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AERO 1 Highspeed award winner in the SHIPPAX Awards 2023

Attica Group, parent company of **SUPERFAST FERRIES**, **BLUE STAR FERRIES** and **HELLENIC SEAWAYS**, is proud to announce **AERO 1 Highspeed** distinction by the Swedish shipping magazine SHIPPAX Information, with the

SHIPPAX FAST FERRY AWARD 2023.

AERO 1 Highspeed was honoured with the SHIPPAX Fast Ferry Award 2023 in a special ceremony held on Monday, 24th April 2023 during the annual SHIPPAX Ferry Conference. This is considered as an exceptional distinction for our Group, for Greece and for Greek Shipping.

The award committee noted that, *“After several years without newbuilt fast ferries for the Greek domestic market, the AERO 1 HIGHSPEED contributes a truly innovative approach, uniting sustainability with a so far unknown degree of passenger comfort in the Saronic Islands trade. The aerodynamic and energy-efficient design, complemented by an extremely light construction of carbon fibre, contributes to reduce fuel consumption and air emissions.*

AERO 1 HIGHSPEED at the same time has a modern design and innovative features that significantly upgrade the travel experience for passengers. Spacious accommodation, large windows, designated facilities for passengers with reduced mobility and a dedicated area for bicycle transportation are characteristics of a forward-thinking design tailored to the requirements of a rather diverse passenger target audience comprising commuters just as much as tourists”.

The AERO 1 Highspeed is the first of three vessels Attica Group has built in Brødrene Aa shipyard in Norway. Delivered on 1st August 2022 she was deployed directly to the Saronic Island routes. The three AERO Highspeed vessels have significantly renewed the Attica Group fleet in the Saronic Gulf, enjoying passenger preference from the very outset.

The total investment cost amounted to €21 million (€7 million per vessel). Each vessel has a maximum speed of 32.2 knots at full load, total length 36 meters, width 9.7 meters and carrying capacity of 150 passengers.

SHIPPAX, with nearly 50 years of experience, provides information on passenger vessels of all categories, collecting statistical data from around the world for publication in print and databases.

Attica Group is engaged in passenger shipping through SUPERFAST FERRIES, BLUE STAR FERRIES, HELLENIC SEAWAYS and AFRICA MOROCCO LINK operating 35 vessels providing modern, high-quality transportation services in Greece and abroad. Attica's vessels serve 61 unique destinations in 4 countries, connecting 79 ports transporting over 6 million passengers, 1 million passenger vehicles and 500,000 trucks every year.

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