

**FACTORY OF THE YEAR
and 5 more top awards for HERACLES Group
at Industrial Production & Manufacturing Awards 2024**

It won 3 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze Awards at the Industrial Production & Manufacturing Awards 2024 ceremony, while the Group's plant in Volos received the top recognition of the Factory of the Year 2024!

True to its commitment to continuously develop its practices and solutions, combining innovation and sustainable development, HERACLES Group was honoured with a total of 6 distinctions at the 6th Industrial Production & Manufacturing Awards.

The Group won the top distinction **“Factory of the Year” for its plant in Volos**, thus crowning all the endeavours made by the plant’s people and management over 100 years for development and innovation, focusing on the people, the community and society at large, as well as the environment. It is worth mentioning that accelerating the green transition, maintaining superior performance, fostering innovation and empowering people are pillars prioritised by the Group, as evidenced by the investments of 40 million euros that have been made over the last 5 years in order to upgrade the technology and reduce the carbon footprint of the Volos plant.

In addition, in the context of the award ceremony, held to showcase the excellence and extroversion of Greek Industry by highlighting initiatives that promote environmental sensitivity, the development of local communities and continuous investment in employees, HERACLES Group won:

- **Gold Award** in the “Innovative Products” category for the 3 New, Green and Innovative Cement Products it developed;
- **Gold Award** in the “Best Factory to Work In” category for the Group's plant in Volos;
- **Gold Award** in the “Best Industrial Security / Cyber Security” category for the Enhancement of the Group's Defence through an Integrated Cybersecurity Solution,
- **Silver Award** in the “Research & Development” Enhancement for the Aurora Research Project in which he participates,
- **Bronze Award** in the “Best Technology Systems for Digital Operations” category for Sustainable Development through Investments in Innovative Technology.

The Manager of Volos Plant, Giorgos Katerelos, stated: *“Today, the Greek industry is celebrating its achievements, and we are proud to be part of this dynamic community. For us, the people of HERACLES Group, our plant in Volos embodies our vision for the creation of an advanced and socially responsible facility of the 21st century. Thus, for all of us, this recognition as “Factory of the Year” is more than an award. It is the confirmation that every decision we have taken; every - financial and mental - investment we have made; and every goal we have set, has had a positive impact on our country, people and the environment, which is recognised and honoured.”*

HERACLES Group of Companies

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