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The 2015 Capital Link Greek Shipping Leadership Award

Presented to: Mr. Lambros Varnavides

Presented by: Mr. Efthimios E. Mitropoulos
IMO Secretary-General Emeritus
Chairman, "Maria Tsakos" Foundation

Lambros Varnavides (LV) was born in London and educated in economics and mathematics at University College London and the London School of Economics. He joined Williams & Glyn's Bank (owned by Royal Bank of Scotland) as the Bank's Shipping Analyst in August 1974 and his whole career has been spent with the RBS Group.

LV gradually gained seniority within the RBS Shipping Division and was appointed to the Bank's Executive team in 1993. By 1998 he had assumed the position of Managing Director and Global Head of Shipping. In the ten years that followed the RBS shipping portfolio expanded tenfold to reach US\$25 billion by 2008, with an especially strong position in the Greek shipping market where RBS has remained market leader to this day. During his career LV lent approximately US\$100 billion to the international shipping community and he was the longest serving Head of Shipping of any major shipping bank.

In addition to his day job, LV has been active in various other organisations, namely the Lloyd's Register Foundation (LRF), the Baltic Exchange and the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights (WCS). LRF is now the largest charity in the UK and owns the Lloyd's Register Group. LV chairs the Grants Committee of LRF which supports science and engineering research at over 40 universities around the world including several in the USA. All of the research sponsored by LRF is for the public good and is made freely available. LRF is also involved in several Greek charities including Helmepea, The Maria Tsakos Trust and a scholarship scheme with the Union of Greek shipowners.

LV is also Vice Chairman of the Baltic Exchange in London which represents the interests of the world's shipping community in London and also provides the indices on which many shipping charters (physical and future) are based. Last but not least LV is a Court Assistant of WCS in London. This is known as a livery company which was one of the ancient trades allowed to practice in the City of London. It is now essentially a charity with Prince Charles as its Permanent Master.

LV retired from RBS on 1st July 2014 after 40 years' service. He has recently written a book on Maritime Economics with Professor Elias Karakitsos of Cambridge University which was published by Macmillan Press also in July 2014. LV will continue with his charity work with LRF and WCS, as well as his industry work with the Baltic Exchange, but he has declined numerous offers to join commercial organisations post retirement.

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2014 Honoree: Pericles Panagopoulos, *Honorary President of the Association of Greek Passenger Shipping Companies*
February 24, 2014



2013 Honoree: Captain Panagiotis N. Tsakos, *President of Tsakos Shipping and Trading S.A.*
February 27, 2013

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Greek shipping remains important to the maritime economy, constituting approximately 20 percent of the world's shipping fleet. In spite of the volatile markets and economic downturn, Greek shipping professionals have consistently adapted to changing conditions, seeking out growth and opportunity and taking advantage of market volatility.

Today, the real challenge is not whether opportunities will surface – they are there, despite the fact that asset values have appreciated compared to their recent lows. The overall sentiment is that we are at the beginning of a new cycle and many owners feel this is the time to re-invest. So, the real challenge is who can take advantage of these opportunities given the new landscape in the world of finance and capital markets. Strong liquidity and access to financing are critical success factors in this pursuit, especially as traditional sources of financing have become less available.

With an average of 1,000 attendees each year, this Forum will review the latest developments in the global economy and world trade, the commodity and energy markets. It will discuss the various funding alternatives for raising capital among listed and private shipping companies with topics such as bank finance, restructuring, capital markets, private equity and alternative funding strategies. It will also explore the role of private equity and joint venture in shipping today including entry and exit strategies and will discuss investor attitudes in shipping today.

Capital Link's Shipping Forums are well-known for their high quality and effectiveness. They are unique marketing and networking events attended by a large and high caliber audience of shipping industry executives, such as owners, commercial and investment bankers, media, and a wide range of other industry participants.

Capital Link has made a major commitment to serve as an effective link between shipping, financiers and investors around the world. In this context, beyond the tailor made investor relations and financial communications strategies we formulate and execute for each of our clients, we have undertaken several initiatives aimed to enhance the information flow and raise the profile of shipping to the wider investment community.

We believe that with our shipping website, webinars, newsletters and conferences in Athens, London and New York, we have established a platform that links investors, financiers and shipping companies and enables them to interact effectively.

During the luncheon, the "2015 Capital Link Greek Shipping Leadership Award" will be presented to Mr. Lambros Varnavides, Vice Chairman of the Baltic Exchange, Trustee of the Lloyds Register Foundation, Managing Director and Global Head of Shipping RBS 1998 to 2014, in recognition of his unique and extensive contribution to Shipping and Greece and for his overall outstanding service to the shipping industry. Mr. Efthimios E. Mitropoulos, IMO Secretary General Emeritus and Chairman of the "Maria Tsakos" Foundation will introduce and present the Award to Mr. Lambros Varnavides.

We would like to thank the sponsors and media partners of our event for their support and contribution in making this event such a unique success. We are gratified to see that the majority of our sponsors are with us year after year and support all of our Shipping Forums, indicating the wide acceptance of the Capital Link Shipping Forums in the financial, investment and shipping communities.

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2nd Annual Capital Link Master Limited Partnership Investing Forum

Thursday, March 5, 2015
The Metropolitan Club, One East 60th St., NYC



This investor-focused event will examine the latest trends, developments and challenges associated with master limited partnerships (MLPs). It also presents a networking platform for financial advisors, financial planners, institutional investors, fund and asset managers, analysts, other wealth management professionals, and major financial media.



9th Annual Capital Link International Shipping & Marine Services Forum

Monday, March 23, 2015
The Metropolitan Club, One East 60th St., New York City

The ninth installment of the Invest in International Shipping Forums, this investor-focused event allows a platform for high-level executives and shipping companies to share and examine the shipping markets in light of annual results. Institutional investors and analysts, financial advisors, bankers, financial media, and other qualified investors will be in attendance.



14th Annual Capital Link Closed-End Funds and Global ETFs Forum

Thursday, April 23, 2015
The Metropolitan Club, One East 60th St., New York City

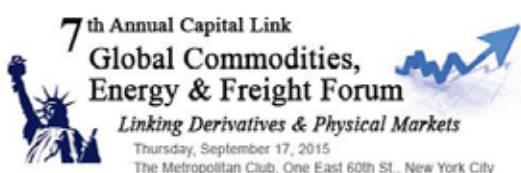
This annual event, playing host to 1,000 attendees every year, will not only address the benefits and challenges associated with using closed-end funds (CEFs) and ETFs, but will also present a networking platform for financial advisors, financial planners, institutional investors, fund and asset managers, analysts, other wealth management professionals, and major financial media.



5th Annual Capital Link CSR in Greece Forum

Thursday, June 25, 2015
Hilton Hotel - Athens, Greece

Capital Link continues to support sustainable development in Greece by promoting and presenting both the initiatives from the business side and the activities and needs of NGOs. This forum will discuss the development and maintenance of CSR strategy and necessity, which will help companies balance the achievement of profitability with sustainable growth.



