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### “23rd ANNUAL CAPITAL LINK INVEST IN GREECE FORUM”

#### “A New Era - A New Direction for Greece”

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Featuring top US and International Investors, Government & Business Leaders, Global Investment Banks & Institutions & the Greek Government

**MONDAY APRIL 11, 2022**  
**IN PERSON EVENT – IN NEW YORK**

Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

The **“Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum”** is an International Summit about Greece hosted in New York. With a **23-year track record**, this Forum, has been engaged in a systematic effort to promote Greece as a business and investment destination to a global audience. The Conference will outline in a comprehensive and thorough way the latest developments and the prospects of the Greek economy, aiming at highlighting the business and investment opportunities presented in the country and in the wider region.

The conference is being held at a critical timing, as the impact of the pandemic is still present 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 global uncertainty.

**The Greek delegation comprising of senior government officials, led by the Prime Minister**, and a group of private sector business leaders, will update a global audience on the reforms, developments and outlook of the Greek economy and each of the main sectors highlighting trends, challenges and opportunities. Furthermore, a group of international investors financiers, and bankers as well as representatives from major Greek and European Organizations, will share their insight on Greece as a business and investment destination.

The Prime Minister of Greece, **H.E. Kyriakos Mitsotakis**, will open the Forum (via webcast) and deliver the Greek Government’s message to international investors, titled **“A New Era – A New Direction for Greece”**.

The Greek Minister of Finance, **H.E. Christos Staikouras**, **Keynote Speaker** of the Forum, will present Greek Government’s economic strategy, and his speech is titled **“Accelerating Growth - Government Economic Policy & Objectives”**.

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

The following speakers will make Introductory Remarks: **Mr. John Tuttle**, Vice Chairman & Chief Commercial Officer - **Intercontinental Exchange | NYSE - New York Stock Exchange**, **Mr. Jay Collins**, Managing Director, Vice Chairman Corporate & Investment Banking – **Citi**.

**Dr. Nikolas P. Tsakos**, Founder, President & CEO - **TEN Ltd.**, will speak on the topic **“The State of Greek & Global Shipping”**.

The panel entitled **“GREEK ECONOMY ROUNDTABLE – IMPLICATIONS FROM THE UKRAINE CRISIS - REFORMS ENHANCING THE BUSINESS & INVESTMENT LANDSCAPE”** will be moderated by **Mr. George Bersis**, Partner – POTAMITISVEKRIS who will also speak on **“The New Restructuring & Bankruptcy Code – Speeding the Adjudication of Justice”**. • **Mr. George Pitsilis** - Governor – Independent Authority for Public Revenue – Hellenic Republic will speak on the subject of **“Reinforcing Greece’s Public Revenue & Taxation System”** • **H.E. Panos Tsakoglou**, Deputy Minister of Labour & Social Affairs – Hellenic Republic will cover **“Labor & Pension Reform”** • **Dr. Tasos Anastasatos**, Group Chief Economist, Deputy General Manager, EURO BANK and • **Mr. Filippo Taddei**, Senior European Economist, Executive Director – Goldman Sachs International will elaborate on the potential impact of the Ukraine crisis in the Greek economy.

**“GREECE’S FORAY INTO THE INTERNATIONAL DEBT & EQUITY CAPITAL MARKETS”** is the panel discussion that will be moderated by **Mr. Apostolos Gkoutzinis**, Partner – Milbank with panelists : • **Mrs. Myriam Zapata**, Managing Director, Debt Capital Markets, Sustainable Finance ESG, BNP Paribas • **Mr. Paul Simpkin**, Managing Director & Co-Head European Loans & Leveraged Finance – Citi • **Mr. Dimitris Kofitsas**, Head of Greece Investment Banking Coverage and Financing – Goldman Sachs • **Mrs. Alexandra Konida**, Managing Director, Head of Wholesale Banking Greece – HSBC Greece • **Mr. Morven Jones**, Managing Director, Head of Debt Capital Markets – EMEA Nomura • **Mr. Dimitrios Tsakonias**, Director General – Public Debt Management Agency • **Mr. Konstantinos Alexandridis**, CFO – Public Power Corporation of Greece – PUBLIC POWER CORPORATION S.A. (PPC S.A.)

On the panel discussion titled **“Large Projects Transforming Greece – Business & Investment Opportunities”**, moderated by **Mr. Panayotis Bernitsas**, Managing Partner – Bernitsas Law, **H.E. Nikos Papathanasis**, Alternate Minister of Development & Investments Private Investments & PPPs, will discuss topics under his area of responsibility, together with **Mrs. Ravina Advani**, Head of Energy Natural Resources & Renewables Coverage – BNP Paribas • **Mrs. Penelope Lazaridou**, General Financial Manager – Executive Board Member - GEK TERNA Group • **Mr. Christos Balaskas**, Vice President & General Manager - Greece – Eldorado Gold Corporation • **Mr. Gregory D. Dimitriadis**, CEO & Member of the Board of Directors - Hellenic Corporation of Assets and Participations SA.

