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AXIA Ventures Group proclaimed Market Leader in Investment Banking by Euromoney

Athens, Greece, October 25th, 2022 – The evaluation committee of the world-renowned organization **Euromoney** built for the first time a global index of banking and financial leaders by country, gathering both qualitative and quantitative data from the companies, as well as their clients. Through this process Euromoney proclaimed **AXIA Ventures Group (“AXIA”)** as **“Market Leader”** in investment banking in Greece – the highest distinction – amongst some of the world's largest investment [banks](#).

This time around, **Euromoney** did not evaluate candidates for their performance in a specific year, but took into consideration the **overall long-term contribution and consistency of each bank both on a business and social level, constituting AXIA Ventures Group the first choice of the investment and corporate community for Greece.**

This distinction comes on the back of the **three “Best Investment Bank Greece”** awards **AXIA Ventures Group** has received by Euromoney and proves that an **investment bank with “Greek DNA”** can distinguish itself among international competition at the highest echelons, not only for its high caliber services and executive team but equally for its **impact** on the Greek Economy and the clients it works with.

AXIA's contribution has been pivotal in the positioning of new institutional investors in the Greek Market. Indicatively some of the more recent transactions are **the total raising of €1.275bn** by PPC through the first sub-investment grade sustainability-linked bond in Europe as well as **Alpha Bank's Project Galaxy** which constitutes the **second largest rated securitization of Non-Performing Loans in Europe** of **ca.€11bn**, in conjunction with the sale of an 80% stake in **Cepal Holdings**. In addition to the above, AXIA had a critical involvement in the **€1.38bn** and **€800m** share capital increases of **Piraeus Bank** and **Alpha Bank** respectively and the **€240m** share capital increase of **Attica Bank**. Furthermore, AXIA participated in the issuance of a **€500m** senior preferred bond by **Eurobank** as well as the expansion of its business activity in **Cyprus** via the acquisition of a **12.6%** equity stake in **Hellenic Bank**. Finally, AXIA was responsible for the fairness opinions to the Board of Directors of **ELLAKTOR** in relation to the Voluntary Tender Offer by RB Ellaktor Holding BV for the company and the offer of Motor Oil for the acquisition of a 75% stake of its RES portfolio.

Beyond the borders of Greece, **AXIA Capital Markets** – the subsidiary of **AXIA Ventures Group** in the US – coordinated **Mondee's** efforts on NASDAQ to raise a **\$70m** PIPE and **\$85m** through the issuance of preferred shares. In addition, it advised **United Overseas Group** on the successful completion of the acquisition of **United Arab Chemical Carriers** in Dubai, through a **reverse triangular merger**, an innovative transaction for the region. At the same time, the Group's physical presence in Milan enabled cross-border transactions such as **Alpha Bank's** strategic collaboration with the Italian pioneer **Nexi Group** in the payment acceptance space.

What is more, **AXIA Ventures Group's** Capital Markets team offers a wide range of trading solutions in over 50 markets worldwide, while its Research department covers more than 31 listed companies across 4 countries.

Mr. Alexandros Argyros, AXIA's Managing Director and Head of Investment Banking stated: *"For the past 14 years, AXIA Ventures Group is being selected by the most dominant financial organizations in the world for its fast, efficient and reliable first-class services in Investment Banking, Capital Markets and Research. Euromoney's distinction is an important recognition at an international level that validates the quality work and results the AXIA team brings, in relation to the overall investment momentum of our country in the recent years. None of this would be possible without the three key prongs, namely; our clients' trust, our highly skilled team and hard work ethic. In reality, this distinction belongs to them."*

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