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26th Annual Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum Series

"Greece - Speeding Ahead Post Investment Upgrade"

Monday, December 9, 2024 – New York

**Featuring top US and International Investors, Global & Greek Companies,
Global Investment Banks & Institutions, high-ranking Government Officials from Greece and the US**

Friday, November 8, 2024

In a highly positive timing for Greece, Capital Link is organizing in New York the Annual International Summit about the Greek Economy & Investment Opportunities, featuring top US and International Investors, Global & Greek Companies, Global Investment Banks & Institutions, high-ranking Government Officials from Greece and the US (4 Greek Ministers, 1 US Minister) and 23 listed companies, in co-operation with the New York Stock Exchange, the Athens Exchange Group (ATHEX Group), and major Global Investment Banks. «**Goldman Sachs**», «**Morgan Stanley**», and «**TEN Ltd (Tsakos Energy Navigation)**» are the **Lead Sponsors**.

For yet another year, the Forum is organized under the Auspices of the Consulate General of Greece in New York.

The Forum stands as the longest-running and most high-profile Investment Summit focused on Greece held abroad. Entitled "**Greece - Speeding Ahead Post Investment Upgrade**" the «**Annual Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum**» will take place on **Monday, December 9, 2024, at the Metropolitan Club, in New York.**

This International Summit about Greece held in New York, has been taking place year after year, regardless of the political and economic conditions in Greece. With a 26-year track record of success, it has been engaged in a systematic effort to highlight Greece's profile to a global business and investment audience.

This year's forum is particularly significant as Greece is now experiencing a remarkable upturn in economic growth and inflow of foreign investments. The regaining of the Investment Grade Rating is a milestone for the Greek economy, attracting long-term capital and creating favorable liquidity conditions. This rating status unlocks opportunities for a significant influx of foreign capital, facilitated by the significant efforts in digitalization and tax incentives. The country offers diverse sectors ripe for investment, including infrastructure, hospitality, real estate, agriculture, innovation, energy, and logistics. Greece's geographical position at the crossroads of three continents provides easy access to emerging and mature markets, making it an ideal hub for attracting young talent and fostering innovation – who were previously unable to invest in Greece, despite the recognition of its positive prospects.

The Conference will provide a comprehensive overview of the country's economic and investment landscape, highlighting its strategic position, business-friendly policies and areas open for investment.

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The Prime Minister of Greece, H.E. Kyriakos Mitsotakis, will open the Forum and deliver the Greek Government's message to international investors, (via webcast).

Keynote Remarks by Greek Ministers: Minister of Infrastructure & Transport, H.E. Christos Staikouras, Minister of Labor & Social Security, H.E. Niki Kerameus, Alternate Minister of Economy & Finance, H.E. Nikolaos Papathanasis, Deputy Minister of Environment & Energy, H.E. Alexandra Sdoukou, TBC.

Greek Government Officials: Mr. Orestis Kavalakis, Governor of Recovery and Resilience Facility Coordination Agency - Ministry of Economy and Finance, Mr. Dimitrios Tsakonias, Director General - Public Debt Management Agency, Mr. George Pitsilis, Governor – Independent Authority for Public Revenue, Mr. Vassilis Kontozamanis, Former Alternate Minister of Health, and Ms. Maria (Maira) Myrogianni, Secretary General for Greeks Abroad and Public Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, TBC.

US Government Representative • Mr. Geoffrey R. Pyatt, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Energy Resources - U.S. Department of State.

European Investment Bank will be represented by **Mr. Ioannis Tsakiris, Vice President.**

The Athens Exchange Group will be represented by **Mr. Yianos Kontopoulos, CEO - Athens Exchange Group, and Enterprise Greece** by **Dr. Marinos Giannopoulos, CEO.**

The Forum is featuring 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 of Investments (HDBI ex TANEQ), and from ❖ the most important Global Investment Banks • Barclays • BNP Paribas • Goldman Sachs International • Morgan Stanley • Nomura • AXIA Ventures Group.**

Participating speakers in investor panel, representatives from: AXIA Ventures Group - Brook Lane Capital - CVC Capital Partners • Grifon Capital Advisors/FORTRESS • Oaktree.

❖ **23 Listed Companies:** • Aegean Airlines S.A., TBC • Alpha Bank • Athens Exchange Group • Athens International Airport (AIA) • Athens Water Supply & Sewage Company SA (EYDAP) • Attica Bank • Attica Group • AVAX Group • Dimand S.A. • ELLAKTOR S.A. • Eurobank • GEK Terna Group of Companies • HELLENiQ ENERGY Holdings • IDEAL Holdings • AKTOR Group of Companies • LAMDA Development • Metlen Energy & Metals • National Bank of Greece • OPAP • OTE Group of Companies • Piraeus Bank • PPC • TEN Ltd. (NYSE:TEN) • Trastor REIC.

