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# Investment Opportunities in Real Estate and Tourism

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#### **Global Trends in Tourism**

- Expansion: growth and new markets
- Globalization- Competition
- Modern Tourist: individualized needs and special interests
- Technology and information innovation (ICT)
- Vacation patterns: more often less duration
- Growing demand for new diversified products, market segmentation
- Seeking the 'experience' of a destination
- Special types of tourism

## **Tourism in Greece**

- New era of dynamic growth + 6% (2006)
- 15 million foreign tourist arrivals per year
- 16% of G.D.P
- 900.000 work places or 19% of total workforce
- 630.000 beds in 9.100 hotel units
- 30.000 camping places
- 450.000 beds in rented rooms

#### The Greek Tourist Product

- Ancient history and a world-renowned culture
- Diversity of natural environment
- Clean, beautiful beaches islands
- A perfect four-season climate
- Stable economy and long-standing EU membership
- Lifestyle and quality of life
- Safety and Security

#### Global Trends in Real Estate Demand - Tourism

- Shared vacation ownership timeshare
- Resorts
- City hotels
- Second home purchase Holiday homes
- Condo hotels Tourist Residences
- Destination Clubs
- Fractional Ownership

#### Greece:

### **Real Estate Investment Opportunities**

- Returns higher than mature European markets
- Risks lower than developing European markets
- Economic growth rate above the EU average
- Upgrade in infrastructure (Olympic Games)
- New Public Property Investment Opportunities
- New legal framework PPPs
- The new Investment Law
- The new Spatial Plan for Tourism

#### **Strategic Plan for Tourism**

New institutional / organizational framework
Ministry of Tourism- GNTO- T.D.COMPANY-OTET

#### Strategy

 Develop tourism in the framework of a strategy for sustainable development

#### Goals

Upgrade the quality of the tourist product

Broadening and enrichment of tourist product

Axes for Tourism development
Investments – Quality – Marketing

#### Goal One: Quality Upgrade

- Encouragement of high quality investments
  - New accommodation: hotel units and resorts
  - Improvement of basic infrastructure (airports, ports, etc)
  - Upgrade services (cleanliness etc)
- Withdrawal of old hotel units
- Facilitation of investments through special procedures: one stop shop
- Simplification of administrative procedures
- Public Private Partnerships: advantages to both sides, acceleration of procedures

#### **Investment Law**

- Broad range of investment schemes supported including special tourist infrastructure: golf courses, yachting harbors, convention centers, spa-thalassotherapy, health tourism centers, thematic parks, winter sports centers etc.
- Incentives to private sector for development and upgrade of tourism product



#### Goal Two: Diversification and Enrichment

- Development of attractions which extend beyond the sea, sun, sand formula – Green Tourism
- Development of tourism activities throughout the year
- Axes for promotion of special types of tourism
  - Health tourism, spa and thalassotherapy, beauty, wellness
  - Eco-tourism, tourism and adventures in nature
  - Cultural and urban tourism, convention and business tourism, sports tourism
  - Sea tourism, scuba-diving, yachting, etc.
- Gastronomy- Lifestyle
- New products

## Means for Achieving the Strategy

- Development of a 10-year plan
- 4<sup>th</sup> Framework Program 2007-2013
- Spatial Master Plan of Tourism
- Development of special forms of tourism
- Marketing and promotion
- Education and training

## **Spatial Master Plan For Tourism**

 Guidelines for the type and characteristics of tourist development in the Greek regions

 Identification of potential for the development of special types of tourism

Introduction of new types of product : tourist residences

### Map of Spatial Organization of Tourism



## Tourism Development Co. (T.D.Co.)

- Public company wholly owned by the Greek State
- Management, administration and development of the tourist real estate property of the Greek National Tourism Organization with the goal to promote the national tourism policy

#### Unique Real Estate Portfolio :

- 371 properties which cover a total of 7000 hectares throughout Greece
- Diversity of assets: Xenia hotels, Marinas, Camping Sites, Golf courses, Ski Center, Conference Center, Casino, Museums, Caves, Tourist Kiosks, Beaches
- Estates of considerable size and potential for tourism development : Anavyssos, Paliouri, Afandou...

#### Vision and Strategy:

- Development of public tourist properties with the aims to :
  - Contribute to tourism development policy
  - Maximize benefits to local and regional development
  - Take advantages of synergies with the private sector

#### **Development Plan Priorities**

- Mature estates
- In several regions
- Different uses
- Development of fully integrated complex tourist resorts
- Development of Special Tourist Infrastructure

### **Tenders in Progress**

Tenders for the submission of non – binding expression of interest:

- Golf Afandou in Rhodes island
- Anavyssos Alykes estate in Attica
- Xenia hotel in Vytina
- Xenia hotel in Skiathos island
- Casino in Corfu island











### Wrap Up

- Greece responds dynamically to the challenges of the international tourist real estate market
- Private investments are an essential factor to supplement public actions
- Public and Private Partnerships will attract new investments contributing to the growth of the greek economy
- Development of synergistic action

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