



PRESS RELEASE

THE HELLENIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR PROFESSIONALS IN FINANCE – HABA, HONORS NICOLAS BORNOZIS OF CAPITAL LINK

Athens – New York, Wednesday, June 28, 2023.

Mr. Nicolas Bornozis, Founder, President & CEO, Capital Link, Inc., was honored with the “2023 Executive of the Year Award” by HABA - Hellenic American Association for Professionals in Finance, on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, in New York, at The Union League Club of New York, in a full room with a large audience of more than 300 people, including prominent personalities of the Greek – American community. The award ceremony was held in the context of the celebration of HABA’s 39th anniversary.

HABA, the Hellenic-American Association for Professionals in Finance, is one of the premier Hellenic-American organizations in the New York metropolitan area. HABA is a not-for-profit organization established in 1982 to promote the professional and educational interests of Greek & Cypriot-Americans and Pan-Hellenes in the banking and finance industries. Over the past 30 years, HABA has had many distinguished speakers, both American and international, in the receptions, lectures, and seminars it has organized. Its current active membership consists of over 200 professionals representing more than 50 institutions across the financial spectrum. Its impact in the community has been recognized by the press, by governments both in the US and internationally.

HABA recognized and honored Mr. Nicolas Bornozis for his commitment throughout his whole career (40+ years), in promoting Greece as a business and investment destination to the international and particularly the American financial community, as well as, in raising the profile of Greek Shipping to a wider audience worldwide.

HONORARY DISTINCTION FROM THE RHODE ISLAND STATE SENATE

Mr. Leonidas Raptakis, Rhode Island State Senator presented Mr. Nicolas Bornozis with one more award, in recognition of his work and lifetime achievements, coming from the Rhode Island Senate and W.H.I.A (World Hellenic Inter-Parliamentary Association), being its President, and on behalf of all the 47 elected Senators in the Greek-American government with Greek origin.

AWARD CEREMONY AGENDA

HABA, President, Mr. Bob Savage, Global Head of Markets, Strategy and Insights, BNY Mellon welcomed all guests. Master of Ceremony was Ms. Alexia Kalfas, Chief Financial Officer, TMV, who organized this year’s successful event together with Mr. Costas Kellas, Treasurer HABA, CEO, Objecutive, Inc.

Many top industry leaders from the public and private sectors, have commented on many occasions on Mr. Bornozis work and contribution and these comments were mentioned during the dinner award ceremony. **In particular, the award ceremony started with the broadcast of video statements from the following prominent personalities:**

- Mr. Kostas Karamanlis, former Prime Minister of Greece
- Mr. Antonis Samaras, former Prime Minister of Greece
- Mr. George Papandreou, former Prime Minister of Greece
- Mr. John Paulson, President & Portfolio Manager - Paulson & Co. Inc.
- Mr. Wilbur L. Ross, former Secretary of Commerce - U.S. Department of Commerce & former Chairman and Chief Strategy Officer - WL Ross & Co. LLC
- Mr. Michael Parker, Chairman, Global Shipping, Logistics & Offshore, Citi
- Mr. Ted Jadick, President, DNB Markets, Inc.
- Mr. Knut Orbeck Nilssen, CEO, DNV Maritime

Additionally, during the award ceremony, **introductory remarks were delivered in person, by:**

- Mr. C. Dean Metropoulos, Chairman & CEO - Metropoulos & Co
- Mr. John Hadjipateras, CEO – NYSE listed Dorian LPG
- Mr. John Catsimatidis, Chairman & CEO – Red Apple Group
- Mr. Leonidas Raptakis, Rhode Island State Senator – USA

They highlighted the importance of Nicolas's and his sister's Olga's work and contribution to fostering the business relationship between the United States and Greece, to the successful investment flows to Greece, and to raising Greek Shipping's profile.

HABA, President, Mr. Bob Savage, Global Head of Markets, Strategy and Insights, BNY Mellon, handed the award to Mr. Nicolas Bornozis, who offered a short speech.

