



PRESS RELEASE

“10th Annual Capital Link Greek Shipping Forum” “Opportunities & Challenges”

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Athens Hilton Hotel, Athens

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The “10th Annual Capital Link Greek Shipping Forum” will be held in **Athens** on **Friday, February 22nd, 2019**, at the **Hilton Athens Hotel**, in cooperation with the **New York Stock Exchange** and **Nasdaq**. The **Lead Sponsor** is **Bank of Communications Financial Leasing Co., Ltd.**

Greek shipping remains important to the maritime economy, constituting approximately 20 percent of the world’s shipping fleet. In spite of the volatile markets and economic downturn, Greek shipping professionals have consistently adapted to changing conditions, seeking out growth and opportunity rather than yielding to their circumstances.

FORUM OVERVIEW & STRUCTURE

The event will focus on three main areas:

- The current trends and outlook of the global economy and the main commodity, energy and shipping markets.
- The critical challenges the industry faces today related to geopolitical and regulatory developments, IMO 2020 options & strategies, marine engines & fuels and the transformational impact of technology.
- As usual, Maritime Finance will be the core subject with focus on bank finance, capital markets, alternative funding mechanisms and private equity. There will be particular attention to Asian Leasing alternatives including Chinese, Korean and Japanese leasing options and panel of prominent Chinese Leasing firms.

With 1000+ participants every year, attendees can expect an informative networking forum connecting them to the shipping industry’s key players, including influential members in the financial community, such as commercial and investment banks. This one-day conference, known for its large attendance by shipowners, its rich informational content and the extensive marketing, networking and business development opportunities.

2019 CAPITAL LINK GREEK SHIPPING LEADERSHIP AWARD

In the context of the forum, **Captain Paris Dragnis, Chairman & Founder - Goldenport Group**, will receive the **“Capital Link Greek Shipping Leadership Award”**. We recognize **Captain Paris Dragnis** for his long standing achievements and contribution to the shipping industry. He has built Goldenport into a large, diversified and highly respected shipping conglomerate with operations in Greece and abroad, thereby enhancing the reputation of Greece as a global industry leader. **Mr. Simos Palios**, Chairman of the Board of Directors and CEO - **Diana Shipping Inc.**, will introduce **Captain Paris Dragnis, Chairman & Founder - Goldenport Group**.

LUNCH KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Dr Grahaeme Henderson, Vice President, Shipping & Maritime - **Shell International Trading and Shipping Company Limited**, will deliver the **KEYNOTE SPEECH: “How Shipping Can Thrive: Today, Tomorrow and in the Future”**.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY:

Dr. Nikolas P. Tsakos, Founder, President and CEO - **Tsakos Energy Navigation (TEN)** and **Former Chairman - INTERTANKO**

PANEL & PRESENTATION TOPICS

UPCOMING REGULATIONS

- Navigating the New World of Marine Fuels – 2020 and Beyond
- 2020: Is the Industry Prepared for this Game Changer?

A discussion among leading regulators and industry participants on the options and strategies to comply with the major environmental regulations in effect as of 2020 on Ballast Water Treatment and Low Sulfur Cap.

TECHNOLOGY

- Are you securely riding the digitalization wave in the Shipping Industry
- 2020 A new Era for Technology in Shipping

THE ROLE OF CHINA & ASIA

- Update on One Belt One Road
- Technological and Regulatory Challenges — A Class and Stakeholder's Perspective
- IMO Compliance & Chinese Port Inspections
- Leasing Panorama – Leasing Options in Asia
- Shipping Finance Development of Leading Chinese Leasing Companies
- Chinese Leasing Panel

FINANCE

- Bank Finance
- Alternative Financing
- New Sources of Financing
- An Update on US Capital Markets
- Capital Markets
- Growth and M&A

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