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### **Growthfund Announcement**

**The Board of Directors of Growthfund, at its meeting on 29 March 2026, approved the implementation of the Share Capital Increase of CrediaBank , recognizing its importance for further broadening the bank’s investor base and accelerating its growth trajectory.** The capital increase creates the conditions for further strengthening the bank’s position in both the Greek and international markets, while enhancing its attractiveness to domestic and international investors.

In this context, the Board of Directors of Growthfund decided not to participate in the upcoming Share Capital Increase of CrediaBank . CrediaBank has now completed its restructuring phase and is entering a growth trajectory, having demonstrated its ability to raise capital directly from the market. This is clearly reflected in the strong investor interest already expressed for the capital increase, including commitments from internationally reputable cornerstone investors.

Growthfund’s non-participation facilitates the entry of new private investors, enhances the free float, and aligns with the Supervisory Framework’s guidelines for broadening the shareholder base and improving the stock’s liquidity. At the same time, a new, high-quality shareholder base is taking shape: the capital increase is attracting sophisticated institutional investors — both domestic and international — with strong governance standards and a long-term investment horizon, who reinforce both the credibility and the stability of the ownership structure. In parallel, the bank’s internationalization and geographic risk diversification — through its expansion into new markets such as Malta — position CrediaBank as a European-scale investment proposition, now subject to systemic-level supervision by the Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM).

Through the stake it retains, Growthfund will participate in the fifth systemic banking pillar being formed in the market, while improving its overall financial position in the bank, with the prospect of generating even greater value in the future.

At the same time, Growthfund has undertaken a lock-up commitment for a six-month period following the completion of the capital increase, thereby reaffirming in practice its confidence in the bank’s strategic direction.

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