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The following highly interesting Panel Discussions, entitled « VALUE & GROWTH PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN GREECE», «INVESTING IN GREECE - TAX REFORMS & INCENTIVES» and «DEBT CAPITAL MARKETS – POST INVESTMENT UPGRADE PROSPECTS Greek Sovereign & Corporate Debt», were part of the agenda of the 25th Annual Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum, entitled, «Accelerating Investments for Sustainable Growth», that was held with great success and participation, on Monday, December 11, 2023, in New York, in cooperation with the New York Stock Exchange, the Athens Exchange Group (ATHEX Group), and major Global Investment Banks & Organizations, and under the Auspices of the Consulate General of Greece in New York. The event was sponsored by top companies, and Goldman Sachs and TEN Ltd (Tsakos Energy Navigation) were the Lead Sponsors.



## PANEL DISCUSSION: VALUE & GROWTH PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN GREECE

**Moderator:** Mr. Evangelos I. Lakatzis, *Partner – Saplegal - A.S. Papadimitriou & Partners Law Firm*

### Panelists:

- **Mr. Omiros Sarikas – Managing Partner - Brookstreet Equity Partners**
- **Mr. Nicos John Koulis, CEO - DECA Investments AIFM; Investment**
- **Mr. Takis Solomos, Co-founder & Partner -Elikonos Capital Partners**
- **Ms. Xenia Kazoli, Vice Chair of the Board and member of the Committee - ESED (the Greek Corporate Governance Council)**
- **Ms. Eleni Bathianaki, Managing Partner – Halcyon Equity Partners**

**Mr. Evangelos I. Lakatzis**, stated: «Having already achieved recovery of investment grade, Greece has made a dynamic return to investments landscape. The country is being developed into an attractive destination for strategic investments both domestically and internationally, providing multi-faceted support, being the primary criterion for investors’ destination country selection. The legislative framework enhances the country's attractiveness by offering a wide range of financial instruments and tax facilities, simplifying and accelerating through digitization all licensing procedures and requirement, thus reducing bureaucratic procedures. At the same time, due to its geographical location, climate and natural resources, the country has a strong advantage in a variety of sectors, such as real estate, tourism, energy, agriculture and livestock, in which investment opportunities are thriving. Numerous Greek funds have already made their mark either by supporting start-ups or by being involved in strong development projects, playing an important role in attracting international investors. As a result, there is an increase in the inflow of foreign portfolios. Foreign investors have either already chosen our country as a suitable destination for the implementation or expansion of their new investment initiatives or are exploring the investment prospects that the country may offer them. Of course, we should not ignore that there is still work to be done for strengthening Greece's extroversion, which is the only path for further growth. In conclusion, I am optimistic for our country’s upward trajectory and the course towards a strong circular economy. »

**Mr. Omiros Sarikas**, stated: «Post-economic crisis, Greece has demonstrated remarkable resilience and is on a recovery path, signaling a stable and promising investment climate. The Greek economy, which contracted sharply during the financial crisis, has been rebounding, showcasing a notable GDP growth rate. The current Greek administration's focus stabilizing the macroeconomic environment has been a critical factor in attracting foreign investments. Inflation rates have been controlled, and the public debt is being managed more effectively. These measures have enhanced the country's creditworthiness and fostered a more stable investment environment. This recovery is a clear indicator of the improving economic health of the nation, making it an attractive investment destination. Brookstreet has been keen on investing in sectors with high growth potential in Greece. The technology sector, particularly startups and scale-ups, has been of significant interest with several investments within the Digital Transformation and Green transition themes. »

**Ms. Eleni Bathianaki**, stated: «Greece is poised to enter a new era as growth rebounds strongly, amid a general economic turbulence on a global level. The economy is currently growing twice as fast as the eurozone average and unemployment is the lowest in the decade. Moreover, Greece presented a significant increase in foreign direct investments over last two years while the reforms of the past decade can ensure that a sustainable recovery will continue over the longer term. What is also very important is that the attractiveness of Greece as an investment destination, continues to strengthen with the latest upgrades of the country's sovereign credit rating by international agencies reaffirming this recovery path and growth potential.

