

Press Release

**HSBC supports MDA Hellas through its participation in the
Athens Classic Marathon**

This year too, **HSBC** supported MDA Hellas, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, by covering the basic participation cost for the employees who took part in one of the Athens Classic Marathon (ACM) races.

Specifically, through the registration and participation of 33 employees in the ACM races, HSBC provided its financial support to the work of MDA Hellas. In addition, HSBC donated an amount to MDA Hellas for each employee who completed any one of the ACM races.

The cooperation between the ACM and MDA Hellas began in 2009. For yet another year, the Organising Committee of the Hellenic Athletics Federation (SEGAS) selected MDA Hellas as one of the cooperating associations in the Corporate Social Responsibility Programme of the ACM.

As Ms. **Tonia Petrovits**, Public Affairs & Communications Manager, HSBC Greece, said: *“With a strong spirit of social contribution, we at HSBC support a series of actions involving social responsibility, and we take an active part by supporting society’s sensitive groups through donations, sponsorships or even by voluntarily providing various services with the participation of the Group’s personnel, regardless of rank. It therefore gives us great joy to continue our contribution to the work of MDA Hellas with the support of our personnel”.*

Ms. **Vana Lavida**, Chairman of the MDA Hellas Board of Directors, wrote a letter to thank and congratulate HSBC’s volunteers for this great act of love for persons suffering from Neuromuscular Diseases, in which she stated: *“Social solidarity is not only a government affair; it is also the concern of citizens. For the third year in a row, MDA Hellas participated in the ACM. This year we joined forces with the runners of the RUNNER Magazine and formed the MDA RUNNERS team, which is made up of 450 runners. From the very first year HSBC has stood by us, supporting our efforts and contributing financially to our work, having raised a considerable amount for every employee completing the race”.*