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Press Release

**The 2013 “Capital Link Leadership Award”
Presented to Mr. John Calamos,
Chairman, CEO & Global Co-Chief Investment Officer of Calamos Investments
At the 15th Annual Capital Link Greek Investor Forum Inaugural Dinner**

On Monday December 16, 2013, 15th Annual Capital Link Investor Forum opened its doors with an official dinner at The New York Yacht Club. During the dinner the 2013 “Capital Link Leadership Award” was presented to Mr. John Calamos, Chairman, CEO and Global Co-Chief Investment Officer of Calamos Investments.

HE Ambassador Christos Panagopoulos presented the Award to Mr. Calamos. , **The Capital Link Leadership Award** is annually presented to a person or an organization for outstanding contribution in fostering closer business ties between Greece and the global business and investment community. The **2012 Capital Link Leadership Award** was presented to **Mr. Andrew N. Liveris, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Dow Chemical Company** or his leadership role as a Founder of the Hellenic Initiative.

Mr. John Calamos has contributed in many ways to improve Greece’s image and perception among the business and investment communities through private conversations and strategic meetings in the private and public sector coupled with repeated appearances, presentations and public statements in international conferences. Moreover, at the head of a \$28 billion investment group which commands recognition globally, he developed an active presence/role in Greece.

Mr. Panos Papazoglou, Country Managing Partner / CSE South Cluster Leader of Ernst & Young which was also the sponsor of the official dinner, made the welcome remarks. Mr. Papazoglou, noted and highlighted the significant progress and changes that have been achieved in the Greek economy after strenuous efforts of several years. He mentioned the significant challenges that need to be met not only in Greece but also in the Eurozone to accelerate the economic growth of the countries of Europe.

Mr. Nicolas Bornozis, President of Capital Link stated that U.S. investors exhibit greater interest in Greece, and that despite the significant challenges that remain, the belief is that the worst is behind us. He also stated the importance and contribution of personalities such as Mr. John Calamos, to improving Greece’s image as an investment destination.



Mr. John Calamos, during his speech noted: "I am humbled and honored to be recognized by an organization as respected as Capital Link, which has been instrumental in raising the profile of Greece within the global financial, business and investment communities. My own dedication to Greece is personal and heartfelt. I am the son of a Greek immigrant, and I attribute much of my success to the values instilled upon me by my parents, as well as to the teachings of the Greek philosophers. The Greek people have a long and proud history of innovation, creativity and determination; and together with the Greek government and Prime Minister Samaras, they are on a good path. Truly, the prospects are encouraging".

Business Executives, Government Leaders of Greece and the United States, as well as a group of distinguished Greek American businessmen were among the participants such as: Mr. Nicholas Lazares, Chairman & CEO - Admirals Bank, C. Dean Metropoulos, Chairman & CEO - Metropoulos & Company, Mr. George D. Behrakis, Chairman - Gainesborough Investments, Dr. Sotirios J. Vahaviolos, President & CEO - Mistras Group Inc., Mr. Aristotle P. Halikias, President- Inter Continental Real Estate & Development, Mr. John Koudounis, President & CEO Mizuho Securities USA and many more.

Ernst & Young was the sponsor of the official dinner.

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