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**Tim Ananiadis**

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With over 40 years of international experience in the hospitality industry, Tim Ananiadis started his career at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, followed by assignments as Director of Food and Beverage at the Hyatt Regency(s) New Orleans, Hilton Head, Nashville, Buffalo, and Columbus. In 1988 he held the position of Corporate Director of Food and Beverage for Hyatt Hotels with main responsibilities of menu engineering, product development, recruitment, development and implementation of service standards and training, concept development and pre-opening new hotel support. Tim's career as General Manager includes positions in the USA at the Hyatt Regency Pittsburgh, Hyatt Regency Coral Gables and Hyatt Regency Miami. In 1999 he joined Hyatt International as the General Manager of the Hyatt Regency Thessaloniki in Greece and later moved to India as the General Manager of the Grand Hyatt Mumbai. In 2003 Tim joined Starwood Hotels and Resorts returning to Greece as the General Manager/Managing Director of the Hotel Grande Bretagne. In 2006 through 2012 he was given the additional responsibility of Area Manager for Greece, Turkey & Cyprus overseeing 18 Starwood affiliated hotels. From 2013 the area responsibility included the Balkans until Marriott International merged with Starwood when he took over the responsibility of Marriott Business Council for Greece and Cyprus while remaining the Complex Managing Director of the Hotel Grande Bretagne and King George until October 2020. Presently, he is the Senior Hospitality Advisor to the Laskaridis family and on the board of Directors for Lampsa Hellenic Hotels and Luckman Park Estate, both part of the Laskaridis family. Active in a number of business and non-profit organizations, Tim serves as Vice Chairman of The American Community Schools (ACS) of Athens, Vice President of the Athens Hotel Association, Board Member of the Greek Health Tourism Organization, member of the Board of Directors for the American Hellenic Institute (AHI), and Tourism Committee President of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM). Tim's business philosophy of an ideal hotel is one that provides a comfortable, friendly and efficient environment for guests and associates while maximizing financial results through constant innovation, proactive management, and intuitive service. His personal guiding principal is "be kind and treat your associates the way you expect them to treat your guests and they will definitely reward you". Both Greek and American, Tim was born and raised in Greece and educated at Ryerson University Toronto, Canada. His career was equally divided between the USA and Greece, employed for more than 20 years in each country. Tim and his wife, Jennifer, currently split their time between Athens and Miami, and they have three grown boys residing in Athens, Miami and Dallas.



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**Simos Anastasopoulos**

President

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Simos Anastasopoulos is a graduate of the Department of Electrical Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), and holds a Master's of Science Degree in Mechanical/Automotive Engineering from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He has worked for two years for General Motors Corporation as a development Engineer at the Milford Proving Ground. Since 2002 he had been the Managing Director of the company and in 2013 was named Chairman and CEO of PETSIAVAS S.A. Since July 2020, he is President of Associations of S.A. & Limited Liability Companies. He is the elected President of the Council on Competitiveness of Greece since its foundation in 2018. He is also a member of the Board of the Pan-Hellenic Association of Pharmaceutical Industries and a member of the General Council of SEV Hellenic Federation of Enterprises. Since June 2019, he is President Emeritus of the American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce after a tenure of 6 years as the elected President. Simos Anastasopoulos was born in Athens in 1957, is married to Peggy Petsiavas and has two daughters.



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## Kostas Andriosopoulos

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Professor Dr. Kostas Andriosopoulos is the Executive Director of the Research Centre for Energy Transition & Sustainability Center at Audencia Business School where he holds the position of full Professor in Finance and Energy Economics. Kostas holds a PhD in Finance (Cass Business School, City University London), where he has been the recipient of the prestigious Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation's scholarship. He also holds an MBA and MSc in Finance (Northeastern University, Boston, USA), and a bachelor's degree in Production Engineering and Management (Technical University of Crete, Greece). In addition, Kostas held the position of Executive Director of the Research Centre for Energy Management at ESCP Europe Business School.

Kostas is a member in various professional and academic associations.

- President of the Energy Committee of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce.
- President of the Decarbonization Fund of the Greek islands for the Hellenic Ministry of Environment & Energy.
- Founder and former Chairman of the Hellenic Association for Energy Economics (a think tank focusing on issues related to energy, the environment and the economy).
- Board member of the Global Gas Center - World Energy Council as a Gas and LNG markets expert.
- Member of the board of the International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE) as a Vice President for Publications.
- Founding board member of the Financial Engineering and Banking Society.
- Member Technical Chamber of Greece.
- Member of the Beta Gamma Sigma honor society, which recognizes outstanding academic achievements of students enrolled in collegiate business and management programs.
- Member of the Energy Commission of the Industry and Parliament Trust in the UK (2012-13).

In addition to his academic profile, he has an extensive professional experience in the business world and has served as a business consultant in energy, food, web & software, commodity trading and shipping industries. During September 2019 - February 2021 he was appointed Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Public Gas Company (DEPA), a position he also held for the period 2014-2015. Since August 2018 he is Country Manager of Akvo Energy in Greece, a multinational company based in France that develops RES projects in 17 countries around the world. In addition, he has worked as an advisor to the Retail Banking Director and Managing Director for the British Bankers' Association (2007). Kostas' current interests include energy-related geopolitical issues, gas and LNG market dynamics, RES investments, financial engineering and the application of operational research tools on risk management and investment techniques in energy, shipping and agricultural commodity markets. His work has been published in international finance and commodity-related Journals and has participated as speaker in recognized conferences world-wide. He is the Associate Editor for the International Journal of Financial Engineering and Risk Management, Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Energy Markets, he has edited special issues in recognized journals, acts as a reviewer for a number of academic journals, and has organized numerous international conferences.



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**Gianna  
Angelopoulos-Daskalaki**  
President  
"Greece 2021" Committee



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Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki is a lawyer, businesswoman, philanthropist, and Ambassador at-Large of the Greek State. She has been a member of the Hellenic Parliament and the President of the Athens 2004 Olympic Games Organizing Committee. Since 31 July 2019, she is the President of the "Greece 2021" Committee, the State institution established for the celebration of the bicentennial of the Greek Revolution of 1821. She studied law at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and practiced law for several years. In 1986 she started her public career, initially as a member of the municipal council in the Municipality of Athens and later as a member of the Hellenic Parliament, as elected MP in 1989 and 1990. After her marriage to businessman Theodoros Angelopoulos, she resigned from her seat in Parliament and devoted herself to her family, the family businesses, and social engagement. After securing the bid to host the 2004 Olympic Games, she was invited to organize the "Athens 2004" Olympic and Paralympic Games. After their successful conclusion, she described her experience in her book "My Greek Drama," which was published in May 2013 and was listed among the top ten best-selling books in the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal. Mrs. Angelopoulos is a supporter of educational initiatives and has an active philanthropic presence in projects in Greece and worldwide. She has served as Vice President of the Dean's Council of Harvard's Kennedy School of Governance since 1994. Among these initiatives are: the "Angelopoulos Global Public Leaders" Program at HKS, the interdisciplinary Angelopoulos Professorship in Public Health and International Development at Harvard, the Angelopoulos Foundation yearly scholarship program at the Clinton Global Initiative University, and the Gianna Angelopoulos Programme for Science Technology and Innovation (GAPSTI) at the University of Cambridge. It supports young scientists and graduate students with collaborations in the industrial sector and similar business enterprises. She was appointed Commander of the Order of Honor by the Hellenic Republic, Chevalier of the French Republic's National Order of the Legion of Honor by the French Republic, and recipient of the Gold Distinction by the International Olympic Committee. She is an Ambassador at-Large of the Hellenic Republic. She has been awarded a Ph.D. from the Department of Physical Education and Sport Science of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (1999) and the Gold Medal of the Hellenic Open University (2021). Since September 2021, she is the Honorary President of Greece-Israel Friendship Association. Mrs. Angelopoulos is a proud mother of three children and grandmother of three grandchildren.



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**Peggy Antonakou**

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Peggy Antonakou is the Regional General Manager for Southeast Europe. Before joining Google, MS Antonakou was CEO of Microsoft for Greece, Cyprus and Malta. Peggy Antonakou holds a bachelor degree from the School of Business Administration of the University of Piraeus and an MBA from the University of Michigan.



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## Vassilis Antoniades

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Vassilis Antoniades is the regional leader of BCG's Financial Institutions Practice in Central Europe and the Middle East, and a member of the BCG Global CEO Advisory Council. He joined BCG in 2003 and had a key role in the development of BCG's activities in Greece. In the last years he has advised key decision makers of financial institutions, energy players, governments, and organizations from various sectors in Europe and the Middle East. From 2010 to 2018 he led the BCG office in Greece. Vassilis Antoniades has been appointed by the Greek government as a member of the board of directors of the National Council for Research, Technology and Innovation (NCRI), while he advises the Greek government on issues related to the country's transition to a green economy and issues related to Greece's economic recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. At the same time, he is a member on the boards of the Bodossaki Foundation, the Benaki Museum as well as the Advisory Council for drafting a national climate legislation on behalf of WWF Hellas. He is also a founding member of ExcellenSeas, a Greek NGO granting scholarships for college to top high school graduates from remote Greek islands. He holds an MBA from Harvard Business School and a B.Sc. magna cum laude in International Finance from Georgetown University.



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**Yossi Arouch**

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Yossi Arouch is a Managing Director and Partner at the Athens office of BCG. He is an expert in Large Scale Change, Transformation, and ESG, focusing primarily on the Retail, Consumer, Logistics and Industrial Goods sectors. Over the last 15 years, Yossi has supported international clients across more than 30 countries, and has led major transformation programs spanning across continents. During his career at BCG, he has worked in multiple BCG offices, including Athens, Tel Aviv, Milan, and more recently Hong Kong. Before joining BCG, Yossi worked at the textile industry. Yossi holds an MBA with focus on Retailing from Instituto de Empresa, and two BA degrees, in Business and Engineering.



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## Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou

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Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou is a Greek Member of the European Parliament affiliated to the European People's Party (EPP), an economist and an attorney-at-law. She serves as Vice-Chair of the Committee on International Trade (INTA) and is a member of the special Committee on Artificial Intelligence in a Digital Age (AIDA), the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO), the Committee on Development (DEVE), the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Science and Technology Options Assessment Panel (STOA).



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**Nikolaos Bakatselos**

President

American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce  
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Nikolaos Bakatselos is the President & CEO of “Pyramis Metallourgia A.E.” and “Pyramis Deutschland GmbH”. Nikolaos Bakatselos was Member of the Board of Directors, and Deputy Managing Director, of “Northern Greece Publishing S.A.”. He has held the position of Managing Director of “Imperium AEEX”, and Member of the Board of Directors of “Egnatia Bank Securities S.A.”. He was a Member of the Board of Directors of Attica Bank from February 2014 until June 2016. Nikolaos Bakatselos was a Member of the Steering Committee of the “International Hellenic University” from 2006 until January 2014 and Member of the Board and President of the Northern Greece Committee of EEDE. He is Member of the Committee Support CERTH, Trustee of Anatolia College, Member of the Board and Member of the Steering Committee of SVE and Honorary Consul of Belgium for Northern Greece. After being a Member of the Board of Directors of the American – Hellenic Chamber of Commerce for several years, in June 2010 he was elected Vice President of AMCHAM and President of the Northern Greece Committee and since June 2019 he is the President of AMCHAM. In October 2019 he was elected as President of HEDNO by the General Assembly of HEDNO. Nikolaos Bakatselos holds a B.A. in Sociology from University of Reading and a MSc in Shipping, Trade and Finance from City University Business School.



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Amine Benayad is a Managing Director and Partner at the Paris office of BCG, which he joined in 2012. He is a core member of the Financial Institutions and Technology Advantage practices. He is an expert in integration, digital transformation, risk management and compliance. Prior to joining BCG, Amine worked for 7 years as a Capital Markets Banker at Société Générale CIB, where he managed the credit derivatives research and development teams. Amine holds a Master in Engineering from Ecole Centrale Paris, as well as a Master of Science from Université La Sorbonne, where he majored in Economy and Finance.



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**Dr. Jens Burchardt**

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Jens Burchardt is BCG's global expert on climate impact and cofounder of the firm's Center for Climate and Sustainability. He advises clients in the private and public sectors on how to prepare for a low-carbon economy and how to win in low-carbon technologies, such as hydrogen, power-to-x and carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS). He is the author of several landmark BCG publications on climate change and a regular speaker on the climate transition, including at TED. He has advised the World Economic Forum (WEF), the Conference of the Parties (COP26) unit and several German government commissions on decarbonization.



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Frances G. Burwell is a distinguished fellow at the Atlantic Council and a senior director at McLarty Associates. She previously served as vice president, European Union and Special Initiatives, at the Council, and currently leads the Transatlantic Digital Marketplace Initiative. Her work focuses on the European Union and US-EU relations, including in the digital arena. Her most recent publications include: Proposal for a US-EU Digital Council: Building a Comprehensive Conversation; Engaging Europe: A Transatlantic Digital Agenda for the Biden Administration; The European Union and the Search for Digital Sovereignty (co-authored) and Making America First in the Digital Economy: The Case for Engaging Europe; After Brexit: Alternate Forms of Brexit and their Implications (co-authored); Europe in 2022: Alternative Futures (co-authored); and Shoulder to Shoulder: Forging a Strategic US-EU Partnership (co-authored).



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**Dan Byers**

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Dan Byers is vice president for policy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Global Energy Institute with a focus on environmental and regulatory issues. Byers develops and implements strategies in support of the Institute's broader education and advocacy efforts. Byers brings nearly two decades of public policy experience to his work directing the Institute in assessing the impact of existing and emerging federal laws and regulations on the U.S. energy industry. He frequently speaks and writes on energy policy and environmental regulatory issues and has been published in a number of prominent outlets. Before joining the Chamber, Byers was staff director of the Energy and Environment Subcommittee for the House of Representatives Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. Byers' work on the subcommittee focused on revitalizing oversight of EPA, including development and execution of strategies to reform and improve the agency's regulatory science activities. During the second term of the George W. Bush administration, Byers served as deputy to the associate director for technology at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), where he oversaw policy development and coordination associated with a broad suite of technology issues. From 2007 to 2009, he also worked for the White House National Economic Council, leading the development and coordination of telecommunications policy for the Bush administration. Previously, Byers held a variety of positions in the House of Representatives, including staff director of the House Science Committee Subcommittee on Research from 2003–2005. He began his career on Capitol Hill in 2000 in the office of Congressman Nick Smith (R-MI). Byers holds an M.S. in soil science from North Carolina State University and a B.S. in crop and soil environmental sciences from Virginia Tech. He lives in Fairfax, Virginia, with his wife and two sons.



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**Dr. Michael Cheng**

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Dr. Michael Cheng is the Dean at the top-ranked Chaplin School of Hospitality & Tourism Management at Florida International University, where he is transforming hospitality, starting with the learner experience. Dr. Cheng has subject matter expertise in competency-based learning, hospitality management, Culinology®, food product development, restaurant development, sensory analysis, and food and beverage management. Prior to joining Florida International University, Dr. Cheng served as founding Director and Department Chair, Director of Global Studies and MBA Programs, and Professor of Culinology® at Southwest Minnesota State University. Dr. Cheng received both his B.S. and M.S. in Restaurant/Foodservice Management from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and his Ph.D. in Hospitality Management from Iowa State University. He brings over 20 years of experience in teaching and learning in Culinology® and Hospitality Management, and established the world's first and only academic discipline that blends culinary arts and food science—Culinology®. Dr. Cheng is married and resides in North Miami, Florida. He is a native of Malaysia.



