

ACTIVE GREECE AWARDS 2016

A GREECE OF EXTROVERSION



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A message of optimism that the country's healthy entrepreneurial forces can support the effort to restart the economy was conveyed by the business representatives who attended the business excellence event "**Active Greece Awards 2016 - A Greece of extroversion.**" During the event, hosted at the Piraeus Port Authority Conference Hall, Greece's most extroverted enterprises were awarded.

Addressing the event, **Economy Minister Giorgos Stathakis** stressed that Greece's economy will return to growth in the second quarter of 2016. Mr. Stathakis also expounded on the Government's initiatives to enhance extroversion, the new development law, the Development Fund and the guidelines of the new NSRF. He said: "Europe, following recent developments, is at a crossroads. One of the roads leads to a democratic management of immigration and economic crisis, while the other road leads to a revival of the dark past, which, in the name of security, brings out obscurantism through the back door. Greece has been and will remain a country of democracy and solidarity. The role of the export sector is not only economic but also social: products, ideas and, above all, the values of a country are transferred abroad. At this critical moment, I would like to invite all of you to convey around the world that our country responds to all those who undermine the European democratic heritage with the two most important weapons available: Democracy and Solidarity."

The event was also addressed by liberal Athens MP and shadow minister of Development and Competitiveness Mrs **Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou**, representing the President of the New Democracy Party Mr **Kyriakos Mitsotakis**; New Democracy Kozani MP Mr **George Kasapidis**; **Enterprise Greece** deputy director of agricultural products, foods and beverages, Mr **Anthony Gravanis**; technical director of **HDI Global SE Hellas**, Mrs **Elina Papaspyropoulou**; **KEELPNO** Chairman of the Board and Professor Emeritus of Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, Athens University, Mr. **Athanasios Giannopoulos**; and, Chairman of the **Hellenic Russian Chamber of Commerce**, Mr. **Christos Dimas**.

Representing Tekmon, Mr George Panos presented the new Active Business Publishing subscriber database, named **Greece's List**, which contains details of the country's 10,000 most important enterprises.

Active Awards Greece Awards 2016 were received by the following businesspeople, who also addressed the event:

Konstantinos Katsaros, BoD Executive Member, **ELVAL**

Leonidas Eugenidis Dimitriadis, President, **Eugenides Foundation**; President of the homonymous Group of Companies, including **Vioryl**

Giannis Koronaivos, Director Of Corporate Relations, **Hellenic Petroleum**

Grigoris Antoniadis, Chairman, **SEVITEL**; Vice President, **Unilever-Elais**

Iakovos Kiseoglou, Deputy CEO **Goldair Cargo**

Dr Vasileia Orfanou, Head of Press Office and Communication, **TEMES SA Costa Navarino**

Themistoclis Kalpaktoglou, President, **Export Credit Insurance Organization (OAEP)**

George Troullinos, CEO, **INTRACOM Defence Electronics**

Dimitris Anagnostakis, General Manager, **Boehringer Ingelheim**

Stratos Marousis, Director, International Operations, **Vivartia**

Konstantinos Kotzias, Communication Director, **Pharmathen**

Georgia Verdi, Quality Manager, **Vianex**

Nikos Zois, Sales Director, **Athenian Brewery**

Pavlos Paschopoulos, International Trading & Business Development Manager, **TITAN CEMENT**

Alexandros Delatolas, Export Sales Director, **Eurodrip SA**

Vassilis Mastorakis, Director of Marketing, **Karelia Tobacco Company Inc. SA**

Konstantinos Giannidis, President, **Vitex**; Chairman, **Hellenic Chinese Chamber**

Giannis Drouzas, Export Manager, **Nestle Hellas**

Awards were also received by representatives of the following companies: **GEK TERNA**, **Motor Oil**, **Intralot**, **Corinth Pipeworks**, **Halcor**, **Hellenic Cables**, **Plastika Kritis**, **Kleeman**, **BIC Viorex**, **Isomat**, **Uni-Pharma**, **FAGE**, **KRI-KRI**, **Folli Follie**, **Haitoglou Bros**, **Elpen**, **DEPA**, **Intercom Foods** and **LUX**.

The event was coordinated by journalists **Vassilis Tsekouras** and **Maria Akrivou**.

