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Capital Link 7th Annual Cyprus Shipping Forum
Tuesday, February 27, 2024
Columbia Plaza – Limassol, Cyprus

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Capital Link is hosting the **7th Annual Cyprus Shipping Forum** on **Tuesday, February 27, 2024**, at the **Columbia Plaza – Limassol, Cyprus**.

The Forum will take place **under the Auspices** of the **Shipping Deputy Ministry of Cyprus** and the **Shipping Deputy Minister to the President** and **in cooperation with the Cyprus Union of Shipowners**, which is also the **Lead Sponsor**. The event is also **supported** by the **Cyprus Shipping Chamber** and the other **major stakeholders of the Cyprus maritime cluster**.

The event aims to highlight the significant role of Cyprus as a maritime, energy and logistics hub and as an investment and business destination. The Forum will feature major international speakers and delegates and local leaders in an exchange of ideas on critical industry topics. It will discuss the developments and trends in the major shipping, financial and capital markets as well as issues pertaining to geopolitical and regulatory developments, technical and commercial fleet management. The Forum will highlight the competitive positioning and advantages of Cyprus as an industry hub.

The Forum presents a unique opportunity to meet and network with a large, high-caliber audience of ship owning and offshore 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. The event will be open to the buy and sell side communities as well as the media. By attending, participants will gain a deeper understanding of the current state of the shipping and marine services industry, the subsequent effects on their investments, and a clear focus on the opportunities and challenges ahead.

For the seventh year in a row, the Conference Chairman of the Forum will be **Mr. George A. Tsavlis**, Principal of **Tsavlis Salvage Group**, Past Chairman – **INTERMEPA (International Marine Environment Protection Association)**, Chairman – **CYMEPA (Cyprus Marine Environmental Protection Association)**, Member of the Board of Directors of the **Cyprus Union of Shipowners** and Honorary Chairman – **Tsavlis Cultural Foundation**.

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AGENDA TOPICS

WELCOME REMARKS

- **Mr. Nicolas Bornozis**, President – **Capital Link, Inc.**
- **Mr. George A. Tsavlis**, Principal – **Tsavlis Salvage Group, Conference Chairman**

CYPRUS SHIPPING FORGING AHEAD

Keynote Presentation by the Shipping Deputy Minister to the President Followed by 1x1 Discussion



H.E. Marina Hadjimanolis
Shipping Deputy Minister to the
President
Republic of Cyprus

Interviewed by:

Ms. Elvina Montanios, Shipping Partner – **Montanios & Montanios LLC**

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REGULATORY UPDATE PRESENTATION

Mr. Theo Kourmpelis, Strategic Business Partner – **Lloyd's Register**

PREPARING FOR NET ZERO

Moderator: Dr. John Kokarakis, Technical Director SEEBA Zone – **Bureau Veritas**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Dimitris Vastarouchas**, Chief Operating Officer & Vice President– **Danaos Corporation**
- **Mr. Alex Hadjipateras**, Managing Director – **Dorian LPG Management**
- **Dr. Loukas Barmparis**, President – **Safe Bulkers**
- **Dr. Dinos Arcoumanis**, Professor Emeritus – **University of London**; Corresponding Member of **Academy of Athens**

OPTIMIZING SHIP MANAGEMENT & FLEET PERFORMANCE

Moderator: Ms. Chara Georgopoulou, Head Maritime R&D and Advisory Greece – **DNV**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Nikolas Vaporis**, Chief Technical Officer – **Capital Ship Management Corp.**
- **Mr. Mark O'Neil**, President & CEO – **Columbia Group**; President – **InterManager**
- **Mr. Fabian Fussek**, Co-Founder & CEO – **Kaiko Systems**
- **Mr. Prabhat Kumar Jha**, Group Managing Director & CEO – **MSC Shipmanagement Limited, Cyprus**

SHIP FINANCE – ADAPTING TO NEW REGULATORY & COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPE

Moderator: Mr. George Zambartas, Head of Office (Limassol) – **Hill Dickinson LLP**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Nicholas Pavlidis**, Head of Shipping – **Bank of Cyprus**
- **Mr. Constantinos Milios**, Head of Shipping Finance – **Eurobank Cyprus**
- **Mr. Dimitris Tzavaras**, Head of Shipping – **Hellenic Bank**
- **Mr. David Grant**, Managing Director, Shipping Finance – **ING Bank NV**

ESG – CHARTING THE COURSE TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

This panel will focus on the necessity and tangible benefits of ESG from the viewpoint of various stakeholders – shipowners, bankers, insurers, charterers.

Opening Presentation by: Ms. Katerina Ronga, Partner, Risk Advisory, Sustainability & Climate Leader – **Deloitte Greece**

Moderator: Mr. Ezekiel Davis, Vice President, **Europe Business Development – ABS**

Panelists:

- **Ms. Katerina Ronga**, Partner, Risk Advisory, Sustainability & Climate Leader – **Deloitte Greece**
- **Mr. Hugues Calmet**, Head of DNB Athens Representative Office – **DNB**
- **Mr. Thanasis Antonakis**, Deputy CFO & Chief Compliance Officer – **Safe Bulkers**
- **Mr. Jeff Wakker**, COO – **Viterra Chartering B.V.**

INVESTING IN SHIPPING

Moderator: Mr. Andreas Mylonas, Advocate, Managing Partner – **AMG Mylonas & Associates, LLC**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Aristides Pittas**, Chairman & CEO – **Euroseas Ltd. & EuroDry Ltd.**
- **Mr. Ronis Kyperesis**, Head of Finance – **Pelagic Partners**; CFO – **Hartmann Holdings**
- **Mr. Hans Oust Heiberg**, Partner – **Sole Shipping**

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CHARTERERS' PERSPECTIVE - NAVIGATING THROUGH INDUSTRY TRANSFORMATION

Moderator:



Mr. Polys Hajioannou
CEO
Safe Bulkers (SB)

Panelists:



Mr. Alex Sass,
Vice President Freight
EP Resources AG



Mr. Samuel Jaeggi
Freight Trader
Mercuria



Mr. Mark Thompson
Senior Freight Trader
Olam International



Mr. Patrick Legierse
Global Head of Chartering
Viterra Chartering B.V.

SHIPOWNERS' ROUNDTABLE

Moderator:



Mr. Stavros Violaris
Partner, Sustainability Leader
EY Cyprus

Panelists:



Mr. Andreas Hadjiyannis
CEO
Cyprus Sea Lines / Hellenic Tankers
President
Cyprus Union of Shipowners



Ms. Semiramis Paliou
CEO - Diana Shipping (DSX)
Chairperson - HELMEPA
Chairperson - INTERMEPA



Mr. George Mouskas
CEO
Olympia Ocean Carriers / Zela
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Mr. Polys Hajioannou
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Mr. Petros Pappas
CEO
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CLOSING REMARKS

- **Mr. George A. Tsavlis, Principal – Tsavlis Salvage Group, Conference Chairman**

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