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*“Stay Calm & Sail On”*

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The “[13th Annual Capital Link Greek Shipping Forum](#)” will be held in **Athens** on **Thursday, February 9th, 2023**, at the Divani Caravel Hotel, Athens, in cooperation with the **New York Stock Exchange** and **Nasdaq**. The Lead Sponsor is **Bank of Communications Financial Leasing**.

Volatility has always been a key characteristic of global shipping – volatility is always there but it takes new forms every time. Today’s global landscape is impacted by major trends such as geopolitics, energy security, increasing regulation, deglobalization, a slowing world economy, higher interest rates, easing covid restrictions in China, which has been the locomotive for global shipping and commerce, and more. In this environment, the role of shipping as the link in the global supply chain remains vital and despite the challenges it creates significant opportunities across the various market segments.

Capital Link’s 13th Annual Greek Shipping Forum will discuss the industry’s main trends and challenges, as well as the opportunities that lie ahead and strategies to compete in an increasingly complex and demanding world.

The institutional leadership of global shipping, specifically the Secretary General of the IMO, the heads of four global industry associations: BIMCO, INTERCARGO, INTERTANKO & The International Chamber of Shipping, high level representatives from the European Union, the President of the European Community Shipowners' Associations, as well as the President of the Union of Greek Shipowners, the Greek Ministers of Shipping and Energy, and representatives from the US Department of the Treasury will all attend the forum.

This event will focus on three main areas:

- The current trends and outlook of the global economy and the main commodity, energy, and shipping markets.
- The critical challenges the industry faces today related to geopolitical and regulatory developments, such as compliance with decarbonization, trade sanctions & tensions, and the transformational impact of technology.
- As usual, maritime finance will be the core subject with focus on bank finance, capital markets, alternative funding mechanisms and private equity.

With 1000+ participants every 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. This one-day conference, known for its large attendance by shipowners, its rich informational content and the extensive marketing, networking and business development opportunities.

## PARTICIPATION BY PROMINENT FIGURES IN SHIPPING

- **Mr. Kitack Lim**, Secretary General - **International Maritime Organization (IMO)**
- **H.E. Ioannis Plakiotakis**, Minister of Insular Policy & Shipping - **Hellenic Republic**
- **H.E. Konstantinos Skrekas**, Minister of Environment & Energy - **Hellenic Republic**
- **Dr. Harry Conway**, Chairman - **Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) – IMO**
- **Mrs. Fotini Ioannidou**, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport – **European Commission**
- **Dr. Martin Stopford**
- **Mrs. Sabrina Chao**, President & Chairperson of the Board – **BIMCO; Wah Kwong Maritime Holdings Limited**
- **Mr. Emanuele Grimaldi**, Chairman – **INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF SHIPPING**; President & MD - **Grimaldi Euromed SpA**; Managing Director – **Grimaldi Group**
- **Mr. Paolo d’Amico**, Chairman – **INTERTANKO**; Chairman & CEO - **d’Amico International Shipping SA**
- **Mr. Dimitris Fafalios**, Chairman – **INTERCARGO**; President/Director - **Fafalios Shipping S.A.**
- **Mrs. Melina Travlos**, President of the **Union of Greek Shipowners (UGS)**; Chair of the Board of **Neptune Lines**
- **Mr. Philippos Philis**, President - **European Community Shipowners Association (ECSA)**; Chairman & CEO – **Lemissoler Navigation Co Ltd**

## LUNCHEON & AWARD CEREMONY 2023 CAPITAL LINK GREEK SHIPPING LEADERSHIP AWARD

In the context of the forum, **Mr. Themistocles Vokos**, Founder Member, Honorary Chairman of **Posidonia**; Founder of **Seatrade**, will receive the “**Capital Link Greek Shipping Leadership Award**”. We recognize **Mr. Themistocles Vokos** for his long-standing achievements and contribution to the Greek and Global Shipping Industry.

**Mr. Nicolas Bornozis**, President – **Capital Link**, will introduce **Mr. Themistocles Vokos**, Founder Member, Honorary Chairman of **Posidonia**; Founder of **Seatrade**.

### Introductory Remarks:

**Captain Panagiotis Tsakos**, Founder & President - **Tsakos Group**, **Professor Costas Th. Grammenos, CBE, DSc**, Chairman C. Grammenos Centre of Shipping Trade & Finance - **Bayes Business School, City, University of London**, and **Mr. Gregory Hadjieftheriadis**, Co-Founder - **Eletson Corporation**, will honor the forum with their presence and deliver Introductory Remarks at the Official Award Luncheon.