7th Annual Capital Link Global Commodities, Energy & Freight Forum

Linking Derivatives & Physical Markets

Thursday, September 17, 2015
The Metropolitan Club, One East 60th St., New York City

As the global derivatives market undergoes further economic and regulatory changes, the ability to effectively manage risks is becoming paramount, and the need for global collaboration is heightening. This program will feature a distinguished list of speakers who will provide an insightful global perspective on commodities, energy, and freight derivatives.



8th Annual Capital Link Shipping, Marine Services & Offshore Forum

Wednesday, October 7, 2015
One Moorgate Place, London, UK

In cooperation with the LSE, this event provides investors with a comprehensive review of various shipping markets to investment communities in the UK and throughout Europe. Shipowners, shipping executives, institutional investors, research analysts, industry experts, commercial and investment bankers, risk advisors, private equity and venture capital firms, high-net worth investors, and financial media attend this London forum every year.



2nd Annual Capital Link Dissect ETFs Forum

Tuesday, October 20, 2015
The Metropolitan Club, One East 60th St., New York City

Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) have seen an explosive growth in the industry since the emergence of the first ETF in 1990. The growing popularity of this investment vehicle has dramatically change the investment landscape among both institutional investors and financial industry professionals who provide wealth management services to clients. This Forum is an extension of our 14 year track record success of our Annual Closed-End Funds and Global ETFs.



5th Annual Capital Link Shipping & Offshore CSR Forum

Tuesday, November 3, 2015
One Moorgate Place, London, UK

With greater industry sophistication, awareness, and expectations, corporate social responsibility (CSR) is an increasingly important issue that shipping and offshore companies cannot afford to ignore. This forum will explore how companies can keep a competitive advantage gaining market share, attracting top talent, and preserving employee retention by adopting CSR policies.



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| 8:15 AM - 8:55 AM | REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST | |
| MORNING SESSIONS | | |
| 8:55 AM - 9:00 AM | Welcome Remarks | Mr. Nicolas Bornozis, <i>President - Capital Link, Inc.</i> |
| 9:00 AM - 9:20 AM | The Global Economy & World Trade | Mr. Nick Kounis, <i>Head Macro & Financial Markets Research - ABN AMRO Bank N.V.</i> |
| 9:20 AM - 9:35 AM | KEYNOTE OPENING ADDRESS | Mr. Clay Maitland, Founding Chairman - NAMEPA ; Managing Partner - International Registries |
| 9:40 AM – 10:15 AM | MLPs as Growth Business & Capital Raising Vehicle | Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mrs. Sofia Kalomenides, <i>Partner, Capital Markets (Central & Southeast Europe) - EY</i> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Herman Hildan – Clarksons Platou SecuritiesMr. Steven Hollander, <i>Partner in the Corporate Group - Watson Farley & Williams</i>Mr. Eric Schless, <i>Managing Director - Wells Fargo Securities LLC</i> |
| 10:15 AM – 10:25 AM | Shipping & The Capital Markets A Review of the IPO Activity | Ms. Isabella Schidrich, <i>Managing Director, NASDAQ OMX</i> |
| 10:25 AM – 11:05 AM | Shipping & The Equity Capital Markets <i>(IPOs & Follow-On offerings; Straight Equity, Preferred Issues)</i> | Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Lawrence Rutkowski, <i>Partner - Seward & Kissel LLP</i> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms. Christa Volpicelli, <i>Managing Director - Citi</i>Mr. Wiley Griffiths, <i>Managing Director, Global Transportation - Morgan Stanley</i>Mr. Erik Helberg, <i>Chief Executive Officer – Clarksons Platou Securities</i>Mr. Eric Schless, <i>Managing Director - Wells Fargo Securities LLC</i> |
| 11:10 AM – 11:50 AM | Shipping & The Non-Bank Debt Markets <i>(Non-Traditional Leverage Alternatives- High Yield Bonds, Baby Bonds, Convertibles, Sale & Leasebacks)</i> | Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Steven Hollander, <i>Partner in the Corporate Group - Watson Farley & Williams</i> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Nicholas Stillman – Clarksons Platou SecuritiesMr. Joseph Maly Jr., <i>Managing Director – Seaport Global Securities LLC</i>Mr. Harold Malone, <i>Senior Vice President, Maritime Group - Jefferies LLC</i>Mr. Chris Weyers, <i>Managing Director, Head of Maritime Investment Banking - Stifel</i> |

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| 11:55 AM – 12:15 PM | Reverse Mergers; Alternative Public Offerings | Mr. Barry Grossman, <i>Partner</i> - Ellenoff Grossman & Schole LLP |
| 12:20 PM – 12:40 PM | Restructuring as a Business & Investment Opportunity – Market Review | Mr. Robert G. Burns, <i>Co-Chair of Investment & Restructuring Practice</i> - Bracewell & Giuliani |
| 12:40 PM – 1:00 PM | Ship Recycling to Ship Owning & Finance | Mr. Evan Sproviero, <i>Trader/Head of Projects</i> – GMS |
| LUNCHEON & KEYNOTE ADDRESS | | |
| 1:15 PM - 2:45 PM | <p>CAPITAL LINK GREEK SHIPPING LEADERSHIP AWARD</p> <p><i>Honoring</i></p> <p>Mr. Lambros Varnavides</p> <p>Vice Chairman of the Baltic Exchange</p> <p>Trustee of the Lloyds Register Foundation</p> <p>Managing Director and Global Head of Shipping RBS 1998 to 2014</p> <p>Introductory Remarks by</p> <p>Mr. Efthimios E. Mitropoulos</p> <p>IMO Secretary-General Emeritus</p> <p>Chairman, "Maria Tsakos" Foundation</p> | |
| AFTERNOON SESSIONS | | |
| 3:00 PM - 3:35 PM | <p>Private Equity and Joint Ventures:</p> <p><i>(The Role of Private Equity in Shipping Today; Mapping the Right Entry & Exit Strategies)</i></p> | <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Dimitri Sofianopoulos, <i>Partner and Head of Greece</i> - Norton Rose Fulbright <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Alexis Atteslis, <i>Managing Director</i> - Oak Hill Advisors, LLP Mr. Sean Durkin, <i>President</i> – Northern Fund Management America, LLC Mr. Paulo Almeida, <i>Portfolio Manager</i> - Tufton Oceanic Ltd. Mr. Hamish Norton, <i>President</i> – Star Bulk Carriers Corp. Mr. Peter Kanelos, <i>CFO</i>, Eletson Holdings, Inc. |
| 3:40 PM - 4:15 PM | Acquisition of Non-Performing Shipping Loans | <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Robert Wilkins, <i>Partner</i> - Reed Smith <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Costas Karagiannis, <i>Operating Partner</i> - Apollo Management International Mr. Michail Zekyrgias, <i>Managing Director Global Credit & Special Situations Group</i> - Bank of America Merrill Lynch Mr. Andreas Povlsen, <i>President</i> - Breakwater Capital Mr. Glenn Peters, <i>Partner, Transaction Advisory Services</i>, EY |

