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9th Annual Capital Link Greek Shipping Forum – “Opportunities & Challenges”

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Capital Link is hosting its **9th Annual Greek Shipping Forum “Opportunities & Challenges”**, on **Thursday, February 8th, 2018** at the **Divani Caravel Hotel in Athens, Greece**, in cooperation with **NASDAQ** and the **New York Stock Exchange**.

Greek shipping is the global leader with more than twenty percent of the global fleet. Greek Shipowners have established a reputation as astute and highly efficient operators always adapting to the ever changing conditions of the shipping trade and making the best out of volatile markets. Shipping is the artery of global trade carrying over 90 percent of the world's trade and Greek shipping plays a pivotal role in the global economy.

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 9th year, draws consistently over 1,000 delegates and is known for its large attendance by public and private shipping companies' executives and market participants.

2018 CAPITAL LINK GREEK SHIPPING LEADERSHIP AWARD

The "**2018 Capital Link Greek Shipping Leadership Award**" will be presented to Messrs. **Panos Laskaridis**, President, European Community Shipowners Associations; CEO, Lavinia Corporation/Laskaridis Shipping Company Ltd. and **Athanasios Laskaridis**, Chairman and CEO Lavinia Corporation, Lavinia Enterprises Limited and Laskaridis Shipping Company Ltd. **The award is given in recognition of their unique and extensive contribution to Shipping and Greece and for their overall outstanding service to the shipping industry made by each of them individually, by their family and by their companies.**

Mr. Athanasios C. Laskaridis will be introduced by **Mr. Takis Arapoglou - Chairman, Tsakos Energy Navigation (TEN) Ltd** and **Mr. Panos C. Laskaridis** by **Dr. George A. Gratsos - HELMEPA Chairman.**



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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:

- **The Global Commodity, Energy & Shipping Markets**
- **New Regulations & Compliance Affecting Shipping**
- **New Technology and Data Analytics – The Gamechanger for Global Marine Insurance**
- **Digitalization & Cybersecurity**
- **Marine Digitalization and the Future of Risk**
- **Navigating Chinese Port Inspections**
- **Sanctions Compliance in an Uncertain World - A Guide for Shipowners, Charterers and Financiers**
- **The Future of Shipping**
- **Consolidation & M&A in Shipping**
- **Global Maritime Clusters – Competitive Advantages & Business Development Opportunities**
- **Bank Finance**
- **New & Alternative Sources of Finance for Shipowners**
- **Private Equity**
- **Capital Markets**
- **Industry Challenges & The Road Map Ahead**

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Capital Link's efforts have been recognized by the 2011 Lloyd's List Greek Shipping Awards, in 2012 and 2013 by the InterContinental Finance Magazine and in 2016 by the Wealth & Finance Magazine, Also, by the International Propeller Club of the United States and AHI-American Hellenic Institute.