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6th Annual Capital Link Singapore Maritime Forum

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

The Fairmont Singapore

Friday, April 12th, 2024

For a **sixth year in a row** Capital Link is organizing a shipping Forum in Singapore.

The 6th Annual Singapore Maritime Forum will take place on **Tuesday, April 16, 2024**, from 9 am – 6 pm, as an **in-person** event at **the Fairmont Singapore**. The Forum is held in partnership with **Columbia Shipmanagement** and **Singhai Marine Services**. It is held in conjunction with the **2024 Singapore Maritime Week**.

The Forum aims to highlight the significant role of Singapore as the gateway to Asia and the global shipping markets. It will discuss the developments and trends in the energy, commodities, the various shipping sectors, the global financial and capital markets, as well as issues pertaining to shipping regulatory developments, decarbonization, digitalization, technology, and Seafarers.

The event will highlight the competitive positioning and advantages of Singapore as a maritime hub and also regional business and trading opportunities in Asia.

In the context of the Forum, the **2024 Capital Link Shipping Leadership Award** will be presented to **Ms. Tan Beng Tee**, Executive Director - **Singapore Maritime Foundation**.

Introductory Remarks will be delivered by **Mr. Hor Weng Yew**, CEO - **Pacific Carriers Limited** ; Chairman - **Singapore Maritime Foundation**.

Mr. Kenneth Lim, Assistant Chief Executive (Industry & Transformation) - **Maritime & Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)**, will deliver **Keynote Remarks to the Forum**.

REGISTRATION: Please register [here](#).

AGENDA TOPICS

Welcome Remarks:

- **Mr. Nicolas Bornozis**, President – **Capital Link, Inc.**
- **Mr. Mark O'Neil**, President & CEO – **Columbia Group**; President – **InterManager**
- **Mr. Terence Zhao**, Managing Director – **Singhai Marine Services**

DRY BULK SECTOR PANEL

Panelists will discuss the current trends and opportunities in the dry bulk market as well as their outlook concerning the sector's development.

Moderator: Ms. Cristina Saenz de Santa Maria, Regional Manager South East Asia, Pacific & India – **DNV Maritime**; Technical Committee Chair – **Singapore Shipping Association**

Panelists:

- **Mr. James Marshall**, CEO & Founder – **Berge Bulk**
- **Mr. Steve Kunzer**, CEO – **Lila Global**
- **Ms. Laure Baratgin**, Head of Commercial Operations – **Rio Tinto**
- **Mr. Stamatis Tsantanis**, Chairman & CEO – **Seenergy Maritime Holdings Corp. (SHIP)**; Founder, Chairman & CEO – **United Maritime Corporation (USEA)**
- **Mr. Alexander Slee**, Deputy CEO – **Taylor Maritime Investments**

ENERGY TRANSITION & ALTERNATIVE FUELS

Alternative fuels will play a key role in the push toward green shipping. However, uncertainty surrounds which fuels will be feasible. Panelists will discuss how this uncertainty impacts shipping companies' decisions regarding fleet renewal.

Moderator: Mr. Shu Yong Koh, Director, Global Sustainability – **ABS**

Panelists:

- **Ms. Dorothea Ioannou**, Chief Executive Officer – **American P&I Club**
- **Mr. Mark Cameron**, Managing Director – **Ardmore Shipping Asia Pte. Ltd**
- **Mr. Danny Goldsmith**, Senior Manager - **Enterprise Marine Strategy – Chevron**
- **Mr. Andrew Hoare**, Head of Fortescue Marine Systems – **Fortescue**
- **Ms. Friederike Hesse**, Co-Founder & Managing Director – **zero44**

AWARD CEREMONY

Presentation of the

“2024 CAPITAL LINK SHIPPING LEADERSHIP AWARD”

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NAVIGATING GLOBAL TRADE & COMMERCE

The panel will discuss regulatory, economic and geopolitical issues and how these impact global trade and commerce and the dynamics of the major seaborne transportation markets.