The country's economic outlook alongside the relative scarcity of capital and the increased cost of financing offer attractive equity investment opportunities, particularly within the mature Scale up and Small Mid cap segment. Indeed, there is an untapped market opportunity for companies in disruptive and resilient sectors that are growing in size and impact as well as international presence.

Through an institutional investment platform of experienced professionals, Halcyon Equity Partners AIFM focuses on companies with strong management teams depicting a competitive edge and a scalable business model, with an organic and/or inorganic growth potential. Halcyon Equity Partners AIFM will contribute to their business development by deploying growth capital and implementing a value creation roadmap that will transform these companies to international organizations. Our goal is to identify opportunities driven by innovation and transformation potential, invest in the best of Greece, that will attract international investors and deliver superior value to all stakeholders.

A key aspect of the Fund's strategy is the promotion of a well-defined ESG framework, across all stages of the investment process, being committed to responsible and sustainable investment principles. »



## PANEL DISCUSSION: INVESTING IN GREECE - TAX REFORMS & INCENTIVES

**Introductory Remarks: Ms Maria (Maira) Myrogianni, Secretary General for International Economic Affairs – Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

### Panelists:

- **Mr. Alexandros Kosmopoulos, Managing Partner – AKL Law Firm**
- **Mr. George Pitsilis, Governor – Independent Authority for Public Revenue – Hellenic Republic**
- **Dr. Marinos Giannopoulos, CEO – ENTERPRISE GREECE**
- **Ms. Aspasia Malliou, Partner – PotamitisVekris**
- **Mr. Costas Vamvakas, Founder & CEO – VK PREMIUM Business Growth Consultants**

**Ms Maria (Maira) Myrogianni**, in her introductory remarks to the panel entitled “Investing in Greece - Tax Reforms and Incentives” Secretary General for International Economic Relations outlined Greece’s successful comeback story.

She underlined Greece’s return to investment grade status after thirteen years, explained that the country is still on the growing stage of the economic and political cycle and how this fact offers a large window of opportunity for investment.

Ms Myrogianni explained the main factors of Greece’s resilience, the excellent performance of the economy in response to the pandemic, the boost of nominal GDP as well as the country’s geopolitical stability and transformation into an energy hub.

She submitted the economic factors that create a favourable investment prospect, namely the inflows and FDI. Mentioned especially the EU funds expected to fuel recovery as well as the attractive valuations of an under-owned equity market. Her overall message was one presenting the Greek landscape as a stable market-friendly policy area as well as the transformation of Greece into an extroverted and liberal economy - an ideal place for investments and growth.

**Mr. Alexandros Kosmopoulos**, stated: «It is a privilege to have the opportunity to moderate a distinguished panel, dealing with three key pillars of Greece’s investments strategy, namely, tax reforms, investment incentives and sustainability considerations. Greek policymakers have realized that a more stable and investor-friendly tax system is key to financial

growth. Fiscal headroom has allowed the government to introduce a series of tax incentives targeted at attracting investments and making Greece a more attractive choice of a tax residence for corporates and individuals. Outside of tax, a variety of options are available to support the implementation, and public sector funding, of projects. These include institutional support (including accelerated licensing through Enterprise Greece for so-called “strategic” investments), grants and subsidies, as well as funding through resources of the Recovery and Resilience Fund (RRF). In parallel, Greece has been experiencing the dramatic impact of climate change. Long-term sustainability considerations are becoming a key component of Greece’s strategy and will affect more and more the nature and availability of sector-specific incentives. On all three above-mentioned fronts, Greece’s efforts appear to be in the right direction, as the levels of investment (including FDI) have been consistently increasing and have expanded to a wide spectrum of sectors, including energy, infrastructure, technology, R&D, real estate and hospitality. »

