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PRESS RELEASE

**Aristotle University Unveils Its New Face on Egnatia Street: New
Entrance Gate to Be Inaugurated**

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A new architectural intervention, featuring strong symbolism and contemporary design, welcomes the academic community and visitors to Aristotle University (AUTH). The inauguration of the University's new Entrance Gate will take place on Tuesday, 20 October 2026, at 10:30, at the main entrance to the University Campus on Egnatia Street. The ceremony will be officiated by AUTH Rector, Professor Kyriakos Anastasidis.

The new Gate is much more than an entrance to the University Campus. It is a contemporary architectural intervention through which AUTH reintroduces itself to the academic community and society, highlighting its academic identity and its connection with the city.

The design revolves around three symbolic gestures: the prism, the grid and the tree. These elements establish a new identity for the University entrance and symbolically correspond to key landmarks on the Campus, including the Ceremonies Hall, the Library, the Administration Building and the park.

An Open and Accessible Welcome Space

Located along the central axis of the University Campus, in an area accessible to all, the new Gate aims to strengthen the University's connection with its visitors and create a welcoming space for reception and information.

Its facilities include an information kiosk that combines face-to-face communication with the public and an interactive touchscreen, offering new opportunities for information and engagement. At the same time, a seating area and a tree beneath a

single canopy create a space for meeting and relaxation, connecting academic life with the natural environment.

The architectural design and supervision were undertaken by 40.22.Architects (Disli, Papadopoulou and Tsakalidou). The project architect is Associate Professor Vanessa Tsakalidou of AUTH's School of Architecture, working alongside architects A. Tsortanidis and D. Karavasilis. Dimitris Lioris and Christos Zois carried out the structural design, while Vasilis Pistofidis was responsible for the electromechanical design. ALUMIL S.A. undertook the construction of the project as a sponsor.

We kindly request that this event be published, broadcast, and covered by the media.