Moderator: Ms. Shanna Ghose, Partner – **Hill Dickinson LLP**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Rene Piil Pedersen**, Managing Director – **A.P. Moller Singapore Pte. Ltd.**
- **Ms. Ashima Taneja**, Head of Maritime Technical & Sustainability – **BHP**

- **Ms. Emma Cawood**, Managing Director – Finance & Treasury – **Cetus Maritime**
- **Mr. Gunnar Koløen**, CFO – **Gram Car Carriers**
- **Mr. Marco Fiori**, CEO – **Premuda SpA**

OPTIMIZING FLEET PERFORMANCE

Panelists will discuss the importance of technology and digitalization in optimizing fleet performance, particularly in terms of increasing vessel efficiency and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of seafarers.

Moderator: Mr. Sanjeev Mathur, Senior Vice President APAC – **LR OneOcean**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Mark O'Neil**, President & CEO – **Columbia Group**; President – **InterManager**
- **Mr. Gabriele Dado**, Director of Revenue – **DeepSea Technologies**
- **Mr. Damien Staples**, Vice President Indirect Sales – **Inmarsat Maritime**
- **Mr. Frederik Pind**, Managing Director – **NJORD - Maersk Tankers**
- **Mr. Yarden Gross**, CEO & Co-Founder – **ORCA AI**

KEYNOTE REMARKS

Mr. Kenneth Lim, Assistant Chief Executive (Industry & Transformation) - **Maritime & Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)**

TRENDS IN INTERNATIONAL SHIP FINANCE

On this panel, Shipowners & Global Financiers discuss the latest trends in ship finance internationally, as well as how these trends impact Singapore.

Moderator: Mr. Jeffrey Tanner, Partner – **Stephenson Harwood (Singapore) Alliance**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Nicolas Duran**, Managing Director & Partner - Investment Banking – **Fearnley Securities**
- **Mr. Berlin Li**, Managing Partner – **HIT Marine**
- **Mr. Christoph Beneke**, Ship Finance Executive – **Meerbaum Capital Solutions Inc.**
- **Mr. Christian Nolting**, Group Treasurer – **Purus Marine**

FUNDING OF MARITIME STARTUPS - ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY & DIGITALIZATION

This panel features venture capitalists who will highlight their decision-making process as to which start-ups to invest in the maritime industry, and steps needed to launch the product into the market – with a focus on technology and digitalization.

Moderator: Mr. Lars Riisberg, Executive Vice President – **RINA Marine Digital Solutions**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Dhritiman Hui**, Managing Director – **EPS Ventures**
- **Mr. Fabian Feldhaus**, Co-Founder & Managing Director – **Flagship Founders**
- **Mr. Haymon Sinapius**, Investment Director – **INNOPORT – Schulte Group**
- **Mr. Hannan Carmeli**, Founder & Managing Partner – **theDOCK**
- **Ms. Marina Hadjipateras**, Founder & General Partner – **TMV**

CHARTING CORPORATE STRATEGY IN A TRANSFORMING WORLD

This discussion will focus on optimizing corporate strategy and capital allocation in light of the many factors—regulatory, geopolitical, and environmental—impacting the maritime sector today.

Moderator: Mr. Ji Woon Kim, Shareholder – **Vedder Price**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Christoph Toepfer**, Founder & CEO – **Borealis Maritime**
- **Dr. Johann Killinger**, Managing Partner – **Buss Group**
- **Mr. John Su**, President & CEO – **Erasmus Shipinvest Group**
- **Mr. Nils Aden**, Managing Director – **Harren Group**
- **Mr. Piyush K. Sharma**, Group Director Corporate Strategy – **NSB Group**

THE HUMAN FACTOR - RECRUITMENT, TRAINING, RETENTION & WELLBEING OF SEAFARERS

Seafarers are vital to shipping, and their wellbeing, safety, and training are of the utmost importance for the industry. This panel will discuss the human factor of the maritime sector.

Moderator: Mr. Terence Zhao, Managing Director – **Singhai Marine Services**

Panelists:

- **Captain Ashish Mediratta**, Head of Crewing, Fleet Management and Technology – **A.P. Moller Maersk**
- **Captain Shivas Kapoor**, General Manager Crewing – **BW Hafnia**
- **Mr. Andreas Hadjipetrou**, CCO – **Columbia Group**; Managing Director – **Columbia Shipmanagement**
- **Captain Fared Khan**, Head HR Sea - **MISC Marine**
- **Mr. Marinos Kokkinis**, Managing Director – **OCS**

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