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| 4:20 PM – 5:00 PM | Bank Finance & Shipping | <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jasel Chauhan, <i>Partner - Holman Fenwick Willan International LLP</i> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Joep Gorgels, <i>Country Executive Norway/Head Energy & Transportation Scandinavia - ABN AMRO Bank NV</i> • Mr. Michael Parker, <i>Global Industry Head for Shipping – Citi</i> • Mr. Svein Engh, <i>Managing Director & Group Head of Maritime Finance, CIT</i> • Mr. Evan Cohen, <i>Managing Director, Strategic Management and Restructuring Team (SMRT) - DVB Bank</i> |
| 5:00 PM - 5:40 PM | Analyst Panel | <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. John Gaffney, <i>Partner - Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP</i> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Glenn Loden, <i>Shipping Equity Research - ABN AMRO</i> • Mr. Charles Rupinski, <i>Director & Senior Shipping Analyst – Seaport Global Securities LLC</i> • Mr. Herman Hildan – <i>Clarksons Platou Securities</i> • Mr. Ben Nolan, <i>Director - Maritime Research, Stifel</i> • Ms. Henriette Brent Petersen, <i>Head of Shipping & Offshore Research – DVB Bank SE</i> |
| 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM | COCKTAIL RECEPTION | |



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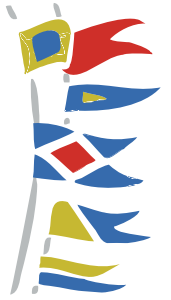
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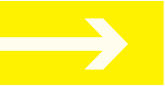


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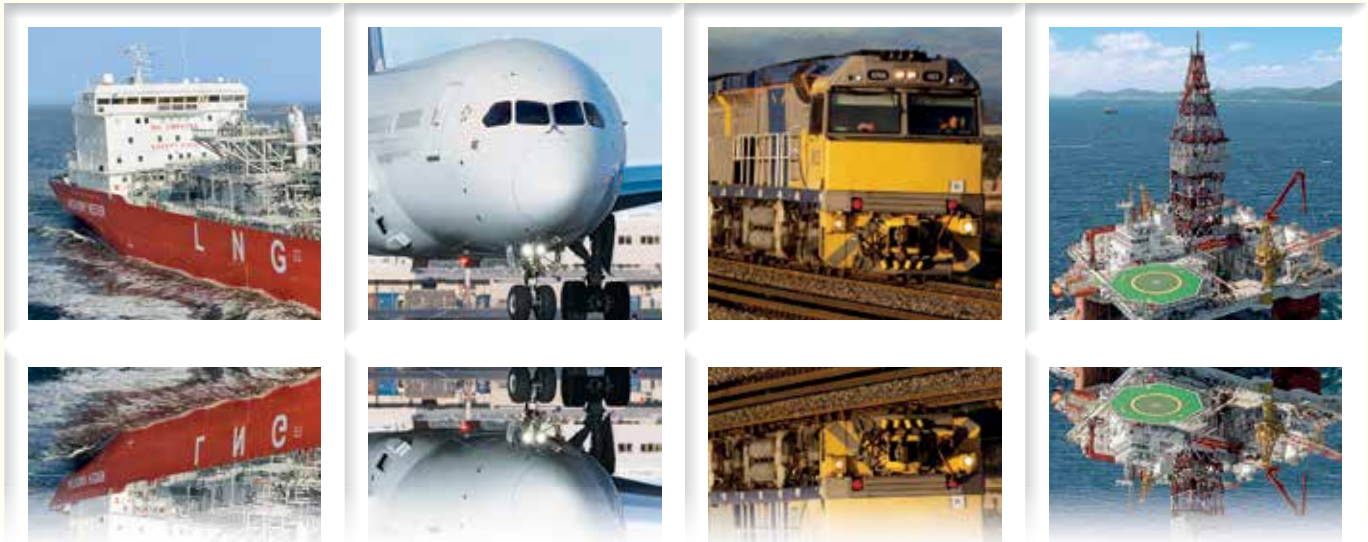
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Additionally, Citi Greece Corporate business has a series of sophisticated innovations to present, such as Sovereign Financing and Hedging Solutions, High Yield bonds, Securitizations, Derivatives, Domestic and International Syndications, Leveraged Buyout Structures, Corporate Lease and Export Agency Finance.

Citi's Community Outreach in Greece is significant, developing under the pillars of Financial Education, Volunteerism, Environment and Philanthropy.



Clarksons Plc successfully completed the acquisition of RS Platou ASA on February 2nd 2015.

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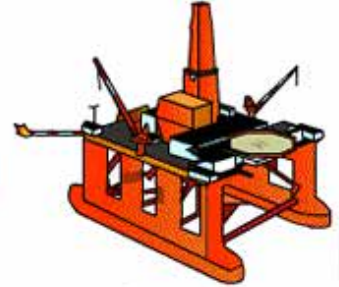
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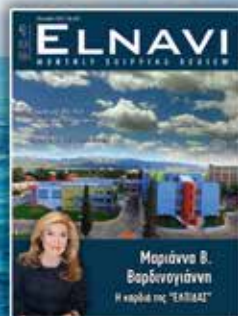
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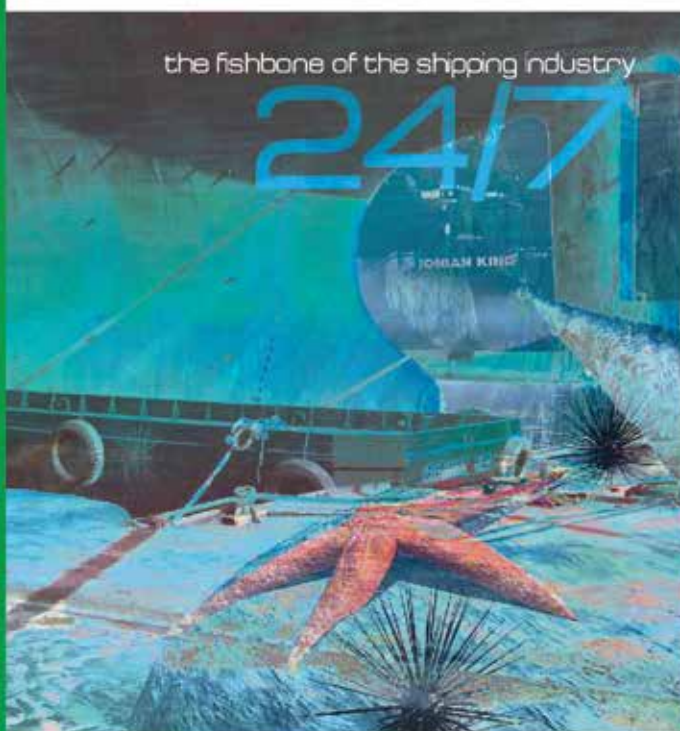
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Lambros Varnavides
Vice Chairman of the Baltic Exchange
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Lambros Varnavides (LV) was born in London and educated in economics and mathematics at University College London and the London School of Economics. He joined Williams & Glyn's Bank (owned by Royal Bank of Scotland) as the Bank's Shipping Analyst in August 1974 and his whole career has been spent with the RBS Group.

