



Press Release

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Welcoming the Students of the Agricultural University of Athens - Opening Bell

The traditional bell during the opening ceremony of the Athens Exchange today was rung by a group of students of the Agricultural University of Athens, headed by Deputy Rector, Mr. **Stavros Zografakis**.

After that followed the presentation by the students of their business ideas to representatives of the business world in a special area of the Athens Exchange.

The CEO of the Athens Exchange Group, Sokratis Lazaridis, underlined the role of the Stock Exchange over the years in fostering innovative business models, products and services that offer solutions to various sectors of the economy and society. He further noted that in the context of the transformation of our country's productive fabric due to internationalisation, competition intensity and digitisation, the primary goal is to educate companies correctly on subjects of innovation and entrepreneurship, and to create a collaborative environment in which they can highlight, reinforce and improve their extroversion.

About the Athens Exchange Group

The **Athens Stock Exchange**, since its establishment in 1876, has been consistently participating in the financial and business developments in the country.

The Athens Exchange Group (ATHEX Group), supports the growth and organisation of the Greek Capital Market. It operates the organized equities and derivatives markets, the alternative market and performs clearing and settlement of transactions.

The Athens Stock Exchange, through its markets, offers solutions and financing tools to businesses, expands investor choice by providing a safe, stable and convenient environment in full alignment with international practices and the European regulatory framework.

In a period when the role of stock markets in exploring alternative ways of financing business, at a European level, is significantly enhanced, the Athens Exchange Group has taken a series of initiatives to highlight the attractiveness of the Greek Capital Market and to promote Greek companies to the international investment community.

The Group's stocks are listed on the Main Market of the Athens Stock Exchange (Symbol: EXAE).

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