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Athenaum Intercontinental, Athens

Friday, February 2, 2024

The [14th Annual Capital Link Greek Shipping Forum](#) titled “Sailing into the high seas” will be held in Athens on Thursday, February 8, 2024. The event is organized in cooperation with New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq. Tsakos Energy Navigation – TEN Ltd. is the Lead Sponsor.

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 Union of Greek Shipowners, the Greek Minister of Shipping and Insular Policy, the Heads of Classification Societies, Global Heads of Shipping, Major Global Investors, will all attend the forum.

The agenda will focus on three main areas:

- the industry’s main trends and challenges
- the opportunities that lie ahead and strategies to complete in an increasingly complex and demanding world. 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.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Featuring the Institutional & Industry Leadership of Global Shipping

- **Mr. Arsenio Dominguez**, Secretary General - **International Maritime Organization (IMO)**
- **H.E. Christos Stylianides**, Minister of Insular Policy & Shipping - **Hellenic Republic**
- **Mrs. Melina Travlos**, President of the **Union of Greek Shipowners (UGS)**; Chair of the Board of **Neptune Lines**
- **Mrs. Fotini Ioannidou**, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport – **European Commission**

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Heads of Industry Associations

- **Mr. Nikolaus Schües**, President & Chairperson of the Board – **BIMCO** ; CEO - **Reederei F. Laeisz**
- **Mr. Dimitris Fafalios**, Chairman – **INTERCARGO**; President/Director - **Fafalios Shipping S.A.**
- **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 S.A. (BIT:DIS; OTCQX:DMCOF)**

Heads of Classification Societies

- **Mr. Knut Ørbeck-Nilssen**, CEO - **DNV Maritime**
- **Mr. Nick Brown**, CEO - **Lloyd's Register**
- **Mr. Ugo Salerno**, Executive Chairman – **RINA**

Global Heads of Shipping

- **Ms. Anastassia Tcherneva**, Global Head of Shipping - **ABN AMRO**
- **Mr. Vassilios Maroulis**, Managing Director, Global Industry Head, Shipping, Logistics & Offshore – **Citi**
- **Mr. Christos Tsakonas**, Head of Global Shipping – **DNB**
- **Mr. Evan Cohen**, Managing Director & Group Head of Maritime Finance - **First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company**

Major Global Investors

- **Mr. Christian Synetos**, Investment Professional, Global Energy & Power Infrastructure Fund – **BlackRock**
- **Mr. Vagelis Chatziannis**, Senior Trader – **GMS**
- **Mr. Darren Maupin**, Founder & Director – **Pilgrim Global**
- **Mr. Peter Weernink**, Founder – **SwissMarine**
- **Mr. Nicolas Tirogalas**, Chief Investment Officer (CIO) - **Tufton Investment Management**

LUNCHEON & OFFICIAL AWARD CEREMONY 2024 CAPITAL LINK GREEK SHIPPING LEADERSHIP AWARD

During the luncheon in the context of the forum, an official award ceremony will take place, and the "**2024 Capital Link Greek Shipping Leadership Award**" will be presented to **TEN LTD. -TSAKOS ENERGY NAVIGATION LTD.**, for reaching the milestone of 30 successful years as a public company, and to **Dr. Nikolas P. Tsakos**, Founder & CEO - **TEN Ltd. (NYSE: TNP)**; Chairman **INTERTANKO (2014-2018)**, for his outstanding contribution to greek & global shipping.

Introductory Remarks: **Mr. Paolo d'Amico**, Chairman – **INTERTANKO** ; Executive Chairman & CEO - **d'Amico International Shipping S.A. (BIT:DIS; OTCQX: DMCOF)**.

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The “**Capital Link Greek Shipping Leadership Award**” is presented annually to a leading maritime figure 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 outstanding 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 **Tsavlis 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**, and **2023 - Mr. Themistocles Vokos**, Founder Member, Honorary Chairman of **Posidonia**; Founder of **Seatrade**.

