



## PRESS RELEASE

### “3rd Annual Capital Link Cyprus Shipping Forum”

**Wednesday, February 27, 2019**  
**Columbia Plaza, Limassol, Cyprus**

February 11th, 2019

**For a third year in a row, Capital Link organizes in Cyprus its Annual Capital Link Cyprus Shipping Forum on Wednesday, February 27, 2019.**

The Forum will take place in Limassol at the Columbia Plaza, **under the Auspices of the Republic of Cyprus, the Cyprus Shipping Deputy Minister to the President and the Lead Sponsorship and Cooperation of the Cyprus Union of Shipowners.** The event is also supported by the Cyprus Shipping Deputy Ministry and by the following Organizations: CSC - Cyprus Shipping Chamber • CIFA • CYMEPA • Cyprus Marine Club • Cyprus Master Mariners Association • Cyprus Naval Architects & Marine Engineers Association • Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers • Cyprus Shipping Association • Wista Cyprus • Wista Hellas • Wista International • Association of Merchant Marine Officers • Young Ship Cyprus.

The event aims to highlight:

- the Cyprus maritime industry
- the Cyprus flag which has been recognized internationally as a quality and safe flag
- the significant role of Cyprus as a maritime, energy and logistics hub and as an investment and business destination.

Last year’s Forum was a huge success and this year’s Forum is expected to be a great success too.

It is of great importance that this Forum attracts in Cyprus top foreign executives from the global shipping, financial and capital markets as well as from the investment market who will have the unique opportunity to meet and network with their Cypriot counterparts.

The conference is supported with the participation and attendance of major **International and Cypriot Shipowners, Government Officials, Ship Managers, Bankers, Financiers, three major classification societies and other major Industry Participants.**

Topics to be covered include the recent developments and trends in the shipping, financial and capital markets, issues pertaining to geopolitical developments as well as technical and commercial fleet management. The Forum will highlight the challenges the industry is facing with compliance to the new regulatory framework. And to innovative technologies as well.

**Keynote speaker** of the Forum is **H.E. Natasa Pilides, Deputy Minister of Shipping.**

The **Conference Chairman** of the Forum is **Mr. George A. Tsavlis**, Principal of **Tsavlis Salvage Group** & President of **CYMEPA (Cyprus Marine Environmental Protection Association)**, Member of the Board of Directors of the **Cyprus Union of Shipowners**.

## **PANEL & PRESENTATION TOPICS**

- **Cyprus as a maritime & logistics hub**

### **FORUM SESSION ON NEW REGULATIONS - OPTIONS, STRATEGIES & INDUSTRY RESPONSE**

- **Navigating the world of marine fuels – 2020 and beyond opening up to unchartered waters?**  
*Fuel Availability, Compatibility, Standardization, Pricing & Hedging*
- **2020: A new reality or a new mess?**  
*A discussion among leading industry participants (regulators, shipping companies, equipment manufacturers) on the options and strategies to comply with the major environmental regulations on Ballast Water Treatment and Low Sulfur Cap.*

### **FORUM SESSION ON MANAGEMENT**

- **Shipmanagement – What's next**  
*Consolidation, cost control & economies of scale, technological innovation, digitalization, new regulations, capital expenditures & efficient allocation of capital are among the challenges the industry faces. A discussion among leading third party manager and shipping companies with in-house management*
- **Optimizing cost control through technology**
- **Cyprus shipping beyond 2020**  
*A discussion on the readiness of Cyprus Shipping to the rapid technological changes such as digitization and the regulatory landscape*

### **FORUM SESSION ON SHIPYARDS**

- **Shipyard solutions in the Mediterranean – The rebirth of Greek shipyards**

### **FORUM SESSION ON BANKING, FINANCE AND CAPITAL MARKETS**

- **Addressing the industry's need for capital**  
*Global Bank Finance - Alternative Finance*
- **Capital markets & private equity**
- **The transformational impact of new accounting standards on shipping**  
*Implications for shipping companies, capital providers and business partners*
- **Regional financing options for the shipping industry**

### **FORUM SESSION ON MARINE INSURANCE**

- **Marine Insurance & Reinsurance – Where is it heading?**

### **PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER & LOOKING AHEAD: THE SHIPOWNER PERSPECTIVE**

- **Looking ahead – Positioning to take advantage of opportunities – The shipowner perspective**  
*Leading Cypriot & International Shipowners will discuss opportunities and challenges for the shipping industry across the board. Shipping markets outlook, energy and commodity flows, investment opportunities, access to capital, operational and regulatory challenges and more.*

## **PARTICIPATING COMPANIES & ORGANIZATIONS:**

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