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Introductory Remarks



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24th Annual Capital Link
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PRESS RELEASE

THE GREEK MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT & INVESTMENTS, H.E. ADONIS GEORGIADIS & Luncheon Keynote Speakers In the context of the 24th ANNUAL CAPITAL LINK INVEST IN GREECE FORUM “Sustaining Growth & Investment Momentum”

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

FRIDAY DECEMBER 9, 2022
IN PERSON EVENT – IN NEW YORK
21 Sessions – 76 Top Level Speakers

New York, December, 12th, 2022

Capital Link's 24th Annual Invest in Greece Forum, entitled “Sustaining Growth & Investment Momentum”, took place with great success and great participation on Friday, December 9, 2022 as an in-person event at the Metropolitan Club in New York, in co-operation with the New York Stock Exchange, the Athens Stock Exchange and major Global

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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 “Sustaining Growth & Investment Momentum”. The Greek Minister of Finance, H.E. Christos Staikouras, Keynote Speaker of the Forum, presented Greek Government’s economic strategy, and his speech was titled: «Government Economic Policy & Objectives».

The Minister participated as a Keynote Speaker at the official luncheon which was hosted in the context of the Forum. Mr. Nikos Stathopoulos - Chairman of Europe - BC Partners also delivered Keynote Remarks.

Introductory Speeches were made by: **Mr. John Tuttle**, Vice Chairman – NYSE ; President NYSE Institute, Intercontinental Exchange Inc. (NYSE: ICE), **Mr. Yianos Kontopoulos**, CEO - **ATHEX Group**, **Dr. Nikolas P. Tsakos**, Founder, President & CEO - **TEN Ltd.**, and **Mr. Takis Georgakopoulos**, Global Head of Payments, Managing Director - **JP Morgan**.

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 H.E. Adonis Georgiadis, Minister of Development & Investments.

H.E. Adonis Georgiadis participated at the Official Dinner, with **Opening – Welcome Remarks** by **Mr. Edward Mermelstein - New York City’s Commissioner for International Affairs**, on behalf of **Eric Adams, Mayor of New York City**, who welcomed the dinner’s attendees. **Mr. John Kalafatis, CEO - NU Boyana Hellenic Film Studios** delivered **Introductory Remarks**.

H.E. Alexandra Papadopoulou, Ambassador of Greece to the United States, and Mr. Yianos Kontopoulos, CEO – ATHEX Group delivered **Keynote Remarks**. During the dinner **Mr. Panos Papazoglou**, Managing Partner - **EY Greece**, was honored with the **“2022 Capital Link Hellenic Leadership Award”**, for his outstanding contribution to Greece.

Mr. Lazaros Papagaryfallou, General Manager/CFO – **Alpha Bank**, introduced the Honoree **Mr. Panos Papazoglou**, Managing Partner - **EY Greece**, who delivered **Keynote Remarks**.

H.E. Adonis Georgiadis, Minister of Development & Investments, Keynote Speaker of the Forum, presented his speech during the formal Luncheon.

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H.E. Adonis Georgiadis, speech:



«Minister of Development & Investments, Mr. Adonis Georgiadis at the 24th Annual Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum, New York, sent a message to US investors to gain momentum and invest in Greece, as on the one hand the Greek economy is breaking one record after another in FDI's, exports and tourism revenues and on the other Greek-American relations are at all-time high.

As Minister Georgiadis highlighted, Greece, thanks to its upgraded geopolitical position and the network of international partnerships it has developed over the last 3,5 years, is emerging as an entry point to a huge market covering Europe, mainly South-eastern, Middle East and North Africa offering a pipeline of significant projects especially in energy, IT, logistics and industry.

Particularly in the energy sector, Greece is at the radar of the biggest companies worldwide attracting billion-euros worth of investments, especially in renewables, and is also emerging as a significant energy hub. Therefore, it has climbed to the highest ranking in the 30-year history of EY's Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI), ranking second worldwide on country performance adjusted on GDP.

Beyond energy, Minister Georgiadis stressed that the biggest multinational enterprises invest in Greece at a rapid pace in the IT sector (state-of-the-art digital hubs, R & D and data centers), tourism, real estate, financial

activities, wholesale and retail, pharmaceuticals and logistics. He added that there is a significant leap of US investments in Greece referring especially to ONEX investment with the support of the US development organization DFC in the Elefsina shipyards.

