

SOCRATES LAZARIDIS

CEO of Athens Exchange Group



Socrates Lazaridis is CEO of Athens Exchange Group. He is also member of the Board of the Hellenic Capital Market Commission.

From October 2010 to December 2013, when the Athens Exchange merged with HELEX, he was Executive Chairman of the Athens Exchange and CEO of the Hellenic Exchanges Group. From April 2008 to December 2013 he was also Member of the Board of the LinkUp Markets.

He joined the HELEX group in 1994 as Business Development Manager at the Central Securities Depository (CSD). In 1995 he set up the technology arm of the Group, "Systems Development and Support of Capital Market" (ASYK SA) in which he held the post of General Director until May 1998 when he resigned to assume the post of General Director of the Athens Exchange (ATHEX) until December of 2006.

He also served as the Chairman of ASYK S.A. (until March 2005), as the Vice Chairman of Athens Derivatives Exchange (until August 2002) and as a board member of Athens Derivatives Exchange Clearing House (until November 2006). From January to September 2007 he held the position of General Director of Clearing, Settlement and Registration at the HELEX Group while from October 2007 to October 2010 he served as General Director of Market Operations and Business Development at the HELEX Group and executive Vice-Chairman of the Athens Exchange.

Born in Athens in 1962, he studied Economics at the Department of Economics in Athens University and continued his studies for an MSc (Econ) at Queen Mary College of London. In 1987 he founded "Effect Ltd", which specialized in software development for the capital markets industry.

He is married and he has one daughter.