



**OFFICIAL DINNER - AWARD CEREMONY:
“2023 HELLENIC CAPITAL LINK LEADERSHIP AWARD”**

Award Recipient

Mr. Nikos Stathopoulos,

Chairman of Europe & Member of the Management Committee - BC Partners

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On Monday, December, 11, 2023, the successful [25th Annual Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum «Accelerating Investments for Sustainable Growth»](#), concluded with a very well attended official dinner honoring the strong political and financial bonds between Greece and the United States.

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Mr. Nicolas Bornozis, opened the ceremony making brief introductory remarks, welcoming and thanking all those who participated in the Forum, that had just concluded.

Mr. Bornozis then welcomed **H.E. Ekaterini Nassika**, *Ambassador of Greece to the United States*, and **Mr. Joshua Huck**, *Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Southern Europe and the Caucasus - U.S. Department of State*, who gave the Dinner's **Keynote Remarks**.



In the context of the dinner, the "**2023 Capital Link Hellenic Leadership Award**" was presented to **Mr. Nikos Stathopoulos**, Chairman of Europe & Member of the Management Committee - **BC Partners**, for his outstanding contribution to Greece through his company's investments over the years.

As the Greek Minister of Economy & Finance, H.E. Kostis Hatzidakis had to urgently return to Greece, he introduced Mr. Stathopoulos via a written message, which Nicolas Bornozis, President of Capital Link, read on behalf of the Minister.

H.E. Kostis Hatzidakis, Minister of Economy & Finance, Introductory Speech for Mr. Stathopoulos:

In his introductory speech Mr Hatzidakis noted that Nikos Stathopoulos is one of the few Greeks to have achieved such a top position in the international scale of investments funds. Mr Hatzidakis thanked Nikos Stathopoulos and the BC partners for their vote of confidence in and contribution to the Greek economy, adding that they have started investing in 2015, at a time when most international investors were very reluctant to do so. He then talked about the business-friendly reforms undertaken by the Greek government over the last four years in the field of taxation, regulatory policy and the labour market with the aim of healing the wounds of the crisis and increasing the attractiveness of the country as an investment destination. Mr Hatzidakis made clear that the Greek government is determined to continue pursuing the same successful policy mix in order to consolidate the gains and step

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up the process of the modernization of Greece. “We have set as a target to transform Greece into a modern European country. I am happy that Mr Stathopoulos and the BC partners are participating in this transformative journey. I am sure that more passengers will embark in the near future” concluded Mr Hatzidakis.

"2023 Capital Link Hellenic Leadership Award"

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The distinguished Greek investor, leading executive of BC Partners, based in London, has contributed to more than two billion Euros being invested in Greece in recent years, with the company investing in many sectors, such as health, but also giving emphasis to high technologies, 5G networks and artificial intelligence.

Nikos Stathopoulos, with a speech full of confidence, vigor and optimism for the Greek economy, highlighted the fact that his company believed in Greece and made the

largest investments during the crisis, when the country was not attractive abroad, while he also pointed out the potential of Greeks, saying that the country's greatest asset is its high-level human capital.

Mr. Stathopoulos proudly mentioned that in the field of artificial intelligence 11 percent of the top researchers are Greek, a huge percentage compared to the country's population. His speech expressed in the best possible way the positive tone set in general by this year's Capital Link Forum for the course of the Greek economy.



Ms Nicole Petallides, Host - Schwab Network ; Former Anchor - FOX Business Network, was the Master of Ceremonies.

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.**

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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, in **2019, Mr. John Paulson**, President & Portfolio Manager - Paulson & Co. Inc., in **2021, Mr. Alex Fotakidis**, Partner & Head of Greece - **CVC Capital Partners**, and in **2022, Mr. Panos Papazoglou**, Managing Partner - **EY Greece**.

The dinner was sponsored by Onassis Group.

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THE FORUM WAS ORGANIZED:

IN COOPERATION WITH: New York Stock Exchange – NYSE & Athens Exchange Group (ATHEX Group)

UNDER THE AUSPICES: of the Consulate General of Greece in New York, which hosted a welcome reception for all speakers.

The Forum, through its 25 years record of success, has been engaged in a systematic effort to highlight Greece's profile to a global business and investment audience. This year's forum was particularly significant as Greece is heralding a new dawn of investments and entrepreneurship, despite global challenges. The country's political stability, strong economic dynamics, and attractive valuations have boosted investor confidence in the Greek market. The upgrade of the Greek economy by Fitch formalizes the emergence of Greece in the investment category in terms of credit rating. Fitch is the third - out of four recognized by the ECB - rating agency to award our country investment grade status in recent months. This certifies the progress of the Greek economy and the even more positive prospects opened up by the implementation of the country's policy. At the same time, it creates the conditions for further strengthening investment inflows, better financing conditions for the economy, growth and increased employment.