**Dr. Marinos Giannopoulos**, stated: «Greece's economic resurgence since 2019 has yielded remarkable results, boasting a nearly 6% GDP growth, a 35% surge in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to a 20-year high 7.2 billion Euros, and exports at 55 billion Euros. The nation's commitment to reform has transformed it into an investor-friendly environment, with reduced taxes, streamlined regulations, and special incentives for foreign residents. Notably, Greece has spearheaded innovation, witnessing a boom in startups, 5G networks, and online government services. Underpinning this success is the current regime's strategic initiatives, including the High-Net-Worth Individual Regime and favorable tax conditions for retirees and foreign employees, further elevating Greece's attractiveness to global investors. Noteworthy is the proactive role of Enterprise Greece, the state investment and trade promotion agency, diligently working to facilitate investments and promote the nation's growth on the international stage. By actively championing an ESG-focused growth model, Enterprise Greece creates opportunities for companies to align with sustainable practices, attract investors, and expand their presence globally. Greece stands as a compelling investment destination, inviting those who seek opportunities in a forward-looking and dynamic economy. The time is ripe to invest in Greece and be part of its continuing success story.»

**Ms. Aspasia Malliou**, stated: «Greece has been gaining momentum over the past few years. It opts for sustainable growth and targeted actions to attract investments. As a significant policy tool, taxation and especially tax incentives are used towards the reorganization of Greek economy. A wide range of tax incentives are provided by specific laws, covering strategic investments, small-to-medium enterprises, mergers and acquisitions. Moreover, the Greek Income Tax Code incentivizes expenses for research and technology, start-ups and the Greek holding companies. At the same time, a new legislation frame exists, aiming to attract individuals of private wealth and regain skilled workforce. On the opposite end, Greece is also attempting to introduce disincentives, such as the taxation of self-employed on the basis of deemed income and the limitation of the use of cash, especially in the real estate market, with the aim to reduce tax evasion and improve the terms of tax equality.

As regards green economy and sustainable investments, the country is taking steps towards the reduction of carbon emissions and seems to have succeeded so far. Greece invests in solar and wind energy, with the vision of redesigning the energy map of islands and beyond. The scope of tax incentivization ranges from subsidization of large-scale strategic investments to financial aid for energy upgrades on residential properties.

The country is present and responds positively to global future challenges. The new framework of tax legislation attempts a balance. On one end the legislator provides targeted tax reliefs that could serve the reorganization of the existing business model and the reconstruction of the country. On the other end, the legislator attempts the limitation of tax evasion which damages the rule of law and social justice. This complex national effort cannot be served efficiently without extroversion towards foreign investments. This is why Capital Link appears important, as it has provided us with the opportunity to discuss available tax and other incentives, which, as tools, can attract investments.»

**Mr. Costas Vamvakas**, stated: «Since Greece is already attracting record high FDIs, the main challenge is to leverage the available incentive schemes to finance these investment projects.

VK PREMIUM’s core business is to provide expert know-how for securing project funding through the Strategic Incentives Programs, State Funds, Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), EU Structural Funds and EU Programs. Its scope is to

support its clients to get the most out of the available aid schemes (cash grants, tax exemptions, wage costs subsidies, etc.).

It is worth mentioning that the Greek Strategic & Emblematic Investments framework has facilitated and supported several investments in energy, tourism and manufacturing that have strategic weight for the national economy. VK PREMIUM is the only firm in Greece that crucially contributed to the successful approval and award of the highest cash grants to its clients' investment projects."

Mr. Vamvakas presented some actual investment incentives case studies financed by the Strategic & Emblematic Investments framework, commenting that "VK PREMIUM successfully supported the approval of a €25 mil. cash grant for an investment of €99.8 mil., for Intertrade S.A., a Greek paper industry.