The event Closing Remarks were delivered by Mr. Chris Thomas, Vice President - HABA & Managing Director - Simon Quick Advisors LLC. The award ceremony was honored by the presence and participation of more than 300 prominent guests – personalities, and distinguished Greeks of the Omogeneia, American entrepreneurs, shipowners, and top leaders of the Financial Community of New York.

MR. NICOLAS BORNOZIS SPEECH

Mr. Nicolas Bornozis received the award and stated: «I am extremely moved and proud of this great honor coming from an organization of HABA's caliber, and I accept it also on behalf of my sister Olga, who is equally a pioneer, and on the part of the whole Capital Link team, in New York and Athens.

- This recognition focuses on our efforts to promote Greece as a business and investment destination, as well as Greek shipping, to US investors as well as to a wider worldwide audience.
- In regard to highlighting Greece, Greeks living abroad have always had a special love for Greece and have always stood by our country in a variety of ways. My sister, Olga, and I believed that a high-level platform which would promote Greece to the business and investment community on a permanent and consistent basis was needed, one that would take the form of an International Forum, in which all important and relevant players in Greece and abroad would take part. The know-how and contacts I gained from my many years in the American banking, brokerage and investment market were significant factors which contributed to this venture. And, of course, this effort could not have evolved to its

current point without the support of the Capital Link team in New York and in Athens on one hand, and on the other hand without the support of all of those who believed in us and in our endeavors, whom we thank from our heart.

- I am especially proud that the Forum takes place independent of the political and economic situation in Greece, and that all of the country's governments have supported it. At the same time, I am also proud that, during the difficult times that Greece faced, the Forum continued without any reduction in its quality and scope. I would say that, in those critical years, it was particularly important that we kept the flag held high, despite all the adversities.
- As far as shipping is concerned, in early 2005, when shipping companies began to orientate themselves to raise funds from the capital markets, and especially in America, the wider investment world did not have enough information about just how significant a role shipping plays, even though more than 80% of world trade is carried by ships.
- Thus, our actions were focused both on supporting the shipping companies in the capital markets, and on informing a wider audience about the importance of shipping through our conferences.
- Today, I am honored that we cooperate with leading shipping companies and that the name of Capital Link is widely known and highly regarded internationally, as we operate in 10 major international shipping centers.
- I am also particularly proud of the fact that we are the only company in our field with Greek roots that promotes Greek shipping and the industry in general at a global level.

MR. NICOLAS BORNOZIS' PROFESSIONAL PATH

- Starting in 1994, Nicolas hosted the first roadshow for the Athens Stock Exchange in the United States (with the then President Nikitas Niarchos) and brought the Greek Stock market to the attention of US investors, through the companies he founded, the investor relations firm, Capital Link and the broker-dealer firm, Alexander Capital.
- In November 2002, Nicolas contribution was instrumental in the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation between the New York and Athens Stock Exchanges.

«Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum» organized in New York

- Realizing the importance of creating a platform which would systematically raise the profile of Greece among US investors, he and his sister Olga created the "Capital Link Invest in Greece Forum" in 1997. The Forum is held annually in New York, and this year the event celebrates its 25th anniversary.
- The forum is an International Summit about Greece hosted in New York. It's the longest running financial forum about Greece, held abroad, and has a proven track record and wide acceptance within the business, financial and investment communities. The event is organized in cooperation with the New York Stock Exchange, and recently also with the cooperation of the Athens Stock Exchange, as well as with major Global Investment Banks. The event gathers top level executives from the business world, from both the public and private sectors, bringing together a number of international investors, entrepreneurs, banking executives and technocrats. Top Government officials from Greece, Europe and The United States, present to American investors, in a comprehensive and thorough way, the latest developments and the prospects of the Greek economy.