The Prime Minister of Greece, H.E. **Kyriakos Mitsotakis**, addressed international investors via written message.

Keynote Remarks by Greek Ministers: Minister of Economy & Finance, H.E. **Kostis Hatzidakis**, Minister of Infrastructure & Transport, H.E. **Christos Staikouras**, Minister of Environment & Energy, H.E. **Theodore Skylakakis**, Alternate Minister of Economy & Finance, H.E. **Nikolaos Papathanasis**.

Greek Government Officials: Ms. **Maria (Maira) Myrogianni**, Secretary General for International Economic Affairs - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. **Orestis Kavalakis**, Governor of Recovery and Resilience Facility Coordination Agency - Ministry of Economy and Finance, Mr. **Dimitrios Tsakonas**, Director General - Public Debt Management Agency, Mr. **Michael Arghyrou**, Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors, Mr. **George Pitsilis**, Governor – Independent Authority for Public Revenue, Mr. **Vassilis Kontozamanis**, Former Alternate Minister of Health, Mr. **Gregory D. Dimitriadis**, CEO & Executive Member of the BoD - Growthfund, the National Fund of Greece, Dr. **Marinos Giannopoulos**, CEO - ENTERPRISE GREECE.

US Government (US Department of State) Representatives: • Mr. **Geoffrey R. Pyatt**, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Energy Resources, and • Mr. **Joshua Huck**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Southern Europe and the Caucasus.

European Central Bank was represented by Ms. **Elizabeth McCaul**, Member of the Supervisory Board.

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The Athens Exchange Group was represented by **Mr. Yianos Kontopoulos**, CEO - Athens Exchange Group, and the **Hellenic Capital Market Commission**, by **Dr. Vassiliki Lazarakou JSD**, Chair - Hellenic Capital Market Commission.

The Forum featured the important participation of representatives from **the biggest Greek Banks**: 1) **Four Systemic Banks**, **Alpha Bank - Eurobank - National Bank - Piraeus Bank**, 2) **Attica Bank** and **Hellenic Development Bank**, and from **the most important Global Investment Banks** • **Barclays • BNP Paribas • Goldman Sachs International • Morgan Stanley • Nomura • AXIA Ventures Group Ltd.**

Participating speakers in investor panel: John Paulson and representatives from: BC Partners - Brookstreet Equity Partners • CVC • Hotel Investment Partners (HIP) • RWE Energy Transition Investments • Thrivest Holding.

23 Listed Companies participated in a series of meetings with multiple foreign investors : Athens Exchange Group - Alpha Bank - Athens Water Supply & Sewage Company SA (EYDAP) - Attica Bank - AUTO HELLAS - AVAX Group - Cosmos Health, Inc. (NASDAQ: COSM) - Dimand S.A. - ELLAKTOR S.A. – Eurobank - GEK Terna Group - HELLENiQ ENERGY Holdings - Intrakat S.A. - LAMDA Development - MOTOR OIL Group - MYTILINEOS - National Bank of Greece - Opap - OTE Group of Companies - Piraeus Bank - PRODEA Investments - Public Power Corporation – PPC - Trastor REIC.

During the Official Luncheon the Greek Minister of Economy & Finance, H.E. Kostis Hatzidakis, and Mr. Evan Kotsovinos, Vice President and General Manager – Google, delivered Keynote Remarks. Mr. John Tuttle, Vice Chairman – NYSE; President - NYSE Institute, Dr. Nikolas P. Tsakos, Founder & CEO - TEN Ltd, and Ms. Beth Hammack, Co-Head Global Financing Group - Goldman Sachs, delivered Welcome Remarks.

Nicolas Bornozis, President of Capital Link gratefully presented “THE CAPITAL LINK HELLENIC APPRECIATION AWARD” to Mr. John Tuttle, Vice Chairman - NYSE ; President - NYSE Institute, for NYSE’s and his own longstanding support & contribution to Greece, Greek Entrepreneurs, the Greek Maritime Community & the Greek-American Diaspora.

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On **Tuesday, December, 12, 2023**, within the context of the **“25th Annual Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum”**, the **New York Stock Exchange** in cooperation with **Capital Link** organized a special ceremony honoring the **"Greek American Issuer Day at NYSE"**, during which Greek & Greek American companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange rang the “Closing Bell” - at NYSE-New York Stock Exchange.

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