

PRESS RELEASE "2ND CAPITAL LINK INVEST IN CYPRUS" FORUM FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28th 2018, THE METROPOLITAN CLUB, NEW YORK CITY

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Capitalizing on the long established track record of organizing highly successful large scale investment conferences in major industry centers around the world, the <u>"2nd Capital Link Invest in Cyprus" Forum</u> will be held on **September 28th 2018**, at **The Metropolitan Club** in **New York City**. The Forum is organized at the initiative and active support of the Cyprus Union of Ship-owners and in cooperation with the Cyprus Investment Promotion Agency. Hellenic Bank is the Lead Sponsor, while Deloitte and EY are the Grand Sponsors.

The conference aims to raise awareness about Cyprus as a global business and investment destination to a wider investor audience through a prestigious, high caliber, high impact event in New York City. It will feature the developments and reforms in the Cypriot economy and the Cypriot government's program for the economy and investments. It will also feature political and business leaders and decision makers from both public and private sectors, including the CEOs of major Cypriot organizations, senior executives of US and international companies active in the region, and:

- H.E. Nicos Anastasiades, President Republic of Cyprus, will deliver the Keynote address of the Forum
- Hon. Harris Georgiades, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Cyprus, will deliver Keynote remarks on "The Economy of Cyprus Developments & Outlook"
- Hon. George Lakkotrypis, Minister of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism of the Republic of Cyprus, will deliver Keynote remarks on "Cyprus as a Regional Energy Hub"
- Hon. Natasa Pilides, Deputy Minister of Shipping of the Republic of Cyprus, will deliver keynote remarks on "Cyprus as a Regional Maritime & Logistics Industry Hub"

The event provides a high level informative platform for the US investment, financial and business communities on the investment and business opportunities, including opportunities arising out of the oil and gas exploitation at the Cypriot Exclusive Economic Zone, with Cyprus enhancing its position as an energy, shipping and logistics hub.

REGISTRATION

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PANEL & PRESENTATION TOPICS

Welcome remarks: Mr. Nicolas Bornozis, President - Capital Link.

ECONOMY – BUSINESS & INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK

Introduced by: Mr. Nicolas Nicolaou, President - Cyprus - US Chamber of Commerce

Cyprus as an Investment & Business Destination Section remarks: Mr. Michalis P. Michael, Chairman - Cyprus Investment Promotion Agency



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The Economy of Cyprus – Developments & Outlook

Keynote Remarks: H.E. Harris Georgiades, Minister of Finance Republic of Cyprus

BANKING & FINANCIAL SERVICES

Introduced by: Mr. Costas Kellas, CEO – Objecutive, Inc.; Former President – Hellenic American Bankers Association

Presentation / Remarks: Mr. Phivos Stasopoulos, General Manager, Business Division - Hellenic Bank

Banking & Financial Services (Panel Discussion)

Moderator: Mr. Frank Miller, Partner - Shearman & Sterling Panelists:

- Mr. John Patrick Hourican, Chief Executive Officer Bank of Cyprus
- Mr. Emilios Kyriacou, Managing Director, Citi Country Officer: Greece & Cyprus Citibank Europe Plc.
- Mr. Stephanos Kassianides, General Manager, International Business Banking Eurobank Cyprus
- Mr. Phivos Stasopoulos, General Manager, Business Division Hellenic Bank

ENERGY

Introduced by: Mr. Aristos Constantine – Cyprus Trade Commissioner

Cyprus as a Regional Energy Hub

Keynote Remarks: H.E. Yiorgos Lakkotrypis, Minister of Energy, Commerce, Industry & Tourism, Republic of Cyprus

Cyprus as a Regional Energy Hub – Business & Investment Opportunities in Energy (Panel Discussion) Moderator: Mr. Stavros Pantzaris, Country Manager Partner – EY Cyprus Panelists:

- Mr. Ed Cox, Director Noble Energy
- Mr. Yaniv Friedman, Deputy CEO Delek Drilling
- Mr. Varnavas Theodossiou, Lead Country Manager & Vice-President ExxonMobil Exploration and Production Cyprus (Offshore) Limited
- Mr. Gianni Di Giovanni, Chairman Eni Petroleum Co. Inc.

SHIPPING & LOGISTICS

Cyprus as a Regional Maritime & Logistics Industry Hub Keynote Remarks: H.E. Natasa Pilides, Deputy Minister of Shipping, Republic of Cyprus

The Shipowners' Perspective (Panel Discussion) Maritime Expertise and Infrastructure in Cyprus - Cyprus as an Operational Hub Moderator: Mr. Costas Georghadjis, Audit Partner – Deloitte Panelists:

- Mr. Polys Hajioannou, CEO Safe Bulkers; Vice President Cyprus Union of Shipowners
- Mr. Andreas Hadjiyiannis, President Cyprus Sea Lines Shipping; President Cyprus Union of Shipowners
- Mr. Andreas Hadjipetrou, Managing Director Columbia Shipmanagement

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• Capt. Eberhard Koch, Chairman, CEO & Partner - Österreichischer Lloyd Seereederei (Cyprus) Ltd.

LUNCHEON & KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Introductory Remarks: Mr. Andreas Hadjiyiannis, President - Cyprus Sea Lines Shipping; President - Cyprus Union of Shipowners

Keynote Address: H.E. Nicos Anastasiades, President - Republic of Cyprus

KEYNOTE REMARKS

Mr. Matthew Palmer, Deputy Assistant Secretary - European and Eurasian Affairs - US Department of State

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