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## AXIA Ventures Group recognized as Market Leader in Investment Banking by Euromoney for the second consecutive year

Athens, Greece, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – AXIA Ventures Group (“AXIA”) has been recognized as a “Market Leader” in investment banking in Greece for the second consecutive year by the world-renowned organization **Euromoney**, receiving the highest distinction amongst some of the world's largest investment [banks](#). This makes AXIA one of only two Investment Banks to have received this distinction two years in a row.

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Euromoney introduced the Market Leaders accreditation programme in 2022 to identify industry leaders and provide a comprehensive and dynamic ranking of banking and finance institutions worldwide. As a result of this process, AXIA stood out once again for its strategic contribution to landmark transactions and its overall impact to the country's entrepreneurial and investment ecosystem.

Staying true to its core values and commitment to the highest level of service, AXIA proudly welcomes this **distinction** after having been awarded “**Best Investment Bank Greece**” by the same organization **three times** in recent years.

During the review period, AXIA played a fundamental role in several transformative projects. For instance, it advised **Cepal Holdings in the sale of its corporate reperforming portfolio of loan receivables to Optima Bank S.A.** marking the first-ever transaction of its kind in the Greek secondary market. Additionally, AXIA advised **Alpha Bank's agreement with Dimand S.A. and Premia Properties REIC** for the formation of an equity partnership in the Greek real estate space, through the sale of a **€438m real estate portfolio**.

Furthermore, AXIA had the privilege to advise **leading Greek corporates** in their strategic plans **beyond the borders of Greece**. More specifically, **PPC** in its first major expansion into a new geography via the **€1.24bn** acquisition of all equity interests held by **Enel S.p.A.** in Romania, as well as **Eurobank** for the acquisition of consecutive stakes in **Hellenic Bank** in Cyprus that will eventually result into a total holding of 55.3%.

More recently, AXIA participated in the landmark **€1.06bn** fully marketed offering in **National Bank of Greece** by the **Hellenic Financial Stability Fund**, the **€235m** private placement of **HELLENiQ ENERGY** and the **€250m** acquisition of a 50% stake of **Enel Green Power Hellas** by **Macquarie Asset Management**.

Moreover, AXIA's Equity Research team remains the leader in coverage in terms of both breadth and depth of the Greek market, providing insights on **c.96%** of the Athens Stock Exchange daily trading volume while its Capital Markets team offers a wide range of trading products in more than **50 countries**.

**Mr. Alexandros Argyros**, AXIA's Managing Director and Head of Investment Banking stated: *“The recent recognition from Euromoney as a “Market Leader” in Investment Banking for the second consecutive year is a powerful international endorsement, affirming the exceptional work of our team over the past years, despite the, often times, challenging backdrop. Being one of only two investment banks to have received this distinction both years it has been in existence makes me*

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*especially proud of this achievement. We could have not done this without the trust that our clients put in our commitment to excellence, consistency and thought leadership in **Investment Banking, Capital Markets, and Research.***

#### **About AXIA Ventures Group Ltd**

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