LV gradually gained seniority within the RBS Shipping Division and was appointed to the Bank's Executive team in 1993. By 1998 he had assumed the position of Managing Director and Global Head of Shipping. In the ten years that followed the RBS shipping portfolio expanded tenfold to reach US\$25 billion by 2008, with an especially strong position in the Greek shipping market where RBS has remained market leader to this day. During his career LV lent approximately US\$100 billion to the international shipping community and he was the longest serving Head of Shipping of any major shipping bank.

In addition to his day job, LV has been active in various other organizations, namely the Lloyd's Register Foundation (LRF), the Baltic Exchange and the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights (WCS). LRF is now the largest charity in the UK and owns the Lloyd's Register Group. LV chairs the Grants Committee of LRF which supports science and engineering research at over 40 universities around the world including several in the USA. All of the research sponsored by LRF is for the public good and is made freely available. LRF is also involved in several Greek charities including Helmepea, The Maria Tsakos Trust and a scholarship scheme with the Union of Greek shipowners.

LV is also Vice Chairman of the Baltic Exchange in London which represents the interests of the world's shipping community in London and also provides the indices on which many shipping charters (physical and future) are based. Last but not least LV is a Court Assistant of WCS in London. This is known as a livery company which was one of the ancient trades allowed to practice in the City of London. It is now essentially a charity with Prince Charles as its Permanent Master.

LV retired from RBS on 1st July 2014 after 40 years' service. He has recently written a book on Maritime Economics with Professor Elias Karakitsos of Cambridge University which was published by Macmillan Press also in July 2014. LV will continue with his charity work with LRF and WCS, as well as his industry work with the Baltic Exchange, but he has declined numerous offers to join commercial organizations post retirement.

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Paulo is Portfolio Manager for Tufton's private equity activities in funds and separate accounts which total over \$1bn EUM. He is also responsible for managing Tufton's relationships with many investors and co-investors. He joined Tufton in early 2009 after nine years in investment banking and fund management at UBS and Macquarie. At Tufton, he was among the winners of the Marine Money 2013 M&A deal of the year for the transactions that created Hafnia Tankers. Shipping transactions he led at UBS received three IPO of the year awards from Marine Money and Jane's Transport Finance for 2005.

Before business school, he spent four years in the shipping industry with the Skaarup Group. Paulo received his MSc in Finance from London Business School in 2000 and a BSc in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from Webb Institute in 1995. While at Webb, he had work experience as an apprentice shipfitter at Electric Boat, as an engine and deck cadet with Exxon Shipping and in structural engineering at Electric Boat and the Skaarup Group.



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He also established and managed, Alexander Capital, L.P, a US broker-dealer firm, which developed brokerage and investment banking business in North America with the Greek, Egyptian and Russian markets. Sold the company at the end of 2003 to a group of US investors representing Russian interests. Between 1998 and 2002, he also established and managed Alexander Asset Management, Inc. which handled portfolios invested in the Greek and European equity markets.

Prior to Capital Link (1988-1995), he served as President and CEO of CCF International Finance Corp. (CCF IFC), the US broker/dealer subsidiary of Credit Commercial de France, now part of HSBC, and worked at the International Department of Bankers Trust Company in New York (1982-1984) and then at the Commercial Banking operation of CCF in New York (1985-1987) focusing on the financing of Wall Street firms and shipping.

He holds an MBA from Harvard Business School (1982) and a Law Degree from the University of Athens (1979), in Greece with specialization in commercial and corporate law and is a graduate of Athens College in Greece.

For a period of twelve years he was a Visiting Lecturer on International Banking and Finance at the City University Business School (Department for Shipping Trade and Finance) in London, United Kingdom. Also, he served as Chairman of the Investment Management Committee of the Harvard Business School Club in New York.



Henriette Brent-Petersen
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Before joining DVB Bank, Henriette Brent-Petersen was heading the Maersk Broker Research Department for almost a decade. Maersk Broker Research provide shipping research on all segments of the maritime shipping industry for international shipping companies, banks and other stakeholders as a consultancy service. Furthermore, Henriette has a strong financial background from Citibank where she started as a Management Associate and worked for several years as a relationship manager before joining Maersk Broker in 2003.

Henriette started her working life as a country and bank analyst covering Eastern Europe and CIS with the Danish ECA, Eksport

Kredit Fonden. Henriette holds a master degree in economic science from the Copenhagen University and has worked as an external teacher, lecturer and examiner for almost a decade with the Copenhagen Business School – initially in the field of financial statement analysis and marketing, but today in relation to the blue MBA at CBS”.



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Bob and his team have served as restructuring counsel in several maritime restructuring matters, including company counsel to Marco Polo Seatrade, TMT Procurement Corporation, Trico Marine Services, and Omega Navigation Enterprises. On the investor side, Bob has served as counsel to the ad hoc bondholders in the Overseas Shipholding Group restructuring; an Irish private equity fund in the General Maritime bankruptcy; and several private German and Norwegian shipowners with claims against Sanko Steamship in its Japanese insolvency proceeding and U.S. Ch15 case.



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Evan Cohen has 30 years of experience in finance, with an extensive international shipping background, having lived abroad since 1991, until recently. Since January 1, 2013, Mr. Cohen manages the Strategic Management and Restructuring Team. Mr. Cohen joined DVB in 2001 as a Vice President in the Rotterdam office. In 2003 Mr. Cohen was promoted to Senior Vice President and became the Head of the European Commercial team. Mr. Cohen was transferred to the Singapore office in 2007 to become Managing Director responsible for the DVB Group Merchant Bank (Asia) Ltd. In 2008, with the commencement of the Sectorization within the Shipping Division, Mr. Cohen also assumed responsibilities as Global Head of Dry Bulk Shipping.

Prior to working at DVB, Mr. Cohen worked for four years as a Group Finance and Treasury Executive at Acomarit/V. Ships, a leading international ship management firm in Geneva, Switzerland, where he was responsible for managing and controlling the financial risks related to client vessels. Prior to this, Mr. Cohen spent six years as a Finance Director at the Shipping Division at The Inter Maritime Group, a private holding company with worldwide investments and operations in the oil, banking and shipping industries, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. Prior to his position at The Inter Maritime Group, Mr. Cohen worked for five years at Coopers & Lybrand's National Mergers & Acquisitions Group in New York.

Mr. Cohen graduated from Columbia University with an M.B.A. in 1990 and from The Wharton School with a Bachelor of Science in Economics in 1983.

