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ATHENS
CONVENTION|BUREAU





The City of Athens, birthplace of democracy, is today a European metropolis with world-class cultural attractions complemented with modern amenities, diverse entertainment and natural beauty, always hospitable to its guests and enjoyable to its visitors. Safe and friendly, Athens offers delegates the best in terms of organisation, infrastructure, accommodation and transportation, creating a unique experience for its visitors.

Having hosted the 2004 Olympic Games, Athens can evidently meet the requirements of the most demanding of events, always delivering an impeccable result. To that respect, meeting planners, convention organizers and professional associations will find that Athens is ideal to host their congress, meeting or function.

We therefore invite you to bring your event to Athens, and enjoy a culturally rich environment that will inspire you and take your ideas further. The City of Athens through the Athens Convention Bureau will gladly offer its assistance in any possible way to facilitate the organization of your convention or meeting, and help you and your guests live a memorable experience in Athens.

We are looking forward to seeing you in our city.

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Nikitas Kaklamanis
Mayor of Athens



The City



to Share
Your Ideas



Some of humanity's most exciting ideas were born in Athens and from here, they were shared with the world. This could be due to the fine weather. Or the inspiring scenery. Or, if you prefer the Athenian attitude towards life.

Whatever the reason, great ideas seem to have reached the most distant places when coming from this unique place of Europe. Enhanced by its state of the art venues and facilities, Athens today can meet the demands of any event and always deliver an impeccable result.

Bring your meeting to Athens.
Get inspired.
Share your ideas.

Conference Halls



With a wide selection of conference halls, Athens can cater for conferences of literally all sizes and topics.

Their equipment and facilities are among the most modern in Europe and can meet the requirements of even the most demanding of presentations and shows. Their location on the other hand, mostly in the city centre, allows delegates the rare opportunity of attending a conference while enjoying the city at the same time.





Accommodation





Athens offers a wide variety of luxury and mid-range accommodation establishments. Most hotels were upgraded or renovated for the 2004 Olympic Games or built after that, offering exceptional services coupled with the traditional Greek hospitality.

Most of Athens' luxurious hotels and international brands are located in the city centre, making it easy for guests to enjoy the rich culture and immerse themselves in the Athenian life. A short drive away, equally luxurious hotels await guests who prefer the mountain air or a room by the sea.

CITY PROFILE

(Athens and the greater Athens region)

Number of rooms:

6,350	in 29 five stars hotels
6,915	in 64 four stars hotels
5,851	in 87 three stars hotels
29,050	in 493 hotels in total

Transportation



A state-of-the-art metro system, wide avenues, an efficient public transportation system and a compact city center, all make moving around Athens easy and convenient.

The Athens transportation network now includes new buses, pollution-free trolleys, tram and a revamped electric railway system that connects to two metro lines. And that's not all. A new fleet of high-speed catamarans jets you off to nearby islands in an hour or less. Coach buses and trains take you to anywhere else in Greece you want to go.

Coming and going is easy too: the Athens International Airport serves 16,5 million passengers and over 200.000 flights every year from virtually all over the world. The Piraeus port, in short distance from the Athens city center, serves national and international sea lines. And the modern highways make driving to and from the city a pleasant experience.





After the congress...



World-class archaeological sites and modern architecture. Museums and art galleries. Ancient and modern cultural venues. Gourmet restaurants and traditional taverns. Luxury brands and street markets. Mountains and sea. All these and more make up a unique city.

With a Mediterranean ambience and 300 days of sunshine every year, Athens holds treats for everyone: a long history, a rich cultural heritage, a vivacious night life, sandy beaches, diverse shopping districts, an immense variety of cuisines, nearby islands and famous archaeological sites, some twenty art and culture festivals all year round and probably more theaters than any other city in the world.





