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## REMEDICA WORLDWIDE

### Stanley Tanzania Ltd., Tanzania<sup>1</sup>

Shortly after achieving independence from Britain in the early 1960s, Tanganyika and Zanzibar merged to form the United Republic of Tanzania in 1964. Tanzania has achieved high growth rates based on its vast natural resource wealth and tourism with an average gross domestic product growth of 6-7% per year between 2009 and 2017. Tanzania has largely completed its transition to a market economy. Stanley Tanzania Ltd. is Remedica's local representative in Tanzania. It is a company committed to quality pharmaceuticals and medical and rehabilitation supplies. The company originally dealt with the importation of high-quality pharmaceutical formulations. Recently, it has increased its product portfolio to include medical, disposable surgical, hygiene, and rehabilitation products. Constantly faithful to its belief of quality, service, and cost-effectiveness through the institution of proper measures, Stanley Tanzania Ltd. is determined to make medical services available to many Tanzanians. Stanley Tanzania Ltd. has plans for continuous investment in high-quality products. Its vision is to provide high-quality products that are cost-effective, and its mission is to free the world from human suffering through the provision of high-quality pharmaceutical, healthcare, and medical products at the most affordable price.



## WELCOME NOTE

Welcome to our new and updated newsletter! Remedica's newsletter has undergone a major facelift, and we hope you enjoy its refreshed look and content. December is a time for reflecting on events that have occurred during the year and looking forward with anticipation to the events that the New Year might bring. As we approach the end of 2019, we have been assessing the year behind us. This year has been full of activity with the development of our growing range of pharmaceutical products and services aimed to meet our customers' needs. Here, at Remedica, our commitment to the millions of patients around the world who use our pharmaceutical products is stronger than ever. We sincerely hope that we have been and will continue to benefit those in need. Lastly, we would like to express our wishes for a healthy, prosperous, and creative new year.

Dr Michael Neoptolemos  
Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

# REMEDICA PEOPLE

## Dr Sylvana Papaioannou Registration Manager

Dr Sylvana Papaioannou completed her bachelor's degree in pharmacology at the University of Southampton in the United Kingdom in 2000. Thereafter, she was offered a position as a PhD candidate in neuroscience at the University of Southampton, where she studied the physiological action of putative neuropeptides on the somatic muscle of the parasitic nematode *Ascaris suum* and the pharyngeal muscle of the free-living nematode *C-elegans*. She was awarded her PhD in March 2007. Dr Sylvana Papaioannou joined Remedica as a Registration Scientist in August 2005 and was promoted to the position of Head of Regulatory Affairs and Deputy Registration Manager in September 2015. In August 2019, she became Registration Department Manager. She also serves as an Expert Evaluator for the European Commission, assisting in the evaluation of research proposals in the area of neuroscience and orphan drug development. She is married with four children and lives in Limassol, Cyprus.



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## OUR PRODUCTS

### Sutirem® (Sunitinib)

Recently, the medicinal product Sutirem® received its first regulatory approval. Sutirem® contains the active substance Sunitinib, which is indicated for the treatment of adult patients suffering from unresectable and/or metastatic tumours. These tumours include the following:

- malignant gastrointestinal stromal tumours (GISTs) after failure with imatinib treatment
- metastatic renal cell carcinoma (MRCC), a type of kidney cancer that has spread to other parts of the body, and
- well-differentiated pancreatic neuroendocrine tumours (pNETs) that have progressed or cannot be removed with surgery

Sutirem® is available as hard capsules containing 12.5 mg, 25 mg, 37.5 mg, or 50 mg of the active pharmaceutical ingredient Sunitinib.

## SUPPORTING GENERICS

### Memorandum of Understanding for Generics<sup>2</sup>

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General, and Mr Jim Keon, Chair of the International Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association (IGBA), signed a memorandum of understanding that was an important step in WHO's drive towards universal health coverage by underscoring the importance of generic and biosimilar medicines to increase access to affordable, high-quality treatment. WHO is an active supporter of the expansion of generic medicines use. The new agreement between WHO and IGBA highlights the role of the pharmaceutical industry in helping WHO maintain tools that can facilitate registration of generics and biosimilars. It will reduce the burden of clinical trials for biosimilars, and accelerate generic registration.





# ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

## Amazon Rainforest Fires and Climate Change<sup>3-9</sup>

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Before the unprecedented boreal forest fires of the summer of 2019 ceased, yet another successive environmental disaster took place in August. A catastrophic fire struck the fragile Amazon rainforest.

According to the United Nations Development Programme<sup>8</sup>, the Amazon is the largest rainforest on the planet and represents 40% of all remaining rainforests in the world. It spreads across nine countries, and 65% of its area is in Brazil<sup>8</sup>.

In addition to the Amazon being a hotspot for global biodiversity, it also plays a crucial role in the regulation of global warming, since it serves as a carbon sink and absorbs millions of tons of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) each year from the atmosphere<sup>9</sup>.

Moreover, many studies highlight the importance of the Amazon rainforest in climate system regulation through moisture recycling in addition to its contribution to global atmospheric circulation and the hydrological, energy, and carbon cycles<sup>6</sup>.

However, the Amazon rainforest is threatened by massive human deforestation activities, climate

change, and fire activity driven by changes in economic conditions and climate<sup>8</sup>. Similarly, Marengo et al. suggest that the Amazon region is at high risk of climate change<sup>6</sup>. This belief is mainly due to the synergistic nature of climate change and other threats, such as rainforest fires, deforestation activities, and rainforest fragmentation<sup>6</sup>.

Satellite data issued by the European Space Agency suggest that almost



4.000 fires were detected between the 1<sup>st</sup> of August and the 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2019<sup>4</sup>.

Compared to the previous year, the frequency of Amazon rainforest fires was fourfold higher<sup>4</sup>. NASA Earth Observatory suggests that although drought has played a large role in the exacerbation of fires in the past, the timing and location of fires detected early in the 2019 dry season indicated land clearing as the major cause<sup>7</sup>.

Ironically, Amazon rainforest fires not only compromise the ability of the Amazon rainforest to absorb CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere but also contribute to climate change itself. The 2019 Amazon fires emitted 228 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere<sup>4</sup>.

As Betts et al. suggest, a decrease in the Amazon rainforest covered area induced either by deforestation activities or indirectly by climate change could aggravate the effects on it<sup>3</sup>.



Likewise, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change argues that in addition to human activity, climate change plays an increasing role in the determination of the pattern, frequency, and intensity of wildfires<sup>5</sup>. The IPCC predicts that future climate variability will enhance the risk and severity of wildfires in many biomes, including tropical rainforests<sup>5</sup>.

The recent Amazon rainforest fires demonstrate that the catastrophic impact that has resulted in the synergistic effects of human deforestation activities and climate change.

Since the preservation of the Amazon is crucial to the global ecosystem, more decisive actions at an international level should be implemented for its protection for the sake of the planet and future generations.

# CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## 1) Blood Donation Camp at Remedica (photo. 1)

Blood transfusion is an indispensable resource for healthcare systems, and every blood donor represents an invaluable contribution to human life and health. In this context and as part of Remedica's corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities, a blood donation drive was organised for its employees on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2019 with the aim of boosting the blood bank supplies of Limassol General Hospital. The event, which took place on the company's premises, was attended by more than 110 employees who donated blood to help those in need and highlighted the importance of giving blood. During the blood donation, saliva was collected by representatives of the Karaiskakeio Foundation for the Bone Marrow Donor Register.



## 2) Tree Planting Activity to Promote Environmental Sustainability (photo. 2)

In the spirit of environmental sustainability, Remedica organised a tree planting activity in an area of the park on Gethimani Road in Agios Athanasios, Cyprus, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2019 to encourage the protection of the environment and promote sustainability. Through the efforts of the company's employees, more than 200 trees were planted, which thus contributed to building a greener community and making the area more beautiful and pleasant. Environmental responsibility plays an important role in the company's activities. For many years, the company has undertaken an important mission: to promote the development of the country, increase the well-being of the population, and build a strong and sustainable future. Remedica views planting trees as a symbol of hope and continuity of life.



## 3) Clothing Collection Campaign to Aid Cancer Patients in Need and their Families (photo. 3)

In an effort to support the valuable work of the Cyprus Association of Cancer Patients and Friends (PASYKAF), Remedica contributed to the clothing collection campaign that occurred on the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup> of November and that aimed to aid cancer patients in need and their families. Remedica's staff, who were eager to contribute for the above purpose and help their fellow cancer patients, rushed to deliver essentials, such as men's, women's and children's clothing, shoes, linens (curtains, sheets, pillowcases, etc.), bags, and belts. Thank you to all of Remedica's employees for rushing to the aid of their fellow man.