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Simon is Global Head of Sustainability Strategy at Standard Chartered. In this role he leads the Bank's external engagement, co-ordinates internal action on sustainability across the organisation with a specific focus on climate change and human rights, and oversees the Bank's sustainability reporting and disclosures. With fifteen years' experience in helping banks understand and manage environmental and social risks and opportunities presented by their client portfolios, Simon holds a BSc in Politics with Economics and is a qualified Corporate Treasurer and Management Accountant. He is Chair of the University of Cambridge's Banking Environment Initiative and Co-Chair of the University's Centre for Sustainable Finance, Chair of the UN-convened Net Zero Banking Alliance, and a Steering Group member of the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero.



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## Alexandros Costopoulos

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Alexandros Costopoulos is a communications strategist, renowned speaker and seasoned contributor to leading intl' and Greek media on communications, credibility, soft skills and U.S. relations. Founder and CEO of FORESIGHT, Alex has collaborated with distinguished individuals and prominent organizations from the political, academic and business spheres in the United States, Greece and the broader southeast European region, providing critical insight and developing bespoke results driven strategies and tactics related to public affairs, reputation management, public diplomacy, civil society engagement and American affairs. He is the Secretary General, an elected member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the American- Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, Director for Greece of American Citizens Abroad and Co-founder of the Institute for Regional Dialogue and Strategy. He has written various social and political opinion editorials for top newspapers and magazines in Greece and has spoken extensively on the importance of cooperation and smart power, while he published two books, "Bridges of Cooperation-Marshall Plan and Greece" in 2008 and "Bridges of Liberty-American Philhellenism in the 18th and 19th Centuries" in 2009. On December 2011 he founded RepowerGreece, an international grassroots public diplomacy initiative that seeks to empower a new way of thinking in facing emerging challenges and redefine Greece by confronting misconceptions that abound.



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Alexis Damalas is the Financial Advisory Leader and Partner of Deloitte in Greece specializing in Valuation, M&A Advisory, Dispute Consulting and Reorganization. With over twenty five years professional experience, Alexis has excellent understanding of major sectors of the economy, including banking, telecommunications, health, tourism & leisure sectors, amongst others, both in local and international level and he has carried out projects on behalf of banks, investing institutions and companies. He has acquired a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Piraeus and an MBA - SDA from Bocconi University in Italy.



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**Susan Danger**

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Susan Danger is CEO of the American Chamber of Commerce to the EU (AmChamEU), which speaks for American companies committed to Europe on trade, investment and competitiveness issues. AmCham EU is a membership organisation supporting over 150 US corporate companies, international business, and law and consultancy firms in the area of public affairs. In 2021, AmCham EU was voted 'Best EU Trade Association' by BestinBrussels. Susan has dedicated her entire career to advancing transatlantic cooperation. She was named by POLITICO as one of the top 20 women influencers in Brussels in 2016 and 2020. She was appointed member of the Governing Board of the European Policy Center in March 2021. Susan was elected as Chair of AmChams in Europe (ACE) for the period 2020-2022. AmChams in Europe (ACE) serves as the umbrella organisation for 45 American Chambers of Commerce (AmChams) in 43 countries throughout Europe and Eurasia. She has also served as Vice-Chair (2009 -2014) and was a Member of its Executive Committee (2005-2008). Susan is a dual UK and Belgian citizen and has worked in the UK, Germany, Austria, Spain and Australia.



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## Konstantinos Eleftheriadis

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George Evgenidis is a journalist for TV networks, radio stations, print and online media. He currently works for Star Channel as the anchor of the Midday News and as political commentator of the Evening News. He is a political correspondent for Reader.gr and Political newspaper. He has worked for SKAI TV and Radio as a host and political correspondent and for various newspapers and news sites over the past years. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from FU Berlin and a Master's in New Media and Communication from VUB in Brussels. He is an alumni of the German School of Athens and had participated in many MUN conferences as a student.



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Teresa is Managing Partner, Co-Founder and member of the Investment Committee of Astarte Capital Partners and has over 20 years' experience in structuring, execution and senior management across the spectrum of private equity investments. At Astarte, Teresa is responsible for investment and portfolio activities including evaluating, negotiating and structuring investments across sectors. Before co-founding Astarte, she was Head of Private Equity for a multi-family office, where she oversaw the investment strategy and investment selection for fund investments and co-investments. Prior to this, Teresa was CIO for Private Equity at Piraeus Group, where she co-led the establishment of the private equity group, launched three private equity and venture capital funds and led the group's equity investments in the renewable energy space. Teresa joined Piraeus from UBS Investment Bank in London and New York, where she advised on corporate transactions in the real assets space in the US and Europe and was part of the team that launched the renewable energy practice of UBS globally. Teresa holds a BSc. in Economics and Finance from the University of Athens, Greece and an MBA from Columbia University in New York.



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Nikos Filippidis has been a financial editor since 1994. During this time he has worked in TV (Mega Channel), in newspapers (Kathimerini, Exousia, Isotimia), while for a long time he was a contributor to magazines and news websites. Since 2002 he has been working initially on the radio and later on the television of SKAI, where he was General Manager of News and Information of the SKAI Group (9/2017 - 1/2019). Since January 2020, he has been working for the Alteregomedia Group, as a presenter and commentator on the Mega Channel, while he writes daily for the newspaper TA NEA and the website OT.GR. He studied Political Science at the Law School of the University of Athens.



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Nico started his career in Pfizer Italy 16 years ago, serving as Brand Manager of peri-LOE products, Commercial Effectiveness Manager, Business Intelligence Advisor, Supply Policy Specialist, and Junior Analyst. He has since then held roles of increasing local, regional and global responsibility. Most recently, Nico was Global Capability Lead for the healthcare provider portal experience within the Customer Experience team and prior was Senior Director, Global Lead for Customer Engagement and Content Strategy for Pfizer Essential Health. In that role, he managed the team responsible for creating enterprise customer engagement strategies (digital and face-to-face) that supported commercial, scientific and business goals, based on an omni-channel approach and content marketing strategy. Nico earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from La Sapienza University in Rome.



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Barbara Geladakis is an experienced Medical Doctor and strong healthcare services professional with a history in working in several hospitals in Athens. She has been mainly focused on research in the field of Reproductive Immunology and Hormonal imbalances. She is a member of the European Society for Reproductive Immunology (ESRI), of the Hellenic Society of Immunology (HELSIM) and member in the Y European Immunologist's Task Force. She has many National and International collaborations and has participated as a speaker in numerous international scientific congresses. Barbara Geladakis' research into the reasons of early pregnancy loss has brought her global recognition as her research results have important applications clinically and has been awarded a Patent Diploma for one of her Inventions. In 2019 she founded RODI Pharmaceuticals in New York and in 2020 the company opened offices in Athens. RODI is a company committed to scientific research and the development of products in the fertility sector that are truly innovative and instrumental in peoples' pursuit of happiness through motherhood. The company has won a scientific award for one of its products and was the winner of the 7<sup>th</sup> Envolv award in 2020, a start up entrepreneurship award. Barbara Geladakis is fluent in English, Serbian, Italian, German and Greek. Politically active since a young age, Barbara was a Deputy Candidate of the Greek Parliament with the New Democracy Party. In 2015 became a Member of the Board of Advisors of the Greek Ministry of Internal Affairs' Mutual Fund of Employees. Member of the International committee of the Propeller club of Piraeus and several other humanitarian organizations. She is a philanthropist with main occupation the selfless medical assistance in people in need.



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**Adonis Georgiadis**

Minister

Ministry of Development and Investments  
Greece



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Adonis Georgiadis was born on November 6th, 1972, in Athens. He graduated from the Faculty of History & Archaeology of the School of Philosophy of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens. In 1993, he took over the management of publications 'GEORGIADIS-LIBRARY OF GREEK'. In 1994, he founded the Liberal Studies Center "GREEK EDUCATION". Elected MP in Athens B region in the elections of 2007 and 2009 with the LAOS political party. In February 2012, he joined the Nea Demokratia political party, having resigned from the parliamentary office. Elected with Nea Demokratia in Athens B in the national elections of 2012 and 2015. In 2011, he was Vice Minister of Shipping in the Government of Lucas Papademos and in 2013 he was appointed Minister of Health in the Government of Antonis Samaras. On January 18th, 2016, he was appointed one of the two Vice-Presidents of the Nea Demokratia by decision of Kyriakos Mitsotakis, the President of Nea Demokratia. On July 9th, Adonis Georgiadis was appointed as Minister of Development and Investments after the 2019 Greek elections. He is married to Eugenia Manolidou and they have two children, Perseus and Alcaeus.



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**Georgios Georgiadis**  
Founder and Managing Director  
Excelix



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Georgios is the Founder and Managing Director of Excelix, a boutique innovation consulting firm that specializes in strategy and digital transformation. He worked for 8 years at the Headquarters of Volkswagen AG in Wolfsburg, Germany. During his occupation at the Group, he has managed numerous strategic and organizational projects. In parallel with his team leading functions, he focused on implementing innovative technological concepts and developing them into marketable products and services. Since 2018 he is lecturing at the TU Dortmund University, where he previously received his doctorate degree in mechanical engineering. Georgios is also active in the entrepreneurial and venture capital scenes, with particular interest in clean energy and mobility technologies.



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**Paul Gomopoulos**

Senior Managing Director  
Hines Greece



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Mr. Gomopoulos is Senior Managing Director and head of Hines Greece where he has established and developed the Hines platform in the country. He has been with Hines for over 15 years in both London and Greece. Gomopoulos earned a BS in Economics from the University of Chicago, and received his MBA degree from Harvard Business School.





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**Nana Goula**

Product Supply Senior Director  
P&G South East Europe



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Nana studied in the Polytechnic school of Patras, Greece. She holds a Master's in Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering department. In 2000 she started her professional career in the Product Supply department of Procter & Gamble Hellas. Throughout her career in Greece, she has worked in various assignments in Customer Service and Logistics as well as Market Planning supporting the entire Brand Portfolio of P&G. Nana has had a rich International career spending almost one third of her career outside Greece. She has undertaken two international assignments in P&G's European Headquarters in Geneva Switzerland, first as Initiatives' manager for Hair Care Regional Business Unit (2004-2006) and later on, overseeing Customer Logistics for all international and domestic customers in the Western and Eastern European region (2013-2019). In 2019 she was appointed Leader Product Supply Leader for P&G Southeast Europe overseeing a region which entails 12 countries. She is married and has two children.



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**Don Graves**

U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce



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Graves brings decades of experience in the private sector, government, and nonprofits to the Department of Commerce. Most recently, he served as Counselor to President Joe Biden during the 2020 presidential campaign. Prior to that, Graves served as Executive Vice President and Head of Corporate Responsibility and Community Relations at KeyBank. In this role, Graves led KeyBank's corporate responsibility team, including the bank's \$16.5 billion National Community Benefits Plan, the bank's sustainability work, stakeholder engagement, and outreach, and oversaw the KeyBank Foundation and the First Niagara Foundation. During the Obama-Biden Administration, Graves served as Counselor and Domestic and Economic Policy Director for then-Vice President Biden. He was previously appointed by President Barack Obama as Executive Director of the President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness and led the federal government's efforts in the economic recovery of the city of Detroit. Graves also served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Small Business, Community Development, and Housing Policy at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, where he oversaw the CDFI Fund, the \$4 billion Small Business Lending Fund, and the \$1.5 billion State Small Business Credit Initiative. He was also the U.S. Federal Representative to the G7 Task Force on Social Impact Investment. He has served on the Board of Directors of the MetroHealth Foundation, the FDIC's Advisory Committee on Economic Inclusion, the Board of Trustees of the Community Reinvestment Fund, the Policy Advisory Board of the Biden Institute at the University of Delaware, the Board of Visitors of the Cuyahoga Community College, the Advisory Board of the Commission on Economic Inclusion, and as Co-Chair of Cleveland Rising. Graves has a rich family history connected to the Commerce Department. His four-times great grandparents built a successful horse and buggy taxi business in Washington that once stood at the site of the Department's headquarters. Their son went on to own a premier hotel just blocks away and become one of our nation's first Black patent-holders through the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Graves holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History from Williams College and a Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center, where he received the Dean's Award. He is a fellow of the National Association of Public Administration. Graves is married and has two children.



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**Vasilis Gregoriou**

CEO and Executive Chairman of the Board  
Advent Technologies



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Vasilis Gregoriou has been Chairman and CEO of Advent since inception. Dr. Gregoriou co-founded Advent Technologies, Inc. in 2012. In addition, Dr. Gregoriou is an internationally known scientist with research and/or managerial positions in both the U.S. (Northeastern, MIT, Polaroid, Princeton) and Greece (NHRE, FORTH) over his 30-year career so far in the technology sector. His research activity extends over a wide area of subjects in the renewable energy space that include the areas of flexible photovoltaics based on organic semiconductors, optically active materials based on conjugated oligomers and polymer nanocomposites. His published work as co-author includes three books and more than 100 scientific papers. He is also co-inventor of 15 patents. Dr. Gregoriou has more than 25 years of experience in the U.S. market. He has extensive experience in the technical development of new products and in the management of such activities. He holds a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from Duke University and he has attended the MBA program at Northeastern University. He was also a NRSA award recipient at Princeton University. He also served as President of Society for Applied Spectroscopy (SAS) in 2001.



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**Benjamin Haddad**

Senior Director  
Europe Center  
Atlantic Council



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Benjamin Haddad is the senior director of the Europe Center at the Atlantic Council. He is an expert in European politics and transatlantic relations. Before moving to the Atlantic Council, he was a fellow at Hudson Institute in Washington DC. His work has notably advocated for transatlantic unity in the face of Russian aggression, greater European responsibility, and investment on strategic matters. His recent book “Paradise Lost: Europe in the World of Trump” makes the case for greater European unity in a world of new challenges and threats. He has been published in Foreign Affairs, The American Interest, Foreign Policy, the Wall Street Journal, Le Monde, Le Figaro, Politique Etrangère and is a frequent guest on France 24, BFM, CBC, CNN, Fox News, and NPR. A graduate of Sciences Po Paris, where he obtained an MA in international affairs and HEC, with an MA in financial economics, Haddad has lectured in international affairs at Sciences Po.



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**Steven Hatfield**

Principal, Consulting  
Global Future of Work Leader  
Deloitte US



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Steven Hatfield is a Principal with Deloitte Consulting and serves as the Global Leader for Future of Work for the Firm. He has over 20 years experience advising Global Organizations on issues of Strategy, Innovation, Organization, People, Culture, and Change. He has advised business leaders on a multitude of initiatives including activating Strategy, defining a preferred Future, addressing Workforce trends, implementing agile and resilient Operating Models, and transforming culture oriented to growth, innovation and agility. Steve has significant experience in bringing to life the ongoing trends impacting the future of work, workforce and workplace. Often, this involvement includes Strategy Development, Innovation Capability Building, Executive Meeting Design & Facilitation, People and Workforce Strategy Development, and Large Scale Change Program Design & Implementation. He draws on deep skills in Facilitation, Design Thinking, Organizational Behavior, Group Process, and Culture Enablement to create breakthrough experiences for clients. He is a regular speaker and author on the Future of Work, and is currently on the Deloitte leadership team, shaping the research and marketplace dialogue on future workforce and workplace trends and issues. Steve has a Masters in Social Change & Development from Johns Hopkins and an MBA from Wharton.



