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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

14 Sessions – 64 Top Level Speakers

New York, 18 April, 2022

Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of PFIZER, Dr. Albert Bourla was the Keynote Speaker at the official luncheon of the **“23rd Capital Link Invest in Greece” Forum: “A New Era - A New Direction for Greece”** which took place with great success and great participation on **Monday, April 11, 2022**, as an **in-person event only**, at the **Metropolitan Club in New York**, in co-operation with the **New York Stock Exchange** and major Global Investment Banks and Organizations. **Citi** and **Tsakos Energy Navigation** are Lead Sponsors of the Forum for thirteen years in a row, as well as with the strong support of the Greek business and financial community. Over the years, the Forum has developed to become an International

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Summit about Greece. With a 23-year track record of success, the Forum has been engaged in a systematic effort to highlight Greece's profile, to a global business and investment audience. The event gathered top level executives from the business world, bringing together a number of international investors, entrepreneurs, banking executives, technocrats and Government officials from Greece, Europe and The United States.

The Prime Minister of Greece, H.E. Kyriakos Mitsotakis, opened the Forum (via webcast) and delivered the Greek Government's message to international investors, titled "A New Era – A New Direction for Greece". Afterwards, the **Greek Minister of Finance, H.E. Christos Staikouras**, Keynote Speaker of the Forum, presented Greek Government's economic strategy, and his speech is titled "**Accelerating Growth - Government Economic Policy & Objectives**".

At the official luncheon which was hosted in the context of the Forum, Keynote Speakers were H.E. Adonis Georgiadis Minister of Development & Investments of Greece, and the Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of PFIZER, Dr. Albert Bourla.

The following speakers made Introductory Remarks: **Mr. Stefan Jekel**, Head of International Listings NYSE and **Mr. Jay Collins**, Managing Director, Vice Chairman Corporate & Investment Banking – Citi.

Dr. Nikolas P. Tsakos, Founder, President & CEO - TEN Ltd., spoke on the topic "The State of Greek & Global Shipping".

Dr. Albert Bourla Keynote Speech:



His belief that while COVID will be present in the years to come, tools like vaccines and treatments will help societies return to normal was expressed, among others, by the Chairman and CEO of Pfizer, Dr. Albert Bourla, during his speech at the Capital Link Investment Forum for Greece, held at the Metropolitan Club in Manhattan.

Dr. Bourla was received with prolonged applause and flattering words by the speakers who introduced him - including the Minister of Development, Adonis Georgiadis and the ship-owner Nikolaos Tsakos. He wanted to make a special reference to the status of the pandemic times, expressing once again his optimism that the most difficult times have already passed.

"People ask me when we will start getting our lives back and I think by the end of the year. Not because the virus will go away... but I believe that with very large parts of the population in the developed world vaccinated and with treatments available, I think that life will come back," stressed Dr. Bourla.

Dr. Bourla stressed his hope that vaccine makers will have a vaccine that will provide immunity for a year, even in the face of variants. However, he clarified that even as the immunity acquired through the vaccine or through natural infection weakens over time, the effectiveness of multiple doses of the vaccine remains significant. Further, the treatment plays a critical role in minimizing hospitalizations by 90%. All of these factors support his optimism for a return to "normal."

However, Dr. Bourla expressed his concern about the situation in developing countries, especially in Africa, where vaccine hesitancy, misinformation and lack of infrastructure have led to low demand for vaccines. This situation has created a significant opportunity for the virus to mutate.

"Today there are tremendous quantities of vaccines that are available to the low-income countries – not at cost – for free. But people are not eager to get the vaccine. I think that's a problem because [it leaves room] for the virus to be able to mutate," Dr. Bourla concluded.

Then, Dr. Bourla referred to Pfizer's large investment in Thessaloniki - which is also his hometown - which he had initiated as a plan before the pandemic. The company began with a digital hub employing 200 people and has expanded to over 700 employees.

Dr. Bourla praised the executives who work today in the company's unit in Thessaloniki, emphasizing that they do not only want to give proof of themselves, but also of the Greek labor market.

"They do not think their mission is just to do a good job for Pfizer. In addition, they see it as an opportunity to prove to everyone that we were right to go there and more will come," stressed Dr. Bourla.

Concluding, Dr. Bourla, reiterated his faith in the investment opportunities of Greece, inviting anyone interested to seek their own opinion.

"In case any of you knows someone who asks about investing in Greece, tell him to talk to me", concluded Dr. Bourla.

FORUM OVERVIEW

The agenda, topics and structure of this forum through 14 Sessions and 64 Top Level Speakers 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. The Forum was held at a critical time, as the impact of the pandemic is still being felt in the global economy. Supply chain problems, inflation trends and increases in energy tariffs are challenges that remain at the forefront. At the same time, the new war in Ukraine has redrawn the geopolitical and energy map of Europe, intensifying the global uncertainty.

"Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum: A New Era – A New Direction for Greece": Greece has made a dynamic comeback in the global capital markets and the global investment community but this is the first step. Looking ahead, despite the challenges stemming from the pandemic, there is a new reality and potential in Greece today. Modernization and Investments" are at the heart of the "Greece 2.0" program, the largest plan developed in the modern history of the country aiming to change the economy model, transforming it into a competitive and extroverted one, with a digital and efficient state. The approximately EUR 31 billion that will be disbursed by the Recovery and Resilience Facility - in addition to the funds from the European Development Programs included in the new EU budget for the period 2021-2027, can be the foundation for Greece to attract the significant and additional foreign investments that the country needs.

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H.E. Mr. Adonis Georgiadis, Minister of Development and Investments, and the Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of PFIZER, **Dr. Albert Bourla** were the Keynote Speakers at the formal Luncheon.

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

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- **The Prime Minister of Greece, H.E. Kyriakos Mitsotakis**
- **H.E. Christos Staikouras, *The Greek Minister of Finance***
- **H.E. Adonis Georgiadis, *Minister of Development & Investments***
- **H.E. Nikos Papathanasis, *Alternate Minister of Development & Investments Private Investments & PPPs***
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- **Mrs. Maria Olson**, *Office Director-Office of Southern European Affairs – Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs - U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE*
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- **Mrs. Elizabeth McCaul**, *Member of the Supervisory Board – European Central Bank*
- **Dr. Albert Bourla**, *Chairman & Chief Executive Officer – PFIZER*
- **Mr. Stefan Jekel**, *Head of International Listings – New York Stock Exchange*
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