## 4) Sunday Funday: a Recreational Event for all the Family (photo. 4)

With a great sense of responsibility and joy, Remedica organised a Sunday Funday recreational event for both children and adults, which took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2019, at the Limassol Sculpture Park in Molos to financially support the Orestis Foundation. The Foundation is a non-profit organisation that was created in memory of a 19-month-old infant, Orestis, who died of pneumonia and that aims to promote better health services in Cyprus. During the event, there was a Live Link from Love FM and many surprises for the young friends who were present at the event. Entrance was free, and there were many games, dancing sessions, arts and crafts gatherings, contests, inflatable toys (fouskota), trampolines, face painting stands, music, and 11 fantastic mascots from the collection of Fantastic Eshop. The event was a great success that attracted many attendees and raised a significant amount of funds for the cause. The uplifting crowd and the cheerful mood combined with the sense of giving, joy, music, and the hundreds of enthusiastic children's voices made Remedica's Sunday Funday event an unforgettable experience. Mr Lambros Demetriadis, the founder of the Orestis Foundation, expressed his gratitude to all the participants for their contribution and conveyed his appreciation to Remedica, which, as he noted, is constantly by the Foundation's side.



## 5) Delivery of Plastic Caps to the Cyprus League against Rheumatism (photo. 5)

A total of 142.700 plastic bottle caps were delivered to the Cyprus League against Rheumatism on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2019, by Remedica as part of its charity action. The association was founded in 1984 by a group of patients suffering from rheumatic diseases with the main aim of resolving the multiple problems they faced. The caps are collected, recycled, and contribute to the financial support of the association's programmes. In particular, they assist the purchase of self-help kits for rheumatic patients. The tools purchased empower and enable them to meet their simple daily needs. The collection of caps also helps to protect the environment through the promotion of recycling.





#### 6) The Cyprus University of Technology (CUT) Library Honours Remedica as a Long-time Supporter (photo. 6)

The Library of the Cyprus University of Technology (CUT), which has operated for 10 years in the Vasilis Michaelides building, organised an event with a rich program on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2019, which was attended by Mr Andreas Hadjipanayis, Marketing Manager and National Sales Manager, and Mr Lambros Demetriades, Chief Commercial Officer, on the company's behalf. The library was first launched in 2007 with the establishment of the CUT and the enrolment of the first students in the university. In May 2009, the building was named after the national poet Vassilis Michaelides and was housed in the renovated building of the Limassol Old Courts. During the event, Mr Marios Zervas, the CUT Library Director gave Mr Demetriades a symbolic plaque to honour Remedica as a long-time supporter and expressed special thanks to the company for its constant support.



#### 7) Charity Tea Party to Financially Support the Asthma and Allergy Research Center (photo. 7)

A charity tea party sponsored by Remedica was held at the Ajax Hotel on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November by the Pilates Center by Rotsidou. The purpose of the event was to financially support the research of the Asthma and Allergy Center, which aims to investigate the cause of allergies and the implementation of ways for its prevention and/or treatment. Dr Michael Neoptolemos, Group CEO, participated in the charity event on behalf of the company. The Honourable First Lady of the Republic of Cyprus, Mrs Andri Anastasiadou, and other distinguished guests were also present. Dr Nikolas Nikolaou, Asthma and Allergy Specialist, was a speaker at the event, as well as the renowned plastic surgeon Dr Spyros Vlachos, who presented the latest anti-aging and blepharoplasty methods. Remedica supports initiatives promoting research on paediatric diseases.



#### 8) Financial Support by Remedica for the Association of Friends of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Thermokitida Agapis (photo. 8)

Remedica provided financial support for the organisation of the Open Congress of the Association of Friends of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit "Thermokitida Agapis" in the framework of the Prematurity Awareness Month, which was organised on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November 2019 at the Neonatal Health at National Level. The Conference was held under the auspices of the Pediatric Society of Cyprus and addressed health professionals and parents. The conference was successful as it constituted a platform for discussing national service protocols based on European standards proposed by the pan-European organisation European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants (EFCNI).

