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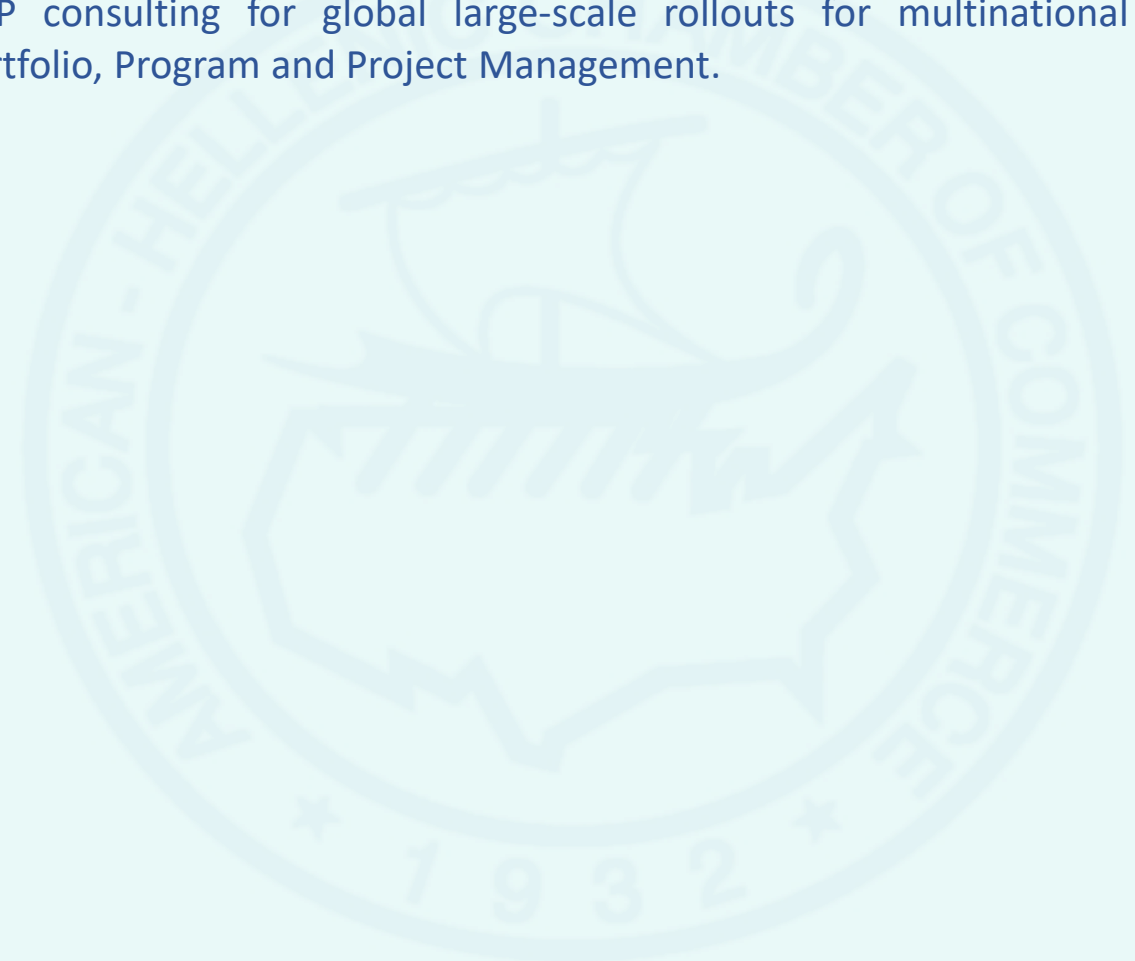
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Dimitris Athanasiadis

SAP Practice Lead
Accenture

Dimitris is a Senior Manager in Accenture Greece and he is leading the local SAP Practice. He has more than 15 years of experience in SAP consulting for global large-scale rollouts for multinational organizations, with specialization in Portfolio, Program and Project Management.



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Alexandra Gouta

Journalist
ANA-MPA

Entrepreneurship, innovation, technology, R&D, science, society. When these six are combined to produce specific results, my heart beats stronger. As a journalist and financial/technology news editor for almost 20 years now, I love to learn, write and talk about inspirational stories concerning these subjects. I was born in Thessaloniki in 1974. I studied Communication and Mass Media at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Full member of the Editors' Union of Macedonia and Thrace Daily Newspapers (ESIEMTH) and the International Federation of Journalists. Member of the Greek Node of the Millenium Project, whose aim is to engage as many people as possible in the global conversation about the Future. Founding member of "Journalists Acting", a volunteer group that has created 10 libraries for children and young people in remote villages, that received the Special Award of the Botsis Foundation in 2016. I am fluent in English and I also speak French.