- This Forum is held annually despite the political and economic conditions in Greece. All Greek governments regardless of political orientation have used this event to reach out to the US investment, business and financial community. The Forum has contributed significantly to developing closer ties between the US and Greek business, in these business areas.
- In the context of the event, the New York Stock Exchange in cooperation with Capital Link organize a special ceremony honoring the "Greek American Issuer Day at NYSE", during which Greek & Greek American companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange ring the "Opening" or "Closing Bell" - at NYSE-New York Stock Exchange. During that day The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) flies the Greek flag on Wall Street. The event is being broadcasted live on major news stations in the United States and abroad to an audience of millions of viewers worldwide and it is an event of unique visibility throughout the world.

«Annual Capital Link Sustainability Forum» organized in Athens

- The "Annual Capital Link Sustainability Forum" is organized for 13 consecutive years, focusing on the latest developments in the field of Sustainability in Greece and abroad, taking into account the new trends but also challenges in Sustainability, Finance & Investments. This way, the Forum showcases Greek companies' active shift and focus on Sustainability, their alternative action methods at all stages of production that help reduce their environmental footprint, enhance transparency in Corporate Governance as well as sensitivity on a humanitarian level.
- The Forum is organized annually with the participation of representatives from the Greek Government, the Local Government Authorities, senior executives from the public and private sectors in Greece as well as distinguished Greek-American Entrepreneurs and Greek Diaspora members.

Greek and International Shipping

- Capital Link assists Greek and International listed companies, in the US (NYSE & NASDAQ), as well as in the European Stock Exchanges (Oslo, Euronext, London, Milan), by supporting their approach and communication with investors and financiers, and also helps them with their presence within the industry worldwide.
- Capital Link is also known for the organization of 18 top-level investment and shipping forums in 10 countries in Europe, the United States and Asia – in key industry centers: Athens, Hamburg, London, Limassol, Oslo, New York, Singapore, Shanghai, Tokyo, Hong Kong, making it an active participant in the industry's major events worldwide.
- Capital Link Forums raise the profile of Greek shipping to a wider investor, financial and shipping audience, worldwide. The Forums are recognized and honored by the participation of top-level executives of major international shipping organizations and associations, as well as top industry leaders and influential players from Greek and international shipping.

Capital Link Leadership Awards

- In the context of Capital Link Forums, in Athens and in New York, the "Capital Link Leadership Awards" are being presented on an annual basis, honoring the important contribution and lifetime achievements of one or more prominent industry

personalities/companies/organizations, for their contribution to society and for promoting the profile of Greece and Greek culture globally, or shipping, depending on the event.

Online Presence

- Capital Link has launched one of the more reliable and recognizable websites that provide constant flow of information and data, including forums, podcasts, webinars and also featuring interviews about critical issues, related to investments in Greece and shipping.
- Capital Link has also been the first event organizer to turn their events to full scale digital conferences in 2020 when the pandemic started, and also kept on organizing digital Forums throughout the years of lockdown, when online communication was the only way of contact.

ABOUT CAPITAL LINK

Founded in 1995, Capital Link is a New York based investor relations, financial communications and advisory firm with a strategic focus on the maritime, commodities and energy sectors, MLPs, as well as Closed-End Funds and ETFs. In addition, Capital Link organizes 18 high quality Investment Forums, webinars and podcasts, focusing on maritime transportation and U.S. investment products in 10 countries in the United States, Europe and Asia, in key industry centers, such as New York, London, Oslo, Hamburg, Athens, Limassol, Shanghai, Singapore, Tokyo and Hong Kong all of which are known for combining rich educational and informational content with unique marketing and networking opportunities. Capital Link is a member of the Baltic Exchange. Based in New York City, Capital Link has presence in London, Athens & Oslo.

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Tributes: <https://youtu.be/6KCFobGapyA>

Nicolas Bornozis speech: <https://youtu.be/jg4Onb6gpA8>

Full Event: <https://youtu.be/DiXee8tdZYE>

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