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**Evi Hatzionannou**

General Manager – Group HR Officer  
National Bank of Greece



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Evi Hatzionannou was appointed General Manager – Group HR Officer in March 2020. Previously, she served NBG as General Manager, Group HR Strategy & Development since February 2019. Before joining the Bank she worked from 2008 to 2019 at Barilla Group holding various senior positions in Human Resources Department: Human Resources Manager Greece, Human Resources Senior Manager Eastern Europe, Human Resources Director Europe and Group Organization Director. During the period 2003 to 2008 she worked at Elais Unilever Hellas S.A., where from 2005 she assumed the position of Human Resources Manager. She is a graduate in Mechanical Engineering from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and holds a MSc in Human Resources Management & Industrial Relations from the University of Manchester.



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**David Horner**

President  
The American College of Greece



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Since becoming president in 2008, David Horner has provided transformative leadership to The American College of Greece resulting in:

- 48% increase in total enrollment
- 700% increase in student financial aid
- “In-bound” and “out-bound” study abroad programs serving over 2,000 students annually
- Over 1,100 Greek public university students studying annually in “parallel” at Deree
- Over 4,000 students and business professionals enrolled annually in Alba graduate business and Executive Education programs
- Over 1,300 children enrolled in the Deree Sports Academy
- Over 17,000 children educated annually through the Behrakis Foundation Youth Anti-Smoking Initiative

Previously, Dr. Horner served as president of North Park University (Chicago) from 1987-2004 and Barrington College, his undergraduate alma mater, from 1979-1985. At the time of his Barrington appointment, he was the youngest (age 29) college or university president in the U.S. and led the College into its successful merger with Gordon College (MA). During his North Park presidency, enrollment tripled, major capital projects were completed, and the endowment grew six-fold. President Horner received a: bachelor’s degree (philosophy), summa cum laude, from Barrington College; MA (philosophy) from the University of Rhode Island; MBA and PhD in higher education administration and policy analysis from Stanford University. Together with his late spouse, S. Sue Horner, he has two grown children and four grandchildren.



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**Vasilis Iliopoulos**

Vice President and General Manager  
The Walt Disney Company Greece & Israel



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Vasilis Iliopoulos is currently Vice President, General Manager, The Walt Disney Company Greece & Israel since April 2019. Based out of Disney's local office in Athens, Vasilis is responsible for direct-to-consumer, television channel distribution including Disney, FOX and National Geographic, media distribution, content sales and business development. In his role, Vasilis is responsible for overseeing Disney's portfolio across 14 affiliate partners in four different countries, with teams operating in both Greece and Israel. Vasilis joined The Walt Disney Company following the acquisition of 21st Century Fox in 2018, where he was Senior Vice President, General Manager Fox Networks Group (FNG) Greece & Sub-Saharan Africa. In this role since 2010, Vasilis had full P&L and operating responsibility for FNG's businesses covering brands such as FOX, National Geographic, FOX Sports and Baby TV. During his tenure at FNG, Vasilis shared his time between Athens and Johannesburg between 2015-2018 as he managed the South African and Sub-Saharan business and drove significant growth and expansion of FNG's footprint by pivoting the strategy to focus on local sports productions and owned sports IP in West Africa. Prior to joining 21st Century Fox, Vasilis held a managerial role at Ernst & Young, Greece. Born in London, raised in Athens, he holds an MBA from the Bradford Business School of Management, UK and a B.S. in Business Administration from Piraeus University, Greece.



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**Olivier Jan**

Partner

Deloitte Central Europe Sustainability Leader  
France



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Olivier Jan is Deloitte Central Europe Sustainability Lead, based in Paris. With 28 years of professional experience in sustainability and supply chain management consulting, Olivier is an internationally recognized environmental advisor for public and private decision-makers. Throughout his career, he has advised multiple public organizations to design impactful environmental policies, and he has helped various global companies to set-up and implement sustainability strategies. His specialty fields include circular economy, climate governance and strategy, green technologies, sustainable supply chains, environmental life-cycle assessment, eco-design, sustainable finance, non-financial reporting and assurance. He has orchestrated since 2018 the development of various assets, alliances and strategies for Deloitte around Climate. He is the Liaison Delegate of Deloitte with the WBCSD (World Business Council on Sustainable Development).



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## Vassilis Kafatos

Partner, Clients & Industries Leader  
Deloitte Greece;

Vice President, American-Hellenic Chamber  
of Commerce (AmChamGR)



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Vassilis Kafatos (Partner) is Deloitte Greece Clients & Industries Leader and President of the Deloitte Alexander Competence Center. He specializes in corporate & digital strategy, innovation, business model transformation, mergers & acquisitions, financial restructuring and operational excellence. Vassilis has over 20 years of advisory experience in various sectors including travel, hospitality, investment management, consumer business and manufacturing. He serves as a Trustee of the Board of Anatolia College, as the Vice President of the American - Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, as the President of the Advisory Board of the Council on Competitiveness of Greece and as an Executive Committee member of the Board of Directors of the Federation of Industries of Greece. He holds a degree in Economic Science from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, an MBA in Corporate Strategy from the University of Texas at Austin and postgraduate diplomas in Business Leadership from IMD, Lausanne.



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**Iakovos Kargarotos**

Vice Chairman  
Papastratos



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Iakovos is the Vice Chairman of PAPASTRATOS SA, affiliate of Philip Morris International, since January 2012. Having spent 10 years in FMCG, he started his career in the Commercial team of Papastratos as Regional Manager. During the next 10 years he assumed positions of increased responsibility. In 2010, he took the position of the Fiscal Affairs Manager, and then promoted to Director External Affairs and Vice Chairman. Iakovos studied Chemistry and then he did his master's degree in Oenology and business administration at INSEAD. He speaks English and is married and father of three boys.



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**Michalis Kassimiotis**

Managing Director  
Hewlett Packard Enterprise  
Greece and Cyprus



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Michalis is the Managing Director for HPE Greece and Cyprus since January 2018. Michalis joined HP in 1994 as a Presales Manager in the Enterprise Systems Group. In 2002 he spent five years as the ESSN manager leading ISS and UNIX BUs in the first market share position. From 2007 until 2013 Michalis was assigned to the positions of Sales Manager for the Enterprise Group and then to the Technology Services Group of HP in Greece and Cyprus. In 2013 he assumed a regional role as a Technology Services Support Manager in the regions of Greece, Cyprus and Africa. Michalis holds a Master's Degree in Information Technology from the University of Glasgow. He is based in Athens, Greece



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## **Chryssos Kavounides**

Managing Director and Partner

BCG

Head, BCG Athens Office



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Chryssos is a Managing Director and Partner of BCG, and the Head of BCG's Athens office. He joined BCG in 2011 and focuses on work in Financial Institutions, with particular expertise in Transformation and Large Scale Change. He has extensive international experience in strategy development, operational transformation, cost optimization, as well as customer journey design and implementation. Prior to BCG, Chryssos' consultancy experience was focused on Project Management best practices for Blue Chip companies in IT, Telecoms and Financial Services through his own consultancy in the UK. He has also worked as a Planning and Risk Manager for Airbus UK. He holds a PhD in Fluid Mechanics and an MEng in Mechanical Engineering from Imperial College, London and has been an accredited Project Management Professional (PMP) and Prince2 practitioner.



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**Niki Kerameus**

Minister

Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs  
Greece



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Niki Kerameus was appointed Minister of Education and Religious Affairs on July 9, 2019. She is a lawyer and a member of the Athens Bar Association and the New York Bar Association. On July 7, 2019 she was elected as a Member of the Hellenic Parliament (B1 North Sector of Athens) with the New Democracy Party. On January 25, 2015 she was elected as a Member of the Hellenic Parliament (State Constituency) with the New Democracy Party and was re-elected on September 20, 2015. During her postgraduate studies in France, she worked as an assistant professor at the University of Paris II (Panthéon-Assas), teaching first-year law students. After her postgraduate studies in the USA, she worked as a litigation attorney at the law firm Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP based in New York. Since 2007, she practices law in Greece. She is a partner at Kerameus & Partners Law Firm in Athens (Greece). She served as the Head of the Education, Research and Religious Affairs Sector of the New Democracy Party from January 2016 until June 2019. She served as a Parliamentary Spokesperson of the New Democracy Party from January until November 2016 and as the Responsible for the Administrative Reform and E-Government Sector of the New Democracy Party from March 2015 until January 2016.

Niki Kerameus is a graduate of:

- the Harvard Law School (LL.M. – focus on arbitration)
- the University Paris II (Panthéon-Assas) (Master's in International Law and Arbitration; graduated first and summa cum laude)
- the University Paris II (Panthéon-Assas) (Degree in law with specialization in International Law; graduated first and summa cum laude)
- the Athens College (Valedictorian, summa cum laude)

She speaks English, French and German.



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**Vassilis Kikilias**

Minister  
Ministry of Tourism  
Greece



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Vassilis Kikilias was born in Athens in 1974. He holds a PhD from the Medical School of the University of Athens. He is an orthopedic surgeon, a graduate of the Medical School of the University of Athens, with a postgraduate degree from the National School of Public Health. He is a graduate of the Lycée Leonin of Nea Smyrni. As a basketball player, he has played for Panionios, AEK and the National Teams. In 2006 he was elected Municipal Counselor at the Municipality of Athens and then took over as President of the Youth and Sports Organization of the Municipality of Athens. In 2010, as a candidate for Attica Regional Governor, he became the leader of the Major Opposition of the Attica Region. At the same time, he assumed the duties of Deputy Program Secretary of Nea Dimokratia. In 2012, he was elected Member of the Greek Parliament for the Athens voting district with Nea Dimokratia and from June 10, 2014 until January 2015, he served as Minister of Public Order and Citizen Protection. At the elections of January 2015 and September 2015, he was re-elected Member of Parliament for the Athens voting district. From January to November 2016, he was appointed Immigration Policy Coordinator for Nea Dimokratia. On November 18, 2016, he was appointed Spokesperson for Nea Dimokratia. On October 13, 2017, he assumed the duties of Head of the National Defense sector of Nea Dimokratia. At the elections of July 2019, he was re-elected Member of Parliament for the Athens voting district. On July 9, 2019, he took over the portfolio of the Minister of Health. On August 31, 2021, he was appointed Minister of Tourism. He is married to Jenny Balatsinou and they have a son.



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**Christos Kolonas**

Journalist  
Alter Ego



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Christos Kolonas is a financial author working for the newspaper "Ta Nea" and the website "Oikonomikos Taxydromos" of the ALTER EGO MEDIA group. Bearing a 27-year experience, he has worked with a number of notable mass media. He specializes in the topics of energy, industrial production and trade.





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**Alexandra Konida**

Head of Wholesale Banking  
HSBC Greece



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Alexandra Konida is the Head of Wholesale Banking HSBC Greece, responsible for leading and co-ordinating origination and execution of the bank's products and services to large corporates, public sector entities, multinationals and financial institutions. She has more than 20 years combined experience in corporate and investment banking, as well as in CFO and Treasurer positions in large industrial companies. Prior to joining HSBC, Mrs Konida held the position of CFO in Public Power Corporation (PPC) and was a member of the Board of Directors of PPC Finance and PPC Elektrik. Between 1995 and 2008, she held senior positions in corporate and investment banking in Citigroup and Bank of America. Mrs Konida holds a Diploma in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens and an MBA degree from INSEAD. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Non-Executive Directors' Club and a member of the Women in Business Committee of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce.



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**Nikos Konstakis**

Managing Director Athens and  
Global VP Sportsbook Product  
OpenBet



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Nikos Konstakis is a gaming industry executive with more than 20 years experience. During his career he has set up and managed operations in 4 different continents, leading product and operational teams to excellence and optimum results. He leads OpenBet's investment in Athens, Greece, which has grown to become the company's largest development center in the world. OpenBet Athens is currently a technology hub of more than 400 people, consistently growing, working and innovating on global projects for the company.





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**Dimitris Konstantinidis**

Student

The American College of Greece



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

I aim to utilise my education and experience to help businesses grow through an analytical approach and sound financial acumen. My skills allow me to work well under pressure and within a team environment collectively towards a unified goal and achieving the best result.

## EDUCATION

- BSC with Honors in Finance (Minor in Financial Markets Trading): DERE – The American College of Greece
- High School: First High School of Markopoulo

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Financial Officer, Westnet Distribution S.A (Olympia Group)
- Credit Control Intern, Westnet Distribution S.A (Olympia Group)
- Accounting Assistant, Westnet Distribution S.A (Olympia Group)
- Accounting Assistant, Athens Car Rental (ACR)

## CERTIFICATES

- J.P Morgan Virtual Experience Program (01/2021)
- Oral Business English (12/2020 - Ongoing)
- First Aid / CPR Certified (04/2019 - Ongoing)
- Proficiency in English (05/2016 - Ongoing)
- International Championship in Sofia, Bulgaria - TaekWonDo (03/2015)
- First European Championship in Athens, Greece - TaekWonDo (01/2013)

## LANGUAGES

- Greek, English, French, Arabic



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**Kiara Konti**

Associate Partner

Climate Change and Sustainability Services  
EY



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Kiara Konti is an Associate Partner, leading EY Greece's Climate Change and Sustainability Services practice, with subject-matter knowledge and 17 years of experience in sustainability strategy, management, impact analysis, stakeholder engagement, reporting, training and assurance services, across a series of ESG aspects, including decarbonization, the circular economy, and sustainable finance. She played a pivotal role, since 2008, in the development of the Climate Change and Sustainability Services practice of EY Greece, and is actively supporting EY's regional leadership in developing the practice, actively supporting ESG engagements across central and southeast Europe. She has worked in over 200 ESG engagements, with more than 70 clients, across 25 sectors. She is a BoD Member of the UNGC Network in Greece, a committee member of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce's Sustainability Committee, as well as of its Circular Economy Committee, a GRI certified trainer, and an AccountAbility Certified Sustainability Assurance Practitioner. Kiara has published a number of articles on ESG in Greek magazines and newspapers, has contributed to international book publications on sustainability, is a regular speaker in sustainability conferences and events

(indicatively <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVOogYPivuo>, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gEfGJt0\\_Ai0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gEfGJt0_Ai0)), and has provided a series of open and in-house training courses on the subject.



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**Panos Kouanis**

President & CEO

National Centre of Audiovisual Media and  
Communication - EKOME



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Panos Kouanis has extensive experience in all aspects of the Media industry including film and television production, marketing, distribution and sales, new media and information communication technologies. Since 2017, Mr. Kouanis works as the President & Chief Executive Officer at the National Center of Audiovisual Media & Communication SA. (EKOME), in Greece. In the past he has worked in various positions of both the private and public sector, in Greece and abroad. He holds a Ph.D. degree and a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Economics from the School of Economic Sciences at the University of Athens, and a Master of Science (M.Sc.) degree in Broadcasting and Film from the College of Communication of Boston University. Finally, Mr. Kouanis has extensive academic/teaching experience and has published a large number of research papers in national and international periodicals, as well as participating in a large number of conferences and international organizations all around the world.