TOPICS OF PRESENTATIONS & PANEL DISCUSSIONS

WELCOME REMARKS

Mr. Nicolas Bornozis, President – **Capital Link, Inc.**

THE EFFECT OF REGULATIONS ON SHIP SUPPLY – Presentation

Dr. John Kokarakis, Technical Director, SEEBA Zone - **Bureau Veritas**

EU EMISSIONS TRADING SYSTEM (ETS) – THE CARBON EMISSIONS PRICE TAG FOR SHIPPING

Moderator: Ms. Alexia Hatzimichalis, Partner, Athens Office Head – **Watson Farley & Williams**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Stamatis Fradelos**, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs – **ABS**
- **Mr. Vasileios Tsiamis**, Associate Partner – **EY**
- **Dr. Arlie Sterling**, Co-Founder & President - **Marsoft**
- **Ms. Friederike Hesse**, CoFounder and MD - **ZERO44**

TARGETING NET ZERO - Alternative Fuels & Technology

Moderator: Mr. Nick Brown, CEO - **Lloyd’s Register**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Stelios Troulis**, Director, Green Ship, Energy Transition & Sustainability - **Angelicooussis Group**
- **Mr. John Lycouris**, CEO – **Dorian LPG (USA) LLC (LPG)**
- **Mr. Konstantinos Stampedakis**, Co-Founder & Managing Director - **ERMA FIRST**
- **Mr. Bud Darr**, EVP, Maritime Policy and Government Affairs – **MSC Group**
- **Mr. Dor Raviv**, Co- Founder & CTO – **Orca AI**

COMMERCIAL BANKING SUMMIT – Adapting to New Commercial & Industry Realities

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

Panelists:

- **Ms. Anastassia Tcherneva**, Global Head of Shipping - **ABN AMRO**
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REGULATORY LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE – Setting the Framework for the Industry to Move Forward

Moderator: Mr. Knut Ørbeck-Nilssen, CEO - DNV Maritime

Panelists:

- Mr. Arsenio Dominguez, Secretary-General -IMO
- Mrs. Fotini Ioannidou, Acting Director - EUROPEAN COMMISSION, DG for Mobility & Transport

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INSTITUTIONAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT – Leading the Industry Through Transformation, Innovation & Geopolitical Challenges

Moderator: Mr. Ugo Salerno, Executive Chairman - RINA

Panelists:

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ALTERNATIVE FINANCE – WHAT IS THE VALUE PROPOSITION

Moderator: Ms. Dora Mace-Kokota, Partner - Stephenson Harwood

Panelists:

- Mr. Elias Sakellis, Chief Investment Officer - Borealis Maritime Ltd.; Chief Executive Officer - Australis Maritime Ltd.
- Mr. Omer Donnerstein, Managing Director - Entrust Global
- Mr. Martin Hugger, Managing Director - Meerbaum Capital Solutions Inc
- Mr. Harris Antoniou, Founder & Managing Director - Neptune Maritime Leasing Ltd.

SHIPPING AT CAPITAL & STRATEGY CROSSROADS – Optimizing Corporate Strategy, Capital Sourcing & Allocation – Maximizing Returns

Moderator: Mr. Holt Goddard, Counsel - Seward & Kissel

Panelists:

- Mr. Mark O'Neil, President & CEO - Columbia Group; President - InterManager
- Ms. Christa Volpicelli, Managing Director & Head of Maritime Investment Banking - Citi
- Mr. Felix Nölke, Managing Director – Maritime Investments - MPC Capital
- Mr. Michael Kirk, Managing Director - RMK Maritime

IMPACT OF MIDDLE EAST DISRUPTIONS ON SHIPPING – Presentation

- Ms. Alexandra Alatari, Senior Shipping Analyst - Braemar

INVESTING IN SHIPPING – WHERE ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES TODAY?

Do investors and shipowners look at shipping the same way?

Moderator: Mr. Panos Katsambas, Global Co-Lead Financial Industry Group, Partner - Reed Smith LLP

Panelists:

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