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PRESS RELEASE

HRADF: Ceremony for the handover of the hotel "Xenia Kythnos" and the right to use the thermal springs "Agioi Anargyroi" and "Kakkavos" to the investor

The Hellenic Republic Asset Development Fund (HRADF), a member company of the GROWTHFUND – The National Fund of Greece, announces that today, Monday, July 18, a handover ceremony was held in Loutra in Kythnos of the hotel "Xenia Kythnos" and the facilities of the thermal springs "Agioi Anargyroi" and "Kakkavos" to the investor company Xenia Kythnos, which emerged as the highest bidder in the tendering process.

The ceremony, which was held under the auspices of the Municipality of Kythnos, was attended by the Minister of Finance, Christos Staikouras, the Minister of Development and Investments, Adonis Georgiadis, the Deputy Minister of Tourism, Sofia Zacharaki, the CEO of HRADF, Dimitris Politis, the investors, Avraham and Michal Ravid, the Regional Governor of the South Aegean, George Chatzimarkos, the Mayor of Kythnos, Stamatis Garderis and the Archbishop of Syros, His Eminence, Dorotheos. The GROWTHFUND – The National Fund of Greece was represented by Natalia Theodoulou, Public Reforms Advisor.

The company, Xenia Kythnos, undertakes for a period of 99 years the right to use the hotel "Xenia Kythnos" and the right of use by ΗΠΠΨ of the two thermal springs located in the hotel facility, within an area of 7,018 sqm. The total price of the transaction amounted to approximately 3 million euros.

The property has a particularly important historical and cultural value, since it was constructed during the reign of Otto by the Danish architect, Christian Hansen. The facilities were modified by Ernst Ziller in the period 1871-1891 and have been characterized as historically preserved monuments, as they are remarkable examples of architecture, directly linked to the history of Loutra Kythnos.

The development of the hotel and the thermal springs will represent an iconic investment with significant benefits for the local economy and the growth prospects of the island. The hotel will be restored and will reopen after more than 20 years, while the Monument of the historical facilities of the thermal springs will be upgraded, thus contributing to the strengthening of the cultural identity of Kythnos and thermal tourism.

During the handover ceremony, the Minister of Finance, Christos Staikouras, stated: *"The investment will give even more prominence to Kythnos, strengthen the cultural and environmental identity of the island, stimulate tourism, especially spa tourism, contribute to the lengthening of the tourist season and the creation of new jobs. This investment, as well as several others implemented throughout the country, demonstrate the effort made by the Government, in cooperation with HRADF and HPPC, for the optimal utilization of public property and the attraction of investments, always with a view to the benefit of local communities and the Greek economy as a whole"*.

The Minister of Development and Investments, Adonis Georgiadis, stated: *"Today's event marks the beginning of a new era for "Xenia Kythnos", as it seals the completion of the public tender process carried out by HRADF with the cooperation of HPPC and the delivery of the property to its new owner. After three tenders, this historic hotel passed into the hands of the Israeli businessman, Avraham Ravid, for 2,862,510 euros. This is an iconic investment that will give new life to Kythnos, create new jobs and opportunities for the residents, for the tourism development and promotion of the island. At the same time, the development of the facilities of the two thermal springs will enhance thermal tourism in the island, making it a destination for all months of the year"*.

The Deputy Minister of Tourism, Sofia Zacharaki, stated: *"I am particularly pleased that today, here, in an iconic area for Kythnos, we are looking at the future of the thermal baths and the overall local tourism potential. We are harnessing an important resource of national wealth and prosperity. The benefits of this investment are multiple. Jobs will be created, the region and the whole of Kythnos will be upgraded, while the tourism season acquires the prospect of lengthening. Yes, Kythnos today enters the world tourism map. I would like to thank all those who contributed to the realization and the excellent preparation of this investment opportunity. And of course, the investor Avraham Ravid who believed in Kythnos and will give life again to the iconic multidimensional project with a historic and a quality footprint. Greece is moving forward. And Greek Tourism can look to its future with optimism and modern perception"*.

The CEO of HRADF, Dimitris Politis, stated: *"Today is an important day for the island of Kythnos and HRADF. The development of "Xenia Kythnos" and the thermal springs will be a springboard for regional growth, as it will upgrade the tourism prospects of the island with the reopening of a historic hotel and the creation of new jobs. It will also contribute to the establishment of Kythnos as a destination for spa tourism, attracting visitors throughout the year and lengthening the tourism season. The investment is important for another reason: it is the first property with thermal springs in HRADF's portfolio which will be developed by an international investor. I would like to thank HPPC for the invaluable cooperation in the implementation of the project, the investors for the trust they showed in the prospects of the Greek economy and the Municipality of Kythnos for the kind hospitality"*.

The investors, Michal and Avraham Ravid, pointed out: *"Genesis of The Royal Baths of Kythnos is a vision of creating a center of rejuvenation, health and relaxation with luxurious villas, suites, an open public park and perhaps one day, a large marina that will serve the needs of Loutra. Genesis is a project exceeding 25 million euros that will pave the way for many other new and innovative investments in the island of Kythnos. We believe that with the help of the Municipality, the local authorities, the support of policies with vision and willingness to help promote the economy of Kythnos, but mainly with the support of the inhabitants of the island, we can create more jobs, develop tourism and build an economically independent island and an independent community"*.

The Regional Governor of the South Aegean, George Chatzimarkos, stated: *"The islands of the South Aegean are at the center of investment interest, thanks to the stable and reliable environment that has been formed within the country. Even in the smallest island of the South*

Aegean, the stability consolidated by the Government of Kyriakos Mitsotakis along with the work of the Region in improving the infrastructure and reputation of the islands, is turning the Greek islands of the South Aegean into attractive investment prospects”.

The Mayor of Kythnos, Stamatis Garderis, stated: *"It is a great honor for me, as mayor of Kythnos and President of the union of thermal springs of Greece, to lead this social, environmental, economic and strategic nature of development and restoration of such an important project, where with the parallel infrastructure works, will once again attract a form of tourism that will allow Kythnos and its inhabitants to be employed throughout the year and will contribute significantly to the upgrading of its tourism product at a global level. Today's event offers hope for the future and creates an environment that allows the children of our country to survive, dream, develop and most importantly, remain in our island".*

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