



**Attica Group awarded as a “True Leader”  
for the second consecutive year**

Attica Holdings S.A. (Attica Group), member of the Marfin Investment Group, was awarded for a second consecutive year the title of **“True Leader” Group-Leader** by the ICAP “True Leader” Awards.

The ceremony took place on 16 November 2016 in the presence of Mr. S. Pitsiorlas, Deputy Minister of Economy and Development, and business executives of the most profitable business entities of Greece.

Since 2011, the ICAP Group, the only company recognised as a Credit Rating Agency by the Hellenic Capital Market Commission and the corresponding European authority ESMA (European Securities and Markets Authority), distinguishes Companies and Groups Leaders, based on four measurable criteria: Profitability, Increase of Employees, High Credit Worthiness (ICAP Score) and Leading Position in the Industry.

Attica Group’s renewed distinction as a “True Leader” means that for 2015 the Attica Group:

- ✓ is included in the 200 most profitable Groups rising to the 22<sup>nd</sup> place with €80.70 million EBITDA from the 38<sup>th</sup> place in 2014;
- ✓ is among the 200 Groups with the greatest number of personnel achieving an increase of 19.7% in the number of employees in comparison to 2014, reaching a total of 1077 employees in 2015;
- ✓ holds the Leading position in its Industry based on its Turnover;
- ✓ has a high ICAP Credit Score (Evaluation of Creditworthiness).

This distinction confirms Attica Group’s leading position in the Greek passenger shipping industry but also our leading position in the Greek Economy, as one of the country’s leading Corporate Groups.

The award was received by Mr. Spiros Paschalis, CEO of Attica Group, who after the ceremony stated:

*“The effectiveness and perseverance of Attica Group is confirmed yet again, despite the adverse economic circumstances we have been experiencing in Greece in recent*

*years. In 2015 through continuous efforts and hard work, we have managed to establish secure foundations for Attica Group's further growth and to expand our activities to new markets, such as the recent venture into the sea routes between Morocco and Europe via the newly established company "AFRICA MOROCCO LINKS" - "AML".*

*The driving force of our growth was none other than our people. Both our crew and our shore employees endeavour every day to guarantee the highest quality and continuous optimisation of the provided services, building on years of experience in passenger shipping, so that the end product is commensurate with our customers' expectations and needs.*

*Attica Group will continue to dynamically invest in growth with the aim to offer always services of the highest quality to our customers and to the destinations we serve, based on our core values:*

- Honest, fair and transparent transactions.*
- High quality and innovation in the design of ships and the provision of services.*
- Growth and operation driven by the principles of healthy competition.*
- Merit-based approach to personnel, partner and supplier selection issues.*
- Respect to the environment and awareness of environmental issues.*
- Credibility, consistency and respect to our customers.*
- Emphasis on Corporate Responsibility."*

Attica Group engages in passenger shipping through the brand names SUPERFAST FERRIES and BLUE STAR FERRIES with a fleet of 13 ships that provide modern, high quality transportation services in Greece and abroad. ATTICA GROUP is a member of the Marfin Investment Group, the largest Greek business group.

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