

THE NEW CONVENTION CENTER AT [CRETA MARIS HOTEL](#)

CRETE'S LARGEST CONFERENCE CENTRE WITH A CAPACITY OF UP TO 4,500 DELEGATES



The new conference centre at creta maris hotel, which was completed recently, hosted an inaugural convention of 1,500 delegates.

It is the largest convention centre in Crete and one of the largest in Greece.

It covers an area of 5,000 m² and can accommodate in full function up to 4,500 delegates.

A convenient wing of 220 rooms – an expansion of [creta maris hotel](#) - that will lead directly to the conference centre will be completed by May 2002. The total cost of the investment for the conference centre and the new wing will amount to 6 billion drachmas. (Euro 17.608.217)

The conference centre is situated on the south western section of the 5-star luxury hotel, in close proximity to the open-air-theatre. The centre is designed and equipped with state-of-the-art technology, catering to conferences and exhibitions with the highest possible standard.

The creta maris convention centre has two levels, which cover a total area of 5,000 m², of which 3,500 m² consists of five main halls for convention use and the remaining 1,500 m² is for exhibitions and auxiliary areas. The lower level has 2,000 m² and is 5.10 meters high. It is divided into four main halls that can be divided into 11 halls by high quality soundproof partitions, each with individual entrances, the smaller of them being 60 m² and the largest 667 m². The largest hall of 667 m² which is called "Exhibition area", the only hall with columns, is situated in the centre and 4-8 others can be developed around it, depending on the requirements.

The main entrance of the convention centre is on the top level, where the central meeting hall is situated. Once again this area can be divided into three sections by soundproof partitions and independent entrances. Two of these three sections cover a space of 342 m² each and the largest 556 m².

The Apollo conference hall with a capacity of 500 delegates, which can be divided into

Two separate halls are equipped with the latest audio-visual systems.

Throughout, the new exclusive conference centre of creta maris is fully wired for computer networks access, ISDN lines, has three TV screens and video conferencing, the seats approved by the British Standard Institute are suitable for up to nine hours' sitting, These are just some of the many resources available for the proper conduct of a conference in a high-tech environment.

The centre also provides overhead and slide projectors, video and data projectors, microphones, lectern podium, flip charts, round tables, bridge tables, classroom tables and banquet tables etc. Offices for translation services, as well as a press-room are on hand. Furthermore, creta maris provides the Executive Resort offices for the travelling businessmen with full secretarial support, Internet services and office supplies.

The five powerful elevators for use by the delegates and conveyance of convention material have six main accesses from different points. Two entrances are specifically designed for vehicles (3.50m trucks) and there is one entrance that internally connects the convention centre with the new wing – expansion of creta maris hotel.

Adding to its prominent features, the creta maris boasts a vast variety of Greek and international cuisine ideal for banquets, cocktails and dinner parties.

High quality accommodation combined with traditional Cretan hospitality is the prime ambition of creta maris, which was the first hotel - not only in Greece but in the Mediterranean - to acquire the International Quality Certificate ISO 9001. Now creta maris strives for the same high quality standards by offering the best facilities that modern summits and conventions demand.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT creta maris hotel

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A 5-STAR HOTEL ON THE CRETAN SEA

The creta maris hotel, belonging to the maris hotels chain and situated 24 km east of the Heraklion International Airport, close to the fishing village of Hersonissos, is a unique combination of Aegean architecture and luxurious facilities.

creta maris hotel, which has 547 luxury rooms, including bungalows and suites, also has special facilities and specifications for the disabled.

The hotel was fully renovated in 2000 and by May 2002 the new wing/expansion of *creta maris* hotel, with its 220 luxurious rooms leading directly to the new creta maris convention centre, will have been completed.

This luxurious hotel has 3 restaurants, 7 bars, lounges, bridge and TV corner, shopping arcade, hairdresser, medical room, internet access, 1 indoor swimming pool, 2 children's swimming pools, 2 outdoor swimming pools, bowling, billiards, tennis courts, basket-ball pitch, water-sports centre, mini golf, mini club, full equipped health & fitness centre and entertainers for the young and old.

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PIONEER ACHIEVEMENTS & DISTINCTIONS

creta maris' operational philosophy is focused on impeccable and assured quality of services offered on all levels.

[creta maris](#) is the first hotel in Greece and in the Mediterranean to obtain the International Quality Certificate ISO 9001 and the three other hotels also obtained ISO 9001 later on.

All the hotels have obtained the International Environmental Management System ISO 14001 and it is notable that only three hotel chains in Europe have acquired this certificate: Forum, Intercontinental and Maris hotels.

Maris hotels apply HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points) management system to assure security and hygiene of food and beverages offered. They have been awarded the Blue Flag for crystal clear water and apply alternative gardening which is the system for restoring grounds, gardens, trees, plants etc from microbe pollution and have a blood donors' bank.

The intervention of the Maris group in cultural events of Greece is proven by the fact that the group has instituted a bi-annual competition for the students of the School of Fine Arts.

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