#### 9) Remedica's Cyprus Human Resources (HR) Awards (photo. 9)

We are pleased to announce that Remedica recently received two Cyprus Human Resources (HR) Awards for its people-orientated culture and its innovative HR practices. The purpose of the award is to honour businesses and organisations of all sizes and fields that have implemented innovative initiatives, practices, and people-oriented policies in the field of HR management. The Cyprus HR Award Ceremony was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2019, in Nicosia, Cyprus. Mrs Christina Neophytidou, HR Project Officer, and Mrs Eleni Socratous, HR Officer, attended the event on behalf of the company. Specifically, Remedica's HR team was awarded in the categories of Learning and Development - Best Change Management Strategy/Initiative Award and Best CSR Initiative with Employee Involvement and received a Double Silver Award for the initiatives that were implemented throughout 2019. Congratulations to Remedica's HR team. This award comes from systematic work, determination, and integrity.



#### 10) Financial Support of Remedica for the Center for Preventive Paediatrics (photo. 10)

Recognising the importance of the preventive screening programmes of the Center for Preventive Paediatrics, Remedica provided significant financial aid to cover its operating costs and expressed its long-term commitment to support the centre and its activities. This decision was made by Remedica's Group CEO, Dr Michael Neoptolemos, following his recent visit to the centre's headquarters in Limassol. During his visit, Dr Neoptolemos was briefed by its President, Dr Argyris Argyriou, on the work that it does as well as its future plans. The Centre for Preventive Paediatrics aims to offer high-quality screening programmes to all children in Cyprus and, thus, provide them with the opportunity to have the best life possible.



## Remedica Park



### 11) Remedica Park was Proudly Launched (photo. 11)

In the context of its social contribution and the promotion of sports activities for adolescents, Remedica is proud to announce it was the main sponsor for the Mavroudi Football Academy for the 2019-2020 football season. Recognising the importance of this sponsorship in achieving its goals, the Mavroudi Academy renamed the Alana Football Park in the Arediou area in Nicosia, where its training sessions are held, to Remedica Park. The inauguration ceremony of the stadium was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October by Dr Michael Neoptolemos, Group CEO, and Mr Demetris Syllouris, President of the House of Representatives, in the presence of Mr Andreas Taki Michaelides, President of the Cyprus Sports Organization's Board, and Mr Damianos Hadjidamianou, Treasurer of the Executive Board of the Cyprus Olympic Committee. The inauguration ceremony was followed by a Fun Day event, which included matches between the academy's children of all ages and many surprises for those who were present.



### 12) Financial Support for the Renovation of the Cyprus Chamber Of Commerce and Industry Building (photo. 12)

Remedica provided financial support for the recent renovation of the Cyprus Chamber Of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) building and its offices on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, which was officially launched by the President of the Republic of Cyprus, His Excellency Mr Nicos Anastasiades during a formal event. The renovation of the CCCI building required approximately one year to complete. Remedica, which was named as a national winner at the 2019 European Business Awards for a second consecutive year, supports such initiatives aimed to promote growth, development, innovation, and solidarity and expresses its commitment to continue to contribute to society. As noted by Remedica's Group CEO, Dr Michael Neoptolemos, 'the financial contribution for the recently renovated CCCI building, confirms Remedica's commitment to giving back to Cyprus' society and highlights the key role of private initiatives underlining the need for modernisation and progress.'



### 13) National Partners' Meeting in the Context of the 2019 European Healthy Workplaces Campaign (photo. 13)

Remedica participated in a National Partners' Meeting organised by the Department of Labour Inspection of the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance and that was held in the framework of the 2019 European Campaign with the title "Healthy Workplaces Manage Dangerous Substances" on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2019 at the Semeli Hotel in Nicosia, Cyprus. The company was represented by Mr Sofianos Kyriakidis, Head of Health Safety and Environment, who participated in the meeting's programme as a speaker and gave a presentation titled "the management of Dangerous Substances in Remedica Ltd: Case Study, Management of Antineoplastic and Immunomodulating Agents". During the meeting, discussions were held in the working groups that focused on the good practices related to the management of dangerous substances in the workplace and the actions taken as part of the campaign. An interactive discussion on the campaign's results followed, and recommendations were given by the working groups.



