

# **PRESS RELEASE** FEATURING INDUSTRY LEADERS EXCHANGING VIEWS ON THE FUTURE OF SHIPPING MR. KITACK LIM, SECRETARY GENERAL, IMO – KEYNOTE SPEAKER

# 6<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL ANALYST & INVESTOR DAY CAPITAL LINK SHIPPING FORUM A POSIDONIA CONFERENCE PROGRAM EVENT MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018 AT THE DIVANI CARAVEL HOTEL, ATHENS

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Capitalizing on the long established track record of organizing highly successful large scale maritime conferences in major industry centers around the world, <u>"Capital Link's 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Analyst & Investor Day Shipping Forum"</u> will take place on Monday, June 4, 2018 at the Divani Caravel Hotel, in Athens. The event is a Posidonia Conference Program event. It is part of the Posidonia Week calendar and it is considered one of the best events of the Posidonia Week. The Forum is organized in cooperation with Nasdaq and NYSE.

The **Analyst & Investor Day** brings together public and private shipping company executives, investors, analysts, financiers, and other industry participants who visit Athens from all over the world for the biannual Posidonia event. Attendees will exchange views on the shipping, financial and capital markets, alternative finance, private equity, as well as investor attitudes towards shipping.

# The Forum features as panelists industry leaders from the Greek and global shipping communities, the Global Shipping Heads of major shipping banks, top investors and analysts.

There are sector roundtable discussions dedicated to the dry bulk, tanker, container, LPG and LNG sectors, as well as panel that discusses opportunities across all sectors. The Forum will also address issues of critical importance for shipping, such as access to and availability of capital, bank and alternative finance, the impact of technology and new regulations.

## It is a highly exclusive event providing unique opportunity to exchange views and information and network.

It is a great privilege for Capital Link that **Mr. Kitack Lim, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)** will be the **Keynote Speaker** of the Forum. **Mr. Kitack Lim** will be introduced by **Mr. Efthimios E. Mitropoulos**, IMO Secretary-General Emeritus; Chairman – "Maria Tsakos" Foundation.

## PANEL TOPICS

- Dry Bulk Shipping
- Container Shipping
- Bank Finance
- LNG/LPG Shipping
- Tanker Shipping
- Capital Markets, Private Equity & Alternative Finance
- Industry Challenges & The Road Map Ahead
- The Future of Shipping Risks & Opportunities

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## Featured Panel THE FUTURE OF SHIPPING - RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES

A high-level discussion by leading shipowners on the evolution of the shipping industry, the main industry drivers, opportunities and challenges for the shipping industry across the board. Shipping markets outlook, energy and commodity flows, investment opportunities, access to capital, the impact of technology, operational and regulatory challenges and more.

- Mr. Evangelos Marinakis, Chairman Capital Maritime & Trading Corp.
- Mr. Panos Laskaridis, CEO Lavinia Corporation/Laskaridis Shipping Company Ltd.; President European Community Shipowners Associations
- Mr. Petros Pappas, CEO Star Bulk Carriers
- Mr. George Economou, Founder & CEO DryShips Inc; Chairman Ocean Rig
- Mr. George Prokopiou, Chairman Dynagas LNG Partners LP
- Dr. Nikolas Tsakos, President & CEO Tsakos Energy Navigation; Chairman Intertanko

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