



## Press Release

### Triple international distinction for Alpha Bank's Economic Research team at the FocusEconomics Analyst Forecast Awards 2026

**Alpha Bank garnered three major international distinctions at the FocusEconomics Analyst Forecast Awards 2026**, a recognition that affirms the specialization and performance of the Bank's research team in the field of macroeconomic analysis and forecasting, covering both the Greek and European economies.

In particular, the Bank garnered the following awards:

- **1st place as best Forecaster for the Greek GDP**
- **1st place as the best Forecaster for the Greek economy overall**
- **3rd place for its forecast of inflation in the euro area** (Europe-wide ranking).

These awards rank **Alpha Bank's Economic Research team** among the **leading analysts of banking and investment institutions worldwide**, highlighting the accuracy, methodological rigor and consistency of its economic forecasts.

The recognition comes at a time when the international macroeconomic environment is characterized by a high degree of uncertainty and geopolitical developments are having a decisive impact on the markets, making the reliability of economic forecasts a crucial tool for businesses, as well as for institutional and private investors. At the same time, **it reflects Alpha Bank's continuous investment in research and economic analysis**, which underpins the Bank's strategy, the business community and informed public debate.

Alpha Bank's economic research team is closely monitoring macroeconomic and financial developments, combining extensive expertise with in-depth knowledge of the Greek and global economies, thereby playing a key role in facilitating informed decision-making.

**Panagiotis Kapopoulos, Alpha Bank's Chief Economist**, said about this year's awards: *"This recognition by the internationally renowned organization Focus Economics, among a host of participants from leading forecasting agencies, attests to the accuracy and validity of our analysis of developments and serves as tangible proof of the quality and reliability of the work produced by our team. We remain committed to producing in-depth analyses of the Greek and global economies."*

A key contribution to this year's distinctions came from **Kalliopi-Maria Zekente, Economic Research Manager**, who played a vital role in coordinating the research process and ensuring the methodological consistency of the forecasts. **Eleni Marinopoulou, Expert Economist** responsible for the Global Economy section, also made a substantial contribution to the analysis of international developments and the successful forecasting of inflation in the euro area, against a backdrop of heightened geopolitical challenges.

#### The event

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the FocusEconomics Analyst Forecast Awards, celebrating a decade of recognizing the world's most reliable economic analysts. This year's edition of the awards covers:



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- **51 countries**
- **11 geographical regions**
- **8 key macroeconomic indicators**, such as GDP, inflation, interest rates, fiscal balance, unemployment rate, exchange rates and current account.

To this day, the FocusEconomics Awards have recognized organizations operating in more than 100 countries, a record that makes them one of the most authoritative international benchmarks regarding the quality of economic forecasts.