

HARIS KARONIS

CEO of Viva Group of Companies, Viva Payment Services S.A., Viva Online Services S.A., Viva Wallet Holdings S.A.

Haris Karonis is an Electrical Engineer and the current CEO of “**VIVA WALLET S.A.**” (www.vivawallet.com), “**VIVA ONLINE SERVICES S.A.**” (www.viva.gr) and “**VIVA PAYMENT SERVICES S.A.**” (www.vivawallet.com/el-gr/company).

He has 20 years’ expertise in the Internet and Telecommunications Sector and more than 15 years of experience in the Banking Industry.

He started off his career in 1996 as a Sales & Marketing Manager at Groovy Net (one of the first ISPs in Greece) and just a year later he became General Manager.

In 2000 he founded **VIVA WALLET S.A.** (formerly known as **REALIZE S.A.**), a leading company in Web development & Technology Marketing Services, while five (5) years later he created **VIVA ONLINE SERVICES S.A.** that provides innovative ITC Services and Destination Manage Services (DMS).

In 2010 he established **VIVA PAYMENT SERVICES S.A.**, a E-Money Institution licensed by the Bank of Greece, to offer innovative online and mobile payment services. The company launched in 2013 the 1st mobile wallet in Greece called “**VivaWallet**” and began its international expansion by obtaining a passport to provide payment services in 31 countries of the EEA.

Besides his industry appointments, Haris Karonis has offered consulting services in numerous Greek companies and is currently the Chairman of the Board of HAMAC (Hellenic Association of Mobile Application Companies).