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I. Kiouroukoglou: "The Greek economy is showing strong investment momentum, driven by strategic partnerships and the financing of major projects"

Speaking at the Athens Investment Forum 2026, Alpha Bank's Chief of Wholesale Banking highlighted the country's investment prospects, the role of the strategic partnership between Alpha Bank and UniCredit in supporting the international expansion of Greek businesses, and the Bank's contribution to the financing of infrastructure and energy projects.

Speaking at the Athens Investment Forum 2026, where he participated in the panel discussion themed "*Greece's new investment identity: Growth, resilience, and international credibility",* **Iossif Kiouroukoglou, Chief of Wholesale Banking at Alpha Bank,** expressed the view that the Greek economy continues to offer significant investment opportunities, despite the uncertain international environment.

As he said, geopolitical developments, fluctuations in energy prices, and international economic challenges, are affecting the business environment. However, he pointed out that demand for financing from Greek businesses remains strong, with significant investment interest in sectors with solid fundamentals. He also added that competitive bank financing, combined with European and national investment programs, continue to act as a key driver for boosting investment and, more broadly, for the growth of the Greek economy.

"Despite international challenges, Greece continues to attract strong investor interest. At the same time, Greek businesses continue to implement ambitious growth plans and to capitalize on new opportunities in sectors with strong prospects, such as energy, infrastructure, tourism, the defense industry, and technology," he said.

The strategic partnership with UniCredit

Referring to Alpha Bank's strategic partnership with UniCredit, Mr. Kiouroukoglou emphasized that this unlocks new opportunities for Greek businesses, providing them with access to one of the largest banking networks in Europe. As he said, this partnership facilitates the expansion of Greek companies to a further 13 countries in Europe, strengthens their capabilities in areas such as mergers and acquisitions, and provides access to sophisticated financing solutions, as well as to specialized banking services, tailored to the needs of businesses operating internationally.

"Our strategic partnership with UniCredit significantly expands the opportunities available to Greek businesses, offering access to a Europe-wide network and to specialized solutions that can support their international growth and the implementation of larger or more complex investment plans", he noted.

Strong presence in infrastructure and energy financing

Alpha Bank's Chief of Wholesale Banking also focused on the Bank's active role in financing major investment projects, noting that the Bank has long-standing partnerships with leading international investors and fund managers, participating in the financing of major infrastructure, transport, energy, and concession projects. He made particular reference to the energy sector, where Alpha Bank maintains a strong presence through the financing of renewable energy and energy storage projects, and is the first bank to have financed the recently inaugurated Metlen-Karatzis battery facility. As he noted, the Bank's

wholesale lending portfolio in the infrastructure and energy sectors currently stands at **Euro 5 billion,** with non-disbursed commitments standing at over **Euro 1.5 billion**.

In closing, Mr. Kiouroukoglou expressed his optimism regarding the prospects for the Greek economy, emphasizing that the country continues to attract significant domestic and international investment capital, whilst the financing requirements arising from major projects are expected to further underpin its growth trajectory. *"Greece remains an attractive investment destination, and the need to finance the major projects currently under way creates significant opportunities for the banking sector to support the real economy. Alpha Bank will continue to be at the forefront of this effort,"* he concluded.