## REMEDICA NEWS

### 1) Remedica, the Gold Sponsor for the 13<sup>th</sup> Cyprus-Greece Chemistry Conference (photo. 1)

Remedica proudly supported the 13<sup>th</sup> Cyprus-Greece Chemistry Conference as a Gold Sponsor, with the participation of more than 110 chemistry and chemical engineering graduates. The conference syllabus and the list of abstracts are posted on the conference website: <https://bit.ly/2IGxb0c>

### 2) Winners Announced in the 2019 European Business Awards Summit and Gala (photo. 2)

Dr Michael Neoptolemos, Group CEO, Mr Andreas Hadjipanayis, Marketing Manager and National Sales Manager, and Mr Marios Stylianides, Business Development Manager represented Remedica at the official award ceremony of the European Business Awards Summit, which took place between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> of December in Warsaw, Poland. During the event, Europe's best businesses were celebrating after being named winners in the 2019 European Business Awards at an exclusive awards ceremony attended by prominent businesses leaders and European ambassadors. The winning businesses achieved their success after a year-long journey in Europe's biggest and most prestigious business competition, which this year included over



120.000 businesses from 33 countries from across the globe in its public vote. Business VIPs presented trophies to the category winners of the competition. Mr Adrian Tripp, CEO of the European BusinessAwards, said: 'These companies are Europe's best. They demonstrate innovation, ethics and financial success and are brilliant examples of the growth potential for European business in a competitive global marketplace. Together they are creating a better future for us all.'



### 3) Participation as an Exhibitor-Employer in the Get a Job Career Fair (photo. 3)

Remedica participated as an exhibitor-employer in the Get a Job Career Fair on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November at the Carob Mill in Limassol, Cyprus. The fair was an excellent opportunity for Remedica to advertise its current employment opportunities to job candidates and to attract new talent and innovative minds to the company. Participants embraced this year's exhibition, which was the perfect opportunity for young people to connect with major local businesses, leading companies, and job counsellors.

### 4) Exhibitor at the 2019 CPhI Worldwide for a Third Year (photo. 4)

Remedica successfully participated for a third consecutive year as an exhibitor in the international exhibition 2019 CPhI Worldwide, which was held in Frankfurt, Germany between the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2019. During the exhibition, the participants had the opportunity to be briefed on Remedica's new products and to discuss potential cooperation. It is worth noting that CPhI is the leading global gathering of the pharmaceutical industry with more than 2.500 exhibitors and more than 36.000 senior pharmaceutical executives from more than 150 countries.



### 5) Visit from CUT Students (photo. 5)

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2019, students from the Department of Electrical Engineering of the CUT were welcomed on Remedica's premises, where they had the opportunity to learn how a pharmaceutical company operates. The students met with members of the HR, serialisation, and engineering departments, who gave presentations on each department's respective activities in the company. The students were also given a tour of Remedica's premises and had the chance to ask numerous questions regarding the key aspects of Remedica's operational systems.

### 6) High-level Egyptian Delegation Visited Remedica's Premises (photo. 6)

A high-level Egyptian delegation visited Remedica's premises in Limassol on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2019. The delegation was given a tour around Remedica's premises and was briefed on the production processes of the company's pharmaceutical products and the technologies used on-site. Representatives of



the Pharmaceutical Services of the Cyprus Ministry of Health, including its Director, Dr Louis Panayi, were also present at the meeting. The purpose of the visit was to resolve the procedural issues that arise so that the export of Cypriot pharmaceutical products to the large Egyptian market could begin by 2020. During the tour, the Egyptian delegation was given the opportunity to confirm the high-quality production processes that exist within the company and the high-end technology used. The representatives of the Egyptian Ministry of Health expressed their positive impressions, affirmed their interest in the initiation of a constructive dialogue, and expressed their optimism and hope for future collaboration. When asked if Egypt was ready to introduce Cypriot pharmaceutical products to the Egyptian market, the representatives responded affirmatively, indicated that the matter was procedural, and indicated that each side would proceed according to a defined plan.