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**Dimitris Koutsopoulos**

CEO  
Deloitte Greece



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
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Dimitris Koutsopoulos is the CEO of Deloitte Greece and Member of the Deloitte Central Mediterranean Executive Committee. Dimitris joined Deloitte in 1998 and he has worked since to further develop the firm's service offerings to solve clients' complex challenges. He joined the Firm as an Auditor and over the years led the audits of various companies, among which listed in ASE and multinationals. Dimitris joined the department of Financial Advisory Services (FAS) in March 2004 and became a FAS partner in 2006. He has contributed significantly to the foundation and development of the Transaction Support and Restructuring advisory service lines. In June 2011, Dimitris was appointed as the Leader of the Greek Consulting business. He is a Chartered Accountant ICAEW, a Fellow Certified Chartered Accountant (FCCA) and holds a BSc in Economics and two post graduate degrees in International Finance and Business & Management. Dimitris is a member of the Supervisory Committee of the Greek Registered Auditors and a Founding Member of the Council of Competitiveness of Greece.



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**George Kremlis**

Principal Advisor to the Greek Prime Minister



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

George Kremlis is currently Principal Advisor to the Greek Prime Minister on energy, climate, environment and circular economy issues. He is a member of the Board of the European Public Law Organisation. He is also a member of the environmental and social advisory council of the EBRD and also currently the Chair of the Bureau of the Espoo Convention and the SEA Protocol, Chair of the MOPs in 2019, elected Chair for the MOPs in December 2020 and re-elected Chair for the period 2021-2023. George Kremlis is Honorary Director of the European Commission (EC) and was in this capacity Active Senior responsible for circular economy in the islands. He started his career in the EC in 1981. He was a Legal advisor (from January 1981) in the European Commission's Legal Service, with an interruption of three years (1990-1993) in Greece where he exercised the functions of Advisor to the Greek Minister of National Economy (1990), National Co-ordinator for the EEC internal market (1990-1992), Head of the EEC Committee under the Greek Prime Minister (1993), and Secretary General for European Affairs in the Ministry of National Economy (1993). During this period he was also a Member of the Greek Competition authority. In 1995 he joined DGENV. From 1995 to 2004 he served as Head of the Legal Unit, responsible for all legal issues in the DG. From 2004 to 2005 he was the Head of the "Legal affairs and Governance" Unit, and from June 2005 to May 2013 Head of the Unit "Cohesion Policy and Environmental Impact assessments". From June 2013 till 30 March 2018 he has served as Head of the "Mainstreaming and Environmental Assessments" Unit (former "Enforcement, Cohesion Policy & European Semester, Cluster 1" Unit); in-between, from March to August 2011, he served as Acting Director of the Directorate "Legal Affairs and Cohesion" and from June 2013 to January 2014 as Director ad interim of the Directorate "Implementation, Governance and Semester". In his last position he was also the Chairman of the ENEA-MA (European Network of Environmental and Managing Authorities), and the EIA/SEA (Environmental Impact Assessment / Strategic Environmental Assessment) Experts Groups. He has also served as a member of the Board of the National Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development in Greece, and as a member of the Greek Regulatory Authority for Energy (RAE). He is Founding and Honorary President of the Hellenic Environmental Law Association. He was a lawyer of the Greek Supreme Court and at the beginning of his career he has been a Research fellow at the Centre of International Economic and European Law (1979-80), in Thessaloniki. Visiting Professor in a number of universities, in Greece and abroad, especially on post-graduate studies. He is the co-author of a four volumes Commentary, Article by Article, of the EU Treaties (in Greek). He is also the author of a very large number of various publications, in English, French and Greek, including books and articles, on EU Policy and Law, in particular institutional law, business law, private international law, environmental law, and comparative law.



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**Socrates Lazaridis**

CEO

Athens Exchange Group



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Socrates Lazaridis is Chief Executive Officer of the Hellenic Exchanges-Athens Stock Exchange and the subsidiaries Athens Exchange Clearing House and Hellenic Central Securities Depository. He serves as Chairman of the Board of the Stock Markets Steering Committee, Chair of the Working Committee of the Federation of Euro-Asian Stock Exchanges (FEAS), B' Vice-Chairman of the Association of S.A. & Limited Liability Companies and President in the Capital Markets & Corporate Governance Sector. Also he is Member of the Board of the American - Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Member of the Board of the Council on Competitiveness of Greece. He joined the Athens Exchange Group in 1994 and held several positions at the Central Securities Depository, the "Systems Development and Support of Capital Market" (ASYK SA) and the Athens Exchange, while he also served as Member of the Board at Athens Derivatives Exchange and the Athens Derivatives Exchange Clearing House. He was Member of the Board of the Hellenic Capital Market Commission, Member of the Board of the LinkUp Markets and of the Federation of the European Securities Exchanges (FESE). Also he served as Vice Chairman and then as Acting Chairman of the Federation of Euro-Asian Stock Exchanges (FEAS). He studied Economics at the Department of Economics in Athens University and continued his studies for an MSc (Econ) at Queen Mary College of London.



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**Apostolos Leonidhopoulos**

Managing Director  
Kyndryl Greece and Cyprus



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Apostolos Leonidhopoulos is the Managing Director of Kyndryl Greece and Cyprus. Apostolos has more than 33 years of experience in sales, IT and people management from different leadership roles at IBM. He led several strategic IT projects across the industries helping local clients to digitally transform and build modern IT infrastructures. Before joining Kyndryl, Apostolos was a Manager of IBM Global Technology Services in the same territory where he was responsible for sales and support of the full range of IBM's information technology products, services and solutions. Apostolos holds a degree in Computer Science from Imperial College, UK.



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**Bruno L  t  **

Senior Fellow, Security and Defense  
The German Marshall Fund  
U.S., Belgium



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Bruno L  t   currently serves as a senior fellow of security and defense at The German Marshall Fund of the United States in Brussels. He provides analysis and advice on trends in geopolitics and on international security and defense policy. He focuses primarily on the EU Common Security & Defense Policy, NATO, and developments in Central and Eastern Europe. In 2010, L  t   joined the European Union Delegation to the United States in Washington, DC, where he supported the political, security, and development section and focused on U.S. foreign policy and EU–U.S. relations. He started his career in 2007 as a program associate for the German Marshall Fund, where he helped develop GMF’s signature policy conferences such as Brussels Forum. L  t   studied at the University of Ghent in Belgium and at Collegium Civitas in Warsaw, Poland. He holds a bachelor's in communication management and a master's in international relations. He appears regularly in the media and is the author of frequent opinion pieces and policy briefs. In 2008 he was made a John C. Whitehead Fellow by the Foreign Policy Association in New York City.



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**Jordan Levin**

CEO  
OpenBet



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Jordan Levin, Chief Executive Officer of OpenBet is a gaming and sports betting industry veteran, with over 15 years of industry experience. Mr. Levin served as CEO at SG Digital having architected Scientific Games' entry and growth in iGaming and Sports Betting. Prior to that, Mr Levin led the formation and ramp of Scientific Games Social Gaming business and also oversaw the Company's global M&A and corporate development activities.



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**Ioannis Lianos**

President

Hellenic Competition Commission



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Ioannis Lianos serves as President of the Hellenic Competition Commission since September 2019. Moreover, Lianos is Professor, Chair of Global Competition Law and Public Policy at the Faculty of Laws, University College London (on leave). He is trained in both law and sociology. Professor Lianos is the founding director of the Centre for Law, Economics and Society (CLES) at UCL Laws and served as the executive director of the Jevons Institute of Competition Law & Economics at UCL. He was Chief Researcher, Skolkovo Laboratory on Law and Development, National Research University, Higher School of Economics and academic head of the BRICS Competition Law Project from 2014-2019. He was previously the Vincent Wright chair at Sciences Po Paris between 2018-2019. He has also held an Alexander von Humboldt fellowship at the WZB (Social Science Research centre) in Berlin from 2014-2016. Between 2011 to 2014 he was the Gutenberg Research Chair at France's Ecole Nationale d'Administration. He is a visiting professor in competition and intellectual property law at the Universities of Chile in Santiago, the University of Strasbourg and a fellow at the Australian National University's Centre for Law & Economics and was an Emile Noel Fellow at New York University School of Law's Jean Monnet Centre and a fellow at the Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley. He was also a visiting professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Hong Kong in 2014. His primary research interest lies in European and comparative competition law & policy, economic evidence and the legal system, public policy (including impact assessments), utilities regulation, IP law, law and economics and sociology. Professor Lianos is a Non-Governmental Advisor at the International Competition Network since 2009, a research partner to UNCTAD in competition law and policy since 2010, and an elected member of the advisory board of the American Antitrust Institute since 2010. He is also a senior editor in many specialised journals in the competition policy field as well as the co-editor of the GLOBAL COMPETITION LAW & ECONOMICS series. He has published extensively books and articles in various languages and leading academic journals. His most recent publications include Competition Law: Analysis, Cases and Materials (OUP, 2019), Regulating Blockchain: Techno-Social and Legal Challenges (OUP, 2019), Reconciling Efficiency and Equity- A Global Challenge for Competition Law? (CUP, 2019), Brands, Competition and IP Law (CUP, 2015), Damages Actions for Competition Law Infringements (OUP, 2015), Competition and the State (SUP, 2014), the two volumes Handbook in European Competition Law (Edward Elgar, 2013), Competition Law and Development (SUP, 2013), The EU after the Treaty of Lisbon (CUP, 2012), Regulating Trade in Services in the EU and the WTO (CUP, 2012). In 2012 he was awarded the Philip Leverhulme prize for his seminal research on economic evidence. He is also a Laureat of the French Academy of Moral and Political Sciences (2005). Between 2014 and 2019 he was a member of the review college of the UK Arts and Humanities Research Council. he has advised a number of governments and companies on competition law, IP matters as well as better regulation (impact assessment, CBA).



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## Natalia Linos

Executive Director/Active Director  
The François-Xavier Bagnoud  
Center for Health and Human Rights  
Harvard University



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dr. Natalia Linos is a social epidemiologist and the Executive Director of the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard. She has over 15 years of experience working at the global and local levels on some of the most pressing public health challenges of our time: from climate change to systemic racism. Since 2019, she has helped build a new research area for the FXB Center focused on racial justice. Along with Dr. Bassett, she co-leads the two largest programs in this area, namely to create an actionable field of scholarship on structural racism and health and make the public health case for reparations. These efforts build on their work together, including at the New York City Health Department and research on the social, legal and political determinants of health. Prior to her role at Harvard, Natalia worked at the United Nations for over a decade in diverse roles. From 2016 to 2019, she led UNDP's work at the nexus of health, climate change and the environment, and briefly served as interim Chief of Staff for the Bureau for Programme and Policy Support. From 2007 to 2014, she served as a policy specialist in Beirut, Lebanon, and later as an adviser and speech writer to former UNDP Administrator and Prime Minister of New Zealand Helen Clark, while also completing her doctoral studies. Natalia has a strong commitment to public service and bringing public health expertise into political decision-making. In 2020 and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Natalia ran for Congress to represent Massachusetts' fourth Congressional district. She is currently a Town Meeting Member in Brookline and is a member of Brookline's Advisory Council on Public Health. She also serves on the Board of the Environmental League of Massachusetts. Natalia is a three-time Harvard University graduate, earning her Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, Master of Science in Social Epidemiology, and Doctor of Science in Social Epidemiology here. She also holds a Certificate in Forced Migration from Oxford University's Refugee Studies Centre. She speaks Greek fluently and has basic conversational skills in Arabic, Spanish and French. Natalia has three young children.



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**Spilios Livanos**

Minister

Ministry of Rural Development and Food  
Greece



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

In 2007 he was elected for the first time Member of the Greek Parliament. In 2009 he was appointed Deputy Secretary of Political Planning of New Democracy and in 2013 Secretary General of Political and Strategic Planning of New Democracy. In 2016 he was appointed Special Counselor for Entrepreneurship to the leader of New Democracy, PM Kyriakos Mitsotakis. In 2019 he served as Parliamentary Representative for New Democracy in the Greek Parliament. He was a member of the Standing Parliamentary Committee on Cultural and Educational Affairs, the Standing Parliamentary Committee on Economic Affairs, the Special Standing Parliamentary Committee on the Financial Statement and the General Balance Sheet and the implementation of the State Budget. On the 4th of January 2021 he was appointed Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Food. He speaks English and French. He is married to Domna Kyrzopoulou, lawyer with whom shares three children, Dionysis, Danae and Alice.



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**Niki Lymperaki**

Journalist  
Alter Ego



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Niki Lymperaki is a journalist and news anchor for Open TV in Athens, Greece. For the past twenty years she has worked on international news and current affairs for major Greek media as an anchor, reporter and radio producer. In 2020 she was awarded with the highest distinction for journalists in Greece, the Botsis Foundation Award. She holds a degree in Law from the University of Athens and is fluent in English, Italian, Spanish and German.



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**Mike Manatos**

President  
Manatos & Manatos



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

For over 85 years and three generations, the Manatos family has been working with top US policymakers, both Republicans and Democrats, formulating US policy. Their record of success has drawn top organizations and leaders to seek out Manatos & Manatos, of which Mike Manatos is President, to handle their issues in Washington, DC. The Washington Post referred to Manatos & Manatos as “One of the most powerful lobbying firms” and US News & World Report called the family “Lobbying royalty.” Through his demonstrated integrity and credibility, Mike has built relationships of trust with policymakers on both sides of the aisle. He has a unique knowledge of the nuances of Washington’s complex policy and political processes, as he and his family have spent their entire careers understanding how Washington works. Mike also serves as Executive Director of the Washington Oxi Day Foundation.

Mike serves on a number of boards including:

- Chairman of the Board, Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic
- Executive Board of Trustees, Leadership 100
- Executive Board of Directors, National Hellenic Society
- Archdiocesan Council, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
- Board of Directors, National Hellenic Student Association
- Board of Directors, Project Mexico & St. Innocent Orphanage

In 2019, Mike and his wife Laura received the inaugural “Parents of the Year” Award from the Loukoumi Make a Difference Foundation. In 2020, Mike and Laura were selected as one of Washington Life magazine’s “Philanthropic 50”. Mike was appointed in 2006 by His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew (the spiritual leader of over 300 million Orthodox Christians worldwide) to the position of “Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate,” the oldest and highest honor in Christendom, given to a select few around the world. Since 2008, the Greek Orthodox Archbishop of America has appointed Mike to serve on its National Council.



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## Yannis Maniatis

Former Minister of Environment, Energy and  
Climate Change;  
Associate Professor, University of Piraeus,  
Greece



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dr. Eng. Yannis Maniatis is a Rural and Surveying Engineer (National Technical University of Athens). He was an Assoc. Professor at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, and since 2002 is Assoc. Professor at the University of Piraeus. Visiting Professor at the Institute of Economic Geography, University of Bonn. Director of the MSc “Climate Crisis and Information and Communication Technologies” Director of the “Environmental and Energy Policies and Systems” Laboratory.