Christos Harpantidis

President & CEO
Papastratos – Managing Director
EU South East Cluster, Philip Morris
International

Christos Harpantidis is Chairman and Managing Director of Papastratos, an affiliate of Philip Morris (PMI), since August 2015 and Managing Director for the EU South East countries of PMI (Romania, Bulgaria, Slovenia, Croatia, Cyprus & Malta). Upon the assumption of his duties at Papastratos, he led the team that implemented the large transformation project of the company via the new, innovative tobacco product IQOS, and the big investment for the conversion of the factory in Aspropyrgos into an exclusive production unit for heat sticks for IQOS. Both generated a huge disruption in the tobacco industry in Greece. Before taking over Papastratos' leadership, we worked for three years (2012-2015) at the Operations Center of PMI in Lausanne (Switzerland) where he served as Global Sales Strategy Director and Reduced-Risk Products Commercialization Director, contributing actively to the strategy planning for the launch of the new products in the global markets. He started his career at Coca-Cola Hellenic in 1997 in various positions of the commercial department and joined Papastratos in 2003. He is the Vice President of the Hellenic Management Association and a founding member of the Competitiveness Council of Greece. Christos Harpantidis studied Physics at the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki and holds a MBA in Economics from the University of Kent and a M.A. in Economics from the same university.

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Vassilis Kafatos

Vice-President and Northern
Greece Committee Chair
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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Viktoria Kalfaki

Head of Public Sector Greece &
Cyprus
Google Cloud

Viktoria brings an extensive experience of delivering all things Digital to Public Sector customers; Government, Defence and Healthcare. Worked in digital transformation projects in many different countries, making a difference to customers business transforming outcomes, cutting costs and improving business processes. She is holding an MBA from University of Derby and she is a proud mom of a 3 year old daughter.



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George Kollidas

Partner
Technology Leader
PwC Greece

George has provided technology consulting and risk management services to a large number of multinational companies (in Europe, Middle East and Asia Pac) primarily within the Financial Services, Telecommunication, and Mining sectors. George has led the execution of technology and data related projects for some of the largest financial institutions and mining clients within the Asia Pac region and globally. These engagements span across the development and implementation of technology and risk strategies, frameworks and operating models. He has also led Cloud transformation programs, technology optimisation plans and business-led data strategies. George is passionate in turning technology disruption to opportunity through realistic digital transformation plans, enabling organisations to better connect with their customers.

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Dimitris Koutsopoulos

CEO
Deloitte Greece

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.



Harris Mamoulakis

Member of Parliament
Deputy Head of Development &
Investments
Sector of the Opposition Party
SYRIZA PA

Place and Date of Birth: Heraklion 19/05/1976

Marital Status: Married, father of four children

Studies: BEng (Hons) Civil Engineering (Portsmouth University) & MSc Civil Engineering Design, (London South Bank University)

Foreign Languages: English, German, Turkish

Political and Parliamentary Activities:

City Councilor in the municipality of Heraklion under Major Vassilis Lambrinos (2014-2019)

Deputy Mayor of Technical Services (2014-2016)

Deputy Mayor of Waste Management (2016-2019)

President of the United Association of Solid Waste in Crete (2017-2019)

In the elections of 7 July 2019, he was elected as a Member of Parliament (MP) with SYRIZA political party, for the Constituency of Heraklion.

Deputy head for the parliamentary group of SYRIZA for issues related to investments and development.

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Alexandros Minas

Principal Director
Accenture

Alexandros is a Principal Director in Accenture Greece and he is leading its new technology hub in Thessaloniki. He has more than 15 years of experience in large scale consulting projects in both telecommunications and financial services industries. He is specialized in Cloud Transformation, Application Outsourcing as well as in IT Service Management.

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Iwona Sikora

Vice President and General
Manager of Europe & South Africa
Iron Mountain

Iwona was appointed Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Europe & South Africa region in October 2021. In this role, Iwona is responsible for leading the regional Records and Information business helping our customers in 34 countries across the region. Since joining Iron Mountain in 2003, Iwona has held several critical positions including Senior Vice President and General Manager for Canada and Country General Manager for Poland. She not only drove customer, operational, people, and financial growth and improvements; she also led innovative solutions for several of our strategic international clients – especially in the financial services sector. In 2015, Iwona was promoted to lead the Global Accounts organization. In this role, she was successful in building a program, team and infrastructure that helped Iron Mountain address important business challenges and opportunities for our most important global customers. This resulted in growth, cross-sell opportunities and customer retention. Prior to Iron Mountain, Iwona held various Sales, Operations, P&L and Supply Chain roles at Whirlpool Poland and she also worked as a European Product Manager for Whirlpool Europe in Italy.



Elias Spirtounias

Executive Director
American-Hellenic Chamber of
Commerce

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 Center, Hellenic Cosmos an innovative, based on new technologies, theme park. During his tenure, he contributed significantly to the expansion, development and operation of the Center and its establishment as one of the most known technology-driven cultural theme park in Greece and abroad. From March 2009, he 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.



Christos Staikouras

Minister of Finance
MP
Nea Demokratia

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.