

Press Release

The MINION is reborn, awakening from darkness and shining again

The historic property that housed the MINION complex, now developed by DIMAND, has come back to life. The revitalized, environmentally friendly building has been illuminated, participating in the festive decoration of the capital city.

Just a few months before the completion of the project that will breathe new life into the broader Omonia area, the iconic building on Patision, Veranzerou, Dorou, and Satovriandou streets, carrying years of memories, has been illuminated, offering brilliance and joy to the residents and visitors of the city.

The lighting design aimed to highlight the new architecture of the facades and create a nocturnal landmark in the center of Athens, with environmental responsibility for energy consumption and light pollution. The modernized building now features specially designed LED lighting systems with an enriched spectrum (CRI 90) for optimal color rendering. Additionally, precise optical control of the lenses has been implemented to direct the light towards the building's facades and not towards the sky or adjacent properties.

The goal was to achieve a visual result where the nighttime image of the MINION aligns with sustainability, achieving impressively low energy consumption. The total installed power of the lighting has been recorded even lower than the LEED requirement (2.2 W/m²). Furthermore, a special sensor has been installed to dim the facade lighting when there is sufficient natural light. Remarkably, each section of the building's facade consumes as much energy as a conventional household air conditioner!

Although the MINION's lighting coincides with the holiday season, it is set to be maintained as a permanent illumination of the building, becoming an integral part of the new Athens image throughout the year.

With transformations like this, we bring life to the neighborhood and create the cities we want to live in, rejuvenating iconic buildings and areas that need to rediscover their splendor.

A modern, environmentally friendly building in the heart of Athens

The MINION returns to the forefront of Athenians' lives and the capital in late 2024 as a modern, mixed-use, bioclimatic building. In its new form, as developed by DIMAND, it will house offices and stores, while residences will be created in a separate building on Dorou and Satovriandou streets.



The property of the MINION "comes alive" as a contemporary and environmentally friendly project with a low carbon footprint. Besides being an iconic building that remained closed for 25 years, it serves as the connecting link between Omonia Square and the Patision axis, with the Archaeological Museum as its main landmark.

The new "green" building, designed based on the LEED sustainable development standard, aims for Gold-level certification. It is designed to have high-quality thermal insulation, soundproofing, shading, and lighting systems that operate according to user movement. Additionally, water consumption will be reduced according to international water conservation standards.

With its reopening after almost three decades of absence from Athens life, the MINION returns with a new image, significantly contributing to the revitalization of the city center.

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