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He joined Fortis in 1997 in order to Head the group. Prior to Fortis, he spent 13 years at Christiania Bank where he focused on shipping and offshore, as well as on forest products. Mr. Engh received his BBA in 1983 and his MBA in 1984, from Ohio University.



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Mr. Gaffney earned his Juris Doctor and Masters of Business Administration from New York University in 1986. He earned his Bachelor of Arts from The George Washington University in 1982, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.



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Sofia Kalomenides
Partner
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Sofia is the Central and Southeast Europe Accounts/Business Development Leader and Capital Markets Leader within EY. She has over 28 years of experience in audit services.

She is a Certified Public Accountant in the State of New York and member of the Institute of Certified Auditors-Accountants in Greece. Sofia has been working with other regional offices as US GAAP expert and is the Capital Markets Leader for CSE.

Sofia has a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and International Business from New York University and a MBA in International Finance from Baruch College.

Professional Experience:

- Lead Audit Partner for listed companies on the NASDAQ and NYSE, preparing financial statements under US GAAP.
- Extensive experience in auditing multinational group of companies preparing financial statements under IFRS.
- Subject matter resource for EY offices in Central and Southeast Europe on capital markets cross border transactions both public offerings (including NYSE, NASDAQ and AIM) and private placements.
- Led the EY Southeast Europe Internal Audit service line, organized and trained internal audit divisions for a number of Greek and foreign companies.
- She has wide experience in executing external audits, both in the U.S. and in Greece, her industry expertise including, inter alia, shipping, construction, cement, oil, telecommunications, publications and real estate.

Skills:

- Auditing Greek and US Listed Companies, including conversions to IFRS and US GAAP.
- Leading and advising on initial public offering transactions in Greece and the US.



Peter G. Kanelos
Chief Financial Officer
Eletson Holdings Inc.

Mr. Kanelos has served as Chief Financial Officer of Eletson Holdings Inc. since 2007. He is the Chief Financial Officer of Eletson Gas since its formation in 2013. Prior to joining Eletson Mr Kanelos was European Chief Accounting Officer for CNH Global N.V. (Fiat Group), a leading worldwide manufacturer of agricultural and construction equipment. He has 19 years of international automotive and heavy industrial experience within U.S. Fortune 500 companies.



Nick Kounis
Head of Macro Research
Group Economics
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Nick is responsible for the bank's analysis of the global economic outlook and the implications for interest rates and exchange rates. The group's analysis is used by a wide range of clients, including a broad spectrum of investors and corporates, as well as the risk and asset and liability management within the bank.

Nick has published on a wide range of areas, including the impact of commodity prices on the global economy, the eurozone sovereign debt crisis, global economic and financial imbalances and monetary policy.

He frequently gives presentations for participants in the financial markets as well as in industry and appears regularly in the financial media, including the Financial Times, Bloomberg and Reuters. Nick was previously Chief European Economist in the Merchant Banking business of Fortis, providing research for institutional investors and large corporates on the European economy and the ECB's monetary policy.

Before becoming a bank economist, he worked at HM Treasury in London (the UK ministry of finance), advising ministers on the international economy, including sovereign debt problems and IMF programmes. He also advised on macroeconomic policy and the fiscal framework. Nick holds degrees in economics and finance, most recently from Durham University in the UK.

Glenn Loden
Shipping Equity Research
ABN AMRO



Clay Maitland
Managing Partner
International Registries, Inc.

Clay Maitland has worked in the shipping industry since graduation from law school in 1968. Clay has been employed by International Registries, Inc. for 35 years and is now a managing partner of the company, which administers the Marshall Islands Ship Registry – the third largest registry in the world. He is President of the Trust Company of the Marshall Islands (TCMI), the statutory Maritime Administrator of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Prior to the year 2000, Clay held similar positions with regard to the maritime administration of the Republic of Liberia.

Among his other affiliations: Director of the Coast Guard Foundation; Member of the American Bureau of Shipping, and of the National Cargo Bureau; Founding Chairman of the North American Maritime Environment Protection Association

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Clay received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters from the State University of New York Maritime College in 2006, and was awarded the U.S. Coast Guard's Distinguished Public Service Award in 2010.



Harold Malone
Managing Director
Jefferies LLC

Harold Malone is a Managing Director in the Maritime Investment Banking Group at Jefferies LLC. Mr. Malone has more than 18 years of experience working with U.S. and international companies on a broad range of public and private financings, as well as strategic advisory assignments. For the majority of Mr. Malone's career, he has focused on the Maritime and Energy sectors, including the last 8 years dedicated exclusively to the Maritime and Offshore sectors. Recent transactions that Mr. Malone has led include advising the equity backstop parties in connection with their \$1.5 billion in equity commitments and arranging a of total \$1.35 billion in exit financing for Overseas Shipholding Group's emergence from Chapter 11, serving as lead bookrunner for Navigator Holdings \$262 million Initial Public Offering, advising the independent shipowners in connection with ZIM's \$3.4 billion restructuring and serving as lead bookrunner for Eletson Corporation's \$300 million First Preferred Ship Mortgage Notes Offering. Prior to re-joining Jefferies LLC in 2006, Mr. Malone was a Director in the Corporate Finance Department of RBC Capital Markets. He began his career in the Energy Group at Jefferies. Mr. Malone graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.



Joseph F. Maly Jr.
Managing Director
Debt Capital Markets
Seaport Global Securities LLC

Mr. Maly has more than two decades of experience as an investment banker and has completed transactions with an aggregate value in excess of \$8 billion. His experience includes issuances of public and private high yield debt as well as convertible and equity securities. He previously was a Partner at Hunting Dog Capital, a hedge fund providing innovative debt solutions to mid-cap private and public companies. Prior to that, he spent 18 years at Jefferies & Company, Inc., where he helped found the firm's investment banking group. He also worked for Drexel Burnham Lambert. Mr. Maly earned an MBA with a double major in finance and accounting from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business and a BA in economics from the University of California, Davis.



Efthimios Elias Mitropoulos
IMO Secretary-General Emeritus
Chairman, "Maria Tsakos" Foundation

Mr. Mitropoulos has been the 7th Secretary-General of IMO, Chancellor of the Malmö-based World Maritime University and Chairman of the Governing Board of the Malta-based International Maritime Law Institute.

Currently, he is Chancellor of the Chennai-based AMET Maritime Education and Training University; Chairman of the Board of the "Maria Tsakos" Foundation; and Patron of the International Seafarers' Welfare Trust and the International Maritime Rescue Federation.

He is a retired Rear Admiral of the Hellenic Coast Guard and author of several books on maritime safety/safety of navigation and shipping economics and policy matters.



Ben Nolan
Director
Stifel Financial Corp.