### Political and Social

- Dr. Maniatis was elected as a Member of the Greek Parliament during the elections 2004 - 2019. He was appointed:
- Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change (2009 - 2015)
- Secretary General of the Ministry of Transport and Communications (1998 - 2001)

### Academic

His main academic fields, courses and research activities, include:

1. Geographic Information Systems (G.I.S.) and Remote Sensing,
2. Energy and Transportation Policies and Systems,
3. Environmental Management and Climate Change
4. Natural Resources and Sustainable Development
5. EU Structural Policies and Land Uses
6. Innovation Management and Digital Entrepreneurship
7. Systems and Policies of Smart Energy, Digital Agriculture, Smart Cities

Dr. Maniatis has participated with more than two hundred (200) scientific papers and lectures in international congresses and scientific magazines.



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**Dimitris Manikis**

President

Europe/Middle East/Eurasia/Africa (EMEA)

Wyndham Hotels and Resorts



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dimitris Manikis was appointed President and Managing Director for EMEA in April 2018. In his current role as President of EMEA, he is responsible for the development of all of Wyndham Hotels & Resorts' brands in the EMEA region as well as maximising the performance of all new and existing franchise and managed hotels. He focuses on driving the strategic objectives of Wyndham Hotels & Resorts including quality and technology solutions as well as new business, loyalty, sales and marketing. Dimitris Manikis has a long-standing career and deep knowledge of the hospitality industry. Prior to joining Wyndham Hotels & Resorts, he spent over 27 years with RCI, the worldwide leader in vacation exchange, across a number of senior roles, and most recently served as Vice President of Business Development for EMEA. Earlier in his career, he also held a number of key positions in the region as Managing Director of RCI Greece and RCI South Africa. A Greek national, Dimitris was born in Athens and holds a Bachelor degree in Tourism and Administration from the Technical University of Patras in Greece, and an MSc Postgraduate degree in Tourism Marketing from the University of Surrey. His passion for people and work ethic comes from his father, who built up a grocery retail business in Athens where Dimitris learned the value of elevated customer service, having a positive outlook and hard work as being the foundations of success in both business and life. He is based at Wyndham Hotels & Resorts' London office.



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**Emmanuelle Maire**

Head of Unit  
Directorate General for Environment  
European Commission



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Emmanuelle Maire works at the European Commission in Brussels, in the Directorate general for Environment (DG ENV). She heads the team responsible for Sustainable Production, Products and Consumption. The core activity of the team is to support the transition to a circular and green economy in the European Union. The Circular economy action plan can be found there: [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/circular-economy/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/circular-economy/index_en.htm)

We promote stakeholders dialogue across the European Union through a dedicated platform:  
<http://circulareconomy.europa.eu/platform/>





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**Damir Marusic**

Senior Fellow  
Europe Center  
Atlantic Council



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Damir Marusic is a resident senior fellow with the Atlantic Council's Europe Center. He specifically works on the Council's #BalkansForward Initiative, a unique, coordinated effort to foster a democratic, secure, and prosperous Western Balkans firmly integrated into the transatlantic community. He is also the executive editor of The American Interest, a multi-platform foreign and domestic policy magazine that seeks "to explain America to the world, and the world to Americans." Marusic has written extensively in both media and policy format about US politics, US foreign policy, and European affairs, specifically relating to the Balkans and Russia. He was an author of the Atlantic Council publication "Balkans Forward: A New US Strategy for the Region," which argued for a greater US presence in and partnership with the Western Balkans. Marusic was previously a fellow in the World Affairs Journal's Transatlantic Fellowship Program, where he participated in an exchange to bring together the next generation of leaders from the United States and Europe, and a program and grants associate at the International Youth Foundation. He received an MA in International Relations from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and a BA in Philosophy also from Johns Hopkins University.



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**Christos Megalou**

CEO  
Piraeus Bank



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mr. Christos Megalou is Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Executive Board Member of the Board of Directors of Piraeus Financial Holdings SA and Piraeus Bank SA. From 2013 to 2015 he was Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Eurobank Ergasias SA. On 2015 and 2016, he acted as a Senior Advisor of Fairfax Financial Holdings in Toronto and London and from May 2016 was engaged as Senior Advisor of Advent International in London. Mr. Megalou held senior positions at Credit Suisse Investment Banking for over 16 years in London, UK. He was elected, for two consecutive runs, Chairman of the Hellenic Bankers Association in the UK (2010-2013), from October 2021 he acts as Board Member of the Hellenic Bank Association in Greece and Deputy Chairman of the Hellenic Bank Association in Greece (2013-2015), Deputy Chairman of the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce in Greece (1993-1997), Distinguished Fellow of the Global Federation of Competitiveness Councils (GFCC) in Washington USA (since 2016). He graduated with a BSc of Economics from the University of Athens (1981) and holds an MBA in finance from Aston University in Birmingham, UK (1982).



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**Julie Meyer**

Chairman and CEO  
VIVA Investment Partners (VIP)



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Julie Meyer is the Chairman and Chief Executive of VIVA Investment Partners (VIP), an investment firm in Athens, Kea (Greece), London and Zurich. VIP invests in leading entrepreneurs in property, technology and venture capital. Their Follow The Entrepreneur (FTE) Investor Summit – <https://globalftenetwork.com> is in Mykonos the first week of October annually, and Keanaissance – <https://keanaissance.com> is in Kea, Greece each June. Their Investment Strategy is Ecosystem Economics® (for which Ms Meyer was given an honorary doctorate from Warwick University); they invest in the ecosystems of Data Collection, Logistics, & IOT; Digital Securities; Electric Vehicles; Health & Wellness; Property & Eco-living as well as Jewellery & Luxury Goods. She is an INSEAD MBA 97 as well as a former Board Director of INSEAD and member of their Finance and Administration Committee for 6 years. She is well known for establishing the first internet social network community, First Tuesday, as well as being an early investor in Skype, Zopa (first peer to peer lending company in the world), Monitise (£1 bn market capitalisation), BeatThatQuote (sold to Google), as the founder of EntrepreneurCountry Global for which she wrote the book: Welcome to EntrepreneurCountry; Economia Publishing House in Athens translated the book into Greek in 2013. Julie's Love Affair with the Greek people and country began then. She refers to Greece as the California of Europe; she is from Northern California. She lives between Zurich, Athens and Kea. She was given an MBE (Member of the British Empire) by the UK Government as well as was named a Global Leader for Tomorrow by the World Economic Forum / Davos 3 times.



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**Bill Morneau**

Former Minister of Finance  
Canada



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Bill Morneau is currently a Senior Advisor at BCG, focused on global advantage, public sector, and financial institutions practices. During his career, Bill has served in many leadership positions, including Canada's Minister of Finance from 2015 to 2020, Canada's Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Internal Trade, Governor of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, and Senior Fellow of the Jackson Institute at Yale University. Between 1990 and 2015, Morneau led the multinational human resources firm LifeWorks (formerly Morneau Shepell). Under his leadership, the firm grew to over 4,000 employees, becoming the largest human resources services provider in Canada. Bill has over 30 years of experience in government policy, business leadership, climate policy, human resource management, corporate strategy and management, mergers and acquisitions. He holds an MBA from INSEAD, a Masters in Economics and International Relations from LSE, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Western Ontario.



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**Richard L. Morningstar**  
Founding Chairman, Global Energy Center  
Atlantic Council



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Richard L. Morningstar is the founding chairman of the Global Energy Center and a board director at the Atlantic Council. He served as the US ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan from July 2012 to August 2014. Prior to his appointment, since April 2009, he was the Secretary of State's special envoy for eurasian energy. Prior to that, Morningstar lectured at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard and Stanford Law School. From June 1999 to September 2001, he served as United States ambassador to the European Union. Prior to this, Morningstar served as special adviser to the President and Secretary of State for Caspian Basin energy diplomacy, where he was responsible for assuring maximum coordination within the executive branch and with other governments and international organizations to promote United States policies on Caspian Basin energy development and transportation. From April 1995 to July 1998, he served as ambassador and special adviser to the President and Secretary of State on assistance for the new independent states of the former Soviet Union, where he oversaw all US bilateral assistance and trade investment activities in the NIS. From 1993 to 1995, he served as senior vice president of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC). Morningstar also served as chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Costar Corporation from 1990 to 1993 and as president and chief executive officer from 1981 to 1990. He was an attorney with Peabody and Brown (now Nixon and Peabody) in Boston from 1970 to 1981, where he became a partner in 1977. Morningstar served as a commissioner of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (1989–1993). Prior to returning to the government in 2009, he served as director of the American Councils for International Education, a trustee of the Kosovo-America Educational Foundation, and a trustee of the Eurasia Foundation. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Morningstar received his BA from Harvard in 1967 and JD from Stanford Law School in 1970.



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## Georgios Nounesis

Director and Chairman of the Board  
National Centre for Scientific Research  
“Demokritos”



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Georgios Nounesis is the Director & Chairman of the Board of the National Centre for Scientific Research “Demokritos” since 2017. During his tenure, he is credited with reforms that led to the rapid growth of technology transfer rates to start ups and multinationals and the creation of successful spin-offs. He pioneered the Stavros Niarchos Industrial Fellowship Program and founded the digital innovation hub AHEDD, (the Attica Hub for the Economy of Data and Devices). Over the last four years “Lefkippos”, the technology park at Demokritos evolved into a most dynamic park, hosting and supporting innovative entrepreneurship. Dr Nounesis studied Physics at the University of Athens (BS) and the University of Minnesota (PhD) and held research appointments at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Demokritos and CNRS (Bordeaux).



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**George Pagoulatos**

Director General, ELIAMEP;  
Professor, Athens University of Economics  
and Business



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

George Pagoulatos is the Director General of the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), Professor of European Politics and Economy at the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB), and Visiting Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges. He is an Advisor on European affairs to the President of the Hellenic Republic, and has served as Senior Advisor and Director of Strategy at the PM Office under two Prime Ministers of Greece (2011-2012). He was a member of the Governing Board of the Brussels-based European Policy Centre (EPC) (2015-20), and has served as member of the High Council of the European University Institute in Florence (2010-13), and President of ECSA-Greece (2013-14). He is a regular columnist in the Sunday edition of the main centrist newspaper Kathimerini since 2007. Pagoulatos holds degrees from the University of Athens and the University of Oxford (MSc, DPhil), where he was a Rhodes scholar.



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**Katerina Panagopoulou**

Anchorwoman  
Mega Channel



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Katerina Panagopoulou is the anchorwoman of MEGA Channel news. She is also a columnist at NEA newspaper. Before that, she was the anchorwoman of weekend news on Star Channel. She worked for ten years as a journalist for Flash 96 radio, where she presented the news and radio shows and reported on economics and politics. She has also served on the editorial team of Proto Thema and is currently serving on the editorial team of Athens Voice since 2003. She holds a degree from Panteion University where she studied Communications and Mass Media.



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## Litsa Panayotopoulos

Chair, Education-Innovation-Entrepreneurship  
Committee, American-Hellenic Chamber of  
Commerce (AmChamGR)



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Litsa Panayotopoulos is co-founder and CEO of EVIA Intelligent Performance Ltd. A committed advocate of innovation, she creates opportunities for entrepreneurship in various roles: Vice-President of Intale A.E. Retail Solutions and Papapostolou S.A. Medical Technologies, Treasurer of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, President of its Innovation, Education and Entrepreneurship Committee and Secretary General of the Non-Executive Directors' Club. She regularly participates in local and international events as a judge, moderator and key-note speaker. She is active in the organizational development of innovative companies alongside CEOs and boards of directors in order to turn their business endeavors into strategic action and profit. In addition to her business activities, she is on the Business Advisory Council of the Athens University International MBA, Board member of the Greek-Serbian Business Council and Citizens Movement (Kinisi Politon) and member of the Managing Directors' Club (MD Club). Her extensive career has been built in major international systems and projects in the USA, Canada, Europe, the Middle East and Africa in large multinational companies, Control Data et.al. She developed and managed: Geranos SA (a subsidiary of Commercial Bank of Greece being responsible for the 20 affiliates of the bank); Oracle S.E. Europe, Greece and Cyprus (establishing and managing subsidiaries of Oracle corporation in the region), and OTE Academy, the largest professional training organization in Greece, amongst others. Litsa Panayotopoulos is a Founding Member and Honorary President of SEN/Junior Achievement Greece, presiding over its leadership in various roles for 15 years. She has served on boards of major professional associations such as the Hellenic Management Association (EEDE) where she is an Honorary President and founder of its Hellenic Institute of Information (EIP). Former BoD member of IOBE (Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research), f. President and Board Member of ALBA Business University and f. BoD Member of the Hellenic Corporate Governance Council. She holds a BSc and MSc in Computer Science and Management from London University.



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**Alexandra Papadopoulou**

Ambassador of Greece  
to the U.S.A.



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Studies

- Law Degree/Law School/University of Athens, Greece
- Department of Political Science/University of Athens, Greece
- Master's Degree in International Relations/International Law/University of Pennsylvania USA (Fulbright Scholar)
- Practice Administrative Law at the State Legal Council

## Career

February 2020- Ambassador of Greece to the United States

July 2019 – January 2020 Head of the Diplomatic Cabinet of the Prime Minister

Sept. 2016 – July 2019 Head of the European Union Rule of Law Mission (EULEX) in Kosovo

Dec. 2015 – Aug. 2016 Ambassador of Greece to Uruguay and Paraguay

Sep. 2014 – Oct. 2015 Permanent Representative of Greece to the European Union

Jan. 2013 – Sept. 2014 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Director General for European Affairs/in charge of the Greek Presidency of the EU in 2014

2007 – 2012 Head of the Greek Liaison Office, Skopje

2002 – 2007 Deputy Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations

2006 Promoted to Ambassador

2001 – 2002 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department of Balkan Affairs/Deputy Director

2000 Head of the Greek Liaison Office, Pristina, Kosovo

1999 – 2000 Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Department of International Organisations / Head of the UN Affairs desk

1994 – 1999 Consulate General of Greece in Toronto, Canada, Consul/Consul General

1997 Promoted to First Counsellor of Embassy

1995 Promoted to Second Counsellor of Embassy

1991 – 1994 Greek Embassy, Amman, Jordan, Deputy Head of Mission

1991 Promoted to First Secretary of Embassy

1987 – 1991 Consul of Greece in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

1987 Promoted to Second Secretary of Embassy

1982 – 1987 Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Department of North American Affairs (USA/Canada), Member of the negotiation team for the US military bases in Greece.

1984 Promoted to Third Secretary of Embassy

1981 – 1982 Diplomatic Academy/Ministry of foreign Affairs

1981 Entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Embassy Attaché

Foreign Languages English, French

Family Status: one child



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**Dimitri Papalexopoulos**

Chairman

Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV)



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dimitri Papalexopoulos is Chairman of the Group Executive Committee of Titan Cement International (TCI), a cement and building materials producer active since 1902. TCI directly employs about 5.500 people, operates cement plants in 10 countries and is active in many more. Mr. Papalexopoulos is Vice-Chair of the European Round Table for Industry (ERT) and chairs the ERT's Energy Transition & Climate Change Committee. He is a member of the Board of the Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research (IOBE), the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) and of "Endeavor Greece". He holds an MSc in Electrical Engineering from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETHZ) and an MBA from Harvard Business School. Prior to joining TITAN, he was a consultant for McKinsey & Company in New York and Munich. He speaks Greek, English, French and German. He is married and has three children.



