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Crisis Time in CEE?  
Concrete Projects and Success Stories  
in the VEF Countries

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## Our global vision

**"Empowered people providing bold leadership  
and distinctive service worldwide."**

## Member firm services

### Member firms of Grant Thornton International:

- are leading business advisers to entrepreneurial and dynamic privately held companies
- provide audit services to listed international companies
- provide specialist advisory services to listed international companies
- provide international and domestic tax services

David McDonnell  
Chief executive officer  
Grant Thornton International



"Grant Thornton clients increasingly, and rightly, expect seamless service from us, irrespective of where they operate."

# Grant Thornton International – a cohesive global organisation



## Independent member firms

Grant Thornton International is one of the world's leading organisations of independently owned and managed accounting and consulting firms.

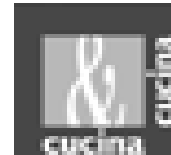
The network is made up of independent member firms in each country which provide international services to clients through fellow member firms in other countries.

# Major Clients of GT Firms in the Region

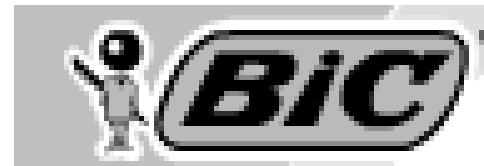
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# Major Clients of GT Firms in the Region Our expertise - GT Greece



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## Some success Factors

- Have your strategy in place
- Analyse foreign markets carefully
- Understand local requirements
- Do not think in short terms
- Find the right people
- Globalisation does not delete local mentalities
- Ask for competent support in areas you cannot cover yourself