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**8th Annual Capital Link Cyprus Shipping Forum**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 2025**  
Columbia Plaza – Limassol, Cyprus

Thursday, February 13, 2025

Capital Link is hosting the **8th Annual Cyprus Shipping Forum** on **Tuesday, February 18, 2025**, 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 highlights the significant role of Cyprus as a maritime, energy and logistics hub and as an investment and business destination. The Forum features major international speakers and delegates and local leaders offering an exchange of ideas on critical industry topics, such as developments and trends in the major shipping, financial, and capital markets, issues pertaining to geopolitical and regulatory developments, and technical and commercial fleet management.

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 eighth 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 Bornois, President – Capital Link, Inc.**
- **Mr. George A. Tsavlis, Principal – Tsavlis Salvage Group; Conference Chairman**

### KEYNOTE PRESENTATION FOLLOWED BY A 1X1 DISCUSSION



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

With

**Mr. Nicolas Montanios, Partner – Montanios & Montanios LLC**

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## DECODING EU ETS & FUEL EU: IMPLICATIONS, CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

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

## FLEET COMPETITIVENESS IN THE ENERGY TRANSITION ERA: FUEL CHOICES, UPGRADES & RENEWAL STRATEGIES

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

**Panelists:**

- **Ms. Alkistis Kyriakopoulou**, Chief Business Officer – **DeepSea Technologies**
- **Mr. Konstantinos Stampedakis**, Co-Founder & Managing Director – **ERMA FIRST GROUP**
- **Mr. Aristides Pittas**, Chairman & CEO – **Euroseas Ltd. (NASDAQ: ESEA) & EuroDry Ltd. (NASDAQ: EDRY)**
- **Mr. Philippos Philis**, Chairman & CEO – **Lemissoler Navigation Co. Ltd**
- **Dr. Loukas Barmparis**, President – **Safe Bulkers, Inc. (NYSE: SB)**

## CHARTING A NEW COURSE: SHIP FINANCE OPTIONS & STRATEGIES AMID CHANGING MARKET DYNAMICS

**Moderator:** **Ms. Ester Toumpouris**, Deputy Head of Office (Limassol) – **Hill Dickinson LLP**

**Panelists:**

- **Mr. Nicholas Pavlidis**, Head of Shipping – **Bank of Cyprus**
- **Mr. Hugues Calmet**, Senior Vice President Head of DNB Athens Representative Office – **DNB**
- **Mr. Aris Patounas**, Head of Shipping – **Hellenic Bank**
- **Mr. Ronis Kyperesis**, Head of Accounting and Finance – **Pelagic Partners; CFO – Hartmann Holdings**

## AI IN MARITIME OPERATIONS: SUCCESSFUL ADOPTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

*Presented by:* **Ms. Christina Orfanidou**, Director, AI & Data – **Deloitte Cyprus**

## OPTIMIZING SHIP MANAGEMENT: BALANCING SAFETY, INNOVATION, SUSTAINABILITY, REGULATION, & NEW TRADE DYNAMICS

**Moderator:** **Ms. Anthi Miliou**, Global Maritime Commercial Director – **Lloyd's Register**

**Panelists:**

- **Mr. Mark O'Neil**, President & CEO – **Columbia Group**; Former President – **InterManager**
- **Mr. Dieter Rohdenburg**, CEO – **InterMaritime Shipmanagement Ltd.**
- **Mr. Spyros Vlassopoulos**, Managing Director – **Ionic Group**
- **Mr. Prabhat Kumar Jha**, Group Managing Director & CEO – **MSC Shipmanagement Ltd., Cyprus**

## NAVIGATING NEW CURRENTS IN CYPRIOT & GREEK WATERS: TRENDS & DEVELOPMENTS IN MARITIME FINANCE

*Presented by:* **Mr. Andreas Papachristodoulou**, Partner – **Stephenson Harwood**

## NAVIGATING THROUGH TURBULENCE & TRANSFORMATION - SHIPPING MARKETS IN MOTION - DEVELOPMENT & OUTLOOK

*Presented by:* **Ms. Angelica Kemene**, Head of Market Analysis & Decarbonisation Strategies – **Optima Shipping Services**

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## TRENDS & OUTLOOK FOR GLOBAL COMMERCE, ECONOMY & SHIPPING CHARTERERS' INSIGHTS

**Moderator:** Mr. Polys Hajioannou, CEO – Safe Bulkers, Inc. (NYSE: SB); Vice President – Cyprus Union of Shipowners

**Panelists:**

- Mr. Mohammed Bin Battal, President – Bahri Dry Bulk
- Mr. Robert Schreve, Senior Freight Trader – Olam Agri

## DIGITALIZATION & CYBERSECURITY – CHALLENGES & STRATEGIES FOR THE MARITIME INDUSTRY

**Moderator:** Mr. George A. Tsavlis, Principal – Tsavlis Salvage Group; Conference Chairman

**Panelists:**

- Mr. Alexander Oswald, Group Director IT – Columbia Group
- Mr. Russell Kempley, Chief Propositions and Security Officer – CyberOwl
- Mr. Panos Theodossopoulos, CEO – Metis

## 1X1 DISCUSSION - SHIPPING – SAILING THROUGH TRANSFORMATION & DISRUPTION

*Between:*

**Dr. Anil Sharma**, Founder and CEO – GMS & Lila Global

&

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

## NAVIGATING THE GLOBAL SHIPPING LANDSCAPE SHIPOWNERS' INSIGHTS

**Moderator:** Mr. George Teriakidis, Regional Manager for Southeast Europe – DNV Maritime

**Panelists:**

- Capt. Stephanos E. Angelakos, CEO – Angelakos (Hellas) S.A.
- Mr. Andreas Hadjiyiannis, CEO – Cyprus Sea Lines / Hellenic Tankers; President – Cyprus Union of Shipowners
- Ms. Semiramis Paliou, CEO – Diana Shipping Inc. (DSX); Chairperson – HELMEPA & INTERMEPA
- Mr. George Mouskas, CEO – Olympic Ocean Carriers / Zela Shipping
- Mr. Polys Hajioannou, CEO – Safe Bulkers (NYSE:SB); Vice President – Cyprus Union of Shipowners
- Ms. Nicole Mylona, CEO – Transmed Shipping Co.

## CLOSING REMARKS

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