Under the same framework, VK PREMIUM has also successfully supported the approval of a €32 mil. cash grant for an investment of €83 mil. from the biotechnology JV of Orgenesis Inc. (NASDAQ: ORGS) & Theracell Advanced Therapies. The 25th Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum was an excellent opportunity to present to US investors how these significant investment incentives can support their business plans in Greece. »



## PANEL DISCUSSION: DEBT CAPITAL MARKETS – POST INVESTMENT UPGRADE PROSPECTS Greek Sovereign & Corporate Debt

**Moderator: Mr. Dimitrios Christopoulos, Managing Partner - D.C. CHRISTOPOULOS & PARTNERS LAW FIRM Firm**

### Panelists:

- **Ms. Anne van Riel, Head of Sustainable Finance Capital Markets Americas - BNP Paribas**
- **Mr. Apostolos Gkoutzinis, Partner - Milbank**
- **Mr. Vassilis Kotsiras, Head of Capital Markets & Structured Finance Division – National Bank of Greece**
- **Mr. Morven Jones, Managing Director; Head of EMEA Debt Capital Markets – Nomura**
- **Mr. Dimitrios Tsakonas, Director General – Public Debt Management Agency**
- **Ms. Cleo Lymberis, Group Treasurer – Public Power Corporation**

**Mr. Dimitrios Christopoulos**, stated: «The public debt in Greece rises its beginning since the establishment of the Greek State after the Greek Revolution. It was in 9th February 1824, when Greece received the first loan of total amount of 800,000 pounds from Loughiman, O’Brion and ElliceCo Finance Institutions in United Kingdom. During the years, the European allies have often offered their resources for the restructure of the Greek economy. The idea and the mentality of public lending and public debt lies, therefore, in the basis of our later history. Soon enough, the mentality was spread between private transactions as well, following the tendencies and customs of other economies until the huge bubble of extroverted lending, threatened the sustainability of the state itself.

Greece is not alone on this matter. According to IMF, the world’s public debt fell from 100 percent of GDP in 2020 to 92 percent of GDP in 2022, supported by strong real GDP growth, inflation surprises, and the withdrawal of fiscal support measures related to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, global public debt is projected to rise again beginning in 2023, according to the IMF Global Debt Database and April 2023 World Economic Outlook database.

Therefore, the question that arises is how would any economy thrive and wealth may be produced, if the state itself has open billings to pay? We are gathered here among exceptional speakers, experts on the global market to enlighten us with their knowledge and perspective. »

**Ms. Anne van Riel** stated: “Greece’s rating uplifts are increasingly opening up investment pockets of international investors, including ESG. In Europe, more than 50% of total Assets under Management are now placed in Sustainable portfolios. While we await the Sovereign entry into the Green Bond market, the positive credit story of the Sovereign can help redirect ESG investments into Greek corporates and banks who issue Use of Proceeds labelled bonds”

**Mr. Vassilis Kotsiras**, stated: «It is currently an exciting time for Greece, particularly for its banking sector which after facing numerous challenges and stresses, has entered a new era. Greece has been in and out of the European economic circle on multiple occasions – a few times for the better, for example during the 2007-2008 global financial crisis, and most times for the worst, such as in 2015 when the Eurozone announced QE and Greece was imposing capital controls. I believe this is one of those few times: we are better positioned than many of our European peers. The Greek banks have successfully cleaned up their balance sheets, with NPE ratios now near the EU averages. The floating rate nature of our asset side benefits from the higher-for-longer rates era – while our reliance on funding through mostly sticky retail deposits is supportive of our net interest margins.

The capital markets for Greek banks are finally different – the clear improvement and positive trends echo through, leading to a significant boost in investor demand. The final MREL targets, which seemed like a herculean task, are now a realistic goal, faster than anyone expected. Recent transactions by NBG, Eurobank and Piraeus have all been oversubscribed multiple times, with a meaningful improvement in investor quality.

However, until the investment grade rating for Greek banks is achieved, we must be cautious and prudent in our issuance activity, ensuring that we efficiently expand our investor base, as we transition to higher ratings and become frequent issuers. »

**Mr. Morven Jones**, stated: «2023 has been a defining year for Greece in the global debt markets. And all the more so given the challenging backdrop of inflation, interest rate uncertainty and heightened geo-political risk. Greek issuers continued to tap the market with ease. The sovereign maintained its regular presence and bank issuers achieved a string of successful transactions across the capital spectrum including AT1.

