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2015 HELLENIC CAPITAL LINK LEADERSHIP AWARD

**At the 17th Annual Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum
The 2015 Hellenic Capital Link Leadership Award was presented to
Dr. Anthony Papadimitriou, President to the Board of Directors of Alexander S. Onassis Foundation
& Managing Partner of "A.S. Papadimitriou & Partners Law Firm**

On Monday December 14, 2015, at the conclusion of the Capital Link's 17th Annual Greek Investor Forum the "2015 Hellenic Capital Link Leadership Award" was presented to **Dr. Anthony Papadimitriou, President to the Board of Directors of Alexander S. Onassis Foundation & Managing Partner of "A.S. Papadimitriou & Partners Law Firm**, for his contribution to promoting Greece and Hellenism and for his numerous educational, cultural and philanthropic initiatives globally and specifically for Greece.

The **Hellenic Capital Link Leadership Award** is presented annually 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, the **2013 award** was presented to **Mr. John Calamos**, Chairman, CEO & Global Co-Chief Investment Officer of Calamos Investments and the **2014 award** was presented to **Mr. George Logothetis**, Chairman and CEO of Libra Group.

The Award Ceremony took place after an Official Dinner at the New York Yacht Club.

H.E. Christos Panagopoulos, Ambassador of Greece to the United States presented the Award to **Dr. Papadimitriou** after **Mr. Panos Papazoglou, Country Managing Partner Greece & CSE South Cluster Leader of EY** introductory Remarks.

The welcome greeting was made by **Mr. Nicolas Bornozis** and Master of Ceremony was **Mr. Athanasios Ellis**, Senior editor and columnist, Kathimerini.

Honored guests who made brief remarks were:

- **Hon Dimitrios Mardas, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs**
- **Hon Elena Kountoura, Alternate Minister for Tourism**
- Business Executives, Government Leaders of Greece and the United States, as well as a group of distinguished Greek American businessmen were among the participants.

Hon Dimitrios Mardas, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs referred to the positive messages carried by the foreign investors as to the prospects of the Greek economy and to constructive contacts with foreign investors who have already invested or are interested in investing in Greece. Alongside Mr. Mardas congratulated Mr. Antonis Papadimitriou for the award and referred to the important contribution of the Onassis Foundation in the fields of education and culture.

Hon Elena Kountoura, Alternate Minister for Tourism congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Bornozis for the excellent organization of the 17th Annual Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum. The conference offered an excellent opportunity to meet and connect with key investors while promoting our country's targets with respect to investments in the tourism sector. She congratulated Dr. Anthony Papadimitriou for his overall help and contribution to promoting Greece and expressed her gratitude to all Greek-American investors for their love and support to our country, stressing that Greeks can achieve their goals when they stand united.



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Dr. Anthony Papadimitriou during his speech noted: “Capital Link Awards are all about investments. We, at the Onassis Foundation, we have been investing in Education, Culture, Health, Social Solidarity and the Environment, for the last 40 years. In line with our founder’s, Aristotle Onassis’ mentality, the Foundation selects the recipient of every donation by evaluating carefully the development potential and the pragmatic needs of each case. We invest in society and aim to release its potential. We invest in thousands of scholarships, in the Onassis Cardio Surgical Centre, in the Onassis Cultural Centres, both in Athens and New York, with their artistic and educational programs, in Primary and Secondary Education, in Special Education, even in poetry, with the Kavafi Archive. All these programs are funded exclusively by the profits of our business investments. We invest in innovation. We invest in particular in Shipping, continuing Aristotle Onassis’ tradition and entrepreneurial insightful view. Likewise, in the Onassis Foundation we adopt a forward looking approach by investing in society so that Greece can become what it really deserves to be. So that we as Greeks project the image of Greece we envision”.

Mr. Nicolas Bornozis, mentioned: “In these difficult times, when the image of Greece suffers, Foundation’s work, contribution to Greece, success and recognition globally, enhance the positive image of our country. Alexander S. Onassis Foundation activities include cultural, philanthropic and business dimensions, which promote Greece and Hellenism in a unique and most effective way.”

The Dinner was sponsored by EY

Alexander S. Onassis Foundation activities

- *First of all we would mention your support to the effort of the Greek government for recovery, participating in the Investment Fund with 30 million euros, the best tool for growth, jobs and strengthening small and medium-sized enterprises.*
- *Within the framework of its activities for the promotion of culture, the Foundation created the Onassis Cultural Centre (www.sgt.gr). It undertook the establishment of the Onassis Library for Hellenic and Roman Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the renovation and equipment of the libraries of the National Archaeological Museum, the Christian and Byzantine Museum and the Benaki Museum in Athens, the architectural preservation and restoration of sites and buildings around the world, as well as countless other endeavors related to the arts and culture.*
- *In the field of Education, it offers financial assistance to Universities with Greek chairs, departments or programs in Europe, the United States, Canada, South America, Africa, Australia and Asia, where Greek studies are taught. It awards scholarships to Greeks for postgraduate studies in Greece and abroad and to non-Greeks for research and postgraduate studies in Greece. In association with the Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas (FORTH) of the University of Crete, organizes the “Onassis Foundation Science Lecture Series”, an annual series of high-level scientific lectures that cover the following applied sciences fields: physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics and computer science.*
- *The Onassis Foundation disseminates Greek civilization abroad and specifically to the U.S.A. and Canada, through the Affiliate Foundation at the Olympic Tower in New York.*
- *In the fields of social solidarity and health, the Foundation donated to the Greek state in 1992 the model Onassis Cardiac Surgery Centre (OCSC).*
- *The Foundation offers the Onassis International Prize in Shipping, Trade and Finance, in collaboration with the City of London and Cass Business School of the City University, London.*

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- *It also represents in Greece the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings since 2009, as the academic collaborator of the Scientific Meetings in Physics, Chemistry and Medicine or Physiology, that take place annually in Lindau, Germany.*
- *Within the framework of its public benefit activity, the Onassis Foundation responded to the present need for urban revival by funding and organizing the Architectural Competition and all the Architectural, Bioclimatic and Technical Studies relative to the Rethink Athens project (www.rethinkathens.org).*
- *For the implementation of this project, the Onassis Foundation signed, as sponsor, a legal Agreement with the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, the former Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure and Networks (now called Ministry of Development, Competitiveness, Transport, Infrastructure and Networks), the Attiko Metro S.A., as well as memoranda of collaboration with the Attica Region and the Municipality of Athens.*

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