The “**Capital Link Greek Shipping Leadership Award**” is presented annually to a leader of the Greek Shipping Community who has gained the respect and the appreciation of the international shipping industry and who is also recognized for their wisdom, philanthropy, and contribution to society. The Award aims to recognize the heads of Greek Shipping, those pioneers with a significant contribution to elevating Greek Shipping to its leadership position globally.

Previous honorees were: **2013 - Captain Panagiotis N.Tsakos**, Founder & President - **Tsakos Group**, **2014 - Mr. Pericles Panagopoulos**, **2015 - Mr. Lambros Varnavides**, Vice Chairman of the **Baltic Exchange**, Trustee of the **Lloyds Register Foundation** and Managing Director and Global Head of Shipping RBS 1998, **2016 - Mr. Nicolas, George and Andreas Tsavlis** of the

**Tsavliris Salvage Group, 2017 - Professor Costas Th. Grammenos CBE DSc, Chairman C. Grammenos Centre of Shipping Trade & Finance, Bayes Business School, City, University of London, 2018 - Mr. Panos Laskaridis, President of European Community Shipowners Associations; CEO, Lavinia Corporation/Laskaridis Shipping Company Ltd. and Mr. Athanasios Laskaridis, Chairman and CEO of Lavinia Corporation, Lavinia Enterprises Limited and Laskaridis Shipping Company Ltd., 2019 - Captain Paris Dragnis, Chairman & Founder - Goldenport Group, 2020 - Mr. George Procopiou, Founder, Dynacom Tankers Management, Sea Traders – Dynagas, 2022 - Mr. Simeon Palios, Founder and Chairman, Diana Shipping.**

## **PANEL & PRESENTATION TOPICS**

### **SETTING THE STAGE – SHIPPING MARKETS UPDATE & OUTLOOK**

**9:00-9:20 am**

**Mr. Martin Kjendlie, Managing Director - ViaMar (VesselsValue)**

### **ADDRESSING THE COMPLEXITIES AROUND CII & SEEMP III**

**9:25-10:05 am**

**Moderator: Dr. John Kokarakis, Technology and Business Development Director, Southeast Europe, Black Sea & Adriatic (SEEBA) Zone- Bureau Veritas**

**Panelists:**

- **Mr. Panos Zachariadis, Technical Director - Atlantic Bulk Carriers Management, Ltd.;** Vice Chairman, **BIMCO Marine Environment Committee;** Member, **BIMCO Carbon Clauses Drafting Subcommittee**
- **Mr. Mark O’Neil, President - Columbia Shipmanagement**
- **Mr. Philippos Philis, President - European Community Shipowners Association (ECSA);** Chairman & CEO – **Lemissoler Navigation Co Ltd**
- **Mr. Kenneth Aasland, Environmental Services Lead and Managing Director of Maritime Carbon Solutions - IFCHOR GALBRAITHS (IG)**
- **Dr. Harry Conway, Chairman - Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) - IMO**
- **Mr. Andrea Olivi, Head of Wet Freight Shipping – Trafigura**

### **ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS TO DECARBONIZATION – TECHNOLOGY & FUELS**

**10:10-10:50 am**

**Moderator: Mr. Michalis Pantazopoulos, General Manager Greece - Liberian Registry (LISCR Hellas)**

**Panelists:**

- **Mr. Georgios Plevrakis, Vice President, Global Sustainability – ABS**
- **Mr. Konstantinos Stampedakis, Co-Founder & CEO - Erma First**
- **Mrs. Fotini Ioannidou, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport – European Commission**
- **Mr. Gregory Nakos, EY Greece Partner, Consulting Services – EY**
- **Mrs. Claire Wright, General Manager Commercial Shipping & Strategy – Shell International Trading and Shipping Company**

### **SHIP FINANCE – ADAPTING TO A NEW MARKET, REGULATORY, GEOPOLITICAL & ESG LANDSCAPE**

**10:55-11:35 am**

**Moderator: Mr. Jasel Chauhan, Partner, Head of International Finance - Hill Dickinson**

**Panelists:**

- **Mrs. Anastassia Tcherneva, Global Head of Shipping - ABN AMRO**
- **Mr. Vasilios Maroulis, Managing Director, Global Industry Head, Shipping, Logistics & Offshore – Citi**
- **Mr. Evan Cohen, Managing Director & Group Head of Maritime Finance – CIT**

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- **Mr. Christos Tsakonas, Head of Global Shipping – DNB**