The event highlight of the year is the Hellenic Republic returning to a hard-earned and well-deserved Investment Grade rating with S&P and most recently Fitch assigning BBB- ratings – a real success story. The debt markets anticipated this well in advance driving further strong performance through the year in Greek sovereign spreads relative to its European peers. Greece 10-year bond yields declined over 100bps year to date, outperforming Germany by 94bps and Italy by 68bps at the time of writing. Greek bank and corporate credit spreads have also seen a strong performance with the Greece € index tightening 64bps YTD.

Looking ahead, the investment grade rating will further broaden the global investor base for Greece. The challenge for the PDMA will be how to maintain liquidity in Greek Government bonds rather than issuance given its modest funding needs. For the banks, we expect that the relatively strong growth outlook and withdrawal of ECB monetary support for the Eurozone in general will drive increased funding activity. In the corporate sector, Greek companies have not been active in the international markets since 2021 preferring the cheaper domestic market. We do expect issue activity to pick up given refinancing needs and increased investment. Finally, Greece has expanded its ESG financing credentials with themed issuance from some corporates and banks. Expectations are for a Greek sovereign Green bond subject to sufficient Green investment and funding need to support a transaction of sufficient size.»

**Mr. Dimitrios Tsakonas**, stated: «In 2023, Greece (Hellenic Republic – HR) given the completion and the rebuilding of the Greek Government Bonds (GGBs) yield curve, introduced a regular monthly GGB auctions’ calendar, providing additional supply to various maturity points of the curve, improving the GGBs’ secondary market liquidity and efficiency, in compliance with feedback sent by the majority of banks which constitutes the GGBs Primary Dealers Group.



Moreover, Greece proceeded with a Liability Management Exercise (LME) in a context of a bond swap that took place in July 2023, simultaneously with a new 15-year Syndicated GGB issuance, achieving the extension of the Weighted Average Maturity of the debt portfolio, reducing at the same time its roll-over risk.

This transaction combined with the decision taken for the additional early prepayment of an amount circa 5.3 billion euros related to the 2024 & 2025 years amortizations of the so-called GLFA, led to a 3 billion euros annual Gross Financing Needs reduction, respectively.

The continuous implementation of structural reforms, the fiscal targets' delivering, the integrated and proactive cash management and portfolio management as well the consistency of the funding strategy, have provided confidence to investors community which was clearly depicted as a GGB spreads tightening vs Eurozone peers.

The outcome of the above-mentioned achievements was the HR's regaining of the investment grade status which eliminated the liquidity exposure of the HR and of the Greek economy in general and put GGBs once again to the universe of investable assets, after almost 13 years.

Next year's funding and portfolio management strategies will be similar to 2023 ones, aiming to preserve secondary market's liquidity and to introduce new GGB benchmarks. In this context and given the limited gross financing needs, PDMA will proceed in creating space for funding activity optimizing at the same time the use of cash reserves in excess.»

## 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.

**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.**

**The Forum concluded with an Official Dinner** during which 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: his significant involvement and positive impact on Greece and the Greek economy with his active investment participation. **Nicolas Bornozis, President of Capital Link, read the Greek Minister of Economy & Finance, H.E. Kostis Hatzidakis’ Keynote Address** since the Minister had to urgently return to Greece. **The Ambassador of Greece to the USA, H.E. Ekaterini Nassika, and Mr. Joshua Huck**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Southern Europe and the Caucasus - **U.S. Department of State**, delivered **Keynote Remarks.** Ms **Nicole Petallides**, Host - **Schwab Network** ; Former Anchor - **FOX Business Network**, was the **Master of Ceremonies.**

On **Tuesday, December, 12, 2023**, within the context of the **“25<sup>th</sup> 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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