So, as Mr Georgiadis emphasized, in 2022 the Greek economy is going to a new record in FDI's, which along with exports and tourist revenues have contributed to a strong growth rate of 5.6% – he is confident that it will end up higher-, twice the average in the eurozone. In 2023, Greece's growth rate is projected to 1,8-2,0%, three times the average in eurozone, fueled by a new boost in investments (15,5%).

“As Greece has emerged as one of investment hot-spots worldwide, my message to US investors is clear: this is really the time to be in Greece”, Minister Georgiadis pointed out.»

FORUM OVERVIEW

“Sustaining Growth & Investment Momentum”

The agenda, topics and structure of this forum through 21 Sessions and 76 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. Greece has made a notable rebound in the eyes of both the global capital markets and the international investment community in recent years. The impressive number of incoming American investments in the country proves that the government's efforts to improve the business and investment climate have been more than effective. The significant transformation of the country's investment and economic climate has resulted in a flurry of new and exciting investment activity in the country, signaling a new path forward for Greece, one of modernization, stability, and trust. This new era of economic growth is due in part to ambitious reforms, immense brainpower and entrepreneurship, and hope for the future in Greece, making the country an appealing destination for foreign investors.

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

- **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 “Sustaining Growth & Investment Momentum”.
- **GREEK GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS:**
 - **H.E Christos Staikouras**, Minister of Finance
 - **H.E Adonis Georgiadis**, Minister of Development & Investments
 - **H.E. Konstantinos Skrekas** - Minister of Environment & Energy
 - **H.E. Theodore Skylakakis** - Alternate Minister of Finance
 - **H.E. Yannis Tsakiris**, Deputy Minister of Development & Investments, Public Investments & NSRF
 - **Mrs. Olympia Anastasopoulou**, Secretary General for Tourism Policy and Development, Attorney-at-Law, LL.M, MBA, Mediator
 - **Mr. Orestis Kavalakis**, Secretary General of Private Investments & PPPs - Ministry of Development & Investments
 - **Mr. Dimitrios Tsakonas**, Director General - Public Debt Management Agency (P.D.M.A)
 - **Mr. Michael Arghyrou**, Chairman of Council of Economic Advisors - Hellenic Republic
 - **Mr. Vassilis Kontozamanis**, Advisor to the Prime Minister for Health - Hellenic Republic

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- **Mr. George Pitsilis**, Governor - Independent Authority for Public Revenue - Hellenic Republic
 - **Mr. Nikolaos Thomopoulos**, Head of the Office of Economic and Commercial Affairs - Greek Trade Office in New York
- **REPRESENTATIVES OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF STATE:**
- **Mr. Geoffrey R. Pyatt**, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Energy Resources, *and*
 - **Ms. Erika Olson**, Deputy Assistant Secretary- Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs
- **NEW YORK MAYOR'S OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE:**
- **Mr. Edward Mermelstein**, New York City's Commissioner for International Affairs
- **REPRESENTATIVES OF EUROPEAN ORGANIZATIONS:**
- **Mr. Margaritis Schinas**, Vice-President - EUROPEAN COMMISSION (*via webcast*)
 - **Ms. Elizabeth McCaul**, Member of the Supervisory Board - European Central Bank
- **Mr. Yianos Kontopoulos, CEO - ATHEX Group** represented ATHEX Group, and
- **Dr. Vassiliki Lazarakou JSD**, Chair - **Hellenic Capital Market Commission**; Member - Management Board of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) ; Member of the IOSCO Board, represented the Hellenic Capital Market Commission.
- The Forum opened with the speech of **H.E Christos Staikouras**, Minister of Finance
- Luncheon Opening Remarks: **Mr. John Tuttle**, Vice Chairman – NYSE ; President - NYSE Institute, Intercontinental Exchange Inc. (NYSE: ICE), **Dr. Nikolas P. Tsakos**, Founder, President & CEO - TEN Ltd. and **Mr. Takis Georgakopoulos**, Global Head of Payments, Managing Director - JP Morgan.
- Luncheon Keynote address: **H.E. Adonis Georgiadis**, Minister of Development & Investments
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 - National Bank of Greece
 - Athens Water Supply & Sewage Company SA (EYDAP)
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 - ELLAKTOR S.A.
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