2nd Capital Link Maritime Forum in Dubai

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The Westin Dubai Mina Seyahi Beach Resort & Marina

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8:00 – 8:55 AM	**REGISTRATION & COFFEE** Sponsored by CASTOR TORO
	WELCOME REMARKS
8:55 – 9:00 AM	**Mr. Nicolas Bornozis,** President – **Capital Link, Inc.** **Mr. Ian Edwards,** Vice President, Regional CEO, Middle East & Africa – **DNV Maritime**
9:00 – 9:10 AM	**OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS** **THE MIDDLE EAST AT THE CENTER OF GLOBAL SHIPPING & ENERGY** **Mr. Hisham Nasir Alnughaimish,** President – **Bahri Oil**
9:15 – 9:55 AM	**GLOBAL TRADE & GEOPOLITICS - OPERATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL STRATEGY** *Geopolitical conflicts, sanctions, the Red Sea and Strait of Hormuz, changing trade routes and their impact on global shipping and supply chains* **Moderator: Ms. Natalie Jensen,** Partner – **Watson Farley & Williams** **Panelists:** • **Mr. Khalid Yousef Alhammad,** President – **Bahri Ship Management** • **Mr. Andreas Hadjipetrou,** CEO – **Columbia Group** • **Mr. Sebastian von Hardenberg,** President – **InterManager;** CEO – **Bernhard Schulte Shipmanagement** • **Mr. William Fairclough,** Managing Director – **Wah Kwong Maritime Transport**
10:00 – 10:10 AM	**THE MIDDLE EAST'S MARITIME EXPANSION – NEWBUILDINGS, FLEET GROWTH & INVESTMENT** *A look at the Middle East's expanding newbuilding orderbook, fleet growth and investment, and how these trends are reshaping the region's role in global shipping.* **Presentation by: Mr. Theo Kourmpelis,** Global Business Director for Tankers – **Lloyd's Register**
10:15 – 10:50 AM	**THE NEW ENERGY LANDSCAPE: SHIPPING MARKETS & FLEET RENEWAL** *This panel will examine how evolving energy markets, shifting global demand and changing trade flows are influencing shipping markets and the outlook for different vessel segments. Discussion will focus on market trends and how shipowners are approaching fleet renewal, newbuilding decisions and fleet modernization in response to the Net Zero Framework and changing market conditions.* **Moderator: Mr. Pawan Sahni,** VP, Business Development Director, Middle East & Africa – **DNV Maritime** **Panelists:**

- **Capt. Franck Kayser,** COO – **Asyad Shipping Company (MUSCAT: ASCO)**
- **Mr. Morten Pilnov**, Executive Director Shipping – **EXMAR**
- **Mr. Spyros Leoussis,** CCO – **Maran Gas Maritime**
- **Mr. Lars Dencker Nielsen,** CCO – **Scorpio Tankers Inc. (NYSE: STNG)**

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AT SEA: FROM HYPE TO COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

As AI moves from experimentation to real-world deployment, this panel will examine where it is delivering measurable value across shipping—from vessel operations and fuel efficiency to commercial decision-making, safety and fleet management.

10:55 – 11:30 AM

Moderator: Mr. Dheeraj Sharma, VP of Marine & Offshore Global Business Development for Middle East and Africa – **ABS**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Jaideep Vohra,** Director, Fleet Performance and Engineering – **Bahri Ship Management**
- **Mr. Sebastian Ebbing,** Managing Director – **Bestship**
- **Mr. Salvatore d'Amico,** Chairman – **Ishima Pte. Ltd**

THE MIDDLE EAST MARITIME HUB: OPERATING & MANAGING THE GLOBAL FLEET

The discussion will explore the opportunities and practical challenges of operating and managing global fleets from the Middle East, and what the region needs to strengthen its position as an international maritime hub.

11:35 – 12:10 PM

Moderator: Capt. Ankur Arora, Head of Commercial – METC & South Asia, Global Market Expert – HOCT – **Bureau Veritas Marine & Offshore**

Panelists:

- **Mr. Faisal Al Husseini,** President & Board Member – **Bahri Chemicals & Products**
- **Capt. Rishi Nyati,** Managing Director and CEO – **Emarat Maritime**
- **Mr. Xanthos Kyriacou,** CEO – **Noatum CSM**
- **Mr. Tim Coffin,** CEO – **Tristar Eships**

FINANCING THE FLEET: CAPITAL STRATEGIES FOR GLOBAL SHIPPING

Moderator: Mr. Ian Mace, Global Head of Maritime, Trade and Offshore Finance – **Stephenson Harwood**

12:15 – 12:50 PM

Panelists:

- **Mr. Nicholas M. Petrakakos,** Partner & Managing Director, Maritime & Offshore - Investment Banking – **Alantra**
- **Mr. Iraklis Tsirigotis,** Director of Origination – **Neptune Maritime Leasing Ltd.**
- **Mr. Shailesh Bhala,** COO – **SPM Energy Shipping FZCO**

	• **Mr. Nikos Petrakakos,** Managing Director – **Tufton Investment Management**
12:55 – 1:10 PM	**THE SHADOW FLEET: SANCTIONS, REGULATION & THE FUTURE OF SHIPPING** **1×1 Discussion between** **Mr. Nicolas Bornozis,** President – **Capital Link, Inc.** **&** **Dr. Anil Sharma,** Founder and CEO – **GMS & Lila Global**
1:15 – 1:55 PM	**THE SHIPOWNERS' ROUNDTABLE: GLOBAL SHIPPING, THE MIDDLE EAST & THE NEXT MARKET CYCLE** **Moderator: Mr. Dimitris Karamacheras,** Partner – **Hill Dickinson LLP** **Panelists:** • **Eng. Ahmed Ali Alsubaey,** CEO & Board Member – **Bahri Group** • **Mr. Lars H. Barstad,** CEO – **Frontline (NYSE: FRO)(OSLO: FRO)** • **Mr. Andrea Olivi,** Global Head of Shipping – **Trafigura**
2:00 – 3:00 PM	**NETWORKING LUNCH**