**Mr. Odisseas Athanasiou**, Chief Executive Officer of Lamda Development will make a presentation entitled **“THE ELLINIKON UNDERWAY– FROM VISION TO REALITY”** on the largest regeneration project that will take place in Greece at Ellinikon, the former Athens airport, an € 8 billion investment at 6.000.000. sqm. followed by a One-on-one discussion with **Mr. Petros Machas**, Founding Partner & Chairman – Machas & Partners Law Firm.

The importance of Energy is highlighted at the panel discussion entitled **“THE NEW ENERGY & UTILITIES LANDSCAPE IN GREECE”** moderated by **Mr. Yannis Kourniotis**, Partner, Head of Project Finance & Development – Lambadarios Law Firm with panelists : • **Mr. Ioannis Karampelas**, CEO – ADMIE (IPTO) Holding SA • **Mr. Pablo Escondrillas**, Managing Director, European Power & Utilities – Citi • **Mr. Harry Sachinis**, CEO – Athens Water Supply & Sewerage Company SA (EYDAP) • **Mr. Vasilis Tsaitas**, Chief Financial Officer – Hellenic Petroleum Holdings S.A. • **Mr. Vlasios Souflis**, Director of International Business Development – Lightsource bp • **Mr. Konstantinos Mavros**, CEO – PPC Renewables

Tourism is one of the most important sectors of the Greek economy and a key pillar of economic growth. As such the panel entitled **“TOURISM & HOSPITALITY – SHORT TERM CHALLENGES – LONG TERM OPPORTUNITIES”** will cover the importance and the potential of the sector, the unique characteristics of the Greek tourism industry and the future challenges ahead. **Mr. Dimitrios Christopoulos**, Managing Partner – D.C. CHRISTOPOULOS & PARTNERS is moderating the panel with the participation of panelists: • **Mr. Andreas Taprantzis**, CEO – AVIS Greece • **Mr. Konstantinos Dedes**, President – DEDES & ASSOCIATES LAW FIRM • **Mr. Konstantinos Zikos**, Deputy General Secretary – Greek National Tourism Organization, GNTO • **Mr. Manolis Sigalas**, Managing Director of Southern Europe – HILL INTERNATIONAL.

The Forum features top level executives from the Banking sector both from the largest international banks, more specifically from, **Goldman Sachs, Barclays, BNP Paribas, Citi, HSBC, Nomura** and **AXIA Ventures Group**, as well as from the Greek Banking sector, in particular from **Alpha Bank, National Bank of Greece, Eurobank και Piraeus Bank**.

**Mr. Christos Megalou**, Chief Executive Officer- Piraeus Bank, will make a keynote address on the **“GREEK BANKING SECTOR – GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT OUTLOOK”** which will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by **Mr. Georgios Papadimitriou**, Partner, Accounts & Markets Leader, Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe & Central Asia – EY, featuring **Mrs. Elizabeth McCaul**, Member of the Supervisory Board – European Central Bank, **Mr. Lazaros Papagaryfallou**, General Manager/CFO - Alpha Bank, **Mr. Christos Christodoulou**, Group CFO - National Bank of Greece, **Mr. José Manuel Gasalla Benitez**, Partner | Private Capital – Oliver Wyman, **Mr. Theodore Gnardellis**, Executive General Manager, Group CFO – Piraeus Bank and **Mr. Luca Maiorana**, Head of FIG Emerging Europe, Head of Fintech and Asset Management Banking Coverage – Barclays.

**“WHY GREECE–THE DOMESTIC INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR VIEWPOINT”** will be moderated by: **Mrs. Elisabeth Eleftheriades**, Partner – Kyriakides Georgopoulos Law Firm with panelists : • **Mr. Nicos Koulis**, CEO/Partner – DECA Investments AIFM • **Mr. Takis Solomos**, Partner – Elikonos Capital Partners • **Mrs. Eleni Bathianaki**, Partner – EOS Capital Partners • **Mr. George Georgakopoulos**, Managing Director Greece – INTRUM • **Mr. John Gikopoulos**, Chief Innovation Officer & Head AI & Analytics – Qualco Group