Mr. Ben Nolan joined Stifel in May 2013 as Director covering the shipping and offshore sectors. Most recently Mr. Nolan was part of Knight Capital covering both equity and debt of companies in the maritime sector. Prior to Knight, he spent six years at Jefferies as an equity research analyst covering the shipping sector. In addition to equity research, Mr. Nolan spent several years as a corporate financial analyst for EOG Resources in the oil and gas business.

Mr. Nolan graduated from Texas A&M University with a B.B.A. in Finance and received his M.B.A. from the University of Houston. Mr. Nolan is also a CFA charterholder.



Hamish Norton
President
Star Bulk Carriers Corp.

Hamish Norton is president of Star Bulk Carriers Corp. Until Dec. 31, 2012, he was Managing Director and Global Head of the Maritime group at Jefferies & Company Inc. He is known for creating Nordic American Tanker Shipping and Knightsbridge Tankers, the first two high dividend yield shipping companies.

He advised Arlington Tankers in the merger with General Maritime and has been an advisor to U.S. Shipping Partners. He also advised New Mountain Capital on its investment in Intermarine. In the 1990s, he advised Frontline on the acquisition of London and Overseas Freighters and arranged the sale of Pacific Basin Bulk Shipping. Prior to joining Jefferies in 2007, Mr. Norton ran the shipping practice at Bear Stearns since 2000.

From 1984-1999 he worked at Lazard Frères & Co., from 1995 onward as general partner and head of shipping. In addition to his role at Star Bulk, he is also an executive of Oceanbulk Maritime S.A. and is Chief Financial Officer and Head of Corporate

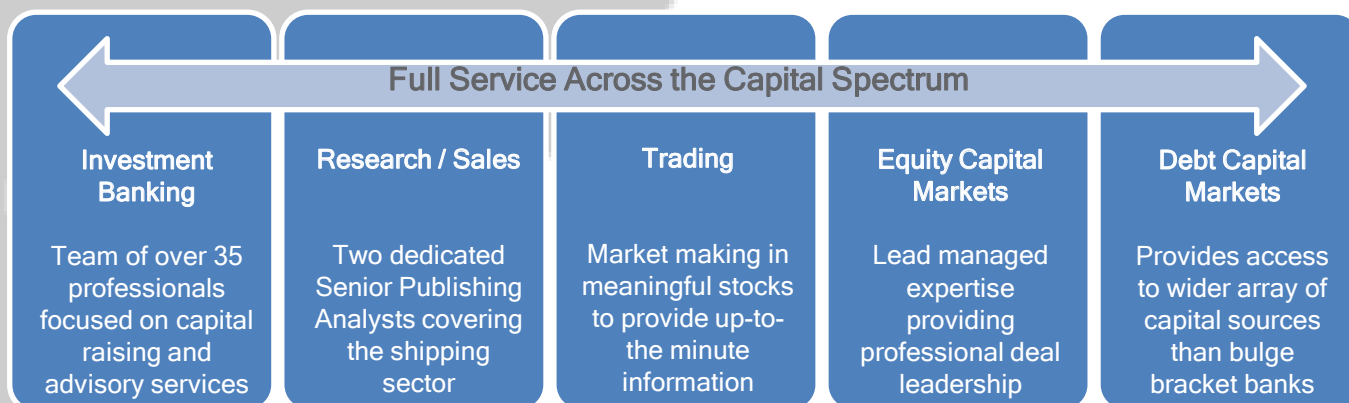


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| \$390,000,000 Has acquired the Golar Eskimo Floating Storage and Regasification Unit from Financial Advisor GHS GLOBAL HUNTER SECURITIES December 2014 | \$120,000,000 Advisory to Special Committee on the Affiliate Loan to Financial Advisor GHS GLOBAL HUNTER SECURITIES November 2014 | \$900,000,000 Has acquired the West Vela Drillship from Financial Advisor GHS GLOBAL HUNTER SECURITIES November 2014 | \$35,000,000 Follow-On Sole Manager GHS GLOBAL HUNTER SECURITIES August 2014 | \$108,235,264 IPO Co-Manager GHS GLOBAL HUNTER SECURITIES June 2014 | \$47,000,000 Follow-On Sole Manager GHS GLOBAL HUNTER SECURITIES May 2014 |
| \$118,956,000 Common Stock Co-Manager GHS GLOBAL HUNTER SECURITIES April 2014 | \$420,000,000 Senior Secured Notes Co-Manager GHS GLOBAL HUNTER SECURITIES March 2014 | \$109,422,500 Follow-On Co-Manager GHS GLOBAL HUNTER SECURITIES February 2014 | \$86,400,000 Follow-On Co-Manager GHS GLOBAL HUNTER SECURITIES February 2014 | \$350,941,250 IPO Co-Manager GHS GLOBAL HUNTER SECURITIES December 2013 | \$379,960,000 Follow-On Co-Manager GHS GLOBAL HUNTER SECURITIES December 2013 |
| \$262,000,000 IPO Co-Manager GHS GLOBAL HUNTER SECURITIES November 2013 | \$70,800,000 Advisory to Special Committee Financial Advisor GHS GLOBAL HUNTER SECURITIES July 2014 | \$70,800,000 Follow-On Co-Manager GHS GLOBAL HUNTER SECURITIES October 2013 | \$34,500,000 Follow-On Joint Book-Runner GHS GLOBAL HUNTER SECURITIES September 2013 | \$218,500,000 Follow-On Co-Manager GHS GLOBAL HUNTER SECURITIES August 2013 | \$21,000,000 Follow-On Sole Book-Runner GHS GLOBAL HUNTER SECURITIES March 2013 |

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Development of Oceanbulk's joint ventures with Oaktree Distress Opportunities Funds and with Monarch Alternative Capital. Mr. Norton is a director of Neptune Lines and the Safariland Group. Mr. Norton received an AB in Physics from Harvard and a Ph. D. in Physics from University of Chicago.



Michael Parker
Global Industry Head for the Shipping, Logistics & Offshore Industries
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Michael Parker is the Global Industry Head for the Shipping, Logistics and Offshore industries of Citigroup (since 1997) and is also a Vice Chairman of EMEA Banking with responsibility for Corporate Banking in the Industrials sector in EMEA (since 2010).

He joined Citibank in 1977. In various relationship management roles between 1977 and 1985 he looked after clients' international business in the U.K. construction industry and Citi's relationships with a number of large international oil and mining companies.

In October 1985 he joined Citibank's Shipping Division in London with specific responsibility for remedial management and in early 1989 he took over as Head of Northern Europe Shipping. In January 1997 he was appointed Global Industry Head with responsibility for Citibank's business world-wide managed through its shipping centres in London and Piraeus, New York, Tokyo and Hong Kong. In July 2007 he was appointed Corporate Banking Division Executive for the UK and Northern Europe and became Joint Head for the UK Banking and Broking business in February 2009.

He has an M.A. in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from Magdalen College, Oxford and attended the Stanford Executive Program in 1996.