#### **KEYNOTE SPEECH**

**11:40-11:50 am**

**Mrs. Melina Travlos, President - Union of Greek Shipowners (UGS), Chair of the Board - Neptune Lines**

#### **KEYNOTE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

**11:50-12:20 pm**

**Moderator: Mr. Ioannis Chiotopoulos SVP, Regional Manager SE Europe, Middle East and Africa - DNV**

**Mr. Kitack Lim, Secretary General - International Maritime Organization (IMO)**

**H.E. Ioannis Plakiotakis, Minister of Insular Policy & Shipping - Hellenic Republic**

#### **STAY CALM & SAIL ON – LEADING THE INDUSTRY THROUGH TRANSFORMATION & INNOVATION**

**12:25-1:05 pm**

**Moderator: Mrs. Alexia Hatzimichalis, Partner, Athens Office Head - WFW**

**Panelists:**

- **Mrs. Sabrina Chao, President & Chairperson of the Board – BIMCO; Wah Kwong Maritime Holdings Limited**
- **Mr. Dimitrios Fafalios, Chairman – INTERCARGO; President/Director - Fafalios Shipping S.A.**
- **Mr. Paolo d'Amico, Chairman – INTERTANKO; Chairman & CEO - d'Amico International Shipping SA**
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#### **INFLATION, CENTRAL BANKS, RECESSION THREATS, ENERGY CRISIS...TOUGH CHALLENGES NAVIGATION IN 2023?**

**1:10-1:25 pm**

- **Mr. Alex Pou Cuturi, CEO - Leonteq Securities**
- **Mr. Hendrick Ketchemen, Director, Structured Solutions - Leonteq Securities**

#### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS - SHIPPING IN THE ERA OF CHANGE**

**3:10-3:30 pm**

**Dr. Martin Stopford**

#### **INVESTING IN SHIPPING**

**3:35-4:15 pm**

**Moderator: Mr. Robert E. Lustrin, Counsel, Transportation Industry Group- Reed Smith**

**Panelists:**

- **Mrs. Christa Volpicelli, Managing Director & Head of Maritime Investment Banking – Citi**
- **Mr. James Cirenza, Managing Director - DNB Markets**
- **Mr. Ghigo Ravano, Executive Chairman - IFCHOR GALBRAITHS (IG)**
- **Mr. Christian Rychly, Managing Director, Maritime - MPC Capital**
- **Mr. Paulo Almeida, Chief Investment Officer – Tufton Investment Management**

#### **ASSET BASED & PROJECT FINANCE OPTIONS**

**4:20-5:00 pm**

**Moderator: Mrs. Dora Mace-Kokota, Partner - Stephenson Harwood**

**Panelists:**

- **Mr. Timothy Soe, Managing Director - Ascension Finance**
- **Mr. George Fikaris, Managing Director – Entrust Global**

- **Mr. Harris Antoniou**, Founder & Managing Director – **Neptune Maritime Leasing Ltd**
- **Mr. Paulo Almeida**, Chief Investment Officer – **Tufton Investment Management**

## **THE NEW ENERGY LANDSCAPE & SHIPPING**

**5:05-5:50 pm**

**Keynote Remarks:**

**H.E. Konstantinos Skrekas**, Minister of Environment & Energy - **Hellenic Republic**

**Moderator: Mr. Panagiotis Mitrou**, Global Gas Segment Director - **Lloyds Register**

**Panelists:**

- **Mr. Sveinung Stoehle**, Deputy CEO - **Angelicoussis Shipping Group**
- **Mr. Christian M. Ingerslev**, CEO - **Maersk Tankers**
- **Dr. Nikolas P. Tsakos**, Founder, CEO & President, **TEN Ltd.**; Chairman – **INTERTANKO 2014-2018**
- **Mr. Bruce Paulsen**, Partner - **Seward & Kissel LLP**
- **Mr. Erik Grossman**, Senior Compliance Officer, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) - **U.S. Department of the Treasury**

### **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PRESENTATION**

**Mr. D. John Stavropoulos**, Chairman Emeritus - **Tsakos Energy Navigation Ltd. (TNP)**, will receive the **Lifetime Achievement Award** in honor of his life-long dedication and incredible contribution to shipping in Greece and on a global scale. **Mr. Nicolas Bornozis**, President - **Capital Link**, and **Dr. Nikolas P. Tsakos**, Founder, Chairman & CEO - **TEN Ltd.**; Chairman - **INTERTANKO** (2014-2018) will offer introductory remarks for the award presentation.

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