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**Antigoni Papanikolaou**

Legal and Government Affairs Director  
Microsoft  
Greece, Cyprus and Malta



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Antigoni Papanikolaou is the Corporate, External & Legal Affairs Director for Microsoft Greece, Cyprus & Malta. She received her law degree from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, and holds a LL.M from the College of Europe, Belgium, on European Legal Studies. Within the framework of ERASMUS Program, she also attended the LL.M program on EU Law of the University of Leuven, Belgium. Antigoni also did a training with the Commission of European Union, Belgium, and had an internship at the European Court of First Instance, Luxembourg, first at the Cabinet of the Belgian Judge, Prof. Koen Lenaerts and then of the Greek Judge, Mr. Michael Vilaras. Prior to joining Microsoft, Antigoni worked as associate lawyer to “Helen M. Papaconstantinou & Associates”, Athens, and then as in-house legal counsel for “Coca-Cola Hellas SA”, Athens, where, among others, supported the local sponsorship activation and the Torch Relay program of “The Coca-Cola Company” for Athens 2004 Olympic Games. Afterwards, she moved as in-house counsel to “Papastratos CMC SA”, a Philip Morris International Affiliate, Athens, where she was in charge, among others, of the legal support of sales and marketing departments of the company and member of their management teams. At 2012, Antigoni joined “Microsoft Hellas SA”, Athens, as Legal & Corporate Affairs Director for the Greek entity and in her current role supports the Greek, Cypriot and Maltese business units on a wide range of government affairs and commercial matters with a special emphasis on Cloud Computing, data protection, Artificial Intelligence issues, IP licensing, antitrust and compliance matters while she is also member of the local Leadership team.



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**Archontoula Papapanagiotou**

Managing Partner

A.Papapanagiotou & Partners Law Firm



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## EDUCATION

- L.L.M. in Intellectual and Industrial Law, Queen Mary and Westfield College (QWM), University of London.
- LL.B., Hellenic Law, School of Law, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

## LANGUAGES

- Greek, English, French

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Head of "Arhondoula Papapanagiotou & Partners Law Firm", Arhondoula Papapanagiotou, has been active for more than 20 years in the entire range of intellectual property (copyright and industrial property) including copyright, trademarks, industrial designs, patents, software protection (s / w) and new technologies. In addition, she has an in depth knowledge of the Media Law, as well as of the Data Protection legislation. She has served as Head of legal services for a number of years in the media and entertainment industry, conducted IP and Data Protection Audits on behalf of major corporations and venture capitals, and designs and implements intellectual property protection programs for companies such as Microsoft Corp., Richemont Group, as well as international organizations such as the Business Software Alliance (BSA), which represents the core industry of commercial software. For these services, the Law Firm has received significant awards, and is firmly ranked as a top tier IPR law firm in Greece by the reputable Legal Guide Legal 500. Archontoula Papapanagiotou has a rich scientific presence with article writing, participating in international and national conferences and presenting in postgraduate programs at the University of Athens.

## PRACTICE AREAS

- Intellectual Property Law (Copyright and Industrial Property)
- Mass Media Law
- Data Protection Law
- Public Procurement



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**Nikos Papathanasis**

Alternate Minister  
Ministry of Development and Investments  
Greece



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Nikos Papathanasis is a Mechanical Engineer and member of the Technical Chamber of Greece. He received his B.A.Sc. from the University of Toronto and he continued his education by receiving two post-graduate degrees, Master in Management and Aerospace Engineering. He commenced work in 1984 at the De Havilland Aircraft Company (now Bombardier Aerospace) in Toronto. He served as a member of the board of the Hellenic Aerospace Industry (HAI) and as a member of the board and executive vice president of the Olympic Aviation. He worked for twenty four years as a senior and C level executive at private and public companies in Greece and abroad. His work experience includes the management of State interest companies as in public transportation companies, namely, CEO of ISAP S.A. (Urban Rail) and President and CEO of Urban Rail Transport S.A. From 2008 to 2010 he was President - elect of the National section of the European Center of Employers and Enterprises (CEEP). Throughout his thirty five years work experience, he has demonstrated his ability in developing business action reform plans, maturing investments, restructuring and streamlining of companies that led to a significant improvement of their balance sheets. In July 2019 he was appointed by Prime Minister, K. Mitsotakis, as Deputy Minister of Development and Investments responsible for Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection. In August 2020 he was appointed as Alternate Minister of Development and Investments responsible for Private Investments and PPPs.



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**Yiannis Papatsiros**

Regional Leader  
SAS Greece, Cyprus, Bulgaria



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Yiannis Papatsiros is the SAS Region Leader for Greece Cyprus and Bulgaria, building the strategy and managing the region towards success and organic growth. Previously as the Country Sales Leader at SAS he played a key role for the transformation of clients in the Financial and Telco domain. Prior joining SAS he worked for IBM where he managed significant Strategic Outsourcing projects while at the same time he was appointed as the Service Management Competency Leader for Greece. He also brings international experience through a number of roles that he undertook in organizations in United Kingdom like Royal Bank of Scotland and Southampton Solent University. He holds a degree in Computer Science from University of Crete, a masters in the domain of IT Strategy and also a pMBA.



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**Panos Papazoglou**

Member of the Board, American-Hellenic  
Chamber of Commerce (AmChamGR);  
Managing Partner, EY



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Panos Papazoglou is the Managing Partner in Greece since July 2010. Effective January 2011 he became the CSE South Cluster Leader and effective January 2015 the Central and South Eastern Markets Leader as well. Following the Central Eastern Southeastern and Central Asia (CESA) integration in July 2018 he was the CESA Accounts Leader till December 2020. He has served as Head of Assurance in EY Romania for two years and focused on the energy and technology sectors. He has also served as CMP and Head of Assurance in Bulgaria for three years. Panos joined EY in 1988 and is based in the Athens office. Panos is a Qualified Accountant in Greece and Romania.

#### Experience:

He has extensive exposure to the international environment. Managed cross - cultural teams, in a number of sizeable assurance and advisory projects. He has sound management experience and supervisory skills gained over the 33 years of being involved in the accounting and audit profession. His technical experience is a combination of engagements across a wide range of services including financial audits, privatizations, initial public offerings and offerings of shares. He has participated in numerous engagements involving / leading multicultural teams as well.

#### Other

He is a member of the BoD of the American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, member of the Executive Committee and BoD of the Institute of Economic and Industrial Research (IOBE) and also member at the CEO Clubs and Endeavor.



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**Michael L. Parson**

Governor of Missouri  
U.S.



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Michael L. Parson was sworn in as Missouri's 57th governor on June 1, 2018, by Missouri Supreme Court Judge Mary R. Russell. He was reelected in November 2020 and sworn into a full term by Judge Sarah A. Castle at the 2021 Bicentennial Inauguration. Governor Parson came into the role of governor with a lifelong commitment to serving others and over 30 years of experience in public service. Governor Parson previously served as the 47th lieutenant governor of Missouri from 2017–2018. He was elected lieutenant governor after claiming victory in 110 of Missouri's 114 counties and receiving the most votes of any lieutenant governor in Missouri history. Governor Parson also served six years in the U.S. Army and as the Sheriff of Polk County from 1993–2005. He served in the Missouri House of Representatives from 2005–2011 and in the Missouri Senate from 2011–2017. From day one, workforce development and infrastructure have been major priorities for Governor Parson. He and his administration have achieved historic bipartisan progress on both issues through programs like Missouri One Start, Fast Track, MoExcels, and the transportation cost-share program. The governor's proposal to improve economic and workforce development through a reorganization of state government was overwhelmingly supported by the General Assembly, and 100 of Missouri's poorest bridges were repaired or rehabilitated in just over one year through his Focus on Bridges program. In all, the program will repair or replace 250 bridges throughout the state. Under Governor Parson's leadership, Missouri has experienced a booming economy with record low unemployment, high wage growth, and billions of dollars in business and infrastructure investments. In 2018, Governor Parson signed the largest income tax cut in Missouri history and has continuously worked with the General Assembly to pass fiscally responsible and conservative budgets. Governor Parson has also led Missouri through several major crises, including historic droughts, flooding, tornadoes, civil unrest, and the recent COVID-19 pandemic. He and his administration have worked nonstop to take a balanced approach, fight the virus, and keep Missourians as safe as possible. Thanks to these efforts, Missouri has outperformed projections for both COVID-19 and the economy and continues to meet each challenge head on. Governor Parson and First Lady Teresa Parson live in Bolivar. Together, they have two grown children and six grandchildren. He was raised on a farm in Hickory County and graduated from Wheatland High School in Wheatland, Missouri. He is a small business owner and a third-generation farmer who currently owns and operates a cow and calf operation near Bolivar.



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**Alex Patelis**

Chief Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister  
of Greece



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Alex Patelis is chief economic adviser to Greece's Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis. He has over three decades of experience as an economist, analyst and strategist, working in a variety of positions in New York, London and Athens. Alex started his career with the US economics research team at Goldman, Sachs & Co. in New York, where he worked under Bill Dudley, Chief US economist as well as a proprietary FICC trader in the same firm. In London, he joined Citigroup Asset Management as a quantitative economist. At Merrill Lynch, he held a variety of positions, including Global head of FX & Debt strategy, as well as Managing Director of Global Research, Head of International Economics. In this capacity, Alex managed the research teams responsible for the firm's outlook on all economies outside North America, including developed and emerging countries in EMEA, the Pacific Rim region and Latin America, as well as foreign exchange, local currency and external debt bonds. For their research, Alex and his team won a variety of awards, including from Extel and Institutional Investor. He was also Chief Economist at PSQR, a global discretionary macro hedge fund. More recently, Alex was President of Patelis Macro, an independent research boutique he launched in 2010, which focused on global macroeconomic analysis to select clients around the world. Alex earned a Ph.D. in Economics in 1997 from Princeton University, USA, where his thesis advisor was Professor Ben Bernanke. Titled "Asset returns and monetary policy", part of his thesis was published in the Journal of Finance. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Mathematics from Sussex University, UK.



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**George Pechlivanoglou**

Vice President  
Eunice Energy Group (EEG)



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George Pechlivanoglou studied mechanical engineering (BSc) and completed the MSc in renewable energy technology at the University of Oldenburg, Germany. He completed his doctoral dissertation (PhD) in the field of wind turbine aeroservoelasticity at TU Berlin, Germany and post-doctoral work at the same institute. Has published more than 90 scientific papers and holds more than 13 national and international patents. George Pechlivanoglou has 18 years of industrial experience in the wind energy market and 10 years' experience as a wind energy expert designer and wind turbine technical inspector with international collaborations and global project portfolio. He held the position of the technical director of SMART BLADE GmbH for 8 years and has established several global collaborations with corporations like 3M, Vestas, Nordex etc. He is the former Wind Energy Committee Chair at the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) and a member at the German Chamber of Engineers (VDI) as well as the former representative of the Technical University of Berlin at the European Academy of Wind Energy (EAWE). Mr. Pechlivanoglou is currently holding the position of Vice President for the EUNICE ENERGY GROUP (EEG).



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**Maja Piscevic**

Nonresident Senior Fellow  
Europe Center  
Atlantic Council



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Maja Piscevic is a senior fellow and Balkans Representative of the EastWest Institute in Belgrade, Serbia. Previously, Mrs. Piscevic served as vice president of communications of EastWest Institute in New York City. In her role, she designed the ongoing Balkan Dialogues program focused on promoting a constructive exchange of ideas in pursuit of pragmatic solutions to legacy conflicts in the Balkans amongst the public and private sectors. Previously, Mrs. Piscevic served as executive director of the Serbian-American Chamber of Commerce in Belgrade and as a Senior Business and Legal Specialist for USAID in Belgrade. She is a member of the Executive Board, of the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence. A trained attorney, Mrs. Piscevic is recognized as a leading advocate for economic integration and political stability in the Western Balkans. She is the founder of the SUMMIT 100 Business Leaders of Southeast Europe, and is a published author of *There is Here*, an autobiographical collection of stories bridging her experience working in New York City with her life experiences and career in the Balkans. Mrs. Piscevic has received multiple certificates of appreciation and meritorious honors from the U.S. State Department and USAID.



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## Sir Christopher Pissarides

Regius Professor of Economics  
London School of Economics  
& Nobel Laureate in  
Economic Sciences, 2010



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Sir Christopher Pissarides is the 2010 Nobel Prize laureate in economics, the Regius Professor of Economics at the London School of Economics and the Professor of European Studies at the University of Cyprus. He is a macroeconomist who specialises in the economics of labour markets, economic growth and structural change, especially as they relate to obstacles to free-market clearing. He has published extensively in academic journals and his book *Equilibrium Unemployment Theory* is a standard reference in the academic literature on unemployment, which has influenced extensively labour market policies. He has received several prizes, awards and prestigious Academy fellowships for his work, including the Grand Cross of the Republic of Cyprus and a knighthood from Queen Elizabeth II. In the last decade he has mainly worked on the employment implications of automation and artificial intelligence, the emergence of China as a global economic power and the future of work. More recently he has chaired a committee which produced a development plan for Greece, which bears his name, and has been used by the government to draft the next phase of reforms for the Greek economy. In London he is Co-Chair of the Institute for the Future of Work, which is actively involved in securing the conditions for the creation of good work in the age of automation.



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**Andrea Poggi**

Deloitte North & South Europe Innovation  
Leader, Deloitte Central Mediterranean and  
Italy Clients & Industries Leader



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Andrea Poggi is Senior Equity Partner and member of the Executive Committee for Deloitte North and Southern Europe (NSE). He leads Innovation for the NSE Deloitte Network and the Clients and Industries practice (C&I) for Deloitte Central Mediterranean area (DCM). He laid the foundations for the development of Monitor, strategy advisory boutique, arm of Deloitte in Italy, with a focus on Corporate and Organizational Strategy, Business Plan, Marketing and M&A. In 2018, he founded Officine Innovazione, first Deloitte's specialized advisory firm on Innovation Management, Open Innovation and Technological Transfer Services. He has more than 25 years of managerial experience in Strategy Consulting and the Corporate sector, as top manager of a Tier 1 Insurance Company. During his advisory career, he specialized in the Financial and Insurance services sectors. Andrea has been University professor of Business Organization and has performed as speaker and subject matters expert in multiple highly-recognized events and seminars.



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**Geoffrey R. Pyatt**

U.S. Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic



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Geoffrey R. Pyatt, a career member of the Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, was sworn in as the U.S. Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic in September 2016. He served as U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine from 2013-2016, receiving the State Department's Robert Frasure Memorial Award in recognition of his commitment to peace and alleviation of human suffering in eastern Ukraine. Previously, Ambassador Pyatt was Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs from 2010-2013. He was Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Mission to the International Organizations in Vienna, Austria from 2007 to 2010. He also served at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, India as Deputy Chief of Mission from 2006 to 2007 and as Political Counselor from 2002 to 2006. Ambassador Pyatt served as Economic Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong from 1999 to 2002 and as Principal Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Lahore, Pakistan from 1997 to 1999. Since joining the Foreign Service in 1989, he has also served on the National Security Council staff, on the staff of Deputy Secretary Strobe Talbott and at posts in Honduras and India. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, he worked with The Inter-American Dialogue, a Washington-based think tank that brings together leading citizens of the Americas. Ambassador Pyatt grew up in La Jolla, California and holds a Master's degree in International Relations from Yale and B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Irvine.



