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**Mr. George Pitsilis, Governor - Independent Authority for Public Revenue - Hellenic Republic;
President of the Intra-European Organization of Tax Administrations (IOTA)**

Speaking on

“Staying The Course - Reinforcing Greece's Public Revenue & Tax System”

AT THE

“22nd ANNUAL CAPITAL LINK INVEST IN GREECE FORUM”

“GREECE - Looking Ahead with Confidence”

**An International Summit about the Greek Economy & Investment Opportunities
Featuring top US and International Investors, Government & Business Leaders, Global Investment Banks &
Institutions & the Greek Government**

**Tuesday & Wednesday, December 15 & 16, 2020
Digital Forum**

2 Days – 33 Sessions – 112 Top Level Speakers

December 16, 2020

The **“22nd Capital Link Invest in Greece” Forum: “Greece – Looking Ahead With Confidence”** took place, in digital form, on Tuesday & Wednesday, December 15 & 16, 2020 in co-operation with the **New York Stock Exchange** and major **Global Investment Banks and Organizations**. Also with the **overwhelming support of the Greek business & financial community**. Over the years, **Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum** has developed to become an **International Summit about Greece**, recognized as the main platform for updating US investors on developments in Greece, business and investment opportunities and the attractiveness of Greece as an investment destination. It gathers the elite of the financial and investment communities, as well business and government leaders from the United States and Greece. **This year, as a Virtual Forum, the event was available to a global audience.**

Foreign investments are of critical significance for the re-launching of the economy. The **Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum** provided an effective platform and the perfect timing for communicating the Prime Minister's relayed message at the HELEXPO on the Government's 12 initiatives to support the economy, which he described as "12 steps of confidence", and "bridges that will transfer Greece and the Greeks from the health and economic turmoil to the calm waters of progress and hope". This concrete plan enhances investor interest and confidence and, thus, helping to attract foreign investments.

With a 22-year track record of success, Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum has been engaged in a systematic effort to highlight Greece's profile, to a global business and investment audience.

This year in particular, in a two-day period, 33 sessions, and 112 Top Level Speakers, from the Greek and international government, business and financial communities this event offered to a global audience a comprehensive, authoritative & insightful blueprint on the latest development and outlook of the Greek Economy. A

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special emphasis was given to the Business & Investment Opportunities in Greece and the wider region. **Led by the Prime Minister, several key Greek Government Ministers outlined their specific programs and policies in the sectors of their portfolios in order to achieve the shift of the economy to a new, sustainable development model for Greece of tomorrow. A confident economy: productive, technologically advanced, innovative, extroverted, intelligent, and competitive, which has disproved the pessimists and attracted the recognition and praise of European partners. A top-level group of CEOs and other executives discussed trends, developments and opportunities for each of the main areas of the economy. Finally, a group of international investors shared their insight and shed light to the reasons that lead them to choose Greece as a Business and Investment Destination and what lies ahead.**

The agenda, topics and structure of this forum have been designed to conform with investor interests and requirements. It combines the Greek and US government perspective, with that of private sector executives, international financiers and international investors.

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STAYING THE COURSE – REINFORCING GREECE’S PUBLIC REVENUE & TAX SYSTEM

Day 1 – Tuesday, December 15, 2020 | 9:45 - 9:55 am NY time

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Mr. George Pitsilis
Governor – Independent Authority for Public Revenue – Hellenic Republic
President of the Intra-European Organization of Tax Administrations (IOTA)

“Staying The Course - Reinforcing Greece's Public Revenue & Tax System”

Mr. George Pitsilis, Governor - Independent Authority for Public Revenue - Hellenic Republic; President of the Intra-European Organization of Tax Administrations (IOTA), stated:

“Beginning 2021, we are planning to focus on:

Enhancing Taxation compliance and responsibility

via the implementation of better targeting of tax audits, specialized punctuality profiling, through a new information debt managing system (EISPRAXIS) and a public campaign regarding taxation responsibility.

Organizational Restructuring of Tax Audits

Looking for uniformity, specialization, and fairer tax audits, we are consolidating our audit services in Attica and Thessaloniki into 6 fully equipped tax audit centers.

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This includes:

- developing new core IT systems (myTaxisnet, myICISnet),
- Introducing Advanced Operational Intelligence (BI) and Data Analytics,
- Establishing a connectivity system between registers and POS,
- Monitoring of movement of commercial vehicles in the Greek territory, along with digitalizing Shipment invoice”

The covid-19 crisis came abruptly and forcefully to test our strength, our stamina, our strategies, our values, beliefs and practices as well. It came to test our knowledge and our preparedness for the future. But above all to test our abilities to adapt and adjust in order to survive and serve, while enforcing the challenges required. So, we are called to plan, manage, operate in a world plagued by the pandemic and a global economic crisis. Such parameters dictate new strategic priorities and need of continuous adjustments.

In Independent Authority of Public Revenue, the Pandemic found us already in an effort of continuous transition to change both in our institutional culture and in terms of an array of services that were being added to our virtual transformation planning. Managing through a crisis and stay in course requires beside agile strategic management, a healthy, high spirited and dedicated staff in order to serve tax-paying citizens.

So, immediately with the first lockdown in Marsh we took measures to secure the above.

