



## Press Release

### Alpha Bank hands over the renovated lecture hall of the University of Athens' Choremeio Research Laboratory

*Vassilios Psaltis: "The Bank stands shoulder to shoulder with every 'Tomorrow', so that our country can provide young scientists with an education that makes use of modern means in fully up-to-date facilities."*

Fully committed to its vision of supporting university education and public health, Alpha Bank, in collaboration with Alpha Real Estate, played a decisive role in the renovation of the Choremeio Research Laboratory of the 1st Pediatric Clinic of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (UoA), which operates at the "Agia Sofia" Children's Hospital in Athens.

The renovated lecture theater, a venue historically associated with the training of generations of pediatricians, was handed over after being fully upgraded with state-of-the-art technical and audiovisual infrastructure and equipment, meeting the requirements of modern medical education and scientific distance learning. The new Choremeio aims to serve as a hub for learning, knowledge exchange and scientific dialogue for medical students, interns and professionals from across the country.

#### **"We stand at the side of the scientists of tomorrow"**

The handover ceremony for the renovated lecture theater took place in the presence of the Rector of the University of Athens, Professor Gerasimos Siasos, the CEO of Alpha Bank, Vassilios Psaltis, the CEO of Alpha Real Estate, Ioanis Ganos, the Director of the 1st Pediatric Clinic, Professor Christina Kanaka-Gantenbein, and members of the academic and medical community.

In his address, Vassilios Psaltis stressed that the support for the renovation of the Choremeio forms part of Alpha Bank's broader strategy to strengthen education and public health in our country.

*"For us at Alpha Bank, supporting initiatives of this kind is not an isolated activity. It is part of an unwavering choice that we fully embrace: to invest in everything that strengthens the resilience and cohesion of society—in education, in healthcare, in the institutions that stand at the side of every citizen. Thus, our connection to Greece's largest University, within the country's largest Pediatric Hospital, represented not only a challenge, but also the assurance that our Bank stands by every 'Tomorrow', so that our country can provide young scientists with an education that makes use of modern means in fully up-to-date facilities,"* Mr. Psaltis pointed out.

He also emphasized that *"Alpha Bank's contribution today is not only about the renovation of a building; above all, it is about what will be created within this building—the knowledge, the innovation and the scientific progress that will serve children's health for many decades to come."*

The Rector of the University of Athens, Professor Gerasimos Siasos, pointed out the following: *"The renovation of the Choremeio Laboratory's lecture hall is not merely an infrastructure upgrade. It is an investment in the academic and clinical mission of the University of Athens, creating a modern environment for education and scientific exchange for hundreds of students and healthcare professionals every year. We would like to thank Alpha Bank for its substantial support and assistance."*



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The Director of the 1st Pediatric Clinic, Professor Christina Kanaka-Gantenbein, said: *"I am here representing an entire community—interns, students and young pediatricians who dream of building a future filled with children's smiles. Alpha Bank's support in this area is more than just sponsorship. It is a message that knowledge and care have allies."*

### The goal is to create social value

The renovation of the Choremeio Amphitheatre forms part of Alpha Bank's overall strategy to create lasting social value, with a strong focus on health, education and equal access for all to quality services.

In the public health sector in particular, Alpha Bank consistently supports hospitals and care facilities throughout the country, with targeted donations of medical equipment and medications. To date, 138 facilities across Greece have been supplied with 421,839 pieces of medical equipment and medications. The donations made are based on the identified and documented needs of the recipient facilities, thus helping improve the services provided, enhance staff working conditions, and enhance the residents' sense of security regarding their access to health and medical care services. The Social Impact Measurement Study carried out confirmed the program's significant contribution, as for every 1 Euro invested in it, a value of at least Euro 11.46 is returned to society.

Finally, it should be mentioned that the support for the renovation of the Choremeio lecture hall takes on particular significance in the light of the completion, in 2026, of 100 years of continuous operation of the UoA's 1st Pediatric Clinic, as it demonstrates the value of collaborations that create long-term benefits for society and for the next generations of young scientists.