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## Zachary Ragousis

President and Managing Director  
Pfizer of Greece, Cyprus & Malta



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Zachary Ragousis is President & Managing Director of Pfizer of Greece, Cyprus & Malta. He has been working in the pharmaceutical market for 33 years and has gained experience serving the industry from various positions. He is Vice President of the Reimbursement & HTA committee of SFEE. He is also member of the BoD at the American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce. Zachary holds a Degree in Veterinary Medicine from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He is married and has a child. He joined Pfizer Hellas in 2003 following a merger with Pharmacia. He started his career as a sales Rep, and moved to positions of Product Manager, Marketing Manager, Sales Manager & BU Manager in the areas of CNS, Antibiotics, Dermatology, Cardiology, Oncology, Ophthalmology & Hormones. He has also assumed responsibilities in Trade, BIT & other functional roles. He is a member of the local board of directors of Pfizer Hellas since 2012 & President since 2017.



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**Agostino Santoni**

Vice President  
Cisco South Europe



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Agostino Santoni is the Vice President of Cisco Southern Europe. He took the role in November 2020 and is responsible since for the Cisco business in Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Israel, Greece, Cyprus and Malta. Agostino brings a wealth of experience from 25 years in the Italian IT industry, managing P&L operations across several technology markets. Previously, Agostino covered the role of General Manager of Cisco Italy from the end of 2012 until March 2021. He joined Cisco from SAP, where he was Italy Managing Director from 2009 to 2012. He started his professional career in Compaq Computer where, following the merger with HP, he held roles of increasing responsibility for the Italian branch of HP and for the parent company up to the position of Vice President & Enterprise Sales Director of HP Italy. On top of his Cisco position, Agostino was also President of Assinform (the Italian Association for the Information Technology) from 2014 to 2017. Building inclusive environments in which individuals and teams feel engaged and can thrive is a key quality that characterizes Agostino's leadership style in the large teams he has led.

He currently also holds these positions:

- President of Confindustria Digitale (Federation of Associations of ICT companies)
- Member on the Board of Trustees of the Cisco Foundation
- Coordinator of the Technical Group for the Development of the Digital Offer of Confindustria (the main association representing manufacturing and service companies in Italy)
- Member of the Executive Committee of Fondazione Fiera Milano



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**Margaritis Schinas**

Vice President  
European Commission



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Margaritis Schinas took office as Vice-President for Promoting our European Way of Life in the Von der Leyen Commission in December 2019. In this capacity, he oversees the EU's policies for migration, security union, social rights, skills, education, culture, youth, health and dialogue with churches, religious associations and non-confessional organisations. Mr Schinas started his career in the European Commission in 1990. He also served as a Member of the European Parliament, from 2007 until 2009. Upon the completion of his parliamentary term of office, he returned to the European Commission and held various senior positions. In 2010, President Barroso appointed Mr Schinas as Deputy Head of the Bureau of European Policy Advisers. Later he served as Resident Director and Head of the Athens Office of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN). In 2014, President Juncker appointed Mr Schinas as the European Commission's Chief Spokesperson. Margaritis Schinas holds an MSc on Public Administration and Public Policy from the London School of Economics, a Diploma of Advanced European Studies on European Administrative Studies from the College of Europe in Bruges and a Degree in Law from the Aristotelean University of Thessaloniki. You can follow him on Twitter: Margaritis Schinas (@MargSchinas)



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**Andreas Scriven**

Hospitality & Leisure Lead Partner  
Deloitte UK & NS Europe



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Andreas is the Lead Partner - Hospitality & Leisure based in our London office. He has extensive advisory and M&A experience across the UK, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and the USA. As a member of the Travel, Hospitality & Services Executive for Deloitte NSE and Middle East he is responsible for shaping the Hospitality & Leisure agenda, as well as working with the firm's global network. His key areas of expertise include commercial due diligence, strategic reviews and advice, bank support, feasibility, and market analysis. In addition, Andreas has advised on over £30bn of equity & debt exposure across the hospitality & leisure sectors in recent years, providing operational reviews, independent business reviews, strategic advice, market entry advice as well as defining workout options and evaluating rebranding/positioning opportunities. His client experience includes many of the leading global brands/operators, private equity and hedge funds, property investors and developers, as well as overseas investment funds. Prior to joining Deloitte, Andreas was the International Managing Director at Christie & Co where he had responsibility for 16 offices across Europe and the Middle East, as well as China. Furthermore he headed up the Consultancy service line across the firm. Andreas previously worked for both Arthur Andersen and Deloitte across the US and Europe and has operational hotel experience in Hong Kong, the USA and Europe. Andreas regularly speaks/moderates at leading hospitality conferences and is frequently quoted in international, national and trade publications. He is a graduate of Cornell's School of Hotel Administration and also speaks fluent German and Swiss German.



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**Theodoros Skylakakis**

Alternate Minister  
Ministry of Finance for Fiscal Policy  
Greece



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He is an economist born in Athens 1959. He is a former MEP (2009-2014), member of the Committees on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, on Budgetary Control and also of the Special Committee on Organized Crime, Corruption and Money Laundering. Substitute member of the Committees on Industry, Research and Energy, on Economic and Monetary Affairs as well as of the Special Committee on the Financial, Economic and Social Crisis. 2006-2009 he was appointed General Secretary of International Economic Relations and Development Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 2003 to 2006 he was Deputy of the Athens Mayor, Deputy Mayor for Finance and responsible for the preparation of Athens for the Olympic Games 2004. He also served as Chairman of the Organization of Tourism and Economic Development Company in 2005-2006. From 1990 to 1993 he served as Advisor to the Prime Minister Constantinos Mitsotakis and Head of the Office of Planning and Communication of the Prime Minister. He was also President and General Director of the Research Center E21 (1994-2001). From 2014 he is elected President of Drassi Party which has suspended operations in order to support New Democracy. He has worked in advertising and communication since 1985 and has founded and managed four companies in the fields of communication (1994-1999), crisis management (2000-2006), agriculture and processing (2014-2019). He has studied economics at the University of Athens and Management (MBA Degree) at the City University of London. He holds a Diploma from the British Market Research Society in Marketing Research as well as a PhD from the Dept of History and Philosophy of Science of the University of Athens on the matter of social tolerance to corruption. He is married to the lawyer Helen Papapanou and they have two daughters, Marianna and Irene.



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## Katerina Sokou

Nonresident Senior Fellow, Europe Center  
Atlantic Council;  
Washington DC Correspondent, SKAI TV



AMERICAN-HELLENIC  
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Katerina Sokou is the Washington DC correspondent for SKAI TV and Greek daily newspaper Kathimerini, where she is also a columnist, focusing on transatlantic relations, foreign policy and financial diplomacy (2013-). She has covered extensively the Greek financial crisis, interviewing economists and policy-makers and providing commentary and reporting for news media in the U.S. and Europe. As a visiting scholar at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs (2017-2018), she researched the US role in the Greek debt crisis and its impact on bilateral relations, presenting her research in universities across the U.S. and Greece. She continues to work towards a book on the subject. Before that, she was a member of the editorial board and a contributor at the Washington-based European Institute (2016-2017). Katerina majored in History (BA with First Class Honors, University of Ioannina, Greece) and holds postgraduate degrees in International Studies (MA, University of Warwick, UK) and in Journalism from Columbia University, where she was a Knight-Bagehot Fellow in Economics and Business Journalism (2012-2013). She was also a non-degree student at the American College of Greece, where she studied Economics, and an Erasmus scholar at King's College London, where she took classes in the Fall of Yugoslavia, Modern Greek History and audited a class on European Politics at the London School of Economics. She started her career as a financial reporter at To Vima Athens newspaper, covering Greece and the Eurozone since the introduction of the Euro, and was International Financial News editor at Kathimerini during the global financial crisis. At the course of her reporting, she corresponded from Brussels and Strasburg on EU policies, from China on Chinese investments in Europe, from Lithuania and Slovenia on EU enlargement, from Denmark on Europe's social model, from the U.K. on Brexit, from Egypt on EU's neighborhood initiatives and from Italy, Switzerland and Germany on European business. She speaks Greek, English, French and some German.



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**Panagiotis Sotiris**

Journalist  
Alter Ego



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Panagiotis Sotiris is a journalist at in.gr, covering international developments and a columnist at TA NEA. He has a PhD from Panteion University and teaches philosophy at the Hellenic Open University.





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**Elias Spirtounias**

Executive Director  
American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce  
(AmChamGR)



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After graduating from the School of Mathematics of the University of Athens, Elias Spirtounias completed his graduate studies at the School of Electrical Engineering (M.Sc. degree and pre-Ph.D. studies) at Boston University. During his residence in the United States, he participated as a Research Engineer in several research programs in co-operation with other organizations and companies such as NASA, MIT, UNH in the fields of analog and digital electronics, circuits design and applications. He returned to Greece in 1992 and after completing his military service in 1994, he held the position of Technical Director for the subsidiary of the Italian company Citec SpA., a company specialized in the design, production and application of voice and image processing systems. From 1997 until February 2009, he worked for the Foundation of the Hellenic World, a major Greek private non-profit cultural organization, starting as a Construction Supervisor and continuing as a Managing Director of the brand new then Cultural Centre 'Hellenic Cosmos' an innovative, based on new technologies, theme park. During his tenure, he contributed significantly to the expansion, development and operation of the Centre and its establishment as one of the most known technology-driven cultural them park in Greece and abroad. From March 2009, Elias Spirtounias holds the position of Executive Director of the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce. Along with his colleagues and in cooperation with the Board have managed, in the midst of the economic crisis, to increase significantly the number of activities, undertake important initiatives, retain in high level the memberships, foster the advocacy level, expand further the presence of the Chamber in US and contribute to the evolution of the Chamber into one of the leading dynamic and reliable business organization in Greece. He serves as Treasurer of the American Chambers in Europe (ACE) Executive Committee.



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**Christos Staikouras**

Minister  
Ministry of Finance  
Greece



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He was born in Lamia, Fthiotida, in 1973. He was elected MP in Fthiotida with Nea Demokratia political party on the election of 2007, 2009, 2012 (May and June), 2015 (January and September) and July 2019. From October 2009 until June 2012 he was Deputy Head of the Economic Policy Sector of Nea Demokratia. From June 2012 he was appointed as Alternate Minister of Finance and held his position until the election of January 2015. From February 2015 until June 2019 he was the Head of ND Economic Policy Sector. From July 2019 he was appointed as Minister of Finance. He holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), a Master in Business Administration (MBA) from the Management School, Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, University of London, and a Doctor's degree (PhD in Banking) from the Department of Banking and Finance, Cass Business School, City University. He is Associate Professor in Finance at the Athens University of Economics and Business. He was part time academic staff at the Hellenic Open University (2004-2007), Assistant at the Athens University of Economics and Business (2006-2019), Visiting Professor at the Universities of Thessaly, Athens, City and European University Cyprus. He has worked at the Central Bank of England and the Eurobank Group. He has published over 50 research papers in international refereed scientific journals, books and monographs and he has also participated in many scientific international conferences. He is member of scientific and research societies and organizations.



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**Vassilis Stavrou**

CEO

AB Vassilopoulos



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Mr. Vassilis Stavrou is Brand President and Head of AB Vassilopoulos' Executive Committee, since 1st of October 2018. He joined AB in 1994 as Head of Standardization of Fruit & Vegetables department. In 1997 he served as director of the AB Buying and Quality Assurance Department. In 2000 he became Head of Human Resources Department while in February 2012 he undertook the role of SVP HR/-OD & Sustainability of Delhaize Europe. Since 1st of May 2014, Mr. Stavrou served as DG SVP & Chief Business Development Officer for Southeastern Europe (SEE) & Indonesia. Since 1st July 2015 and up to end of September 2018 he was operating as Chief Operating Officer of Mega Image in Romania. He holds a bachelor's degree in Food Science and Technology from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki as well as a master's degree in Business Administration from the Hellenic Management Association. Mr. Stavrou is the initiator of the "DG Store Manager of the Year" award, which already consists an established recognition program for all store managers in Ahold Delhaize Group.



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**Christos Stylianides**

Minister

Ministry of Climate Crisis and Civil Protection  
Greece



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Christos Stylianides has been the Minister of Climate Crisis and Civil Protection of the Hellenic Republic since September 10, 2021. From 2014 to 2019 he served as European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management. During the same period he was EU Ebola Coordinator after his appointment by the European Council. From these positions he undertook important initiatives to address the effects of climate change. He is considered the "architect" of rescEU, the bold initiative that upgraded significantly the European civil protection system. Christos Stylianides was also elected Member of European Parliament of the Democratic Rally-European People's Party (2014) of Cyprus. In two different periods he served as Government Spokesperson of the Republic of Cyprus (2013-2014 and 1998-1999). During the period 2006-2013 he was a Member of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus (elected in 2006 and 2011 with DISY) with a rich parliamentary record. From 2006 to 2011 he was also a member of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and was elected a Member of its Bureau in 2012. He was also Visiting Professor at the Department of Health Policy at the London School of Economics (LSE) in Great Britain, Member of the Academic Staff at the Medical School of the University of Nicosia-Cyprus and Visiting Professor at the Ruhr Universität Research School of Germany. In May 2021, he was appointed EU Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB). In recognition of his work, Christos Stylianides received important honorary awards from governments and international organizations and institutions. Among other, he received the Golden Decoration of Honour by the Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW) of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Honorary Award of Civil Protection of the Land of Baden-Württemberg (Germany) for his contribution to the upgrading of the European civil protection system. He was also named "Global Champion for Education in Emergencies" by the international organization Education Cannot Wait (ECW) and "Political Champion for Education in Emergencies" by the Malala Foundation. For his humanitarian action and contribution to coexistence and reconciliation he was awarded the "Peace and Reconciliation Prize" of the historic city of Guernica, Spain. Christos Stylianides was born in Nicosia, Cyprus on June 26, 1958.



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**Nephela Syrmali**

Student

The American College of Greece



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## EDUCATION

- Deree–The American College of Greece, Athens-Greece - Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and European Affairs, 09/2018 – PRESENT
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Validated (UK) Dual Degree Awarded

Significant Projects:

1. An Analysis of the Impact of External and Internal Factors on Israeli Domestic, Economic and Foreign Affairs.
2. The Causes Behind Proxy Wars: The Case of Yemen.
3. A Brief Analysis of the Causes of Islamophobia in Western Europe: Causes and Impact.

- Athens College, Psychiko- Athens, 09/2014- 06/2017

## ACTIVITIES

- Deree International Relations and Europeans Affairs Governing Body: PR Director, The American College of Greece, Agia Paraskevi
- Deree International Relations and European Affairs Governing Body: Vice President, The American College of Greece, Agia Paraskevi

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Library Assistant- The American College of Greece Library, Agia Paraskevi



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## Dr. Christos Tarantilis

Member of Parliament; Professor at Athens  
University of Economics and Business;  
Chairperson of the Hellenic Parliament's  
Committee on Research and Technology



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Dr. Christos Tarantilis is a Full Professor at Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB) and a politician. He was elected as a Member of the Hellenic Parliament (State Constituency) with the New Democracy Party on July 2019. He is currently serving as the Chairperson of the Hellenic Parliament's Committee on Research and Technology, a member of the Committee on Production and Trade as well as the Vice-President of the Greek - United States of America Parliamentary Friendship Group. He was a Deputy Minister to Prime Minister and the Government Spokesperson, the Secretary of the Parliamentary Committee on Cultural and Educational Affairs, and a Member of the Committee responsible for the Revision of the Greek Constitution. He also served as the Secretary of Strategic Planning and Communication of the New Democracy Party from January 2017 until the elections on July 2019. Prof. Tarantilis has also served as the Head of the Department of Management Science and Technology at AUEB. He has more than 100 publications in well-respected international journals and conferences in the field of operations research, management science, transportation logistics, production and supply chain management. His algorithms for the solution of large-scale combinatorial optimization problems have been internationally acclaimed. In addition, both undergraduate and postgraduate/MBA students have recognized his teaching ability and this is well reflected by his numerous teaching awards for more than ten consecutive years. Prof. Tarantilis has participated in various research and consulting projects both at a national and international level and he has been also acting as member of the Board of Directors in Greek companies and organizations.



