financial advisory and capital market-related services to corporate and institutional clients. AXIA is headquartered in Nicosia, Cyprus, regulated by the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission (License No: 086/07) and fully licensed to provide financial advisory services in significant financial markets around the world. AXIA is focused in Cyprus, Greece and the broader region. AXIA has presence in Nicosia (Headquarters), Athens (Branch), New York (subsidiary) and also maintains a representative office in London. For more information on AXIA and its services, you can visit the AXIA website at <http://www.axiavg.com/>

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