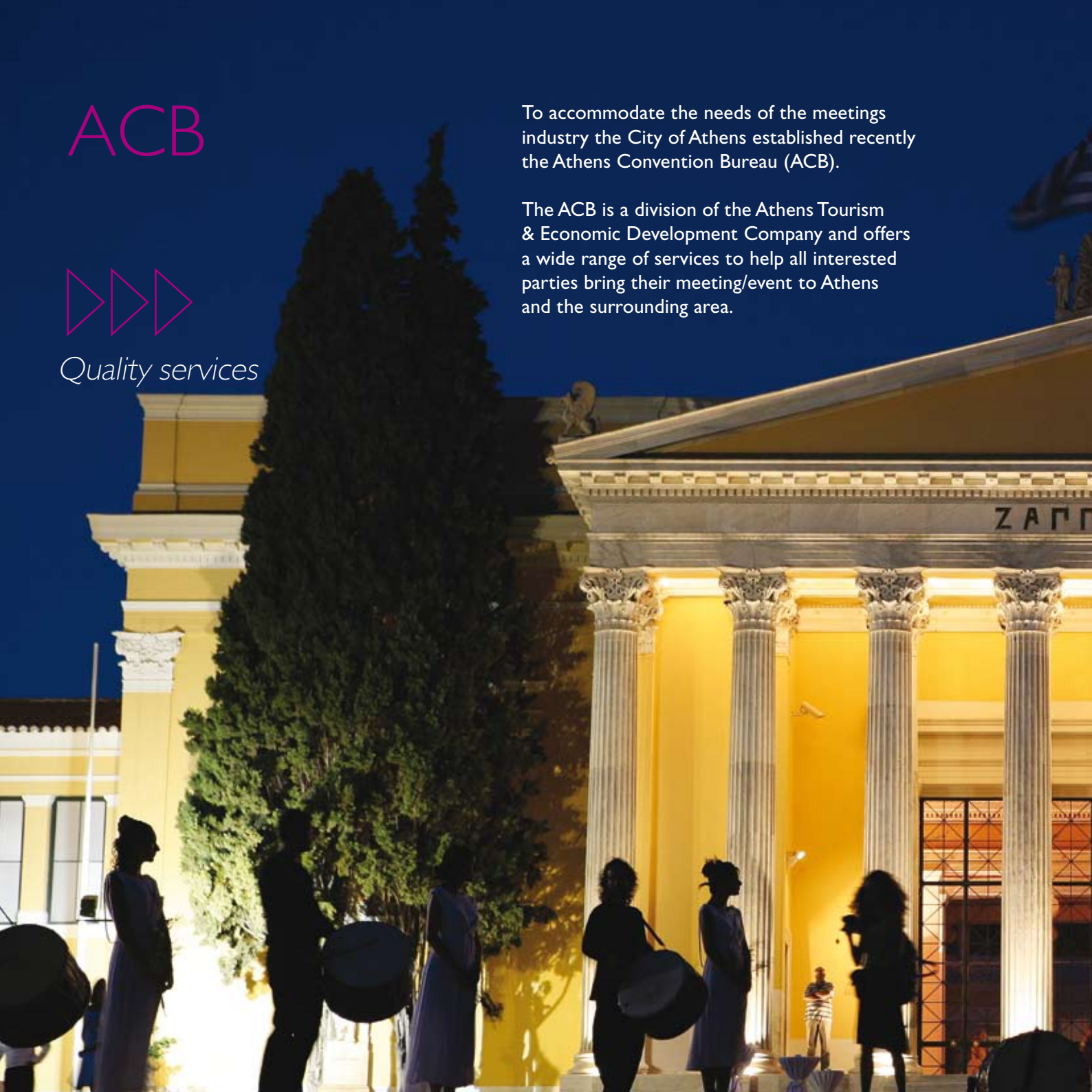
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Quality services

To accommodate the needs of the meetings industry the City of Athens established recently the Athens Convention Bureau (ACB).

The ACB is a division of the Athens Tourism & Economic Development Company and offers a wide range of services to help all interested parties bring their meeting/event to Athens and the surrounding area.





Our objectives:

- to attract and generate events
- to ensure that choosing Athens for staging meetings and incentives is a sound investment and an assurance for the success of any event
- to serve as a link between planners and the meeting industry in Athens
- to promote the city as a business events destination

Our services include:

- providing meeting planners with information and advice concerning conference facilities
- offering to all interested parties advice, support, sight inspections and other services which are essential for the successful organization of a conference or a meeting
- providing official support to bid proposals
- providing information on facilities, venues, services in Athens, as well as web services dedicated to the meetings sector through a functional website
- providing promotional material on Athens
- working closely with all public and private institutions to ensure that business visitors are offered a memorable experience in our city.

For more information please visit:
www.athensconventionbureau.gr



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