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**Kostas Tsaousis**

Journalist  
Alter Ego



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Journalist with experience over 5 decades in newspapers, magazines, radios, sites & TV productions. He started his career with the Rigas magazine, Thourios in the early 80's. This was followed by Avgi (1985) and Kathimerini (1987), and at the same time collaborated with Klik magazine (in the first 2-3 issues) while also in the original team of radio station Athens 9.84 as financial editor with two shows (one daily and one weekly). In the 1990's collaboration with the then weekly, Vima, and remained at DOL media group for 11 years. During this time, also served as a publishing consultant for the Financial Post. In 2000 collaborated with other friends and colleagues in the project of eco2day.gr which, although it had an ignominious end, opened the way for other sufficiently successful thematic sites. Since 2003 collaborator with the publishing company, Kathimerini. Among other things, contributed in the context of managing special publications such as the monthly insert edition that hosted a special report by the Economist and the annual edition of Kosmos. At the same time, participated in the management team of the company M Media A.E (owner among others of Metropolis). From 2010 to 2019, collaborated on a regular basis with the newspaper, Proto Thema, and the sites protothema.gr & newmoney.gr. Participated in the team that worked in productions for Nova and Cosmote TV - Citylife, Startup Greece. Today a journalist with the publications and sites of Alter Ego - To Vima, Ta Nea, in.gr. Last but not least, involved in the project IdeasLab (ideaslab.today) which collaborates with the National Bank of Greece to promote the initiative All Greece on one table.



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**Alexis Tsipras**

Opposition Leader and President  
Syriza



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Alexis Tsipras was born in 1974. He entered into a civil partnership with Betty Baziana, and together, they have two sons. He studied Civil Engineering at the National Technical University of Athens, from which he later received a graduate degree in Urban and Regional Planning. He was Secretary of the youth wing of the "Coalition of the Left, Movements and Ecology", from 1999 to 2003. In 2006, he was elected Councilman of Athens. In 2008, he was elected party President during the 5th Congress of the "Coalition of the Left", and then re-elected during the 6th Congress in June 2010. He has served as President of SYRIZA from the founding party congress in July 2013. Since December 2012, he has served as Vice President of the "European Left" party (EL). In December 2013, he was nominated EL's candidate for President of the European Commission. He was elected MP and head of the Parliamentary Group of SYRIZA during the national elections of 2009. He was re-elected MP during the national elections in May and July 2012, and became Leader of the Opposition. On January 26, 2015, he was sworn in as Prime Minister of Greece. On September 21, 2015 Alexis Tsipras took the oath of office as Prime Minister of Greece for a second time. He is currently serving as Leader of the Opposition since last elections, July 2020.



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**KyRic Tucker**

Interim Site Lead, Global Business Services  
Pfizer Thessaloniki



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KyRic is the Interim Site Lead for the Global Business Services (GBS) team located in Thessaloniki, Greece. In this capacity he is responsible for working across the organization and with stakeholders to ensure the successful launch and operationalization of the multi-functional GBS team in Thessaloniki. He was most recently Site Lead for the GBS Financial Services team located in Prague, Czech Republic, and has other ongoing responsibilities as Global Emerging Markets Finance Operations Lead within GBS. KyRic is a Certified Public Accountant in the US (TN, inactive) and has been with Pfizer for 18 years. He resides in Dublin, Ireland.



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**Rania Tzima**

Journalist  
Alter Ego



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Rania Tzima has been a journalist and anchor of the Mega TV evening news and has covered the 2020 US presidential elections from Washington, DC. Before that, she had been a political correspondent, covering government affairs, but also financial and labor affairs. She had also worked for Alpha TV, Mega Channel and Skai TV. She started her career in journalism in 2005 for ERT 3 in Thessaloniki, where she was born and raised. She has studied Journalism in the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and holds a Master's degree in Journalism and Communication from the University of Westminster (UK).



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**George Tzogopoulos**

Senior Fellow

Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign  
Policy (ELIAMEP)



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Dr George N. Tzogopoulos, born in Athens in 1980, is an expert in media, international relations and Chinese affairs. He is Senior Fellow at the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), Director of EU-China Programmes at the Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE), Lecturer in international relations at the Department of Law of the Democritus University of Thrace and Fellow at the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies (BESA). George is the author of three books: US Foreign Policy in the European Media: Framing the Rise and Fall of Neoconservatism (IB TAURIS, 2012), The Greek Crisis in the Media: Stereotyping in the International Press (Ashgate, 2013) and The Miracle of China (Springer, 2021).



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## Nikos Vettas

General Director, Foundation for Economic  
and Industrial Research (IOBE);  
Professor, Athens University of Economics  
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Nikos Vettas is the General Director of the Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research - IOBE since 2013 and Professor of Economics at the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB) since 2003, where he has also served as the Chairman of the Economics Department and a member of the University Council. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, USA, and has been an Associate Professor at Duke University, USA, and a visiting Professor at INSEAD in France and Singapore. He serves as Associate Editor of the International Journal of Industrial Organization, a Research Fellow at CEPR, UK, and a member of the Executive Committee of the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics. He has served as an Associate Editor of the Journal of the European Economic Association and the Journal of Industrial Economics, a member of the Hellenic Competition Commission and the Economic Advisory Group for Competition Policy at the European Commission. He is a co-organizer of the annual Conference for Research on Economic Theory and Econometrics, since 2002. His research has been published in leading journals such as the International Economic Review, European Economic Review, Rand Journal of Economics, and the Review of Economic Studies. Co-editor of Beyond Austerity: Reforming the Greek Economy (MIT Press, 2017). Vice-Chairman of the Growth Plan Committee of the Hellenic Republic for the Greek Economy, 2020.



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**Peter Vltas**

Executive Vice President  
Internova Travel Group



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Peter Vltas oversees Supplier Relations for Internova Travel Group, one of the world's largest travel services companies encompassing a global community of more than 62,000 luxury, leisure and corporate travel advisors. Internova has over 6,000 company-owned and affiliated locations predominantly in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, with a presence in more than 80 countries. Mr. Vltas is based in New York City. As a member of Travel Leaders Group's leadership team, Mr. Vltas provides expertise to all business divisions within the company, managing the relationships with airlines to maximize the marketing and sales of their products to the organization's more than 62,000 travel advisors. Mr. Vltas previously served more than 17 years as Senior Vice President of Airline Sales & Marketing of Protravel International. Throughout this tenure with Protravel, he was responsible for managing the many aspects of its airline programs, including industry relationships, airline contract negotiations and corporate travel. While Protravel agents relied on his depth of knowledge, advice and counsel to ensure that their clients were receiving the same excellent service in the air as they do on the ground, he also oversaw the team responsible for revenue management, rates, costs containment and adherence to contractual parameters. Mr. Vltas has held various positions within the travel industry over the past 35 years, starting as a travel agent at age 18. Today, Mr. Vltas sits on several airline advisory boards and is involved with numerous philanthropic activities within the Greek-American community.



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**Eleni Vrettou**

Chief Corporate & Investment Banking  
Piraeus Bank



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Mrs. Eleni Vrettou is Executive General Manager, Chief of Corporate and Investment Banking at Piraeus Bank S.A. She is responsible for the design, implementation and overseeing of the Bank's strategy across the entire wholesale area, including Large Corporate, SMEs, Shipping, Structured Finance, Real Estate and Hospitality, Agricultural Segment, as well as Transaction Banking products and Investment Banking. Within her span of responsibilities are included Piraeus Securities S.A. and ETVA Industrial Development S.A., while she is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Piraeus Factoring S.A. and also the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Piraeus Leasing S.A., Piraeus Leases and Piraeus Financial Leasing single Member S.A. She is also member of the Board of Directors of ETVA Industrial Development S.A. Additionally, she is a member of the Executive Committee of the Bank and various senior committees of the group. She joined Piraeus Bank Group in April 2019 after having worked for 14 years at HSBC Bank Plc in Greece and United Kingdom. In her latest role, Eleni was a Managing Director and Head of Wholesale Banking in Greece, while prior to that she had served as the Head of Multinationals and Business Development for HSBC in CEE/CIS, Mediterranean and SubSaharan regions. Prior to HSBC, Eleni had worked for Greek and foreign financial institutions in Athens and New York in the fields of Credit and Risk Management and Investment Banking. Mrs. Vrettou holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania (USA), is a native Greek speaker and speaks five foreign languages. She is married and mother of two children.



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**Elias Vyzas**

EY Greece Partner; Consulting Services - EY Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe & Central Asia (CESA) Data & Analytics Leader; CESA South Cluster Technology Consulting Services Leader



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Elias is leading EY's Data & Analytics Services in the Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe & Central Asia (CESA) region. In addition, he is EY's CESA South Cluster Technology Consulting Services Leader. He serves as EY's Advanced Manufacturing Sector Leader in Greece, while also leading EY's Center of Excellence for Data & Analytics in Athens. He has over 13 years of experience in consulting services, having led a large number of projects concerning data analytics, customer-centric strategy, digital, innovation and IT systems. He is leading highly specialized teams with strong quantitative background and industry-specific expertise, focusing on areas such as machine learning and AI, modelling, optimization and visualization. Before joining EY, Elias has worked for several years at an incubator and at one of the most successful Greek start-ups. Elias holds a Bachelor of Engineering (BEng) from Imperial College in London, as well as an Engineer's Degree in Mechanical Engineering, an MSc in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and an MSc in Mechanical Engineering, from MIT. Finally, he holds an MBA from the Athens University of Economics and Business.



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**Likhit Wagle**

General Manager  
Global Banking Industry  
IBM



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Likhit Wagle has led and advised Banking and Insurance clients around the world on business transformation programs that have realised major improvements in the clients' net promoter scores, revenue growth and profitability. Likhit is responsible for IBM's world- wide banking business - IBM's largest sector by revenue and profits. Likhit's mission is to grow the industry on a consistent, sustainable and profitable basis by making IBM the partner of choice for Digital Re-invention. Likhit is responsible for developing and executing IBM's strategy, including the enhancement of external eminence, selection and development of IBM's client portfolio in the sector and the deployment of industry specific solutions including a rapidly growing ecosystem of partners. Nurturing, managing and developing industry talent and expertise which underpins IBM's strategic differentiation is a key part of his responsibilities. Likhit is a member of IBM's Management Board for the Industry and also a member of the Acceleration Team which consists of the top 300 executives in the Corporation that has been hand-picked by the Chairman of IBM. He is also a founder member of the Industry Academy - a community of the foremost industry experts in IBM.



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**Guntram Wolff**

Director, Bruegel  
Belgium



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Guntram Wolff is the Director of Bruegel. Over his career, he has contributed to research on European political economy and governance, fiscal, monetary and financial policy, climate change and geoeconomics. Under his leadership, Bruegel has been regularly ranked among the top global think tanks and has grown in influence and impact with a team of now almost 40 recognized scholars and around 65 total staff. Bruegel is also recognized for its outstanding transparency. A recognized thought leader and academic, he regularly testifies at the European Finance Ministers' ECOFIN meeting, the European Parliament, the German Parliament (Bundestag) and the French Parliament (Assemblée Nationale). From 2012-16, he was a member of the French prime minister's Conseil d'Analyse Economique. In 2018, then IMF managing director Christine Lagarde appointed him to the external advisory group on surveillance to review the Fund's priorities. In 2021, he was appointed to the G20 high level independent panel on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response. He is also a member of the Solvay Brussels School's international advisory board of the Brussels Free University. He joined Bruegel from the European Commission, where he worked on the macroeconomics of the euro area and the reform of euro area governance. Prior to joining the Commission, he was coordinating the research team on fiscal policy at Deutsche Bundesbank. He also worked as an external adviser to the International Monetary Fund. He holds a PhD in economics from the University of Bonn and studied in Bonn, Toulouse, Pittsburgh and Passau. He taught economics at the University of Pittsburgh and at Université libre de Bruxelles. He has published numerous papers in leading academic journals. His columns and policy work are published and cited in leading international media and policy outlets. Guntram is fluent in German, English, French and has good notions of Bulgarian and Spanish.



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**Endy D. Zemenides**

Executive Director  
Hellenic American Leadership Council  
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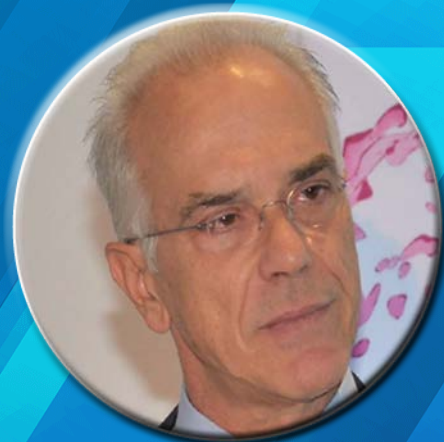


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Endy Zemenides is the Executive Director of the Hellenic American Leadership Council (HALC), a advocacy and public education organization with membership base across the United States, Europe and Canada. Endy oversees staff and fellows in the US and Greece and guides HALC's policy and public outreach activities. Prior to joining HALC, Endy spent his career at the intersection of policy, politics and business. His private sector experience included practicing law in Chicago, specializing in municipal law and economic development. He presently serves on the Board of Directors and as Audit Committee Chair for New York's Spring Bank. In the public sphere, he has served as Senior Advisor for Illinois State Treasurer and present candidate for Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias. His other civic involvements include serving as Nonresident Fellow at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, where he had previously been an Emerging Leaders Fellow; participation in the Aspen Institute's Socrates program; service on the editorial board and board of advisors of the National Strategy Forum; and lecturing in international relations and American foreign policy in DePaul University's political science department. Endy presently serves on the Board of Directors for College Year in Athens, and on the Chicago-Athens Sister Cities Committee. He received a BA from DePaul University, an MA from the University of Essex (UK), and his JD from the Georgetown University Law Center, where he was also a fellow in the Harrison Institute for Public Law and an editor of the Georgetown Journal of International Law.



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**Frank Zervos**

Solution Engineering Director for Greece,  
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Frank Zervos is Solution Engineering Director in Oracle Hellas. He has over 30 years experience in Oracle Technology and IT and has held several managerial positions in both sales and service delivery. He has managed numerous sales consulting teams in Greece and Central Eastern Europe and worked with several customers from various industry sectors and countries, leading the presales, architects and bid management teams to propose technology solutions on cloud and on-premise that meet customers' business needs and generate business value. He is currently managing the Solution Engineers teams for Greece, Bulgaria, Cyprus and Malta, driving the Oracle Technology License portfolio, supporting Technology License sales and helping Oracle Customers in their Digital Transformation journey. He holds a BSc in Mathematics with specialization in Applied Mathematics and Information Technology.