**“WHY GREECE – THE INTERNATIONAL INVESTOR PERSPECTIVE”** will be presented by a panel discussion moderated by **Mr. Konstantinos (Dean) Melitsanopoulos**, Partner – Reed Smith LLP and participants : • **Mr. Anastasios Astyfidis**, Founder & Managing Director - AMBROSIA CAPITAL • **Mr. Dimitrios Athanasopoulos**, Group Managing Director – AXIA Ventures Group Ltd • **Mr. Georgios Elekidis**, Director – Bain Capital Credit • **Mr. Alex Fotakidis**, Partner & Head of CVC Greece – CVC Capital Partners • **Mr. Samy David**, Partner – Grifon Capital / FORTRESS • **Mr. George Andriopoulos**, Vice President – Partners Group

**Mr. Vassilis Kontozamanis**, Advisor to the Prime Minister Hellenic Republic, Former Alternate Minister of Health, will discuss the topic **“Investment Opportunities in the Healthcare Sector in Greece”**. The Greek government is committed to a strong, effective, and resilient healthcare system that meets all needs and adheres to the principles of value-based healthcare. Structural reforms, already in progress, create a favorable investment environment. Up to now, the health sector has attracted a considerable number of international investors which have established a strong foothold. The Ministry of Health has designed Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) schemes to upgrade existing health services offered, develop new ones and modernize infrastructure. The country holds unique characteristics such as highly trained healthcare personnel with international recognition, world-class facilities, and advanced medical technology in line with European quality and safety standards. Undoubtedly, Greece is an attractive investment destination. During the 23rd Annual Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum Mr. Kontozamanis will invite the investor community to seize the opportunities that have arisen in the health sector.

**H.E. Geoffrey R. Pyatt**, U.S. Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic, will also address the participants via video message.

## Award Ceremony – Official Dinner «2021 Hellenic Capital Link Leadership Award»

The Forum concludes with an official **Dinner** honoring **Mr. Alex Fotakidis**, Partner & Head of Greece - **CVC Capital Partners**, with the “**2021 Capital Link Hellenic Leadership Award**”, for his outstanding contribution to Greece.

We recognize CVC Capital Partners and **Mr. Alex Fotakidis**, the partner heading the Greek investment team, for the positive impact on Greece and the Greek economy with the active investment participation and also for raising the profile of Greece as an investment destination within the global investment community. CVC Capital Partners' investments are a direct boost to the Greek economy and also a vote of confidence that can help attract additional foreign investments.

**H.E. Alexandra Papadopoulou, Ambassador of Greece to the United States**, will deliver **Welcome Remarks**.

The **Keynote Address** will be delivered by **Mrs. Erika Olson**, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs - **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE**.

**Mr. Panayotis Bernitsas**, Managing Partner - Bernitsas Law, will deliver **Opening Remarks**.

**Mr. Georgios Papadimitriou**, Partner, Accounts & Markets Leader, Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe & Central Asia - EY **will introduce** the **honoree, Mr. Alex Fotakidis**, Partner & Head of Greece - **CVC Capital Partners**, who will make **Keynote Remarks**.

The **Capital Link Hellenic Leadership Award** is presented annually to a person or an organization for outstanding contribution in fostering closer ties between Greece and the global business and investment community. Previous honorees were in **2012, Mr. Andrew N. Liveris**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Dow Chemical Company, in **2013, Mr. John Calamos**, Chairman, CEO & Global Co-Chief Investment Officer of Calamos Investments, in **2014, Mr. George Logothetis**, Chairman and CEO of Libra Group and in **2015, Dr. Anthony Papadimitriou**, President to the Board of Directors of Alexander S. Onassis Foundation & Managing Partner of "A.S. Papadimitriou & Partners Law Firm, in **2016, Mr. Wilbur L. Ross**, Chairman & Chief Strategy Officer of WL Ross & Co., in **2017, Mr. Andre Calantzopoulos**, CEO – Philip Morris International, in **2018, Mr. Evangelos Mytilineos**, Chairman & CEO of Mytilineos and in **2019, Mr. John Paulson**, President & Portfolio Manager - Paulson & Co. Inc.

The Dinner is Sponsored by EY.

### One-On-One Meetings

As in previous years, the Forum will provide foreign investors with unique networking opportunities through **one-to-one meetings with listed and not listed companies, as well as, with members of the Greek Government Delegation** <https://forums.capitallink.com/greece/2021/signup-1x1.html>

### TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022

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

On **Tuesday April 12, 2022**, within the context of the “**23rd Annual Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum**”, the **New York Stock Exchange** in cooperation with **Capital Link** organize a special ceremony honoring the "**Greek American Issuer Day at NYSE**", during which Greek & Greek American companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange **will ring the Opening Bell at the New York Stock Exchange**. The event will be broadcasted live on major news stations in the United States and abroad to an audience of millions of viewers worldwide and it is an event of unique visibility throughout the world.

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