During the Official Luncheon the Greek Minister of Infrastructure & Transport, Mr. Christos Staikouras, and Mr. Christos Megalou, Chief Executive Officer, Piraeus Group, will deliver Keynote Remarks. Mr. Chris Taylor, Global Head of Listings – NYSE, Mr. Yianos Kontopoulos, CEO - Athens Exchange Group, and Dr. Nikolas P. Tsakos, Founder, Chairman & CEO - TEN Ltd. (NYSE: TEN); Chairman, INTERTANKO 2014-2018, will deliver Welcome Remarks.

The Forum concludes with an Official Dinner during which the "**2024 Capital Link Hellenic Leadership Award**" will be presented to **Dr. Yannis Stournaras, Governor of Bank of Greece, for his invaluable contributions to the European and Greek economies, and for his instrumental role in keeping Greece as part of the Euro and to Greece's return to economic growth and prosperity. Dr. Yannis Stournaras will deliver Keynote Remarks.**

The Dinner will open with a brief Welcoming Speech by **The Ambassador of Greece to the USA, H.E. Ekaterini Nassika.**

Dr. Yannis Stournaras will be introduced by **Mr. John Paulson, President & Portfolio Manager - Paulson & Co.**

Agenda topics:

- Greece - Speeding Ahead Post-Investment Upgrade
- GREEK ECONOMY: Prospects & Outlook Post Investment Upgrade

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- Accelerating The Investment Momentum
- Internationalizing The Greek Capital Markets
- The Investment Landscape in Greece – Opportunities & Financing Tools
- Infrastructure: Investing In the Future
- The New Energy Landscape in Greece
- Ellinikon: Realizing the Largest Urban Regeneration Project
- A New Force in The Greek Financial System
- Greek Banking Sector - Growth & Development Outlook
- Greece’s Hospitality Industry: Trends & Future Prospects
- Why Greece - The International Investor Perspective

Breakout sessions:

- *REAL ESTATE: Prospects for Growth & Investments*
- *Investment Opportunities in the Athens Stock Exchange*
- *Greece As a Hub for World Class Projects*
- *Debt Capital Markets*
- *Why Greece – The Domestic Institutional Investor Viewpoint*
- *Investing In Greece- Tax Reforms & Incentives*

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/2024/signup-1x1.html>

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Founded in 1995, Capital Link is a New York based investor relations, financial communications, and advisory firm with a strategic focus on the maritime, commodities and energy sectors, MLPs, as well as Closed-End Funds and ETFs. Based in New York City, Capital Link has presence in London, Athens & Oslo. The company is a member of the Baltic Exchange and works very closely with the New York Stock Exchange, NASDAQ and the London Stock Exchange as well as with major international and supranational organizations and industry associations in the areas of the firm's strategic concentration.

Capital Link offers a full suite of services including strategic and corporate advisory, investor relations, media relations, public and industry relations and the organization of corporate events. Capital Link's proactive approach integrates Investor Relations, Information Technology and Media, enhancing awareness and branding for our clients through tailored outreach programs targeting analysts, institutional and individual investors and the financial media complemented by extensive and uniquely powerful marketing platforms.

Capital Link is also known for the organization of 18 top-level investment and industry forums, Webinars and Podcasts, the majority of which focus on maritime transportation and U.S. investment products, in 10 countries in Europe, the United States and Asia, in key industry centers, such as New York, London, Oslo, Hamburg, Athens, Limassol, Shanghai, Singapore, Tokyo and Hong Kong, featuring industry leaders focusing on investment strategies, sectors, critical topics of interest to the investment community that draw the elite of the global financial, investment and business communities. Capital Link holds about 18 forums annually focusing on the areas of its strategic concentration.

The Capital Link brand is widely recognized and valued worldwide by participants in these communities for combining rich informational and educational content with as well as superior networking opportunities with a global marketing platform that enhances the visibility and reach of these events on a global scale that lasts well beyond the date on which each event is held, becoming a continuous reference point for market participants.

Capital Link's efforts have been recognized in 2023 by HABA – Hellenic American Association for Professionals in Finance, in 2018 by the Finance Monthly CEO Awards, in 2016 by the Wealth & Finance Magazine - by the International Propeller Club of the United States and by AHI-American Hellenic Institute, in 2013 and 2012 by the InterContinental Finance Magazine, and also in 2011 by the Lloyds's List Greek Shipping Awards.