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PANOS ALMYRANTIS IS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF EHMA

At the General Assembly held in Lugano, the European Hotel Managers Association has elected the current Vice President, National Delegate of Greece & Cyprus and General Manager of the Grand Hyatt Athens for the mandate 2022/2024



During the annual 48th General Assembly held in Lugano on March 18th to 20th, EHMA has elected President Panos Almyrantis, GM Grand Hyatt Hotel in Athens and EHMA current Vice President as well as National Delegate Greece & Cyprus. He will remain in office for three years from 2022 to 2024, taking over from Ezio A. Indiani, National Delegate Italy and GM Hotel Principe di Savoia in Milan. The new Executive Committee, to be presided over by Panos Almyrantis, is composed by Vice Presidents Pawel Lewtak and Stephan Stokkermans and Treasurer Giuseppe Mariano.

"Honored to be elected by Europe's most prominent hoteliers", comments Panos Almyrantis, "I will do my utmost to grow EHMA's legacy and to cultivate fertile commitment for our members, through sharing experiences and insights. Fostering a diverse networking environment based on our core values of integrity, loyalty and trust will nurture our mission to be the preferred Association of Hotel Managers, representing the most prestigious and unique hotels in Europe."

Panos Almyrantis (49) is an experienced General Manager in Luxury Hotels & Resorts with an academic background in post-graduate studies in the United States and distinctions in sales management, operations and hotel management in Greece and internationally. **Proactive management and combining entrepreneurial drive** with business-management have been his drive to increase revenues, market share and profit performance in different companies. He is **currently leading the Grand Hyatt Athens**.

The outstanding results achieved in hotel key performance indexes along with the capacity to innovate and detect opportunities to cooperate shown by Panos in his previous position as GM of the Daios Cove Luxury Resort & Villas in Crete, awarded him the distinction of being elected **European Hotel Manager of the Year in 2014** by the EHMA. His ethos, integrity and commitment to authentic hospitality appointed him as **President of the Organizing Committee for** "Greek Hotel of the Year Awards" since 2020. He releases publications in travel industry

journals, attends International Hospitality forums as a guest speaker and is a guest editor on life coaching and mentoring at <u>www.finebeing.gr</u>

About EHMA

EHMA - European Hotel Managers Association was **founded in Rome in 1974** by some executives of the hotel industry of undisputed professional ethics with the objective to maintain and increase the image of the hotel heritage. It is made up of top-level hotel general managers who constantly strive **to improve their and their staff's professionalism** in luxury hospitality in order to maintain, perfect and innovate services offered to their customers. Currently the Association has nearly **400 members representing 23 European countries** of which about 300 are General Managers of luxury hotels. In figures, this represents around **300 hotels**, **85,000 rooms and 65,000 employees**.

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