



# 3rd Capital Link Cyprus Business Forum

Friday, April 4th, 2025  
The Metropolitan Club, One East 60th St. New York City



## REGISTRATION & COFFEE

8:30–8:35am

### WELCOME REMARKS

**Mr. Nicolas Bornozis**, President – **Capital Link Inc.**

## CYPRUS-US RELATIONS: CURRENT STATE AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

8:40 -8:45am

### OPENING KEYNOTE REMARKS

**H.E. Evangelos Savva**, Ambassador of Cyprus to the United States – **Republic of Cyprus**

## CYPRUS: A TECHNOLOGY GATEWAY TO EUROPE MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

8:50 – 9:00am

### KEYNOTE REMARKS

**H.E. Nicodemos Damianou**, Deputy Minister of Research, Innovation & Digital Policy – **Republic of Cyprus**

9:00 - 9:30am

**Moderator: Mr. Marios A. Cosma**, Managing Partner – **Treppides**

### Panel Discussion:

- **H.E. Nicodemos Damianou**, Deputy Minister of Research, Innovation & Digital Policy – **Republic of Cyprus**
- **Mr. Evan Kotsovinos**, Vice President of Engineering and General Manager - **Google**
- **Mr. Giorgos Zacharia**, Co-CEO – **Insurify**; Member – **Cyprus AI Taskforce**
- **Mr. Simon Liepold**, Senior Director, United Nations and International Organizations – **Microsoft**
- **Mr. Andreas Panayi**, Founder - **Kinisis Ventures Ltd**; Investment Advisory Committee member - **Kinisis Ventures Fund**

## CYPRUS – A REGIONAL ENERGY – TRADE & COMMERCIAL HUB

9:40 – 9:50am

### KEYNOTE REMARKS

**H.E. Giorgos Papanastasiou**, Minister of Energy, Commerce & Industry – **Republic of Cyprus**

9:50 – 10:25am

### INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE ENERGY SECTOR

**Moderator: Mr. Andreas Mylonas**, Founder & Managing Partner, **AMG Mylonas & Associates**



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## Panelists:

- **H.E. Giorgos Papanastasiou**, Minister of Energy, Commerce & Industry – Republic of Cyprus
- **Ms. Christina Karapataki**, Partner - **Breakthrough Energy Ventures**
- **Ms. Martina Opizzi**, Head of North Africa and Levant Region - **Eni**
- **Dr. John Ardill**, Vice-President of Global Exploration – **ExxonMobil**
- **Mr. Evan Polymeneas**, Partner - **McKinsey & Company**

## THE ECONOMY OF CYPRUS

10:30- 10:40am

### THE ECONOMY OF CYPRUS - DEVELOPMENTS & OUTLOOK

#### KEYNOTE REMARKS

**Dr. Chris Patsalides**, Governor – **Central Bank of Cyprus**

## CYPRUS AS A BANKING & FINANCIAL SERVICES HUB

10:45 – 11:20am

**Moderator: Mr. Philippos Soseilos**, CEO & Chairman - **PwC Cyprus**

### Panelists:

- **Mr. Miltos Michaelas**, CEO - **Alpha Bank Cyprus**
- **Dr. Charis Pouangare**, Deputy CEO & Chief of Business - **Bank of Cyprus**
- **Mr. Michalis Louis**, CEO - **Hellenic Bank**
- **Mr. Konstantinos Kostopoulos**, Managing Director, Head of Greece & Cyprus, Investment Banking - **Morgan Stanley**

## CYPRUS AS A BUSINESS & INVESTMENT DESTINATION

**Moderator: Ms. Elvina Montanios**, Partner - **Montanios & Montanios LLC**

11:25 – 12:00pm

### Panelists:

- **Mr. Andreas Kramvis**, Former Vice Chairman – **Honeywell**; Former Operating Partner – **AEA Investors**
- **Mr. Evgenios Evgeniou**, Chairman - **Invest Cyprus**
- **Ms. Dorothea Ioannou**, CEO – **The American P&I Club**
- **Dr. Fadlo R. Khuri**, President - **American University of Beirut**

## CYPRUS – A GLOBAL SHIPPING & SHIPMANAGEMENT HUB



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## KEYNOTE REMARKS

12:05–12:15pm

- **H.E. Marina Hadjimanolis**, Shipping Deputy Minister to the President – **Republic of Cyprus**

12:15–12:50pm

**Moderator: Mr. Richard Brand**, Partner - **White & Case**

### Panelists:

- **Mr. Andreas Hadjiyiannis**, CEO – **Cyprus Sea Lines / Hellenic Tankers**; President – **Cyprus Union of Shipowners**
- **Mr. Andreas Hadjipetrou**, Chief Commercial Officer – **Columbia Group**; Managing Director – **Columbia Shipmanagement**
- **Mr. Polys Hajioannou**, CEO, Chairman & Director – **Safe Bulkers (NYSE: SB)**; Vice President – **Cyprus Union of Shipowners**

## LUNCHEON & KEYNOTE ADDRESS

1:00 – 2:00pm

### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

**Mr. Polys Hajioannou**  
CEO, Chairman & Director  
**Safe Bulkers (NYSE: SB)**  
Vice President  
**Cyprus Union of Shipowners**

**Mr. Andreas Hadjiyiannis**  
CEO  
**Cyprus Sea Lines / Hellenic Tankers**  
President  
**Cyprus Union of Shipowners**

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**H.E. Nikos Christodoulides**  
President  
**Republic of Cyprus**

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