Andreas B. Povlsen
President
Breakwater Capital

Andreas B. Povlsen has 20+ years' experience in the maritime/financial industry. He is the Founder of Breakwater Capital / Celsius Shipping.

- President of the Kelso backed maritime investment platform, Delphin Shipping.
- Managing Director - BTMU Capital Corporation (Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi). From 2000, responsible for the global shipping platform.
- 1991-2000 A.P. Moller Maersk, including as General Manager for A. P. Moller Sale & Purchase/Maersk Broker.
- Copenhagen Business School - Economics / Copenhagen University – Psychology.

Charles Rupinski
Director & Senior Shipping Analyst
Seaport Global Securities LLC

Charles Rupinski is a Director and Senior Shipping Analyst at Seaport Global Securities. He was most recently a senior advisor at Drewery Shipping Consultants Ltd. and previously was an independent investment consultant in the energy and transportation segments for four years. Prior to that, he was a senior research analyst at Maxim Group LLC covering transportation for three years, a portfolio manager and research analyst for Forstmann Leff for six years, and a senior research analyst at Morgan Stanley for five years covering shipping and oil services. Mr. Rupinski holds an MBA from Columbia Business School, an M.Phil from Cambridge University and an AB from Bowdoin College.



Lawrence Rutkowski
Partner
Seward & Kissel LLP

Lawrence Rutkowski is a partner in Seward & Kissel's Corporate Finance Department. Larry has practiced law since 1979. He joined Seward & Kissel as a partner in 1992.

Larry is head of the firm's Maritime and Transportation Finance Group, a cross section of attorneys within the firm from the Corporate Finance, Corporate Securities, Litigation and Tax departments with expertise on matters of interest to clients in the transportation industry and is a member of the firm's Business Transactions Group. In such capacity, Larry has worked on matters ranging from the formation of joint ventures, asset finance transactions, secured and unsecured lending, registered and unregistered securities transactions, mergers and acquisitions and cross border leases to restructurings and bankruptcy.

Larry has been cited in Euromoney's "Best of the Best", Chambers USA and Chambers Global, and The Best Lawyers in America, and Who's Who Legal 2009: Shipping and Maritime. Larry has also been recognized by Best Lawyers in the practice of Admiralty & Maritime Law in years 2006 - 2014, inclusive. For the third year in a row, Larry was named one of the top 10 lawyers in the world in Lloyd's List One Hundred - The Most Influential People in the Shipping Industry.

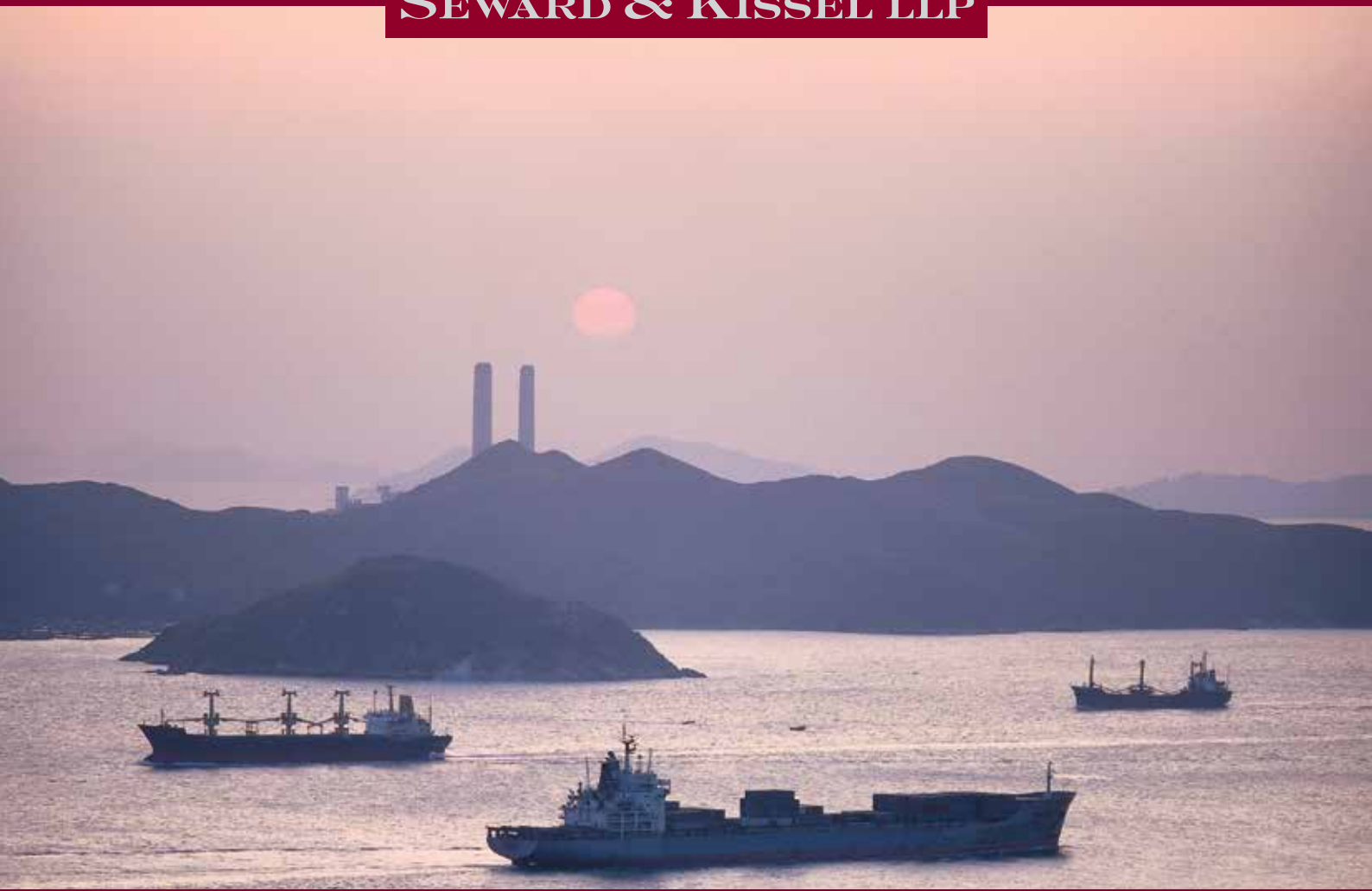
Larry received his J.D. from Columbia Law School in 1978 and his B.A. from College of the Holy Cross in 1975.

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Isabella Schidrich
Senior Managing Director
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Isabella joined NASDAQ International as Managing Director in 2001, responsible for business development and account management of The NASDAQ Stock Market in Western Europe. Following NASDAQ's acquisition of OMX, Isabella was promoted



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to Senior Managing Director, responsible for the listings business of NASDAQ OMX in Europe.

Prior to that, Isabella gained extensive business development experience within the telecommunications industry, heading business units at British Telecommunications Plc and at Deutsche Telekom AG, and within the Services Industry. Isabella graduated from Munich University with an Honours Degree with distinction in Business Management.



