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Press Release

HSBC Pantelakis Securities S.A.
Sponsor of the Awards Ceremony held to honour the top 43 students of the
University of Piraeus

HSBC Pantelakis Securities S.A., within the framework of its active support of the effort for the promotion and continuous development of scholarships, took part, once again, as a sponsor, in the ceremony that was held to honour the top 43 students of the University of Piraeus.

In a low-profile ceremony that was held on 3 December 2009 at the University of Piraeus, representatives of the academic, banking and business sectors, including those of HSBC Pantelakis Securities S.A., presented monetary awards to the top 43 students of the Department of Financial Management and Banking who excelled during the academic year 2008-2009.

The awards ceremony was held for the first time in 1991, the year in which the Department was established, for the 8 best students and continues to be held to this day.

Mr. Nikos Pantelakis, Managing Director, HSBC Pantelakis Securities S.A., on the occasion of the awards ceremony, accentuated the importance of contributing to and supporting scholarships for the purpose of advancing education, which constitutes the basis of healthy entrepreneurship.