



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**THE PRIME MINISTER OF GREECE, H.E.**  
**KYRIAKOS MITSOTAKIS**  
(via webcast)  
**“23rd ANNUAL CAPITAL LINK  
INVEST IN GREECE FORUM”**  
**“A New Era - A New Direction for Greece”**

**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**

**MONDAY 11 APRIL 2022**  
**14 Sessions – 64 Top Level Speakers**

19 April, 2022

The **“23rd Capital Link Invest in Greece” Forum: “A New Era - A New Direction for Greece”** 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 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:

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Ladies and gentlemen,  
Dear friends,

It is with great pleasure that I address you today on the occasion of the 23rd Annual Capital Link. The first one to be taking place with physical presence after two consecutive virtual forums.

After almost three years in government, we are now able to take stock of both the policies that we have put in place and the results being delivered. We are now a resilient nation with confidence in our future.

In 2021, the Greek economy bounced back stronger than expected, exceeding its pre-pandemic level by the end of the year. And unemployment has dropped faster than elsewhere, below its pre-pandemic level, and to its lowest rate since 2010.

But of course we know that our job is far from over. We can ill-afford complacency. 2022 is no less turbulent than the previous years. The war in Ukraine poses a grave challenge on multiple fronts. Inflation is affecting households and businesses both in Europe and the US. And of course the pandemic is always on the backburner.

The good news is that Greece's standing in the world is very different from where we found ourselves three years ago. We have proven that we can overcome great challenges and deliver change for the better.

Last week we announced that Greece has paid off its entire debt from the financial crisis to the International Monetary Fund, two years ahead of schedule.

Large multinationals are making significant investments in a variety of sectors; from tourism to datacenters; and from renewables to semiconductor technology.

Greek businesses are becoming more competitive, dynamic and extrovert in their effort to thrive in an ever-changing world.

And our country is turning into a significant tech hub, with Greek startups growing rapidly and forming partnerships with global leaders in their respective fields.

In this context, it comes as no surprise that many Greeks who left the country over the years of the crisis are contemplating coming back, and acting on it. Their international experience is a valuable asset for us. As more opportunities arise, more Greeks of the so-called brain drain generation will choose to grasp them. And as the talent pool grows, more businesses will choose to invest in Greece, leading to a virtuous cycle for the economy and the country as a whole.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Back in 2019, in my first address to Capital Link as Prime Minister, I laid out the government's ambitious agenda in various policy areas. I talked about our aim to reduce taxation and social security contributions; I referred to PPC's restructuring plan; our efforts to digitize the state; and our target to slash NPEs in the banking sector.

Almost three years later, and despite a pandemic and several other crises that came along, we have made good on our promises. Taxes and social security contributions have been cut; shares in the Public Power Corporation have surged almost tenfold and the company completed a very successful capital increase; our state digitalisation efforts are well under way; and our four systemic banks are on track for single-digit NPEs next year.

And of course there is more to come. I can assure you that our appetite for reforms continues unabated.

On top of our already ambitious agenda, we have the accelerating force of Greece 2.0, Greece's Recovery and Resilience Plan, a comprehensive set of investments and reforms. Our country is the recipient of over 30 billion euros in grants and low interest loans. The majority of those will facilitate our plans for the green transition and digital transformation. The entirety of the loans is being directed to the private sector through the banking system in a transparent and efficient way.

It is my firm belief that – as the title of this year's conference suggests – Greece is indeed entering a new era. In this proud chapter, every Greek, irrespective of where he or she lives, can play an active role in our collective effort.

Together we are building something very special. And I am very grateful to you all.

Thank you and I wish you every continued success.

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## 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.

**H.E. Christos Staikouras, Minister of Finance**, Keynote Speaker of the Conference, presented Greek Government's economic strategy, and his speech was titled **"Accelerating Growth - Government Economic Policy & Objectives"**.

**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.

Introductory Speeches were made by: **Mr. Stefan Jekel**, Head of International Listings - New York Stock Exchange, **Mr. Jay Collins**, Managing Director, Vice Chairman Corporate & Investment Banking - Citi, and **Dr. Nikolas P. Tsakos**, Founder, President & CEO - TEN Ltd., who spoke on "The State of Greek & Global Shipping".

## One-On-One Meetings

Like every year, the Conference provided foreign investors with the opportunity to network through a variety of "one-to-one meetings" with Institutional Investors representing large foreign funds with investment interest in Greece, with listed and non-listed companies, as well as with members of the delegation of the Greek Government.

In cooperation with the investment banks that support the Forum, **group sessions** were organized for the main ministers of the government:

**H.E. Christos Staikouras, Minister of Finance**, accompanied by Mr. Dimitrios Tsakonas, General Manager - Public Debt Management Organization (ODDIH), and

**H.E. Mr. Adonis Georgiadis, Minister of Development and Investments** accompanied by Mr. Nikos Papathanasis, Alternate Minister of Development & Investments, Private Investments & PPPs, Mr. Gregory D. Dimitriadis, CEO & Member of the Board of Directors – Hellenic Corporation of Assets and Participations SA (HCAP) & Mr. Dimitris Politis, Chief Executive Officer – Hellenic Republic Asset Development Fund (HRAF).

## Greek American and International Media

The representatives of the government and of the participating companies met with the Greek American Media that covered the Forum as well as with representatives of International Media such as: Financial Times, Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg, YAHOO Finance, Reuters, New York Times, Tradewinds.

### OFFICIAL DINNER – AWARD CEREMONY: «2021 HELLENIC CAPITAL LINK LEADERSHIP AWARD»

The 23rd Annual Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum "A New Era - A New Direction for Greece", concluded with an official dinner during which Mr. Alex Fotakidis, Partner & Head of Greece - CVC Capital Partners, was honored with the "2021 Capital Link Hellenic Leadership Award", for his outstanding contribution to Greece. H.E. Alexandra Papadopoulou, Ambassador of Greece to the United States, delivered Welcome Remarks. The Keynote Address was delivered by Mrs. Maria Olson, Office Director-Office of Southern European Affairs Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs – U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE with the participation of the new Ambassador-Designate of the United States to Greece, Mr. George J. Tsunis. Mr. Panayotis Bernitsas, Managing Partner - Bernitsas Law delivered Opening Remarks. Mr. Georgios Papadimitriou, Partner, Accounts & Markets Leader, Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe & Central Asia – EY, introduced the Honoree Mr. Alex Fotakidis, Partner & Head of Greece - CVC Capital Partners.

The Dinner was sponsored by EY.

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### TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022 «GREEK AMERICAN ISSUER DAY» at the New York Stock Exchange

Within the context of the 23rd Annual Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum "A New Era - A New Direction for Greece", 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». Dr. Nikolas P. Tsakos, Founder, President & CEO, TEN Ltd. (NYSE: TNP) and Minister of Finance, H.E. Christos Staikouras, rang the "Opening Bell", starting the trading session on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, of the NYSE-New York Stock Exchange accompanied by high level executives from Greek-American and Greek companies listed in the New York Stock Exchange.

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- **H.E. Alexandra Papadopoulou**, *Ambassador of Greece to the United States*
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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*
- **H.E. Geoffrey R. Pyatt**, *U.S. Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic (via webcast)*
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- **Mrs. Elizabeth McCaul**, *Member of the Supervisory Board – European Central Bank*
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