

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Capital Link's 8th Athens Shipping Forum Wednesday, February 15, 2017 in Athens**

Capital Link is hosting its **8th Annual Greek Shipping Forum** on **Wednesday, February 15th, 2017** at the **Divani Caravel Hotel in Athens, Greece**, in cooperation with **NASDAQ** and the **New York Stock Exchange**.

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 rather than yielding to their circumstances.

#### **FORUM OVERVIEW & STRUCTURE**

This event will provide a comprehensive review of current trends and outlook of the global economy and the main commodity, energy and shipping markets. It will also discuss critical issues and challenges the industry faces, including geopolitical and regulatory developments, technical and commercial fleet management and access to capital. It will examine bank financing, capital markets and alternative funding mechanisms and strategies.

Our Athens Forum, in its 8th year, draws consistently over 1,000 delegates and is known for its large attendance by public and private shipping companies' executives and market participants.

#### **FORUM KEYNOT SPEAKER**

Keynote speaker of the Forum is **Mr. Zhang Ye, President of the Shanghai Shipping Exchange who will discuss "The internationalization of the Chinese Economy and Chinese Shipping"**. Mr. Ye was awarded the honor of Shanghai Municipal Leading Talent, Top 10 Finance Leaders in Shanghai and selected as the Top 100 Most Influential People of Shipping Sector by Lloyd's List consecutively in 2010-2013 and 2015. In 2012, he was also awarded the honor of Top 10 Most Influential Shipping People in China. He works as Shanghai Conference Ambassador since 2013.

#### **2017 CAPITAL LINK GREEK SHIPPING LEADERSHIP AWARD**

The "**2017 Capital Link Greek Shipping Leadership Award**" will be presented to **Professor Costas Th. Grammenos CBE DSc, LRF Chair in Shipping, Trade & Finance, Chairman, Costas Grammenos Centre for Shipping, Trade & Finance, Cass Business School, City, University of London**. Prof. Costas Grammenos has made a unique contribution to the global shipping industry not only by providing scientific and academic thought leadership through his writings and teachings but also through the establishment of an educational institution that has become the must-attend university for those who aspire careers in shipping, energy, trade and finance. More than 4.700 alumni belong to a unique network of professionals who today lead the industry to new directions. Costas Grammenos has achieved a uniquely positive and transformational impact on the global shipping industry.



**Professor Costas Th. Grammenos** will be introduced by **Dr. Anthony Papadimitriou, President to the Board of Directors of Alexander S. Onassis Foundation** and **Dr. Nikolas Tsakos, President & CEO, Tsakos Energy Navigation; Chairman, Intertanko**

## TARGET AUDIENCE

Capital Link invites institutional investors, analysts, bankers, financial advisors, financial media, and other qualified investors who are interested in enhancing their knowledge of shipping across all sectors. With an average of roughly 1000 participants each year, attendees can expect an informative networking forum connecting them to the shipping industry's key players, including influential members in the financial community, such as commercial and investment banks.

## INDUSTRY PANEL & PRESENTATION TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

- **Outlook & Opportunities in Shipping**
- **Bank Finance & Shipping**
- **Alternative Finance**
- **Capital Markets**
- **Restructuring**
- **Private Equity**
- **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
*The Internationalization of China and Chinese Shipping*
- **“One Belt – One Road” The New Silk Road and How it Will Affect Shipping**
- **Regulatory Developments & Geopolitical Factors Affecting Shipping**
- **Optimizing Technical Management & Fleet Performance**
- **Analyst Panel**

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#### ORGANIZERS

Capital Link is known for the organization of large scale high quality maritime and investor forums in key industry centers, such as New York, London, Athens, Shanghai, and as of 2017 in Limassol. Capital Link organizes fourteen conferences annually, of which seven are focused on the maritime sector. Capital Link's events draw the elite of the financial, investment and maritime communities and provide a unique combination of superior informational content, marketing and networking opportunities. Capital Link's global marketing platform enhances the visibility and reach of these events during the year on a global scale that lasts well beyond the date on which each event is held, becoming a continuous reference point for market participants.