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The **4th Annual Capital Link German Maritime Forum** will be held on **Wednesday, November 6, 2024** at the **Radisson Blu Hotel** in **Hamburg, Germany**. The event is organized **in partnership** with **DNV** and **with the support** of the **German Shipowners' Association (VDR)** and the **Hamburg and Bremen Shipbrokers' Association**.

The Forum will take place **during the week of the Annual Eisbeinessen event**, a significant gathering that attracts maritime leaders from around the globe. It will showcase a diverse lineup of German and international industry leaders, including shipowners and financiers, who will share their expertise and insights. The discussions will span a wide range of topics, focusing on both issues pertinent to the German Maritime Community/Cluster and pressing global industry concerns.

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## AGENDA

### WELCOME REMARKS

**Mr. Knut Ørbeck-Nilssen, CEO – DNV Maritime**  
**Mr. Nicolas Bornozis, President – Capital Link, Inc.**

### THE GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN, GEOPOLITICS & THE WORLD ECONOMY

**Moderator: Mr. Rasmus Stute, Vice President, Area Manager Germany – DNV Maritime**

**Panelists:**

- **Dr. Johann Killinger, Managing Director – Buss Group**
- **Dr. Gaby Bornheim, President – German Shipowners' Association (VDR)**
- **Dr. Sadan Kaptanoglu, CEO – Kaptanoglu Shipping; President – BIMCO (2019 - 2021)**
- **Mr. Christian Rychly, COO – MPC Container Ships**

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## **TECHONOLOGY - DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION, AUTOMATION & AI**

*Fleet maintenance, emissions data and reporting, navigation safety, connectivity & crew welfare*

**Moderator: Mr. Fiorenzo Spadoni**, North Europe Marine Senior Director – **RINA**

### **Panelists:**

- **Mr. Fabian Fussek**, Co-Founder & CEO – **Kaiko Systems**
- **Mr. Pankaj Sharma**, Managing Director – **OneLink**
- **Mr. Dor Raviv**, Co-Founder & CTO – **Orca AI**
- **Ms. Friederike Hesse**, Co-Founder & Managing Director – **zero44**

## **ASSET PRESERVATION & FLEET RENEWAL**

**Moderator: Mr. Colin Rawlins**, Senior Representative for Germany – **Lloyd's Register**

### **Panelists:**

- **Mr. Georgios E. Poularas**, CEO – **ENESEL S.A**
- **Mr. Tim Ponath**, CEO – **NSB Group**
- **Mr. Marco Fiori**, CEO – **Premuda SpA**
- **Mr. Clemens Toepfer**, Managing Director – **Toepfer Transport GbmH**

## **NAVIGATING THE NEW ENERGY LANDSCAPE - A REALITY CHECK ON MARINE FUELS & THE ENERGY TRANSITION**

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

### **Panelists:**

- **Mr. Jasper Heikens**, CCO – **ECOLOG**
- **Ms. Linda Kongerslev**, Director - Global Engagement & Sustainability – **Oldendorff Carriers**
- **Mr. Oeyvind Lindeman**, CCO – **Navigator Gas (NYSE: NVGS)**
- **Mr. Rasmus Bach Nielsen**, Global Head of Fuel Decarbonization – **Trafigura**

## **CAPITAL LINK GERMAN SHIPPING LEADERSHIP AWARD**

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### **1X1 KEYNOTE DISCUSSION WITH:**

**Mr. Knut Ørbeck-Nilssen**, CEO – **DNV Maritime**

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## THE EVOLVING LANDSCAPE OF SHIP FINANCE

**Moderator: Dr. Christian Finnern LL.M.**, Partner & Head of Germany – **Watson Farley & Williams**

### Panelists:

- **Mr. Martijn van Tuijl**, Managing Director, Maritime Finance – **First Citizens Bank**
- **Mr. Sören Bibow**, Chief Financial Officer – **Harren Group; SAL Heavy Lift**
- **Mr. Maximilian Otto**, Director – **IG Capital**
- **Mr. Moritz Fuhrmann**, Co-CEO & CFO – **MPC Container Ships ASA**
- **Mr. Iraklis Tsirigotis**, Director Origination – **Neptune Leasing Ltd.**

## BALTIC INDICES FOR SHIPPING INVESTORS

### *Presented by:*

**Mr. Mark Ma**, Associate Director, EMEA – **Baltic Exchange**

## SHIPPING - THE INVESTOR PERSPECTIVE

**Moderator: Dr. Carolin Schmeding**, Partner – **Ehlermann Rindfleisch Gadow**

### Panelists:

- **Mr. Christian Synetos**, Investment Professional, Global Energy & Power Infrastructure Fund – **BlackRock**
- **Mr. Nils Aden**, Managing Director – **Harren Group**
- **Mr. Constantin Baack**, CEO – **MPC Capital AG**
- **Mr. John Wessel**, Managing Director – **Oldendorff Overseas Investments**

## WHAT'S NEXT - NAVIGATING THROUGH INDUSTRY TRANSFORMATION - THE INTERNATIONAL SHIPOWNER'S PERSPECTIVE

**Moderator: Mr. Sergey Gribanov**, Area Business Development Manager, Germany – **DNV Maritime**

### Panelists:

- **Mr. Helge Bartels**, Chief Operating Officer – **Bernhard Schulte GmbH**
- **Mr. John Su**, President & CEO – **Erasmus Shipinvest Group**
- **Mr. Jens-Michael Arndt**, Managing Partner – **H.Vogemann**
- **Mr. Bud Darr**, EVP, Maritime Policy and Government Affairs – **MSC Group**

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