### 7) Attendance at Medical Conferences (photo. 7)

Remedica's local sales team participated in medical conferences and one-day events where participants (health professionals and other experts in the pharmaceutical field) had the opportunity to be briefed on Remedica's new and existing products. Specifically, the team took part in the following events: the Diabetes Summit, the 14<sup>th</sup> Hellenic-Cypriot Surgery Conference, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Pancyprrian Paediatric Congress, the 6<sup>th</sup> Pancyprrian Congress of Pathology, and the 18<sup>th</sup> Pancyprrian Conference of the Pafos Medical Association "Asklepios".

# A GLIMPSE OF CYPRUS

## Amathous<sup>10</sup>

The ancient city of Amathous is located on the south coast of Cyprus approximately 7 km east of the city of Limassol. Evidence of the earliest human presence, which comes from the Neolithic era, was discovered in the course of archaeological excavations in the hills near Amathous. Throughout the Archaic era the city obtained exceptional wealth as one of the kingdoms of Cyprus and had great trade relations both with the Aegean and the Syro-Palestinian coast.

On the highest point of the hill of the acropolis, the goddess Aphrodite from the 4<sup>th</sup> century B.C. was worshipped. Throughout the Persian capture of the island, Amathous maintained a positive attitude towards the Persians, which led to its siege by Onesilos of Salamis. The dissolution of the Kingdom of Amathous and the rest of the kingdoms of Cyprus in the second half of the 4<sup>th</sup> century B.C. (the Hellenistic era) was due to the occupation of the island by the Ptolemies. Amathous experienced prosperity throughout the Antonine and Severan eras. Even though the city endured the Arab raids of the mid-7<sup>th</sup> century A.D., it was evidently deserted near the turn of the century. The Department of Antiquities additionally emphasises the management, protection, and promotion of the archaeological location of Amathous through the utilisation of methods aimed at safeguarding its sustainability and development. The first vital excavations of Amathous occurred in 1893-1894 with the guidance of British archaeologists A.H. Smith and J.L. Myres, who excavated many catacombs. Following the independence of Cyprus in 1969, numerous rescue excavation

finds were made by chance, and systematic excavations were resumed by the Department of Antiquities. In 1975, the French School at Athens resumed systematic excavations on the acropolis and additional places in the ancient town. The most vital sites and monuments at Amathous are as follows:

### The Acropolis

The Acropolis was constructed over the ruins of a Hellenistic shrine for which not much data is available. The Roman temple was one of the finest centres of worship in Cyprus throughout ancient times and one of the most vital locations of pilgrimage. It was constructed in the second half of the 1<sup>st</sup> century A.D. after the Greek prostylos temple with Nabatean capitals. It appears that in the 5<sup>th</sup> century A.D., the vicinity surrounding the south side of the temple was employed as an area of worship by the first Christians. In the 7<sup>th</sup> century, the



temple was already demolished, and a massive three-aisled basilica was built in its place with a narthex, an exonarthex, and numerous annexes. A tomb on the north side of the hill known as the tomb of Ariadne represents the greatest ancient evidence of human occurrence on the site. Although this tomb likely dates to the 11<sup>th</sup> century B.C., it was used again for the duration of the Archaic and Classical eras, at the time of the development of the shrine. Simultaneously, the two large monolithic vessels that were present on the site on the east side of the hill were used. One of them is in part currently preserved in situ, and the other one was transferred in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to Paris,



where it was exhibited in the Louvre. During this period, Aphrodite took the traits of the Egyptian goddess Hathor, as is observed by her many depictions on vessels and by the Hathoric stele that was located on the acropolis.

### The Agora and the Baths

The agora is situated inside the lower part of the city at the east of the hill of the acropolis. In the region south of the agora, there is a public bath that is constructed from a closed circular section and annexes. The bath and the part of the west portico of the agora are from the Hellenistic era and represent the earliest evidence of human activity in the region. Throughout the Roman era, the agora was arranged around a huge stone-paved court. A vital path, which linked the agora to the lower city, extends to the southern part of the agora. Three porticos are present on the other three sides. The west portico is tied to the court with thirteen Doric columns and ends at its northern side at a fountain or a nymphaeum and at a later cistern.

### The Palace

Behind the Byzantine wall, part of the palace of Amathous is preserved. It was constructed in the 8<sup>th</sup> century B.C. and was ruined after the rule of the last king of the city Androkles around 300 B.C. The conserved ruins, where many extraordinary items consisting of pithoi and athoric stele have been unearthed from excavations, are part of the palace's storerooms.



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