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Invest in Greece Forum

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### “21st ANNUAL CAPITAL LINK INVEST IN GREECE FORUM”

#### “GREECE IS BACK”

An International Summit in New York about the Greek Economy & Investments  
Featuring top US Investors, Government & Business Leaders, Global Investment Banks &  
Institutions & the Greek Government

**MONDAY DECEMBER 9, 2019 – METROPOLITAN CLUB, NEW YORK CITY**

December 4, 2019

The “21st Annual Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum” – “Greece is Back” will take place in **New York City** on **Monday, December 9, 2019**. This is an International Summit about Greece in New York organized in cooperation with the New York Stock Exchange and major global investment banks.

With a **21-year** track record of success, the Forum traditionally attracts well over **1,000 senior executives** - government and business leaders from Greece, Europe and the United States, and top executives from the investment, financial and business communities.

Given the renewed interest of the business and investment community for Greece, this year’s forum will attract record attendance; it will allow the international investment community to familiarize itself with the priorities of the new government and will highlight the new opportunities in Greece and its attractiveness as an investment and business destination.

**GREECE IS BACK!** With a new government which has solid parliamentary majority and popular mandate coupled with a clear, realistic and business friendly strategy, Greece is expected to embark on a solid growth trajectory. Foreign investments are of critical significance for the re-launching of the economy. With a proven track record and wide acceptance within the business, financial and investment communities, the Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum offers the perfect timing to communicate the proper message to a wider and highly targeted audience, enhance investor interest and confidence and help attract foreign investments.

**This year’s Forum will be honored by the participation of:**

- **H.E. Haris Lalacos, Ambassador of Greece to the United States** will deliver the Opening Remarks to the Forum.
- **H.E. Kyriakos Mitsotakis, Prime Minister, Hellenic Republic**, will deliver the Government's message to the international investor Community via webcast.
- **Seven Greek Government Officials:**
  - **H.E. Christos Staikouras, Minister of Finance**, will be the morning keynote speaker and will deliver keynote remarks on: **“Government Economic Policy & Objectives”**,
  - **H.E. Adonis Georgiadis, Minister of Development & Investments**, will be the luncheon keynote speaker,

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- **H.E. Harry Theoharis**, Minister of Tourism, will be the keynote speaker of the section: “Tourism – Investment & Business Opportunities”,
  - **H.E. Ioannis Plakiotakis**, Minister of Maritime Affairs & Insular Policy, will be the keynote speaker of the section: “Greece as a Logistics & Transportation Hub – Greece a Global Maritime Force”,
  - **H.E. Yannis Tsakiris**, Deputy Minister of Development & Investments, will be the keynote speaker of the section: “Large Projects Transforming Greece - Business & Investment Opportunities”,
  - **H.E. Gerassimos Thomas**, Deputy Minister of Environment & Energy, will be the keynote speaker of the section: “The New Landscape in Energy & Utilities – Greece as an Energy Gateway”,
  - **H.E. George Zavvos**, Deputy Minister of Finance, Responsible for the Financial System, will be the keynote speaker of the section: “Banking Sector - Strategy & Sector Outlook”.
- **LEADERSHIP AWARD DINNER KEYNOTE SPEAKER** will be **Hon. Wilbur L. Ross, Secretary of Commerce, US Department of Commerce**.  
**Mr. John Paulson, President & Portfolio Manager, Paulson & Co.** will receive the “**2019 Capital Link Hellenic Leadership Award**”, at the conclusion of the forum, during an official dinner at **The Union League Club in New York**, on **Monday, December 9th, 2019**, recognizing his significant contribution to Greece.
- **GREEK DAY AT NYSE** : On **Tuesday, December 10th, 2019**, we will celebrate “**Greek Day at the New York Stock Exchange**” where the Greek Delegation, Greek companies listed on the NYSE and companies which participated in the forum will ring the Closing Bell at the New York Stock Exchange, an event of unique visibility throughout the world. The event will be broadcast live on major news stations in the United States and abroad to an audience of millions of viewers worldwide.
- **Five Global Investment Banks**
- Citi • AXIA Ventures Group • BNP Paribas • Goldman Sachs International • Nomura International
- **Four Greek Systemic Banks:**
- **Alpha Bank:** Mr. Vassilios Psaltis, CEO • Mr. Theodoros Athanassopoulos, Executive General Manager non Performing Loans Wholesale Banking
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  - **Mr. Martin Czurda**, CEO – Hellenic Financial Stability Fund
  - **Mr. Riccardo Lambiris**, CEO – Hellenic Republic Asset Development Fund
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- **EOS Capital Partners – Mr. Apostolos Tamvakakis**, Managing Partner
- **Grifon Capital Advisors (Fortress) – Mr. Samy David**, Managing Partner
- **HIP (Blackstone Group) – Mr. Alejandro Puertolas**, Founding Partner & CEO
- **Intrum Hellas – Mr. George Gerogakopoulos**, Managing Director
- **Orilina Properties REIC (Brevan Howard Group) – Mr. Stylianos Zavvos**, Chairman , Founder & CEO - Zeus Group
- **Paulson & Co. – Mr. Alex Blades**, Partner
- **PIMCO – Mr. Eric Clause**, Executive Vice President
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### **ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS**

As in previous years, the Forum will provide delegates with unique networking opportunities through **one-to-one meetings with listed and unlisted companies, as well as, with members of the Greek Government Delegation.**

### **FORUM AGENDA TOPICS:**

#### **The Macro Picture**

- The Macro Picture - The Greek Economy & Europe Post Brexit

#### **The Government Perspective**

- Greece in A New Era - Looking Ahead with Confidence
- Government Economic Policy & Objectives

#### **Investing in Greece: The Investor Perspective**

- Sovereign & Corporate Greek Debt as a Funding Mechanism & an Investment Opportunity
- Large Projects Transforming Greece - Business & Investment Opportunities
- Investment Opportunities in Greece - the Domestic Investor Perspective - the Potential of SME's

#### **Sector Reviews & Investment Opportunities**

- Tourism – Investment & Business Opportunities
- Foreign Investment Reinvigorates the Greek Real Estate Market – the Restart of the Real Estate Sector in Greece
- The New Landscape in Energy & Utilities – Greece as an Energy Gateway

- Banking Sector – Strategy & Sector Outlook
- The New Landscape in Non-Performing Loans - the Big Opportunity for Restructuring, Growth & Investment

### **Investing in Greece: The Institutional Investor Perspective**

- Greece as an Investment & Business Destination - the Foreign Investor Perspective

### **Shipping**

- Greece as a Global Maritime Force & a Logistics & Transportation Hub

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### **2019 HELLENIC CAPITAL LINK LEADERSHIP AWARD**

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**The Dinner is co-sponsored by EY & Axia Ventures Group.**

## **«GREEK DAY» AT NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE**



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