Eric H. Schless
Managing Director
Wells Fargo

Eric Schless is a managing director in the Industrials Investment Banking group at Wells Fargo Securities and heads the Transportation and Logistics practice. He is based in New York.

Eric joined Wells Fargo in 2005 and has 20 years of investment banking experience. He has focused on building a group to cover all aspects of the transportation and logistics sectors. He has been responsible for numerous book-run debt and equity transactions and advisory assignments for domestic and international shipping companies, Class 1 and short line railroads, trucking companies, and logistics providers.

Eric previously worked at Bear Stearns and Schrodgers, where he established and built their transportation practices.

Eric received a B.A. from the University of Virginia and a J.D. from Washington and Lee University School of Law.



Dimitri Sofianopoulos
Partner
Norton Rose Fulbright

Dimitri Sofianopoulos is a finance lawyer based in the Athens office of Norton Rose Fulbright where he is Head of Greece. He specialises in asset finance, principally shipping finance; commercial contract negotiations including newbuilding contracts, fleet acquisitions and charterparties; and international capital markets including bond issues, IPOs and private placements. He has acted for a number of leading Greek shipping companies in both the tanker and dry bulk sectors. He also has extensive experience of mainstream corporate law; venture capital; joint ventures; and mergers and acquisitions.

Dimitri is qualified to practice law in both England and Greece and is a visiting lecturer on Marine Insurance at the City University Business School in London.



Evan Sproviero
Trader/Head of Projects
GMS

Evan Sproviero has several years of practical experience in the commercial shipping industry and an intricate understanding of ship sale and purchase transactions related to second hand, demolition and newbuilding vessels.

Over the years, he has developed hands on expertise in the negotiation of S+P, projects, "creative" vessel financing, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate restructurings/bankruptcies.

Evan began his career with Compass Maritime in the USA where he worked as an S+P and Projects & Finance broker. In 2012, Evan joined GMS as a trader in the S+P division and Head of the Projects department.

Evan currently sits on the board of Hamburg based Koenig & Cie. as well as the board of directors of the Young Shipping Professionals of New York (YSPNY). He holds a BA in Economics from Fordham University and a Master's in International Business, with distinction, from the University of St Andrews, Scotland.



Nicholas Stillman
Clarksons Platou Securities

Nicholas Stillman served as Managing Director of the Investment Banking division of Clarkson Capital Markets, the boutique investment banking arm of Clarkson PLC serving the shipping and offshore oil service sectors. Mr. Stillman joined Clarksons in 2010, where he helped establish its U.S. investment banking operations.

Prior to Clarksons, Nicholas spent six years with the Maritime Group of Jefferies & Company in both Houston and New York and has ten years of investment banking experience in the shipping sector. Mr. Stillman graduated from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service with a B.S. in Foreign Service.

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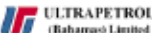

Christa is a Managing Director in Citigroup's Global Transportation Group, where she leads the firm's U.S. shipping investment banking practice. She focuses on providing M&A, capital raising and financial advisory services across all of the maritime areas, including the tanker, LNG, containership leasing, dry bulk, container leasing, and port / terminal sectors. She has structured and led initial public offerings and subsequent equity offerings for many of the shipping companies presently listed in the U.S., and has served as structuring agent for the majority of the maritime Master Limited Partnerships.

Christa additionally has worked on numerous buy-side advisory engagements for various shipping clients on a confidential basis as well as been active with companies exploring public debt alternatives.

Additionally, she has worked with a spectrum of industrial clients, including extensive work for Ford Motor Company where she was involved in the sale of Volvo and the sale of Hertz. Christa received



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| <p>\$157,000,000</p> <p> a portfolio company of  Has Sold the American Phoenix to  genesisenenergy Advisor to Seller November 2014</p> | <p>\$51,750,000</p> <p> Senior Notes Left Bookrunning Manager October 2014</p> | <p>\$50,000,000</p> <p> Senior Notes Joint Bookrunning Manager October 2014</p> | <p>\$157,950,000</p> <p> Follow-on Offering Co-Manager September 2014</p> | <p>\$73,625,000</p> <p> Senior Notes Left Bookrunning Manager September 2014</p> | <p>\$53,750,000</p> <p> Senior Notes Left Bookrunning Manager May 2014</p> |
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her M.B.A from the University of Michigan Business School, graduating with High Distinction. She has a B.A. in Mathematics, Summa Cum Laude, from the Ohio State University. Previously, she worked in finance for Visteon Corporation and Ford Motor Company.



Chris Weyers
Managing Director, Head of Maritime Investment Banking
Stifel

Chris Weyers joined Stifel in 2012 to head the firm's Maritime investment banking practice.

Mr. Weyers has 15 years of capital markets, M&A advisory and restructuring experience with Maritime and Transportation companies. During his career he has worked on over 60 public or private debt and equity transactions totaling over \$20 billion in value and advised on over 25 announced M&A transactions with an aggregate value of over \$10 billion. His clients have included companies such as Diana, Eagle Bulk, Excel Maritime, Horizon Lines, Navigator Holdings, Navios, Nordic American, Northern Shipping, Scorpio Bulkers, Seadrill, Star Bulk, Ultrapetrol and Vantage Drilling.

Prior to joining Stifel he was a Managing Director and Head of Maritime and Transportation investment banking at FBR Capital Markets. Mr. Weyers also ran the Maritime and Transportation investment banking practice for Fortis Securities and was a senior member of Bear Stearns' Maritime and Transportation investment banking team.

Education: M.B.A., Tepper School of Business at Carnegie Mellon University; B.S., Indiana University; Certified Public Accountant (CPA).



Robert A. Wilkins
Partner
Reed Smith

Rob is a partner in the Shipping Group, specialising in transactional shipping work. He advises financiers, investors and shipowners in relation to all aspects of the financing of newbuildings and secondhand vessels (including debt finance, mezzanine finance and sale and leaseback transactions) and in relation to restructurings and work-outs. Rob also advises in relation to the construction, conversion and sale and purchase of, and ownership structures and joint venture arrangements for, commercial vessels and other related marine and off-shore assets.

Education: University of Exeter Law School, 2001, University of Exeter, 2000.

Professional Admissions / Qualifications: England and Wales.



Michail Zekyrgias
Managing Director
Bank of America Merrill Lynch

Michail Zekyrgias is a Managing Director in the Global Credit and Special Situations group of Bank of America Merrill Lynch in London. Michail specialises in the analysis, acquisition and trading of single name stressed and distressed credits as well as in the analysis and acquisition of performing, stressed and distressed loan portfolios in a variety of sectors, inclusive of shipping.

Prior to joining Bank of America Merrill Lynch in 2008 Michail worked in the Distressed Trading desk of Barclays Capital and in the Investment Banking division of Citigroup in London. Michail holds a Master of Science degree in Finance and Banking from Bocconi University in Milan, Italy.



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