We took immediate action to implement measures adopted by the government for the financial support of citizens and business affected by the pandemic:

- We set up a digital platform called “My Business Support,” which has received and process applications for granting financial support to businesses. Through that platform until today more than 6 billion euros have been granted to almost 700,000 businesses without a single visit to our tax offices.
- We also set up a digital service for granting tax credit to property owners, who by law or by contract reduced the monthly rent paid by tenants, who were affected by the pandemic.

Apart from implementing covid-related measures, the pandemic has served as an accelerator for all our efforts:

- We focused on making processes simpler
- We further accelerated tax returns, which gave necessary liquidity injection to the market
- We introduced new digital services and simplified bureaucracy. For example, tax payer service by a video conference it is a new reality for our tax authorities.
- Digital bookkeeping and electronic invoicing are the new reality of our relationship with businesses.

We take pride of being the most digitalized service of the Greek public sector.

Ladies and gentleman, the wake of 2021 will find us wounded, scarred, but resilient and determined to get the lessons, learn and change. Using Socrates’ words, “the secret of change is to focus not on fighting the old but on building the new.” And I assure you that this is what we are going to do.

One-on-One Meetings in Digital Form With Minister of Infrastructure & Transport

As in previous years, the Forum provided foreign investors with unique networking opportunities through more than 100 **one-on-one meetings with listed and not listed companies, as well as, with members of the Greek Government Delegation, which under the current circumstances were held in digital form on a special digital platform** <http://forums.capitallink.com/greece/2020/meetings.html>

In cooperation with the investment banks supporting the Forum, there were organized two group sessions with institutional investors for all Ministers. **Ministers Staikouras, Georgiadis, Hatzidakis:** Each one addressed topics of his portfolio and of interest to the specific group of investors. Furthermore, **Minister Karamanlis also held a series of one on one meetings with investors and other market participants.**

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«GREEK AMERICAN ISSUER DAY» at the New York Stock Exchange



Within the context of the **22nd Annual Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum** the **New York Stock Exchange** in cooperation with **Capital Link** organized a special ceremony in honor of Greece titled **“Greek American Issuer Day at NYSE”**.

On Tuesday, December 15th, 2020, the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) held an official reception, **in digital form**, in honor of the Greek Delegation, Greek & Greek- American companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

H.E. Adonis Georgiadis, Minister of Development & Investments of the Hellenic Republic, & **Dr. Nikolas P. Tsakos**, President and CEO, **Tsakos Energy Navigation (NYSE: TNP); Chairman, INTERTANKO 2014-2018**, rang The Closing Bell accompanied by **Captain Panagiotis N. Tsakos** and the following representatives of NYSE listed companies: **Danaos Corporation (DAC)** – Iraklis Prokopakis – Senior VP/Chief Operating Officer/Treasurer - **Diana Shipping Inc (DSX)** – Semiramis Paliou – Acting CEO/COO - **Dorian LPG (LPG)** – John Lycouris – Director & CEO of Dorian LPG USA LLC and Theodore Young, CFO, Dorian LPG - **Dynagas LNG Partners LP (DLNG)** – Michael Gregos – CFO - **Navios Group of Companies (NM, NMM, NNA)** – Ted C Petrone – Vice Chairman - **Safe Bulkers Inc. (SB)** – Dr. Loukas Barmparis President/Secretary - **Mistras Group Inc. (MG)** – Dennis M Bertolotti - President/CEO - and **Mr. Nicolas Bornozis, President of Capital Link**.

The event was broadcasted live on major news stations in the United States and abroad to an estimated audience of 150 million viewers worldwide.

FORUM OVERVIEW

Through the exceptional digital platform that was used, the Forum offered a unique combination of information, marketing and networking opportunities. The participants this year had the opportunity to be informed about Greece from:

- 112 top level speakers who addressed
- more than 1,000+ delegates who attended the forum
- More than 100 one-to-one meetings with listed and non- listed companies
- Separate meetings for the Ministers of Finance, Development & Investments and Energy, with a group of Institutional investors (funds) who are interested in investing in Greece
- Aiming to provide investors with an authoritative insight about Greece, a “digital library” was created which has been designed to be easily accessible for a long period after the forum.

This year’s Forum was honored by the participation of:

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- **Mr. Nicolas Bornozis**, President of **Capital Link**
- **Mr. Ajay Kanani**, Director, International Capital Markets - **New York Stock Exchange** who expressed the active support and participation of NYSE, the world's largest stock exchange, enhances the prestige and the visibility of the Forum and of Greece to a wider.
- **H.E. Alexandra Papadopoulou, Ambassador of Greece to the United States and H.E. Geoffrey R. Pyatt - U.S. Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic, delivered the Opening Remarks to the Forum.**
- **H.E. Kyriakos Mitsotakis, Prime Minister, Hellenic Republic, delivered the Government's message to the international investor Community**
- **The Forum concluded with Closing Remarks by:**
 - **Mr. John Paulson**, President & Portfolio Manager - Paulson & Co.
 - **US Government Official Mr. Matthew Palmer**, Deputy Assistant Secretary, European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State
- **Greek Government Officials**
 - **H.E. Christos Staikouras, Minister of Finance**
 - **H.E. Adonis Georgiadis**, Minister of Development & Investments
 - **H.E. Kostis Hatzidakis**, Minister of Environment & Energy
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 - **Dr. Evangelos Kyriazopoulos**, Secretary General of Ports, Ports Policy & Maritime Investments - Hellenic Republic
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 - Mr. John Jovanovic, Vice-President and Managing Director for the Aegean and Western Balkans - US International Development Finance Corporation
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