



3rd Capital Link Cyprus Business Forum

Friday, April 4th, 2025
The Metropolitan Club, One East 60th St. New York City



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PRESS RELEASE

3rd Capital Link Business Forum:

A Premier Forum for Business in Cyprus

Cyprus President & Ministers Address International Investors

April 4, 2025, New York City

Thursday, March 13, 2025 – New York

We are honored that H.E. Nikos Christodoulides, President - Republic of Cyprus and Ministers Giorgos Papanastasiou, Marina Hadjimanolis and Nicodemos Damianou, participate as KEYNOTE SPEAKERS in our upcoming [3rd Capital Link Cyprus Business Forum](#) that we are hosting on Friday, April 4th, 2025, at the Metropolitan Club in New York City.

Organized in cooperation with the **Cyprus Union of Shipowners** and supported by the **Deputy Shipping Ministry of the Republic of Cyprus and Invest Cyprus**, this premier forum will foster an open dialogue on Cyprus's business and investment landscape, highlighting its openness and competitiveness on the global stage.

The event will convene a distinguished delegation of government public officials from Cyprus and industry leaders from the private sector to address key topics, including security and stability, energy, cyber technology, banking and finance, and shipping.

Luncheon Keynote Address

Luncheon Keynote Remarks will be delivered by **H.E. Nikos Christodoulides , President of the Republic of Cyprus.**

Introductory Remarks will be delivered by **Mr. Andreas Hadjiyiannis, CEO of Cyprus Sea Lines / Hellenic Tankers, and President of the Cyprus Union of Shipowners.**

Key Forum Speakers

- H.E. Giorgos Papanastasiou , **Minister of Energy, Commerce & Industry of the Republic of Cyprus**
- H.E. Marina Hadjimanolis , **Shipping Deputy Minister to the President of the Republic of Cyprus**
- H.E. Nicodemos Damianou, **Deputy Minister of Research, Innovation & Digital Policy of the Republic of Cyprus**
- Dr. Chris Patsalides, **Governor of the Central Bank of Cyprus**



The Forum will conclude with the NYSE Closing Bell ceremony, where Mr. Polys Hajioannou, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of SAFE BULKERS, INC (NYSE: SB), with the President of Republic of Cyprus H.E. Nikos Christodoulides, will ring the “Closing Bell” .

REGISTRATION

To register for this event please follow this link:

<https://forums.capitallink.com/cyprus/2025/>

FORUM OVERVIEW

Capital Link Cyprus Business Forum provides a high-level platform for informing the US investment, financial and business communities on the progress, developments and outlook of the Cypriot economy and relevant investment and business opportunities, focusing on its strengths and opportunities that remain untapped.

Cyprus' strategic location, favorable business climate, access to international markets, and emerging industries have made it grow into a major hub for financial services, energy, logistics, shipping and technology as well as becoming an attractive destination for global entrepreneurs and investors.

The recent credit rating upgrades send a strong message to global investors and the business community that Cyprus offers a stable, reliable, and competitive economic environment. The Government's commitment to sustainable growth, fiscal discipline and continued reforms contribute to enhanced investor confidence.

This forum aims to elevate Cyprus's profile within the international investment and business community and spotlight the country's growing role as a hub for investment and economic activity, providing exclusive insights on: Cyprus's strategic position as a gateway for investment in Europe, the Middle East, and beyond, Cyprus's key economic reforms and initiatives attracting global investors, Cyprus's role in regional energy developments and financial markets, and Cyprus' competitive advantages as a maritime hub, featuring a robust, versatile and efficient maritime cluster with growing ship owning and ship management communities. More than 7% of the global fleet is managed out of Cyprus. Furthermore, Cyprus is a regional financial, insurance and legal hub adding to the versatility of the cluster.

AGENDA TOPICS

1. **The Economy of Cyprus**
2. **Cyprus as a Banking & Financial Services Hub**
3. **Cyprus as a Business & Investment Destination**
4. **Cyprus: A Regional Energy, Trade & Commercial Hub**



5. **Cyprus: A Technology Gateway to Europe, the Middle East & North Africa**
6. **Cyprus: A Global Shipping & Ship Management Hub**

NYSE CLOSING BELL -

Within the context of the “Capital Link Cyprus Business Forum”, **Safe Bulkers**, which is listed on NYSE (NYSE: SB), will host a reception and organize a special ceremony at the New York Stock Exchange in honor of Cyprus. **Mr. Polys Hajioannou**, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of **SAFE BULKERS, INC** with the President of Republic of Cyprus **H.E. Nikos Christodoulides**, will ring the “Closing Bell” on **Friday April 4, 2025**. The NYSE Closing Bell is broadcasted live on major news stations in the United States and abroad to an estimated audience of 150 million viewers worldwide.

PARTICIPATING SPEAKERS (by order of session)

- **Mr. Polys Hajioannou** , Chairman & CEO – **Safe Bulkers (NYSE: SB)**; Vice President – **Cyprus Union of Shipowners**
- **Ms. Elvina Montanios**, Partner - **Montanios & Montanios LLC**
- **Mr. Andreas Kramvis**, Former Vice Chairman – **Honeywell**; Operating Partner – **AEA Investors**
- **Mr. Evgenios Evgeniou**, Chairman - **Invest Cyprus**
- **Ms. Dorothea Ioannou**, CEO – **The American P&I Club**
- **Dr. Fadlo R. Khuri**, President - **American University of Beirut**
- **H.E. Giorgos Papanastasiou**, Minister of Energy, Commerce & Industry – **Republic of Cyprus**
- **Mr. Andreas Mylonas**, Advocate, Managing Partner - **AMG Mylonas & Associates, LLC**
- **Ms. Christina Karapatakis**, Partner - **Breakthrough Energy Ventures (TBC)**
- **Ms. Martina Opizzi**, Head of North Africa and Levant Region - **Eni**
- **Dr. John Ardill**, Vice-President of Global Exploration – **ExxonMobil**
- **Dr. Chris Patsalides**, Governor – **Central Bank of Cyprus**
- **Mr. Philippos Soseilos**, CEO & Chairman - **PwC Cyprus**
- **Mr. Miltos Michaelas**, CEO - **Alpha Bank Cyprus**
- **Dr. Charis Pouangare**, Deputy CEO & Chief of Business - **Bank of Cyprus**
- **Mr. Michalis Louis**, CEO - **Hellenic Bank**
- **Mr. Konstantinos Kostopoulos**, Managing Director, Head of Greece & Cyprus, Investment Banking - **Morgan Stanley**
- **H.E. Nicodemos Damianou**, Deputy Minister of Research, Innovation & Digital Policy – **Republic of Cyprus**
- **Mr. Evan Kotsovinos**, Vice President of Engineering and General Manager – **Google**
- **Mr. Giorgos Zacharia**, Co-CEO – **Insurify**; Member – **Cyprus AI Taskforce**
- **Mr. Christopher Sharrock**, Vice President, United Nations and International Organizations – **Microsoft**
- **Mr. Andreas Panayi**, Founder - **Kinisis Ventures Ltd**; Investment Advisory Committee member - **Kinisis Ventures Fund**



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- **Mr. Andreas Hadjipetrou**, Chief Commercial Officer – **Columbia Group**; Managing Director – **Columbia Shipmanagement**
- **Mr. George Mouskas**, CEO – **Olympic Ocean Carriers / Zela Shipping**
- **Mr. Polys Hajioannou**, CEO & Chairman – **Safe Bulkers (NYSE: SB)**; Vice President – **Cyprus Union of Shipowners**
- **Ms. Nicole Mylona**, CEO – **Transmed Shipping**

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