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#### **FOREWORD**



Harris Geronikolas President



Rashad Mabger Secretary General

#### Dear Reader,

In the first half of this year, our Chamber has achieved notable milestones through a series of successful events and initiatives. We have continued to foster strong ties between the Arab world and Greece, demonstrated by the high-level participation in our activities. Our events, such as the "Member to Member" gathering and the "5th Round Table Discussion between Arab Ambassadors and Greek Businessmen," have underscored our commitment to facilitating meaningful business engagements. Additionally, the "1st Arab-Hellenic Health Conference" highlighted our progress and drew high-caliber representatives from 17 Arab countries and Greece, setting the stage for fruitful partnerships and collaborations.

After a long hiatus due to the COVID pandemic and other factors, we have successfully restarted our business trips to the Arab world. We began with a visit to Tripoli, Libya, on May 26-28, 2024, followed by a trip to Cairo, Egypt, from June 28 to July 2, 2024. These trips saw the participation of prominent Greek companies, whose representatives engaged in productive meetings and discussions with their counterparts in these countries. Details of these visits can be found in this issue, reflecting the renewed vigor and enthusiasm in our international engagements.

Our flagship event of the year, the "13th Arab-Hellenic Economic Forum," is scheduled for November 27-28, 2024. We have chosen two major sectors for deliberation and discussion: Energy and Construction, along with their associated business activities. This Forum coincides with the 45th anniversary of our Chamber's establishment. To commemorate this milestone, we will host additional cultural activities, including folk dances and exhibitions. In previous issues of MAN, we have paid tribute to the founders and pioneers of the Chamber, and we will continue this tradition in the upcoming issue.

We are excited to conclude this year's events with a business delegation to Baghdad, Iraq, organized in coordination with the Iraqi Embassy in Athens and the Federation of Iraqi Chambers of Commerce. Tentatively scheduled for December 7-10, 2024, this trip presents great potential for Greek companies in construction projects, partnerships in revitalizing Iraqi small and mediumsized industries, transferring know-how, and promoting Greek products. we expect this trip to attract many Greek companies, and we look forward to your participation.



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#### **Business Delegation to Iraq**



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1<sup>st</sup> Arab-Hellenic Health Conference 1º Αραβο-Ελληνικό Συνέδριο για την Υγεία Athens, 22-23 May 2024

I am particularly proud that on my own initiative the 1st Arab-Hellenic Health Conference took place in May 2024 in Athens.

The interventions of the distinguished speakers showed us the way, so that both sides continue to build alliances, for better bilateral economic and commercial relations, but also the need to cooperate with the Academic and research community. We have a moral



obligation as businesses, to take advantage of opportunities and create through partnerships, a positive footprint for everyone. Through the exchange of ideas, knowledge and know-how, workers, economies, and societies are empowered. After all, Greece and the Arab world have been linked by strong and robust cultural and commercial ties for many decades.

#### Ioulia Tseti

President & CEO UNI-PHARMA S.A. & INTERMED S.A. & BoD Member, Arab-Hellenic Chamber, Greece It was great honor for me personally and for Tsetis Pharmaceutical Group of companies, to participate at the 1st Arab Hellenic Forum of Health. Through the significant speeches, we had the opportunity to realize the real power of synergies for building strong and robust bilateral economic and commercial relationships. OFET, with 120 million euros in investments in the last 10 years,



5 production units, 700 employees, exports to over 70 countries, more than 100 historical patents, a variety of pharmaceutical forms, a significant number of scientists and researchers and initiatives that support society, research, young scientists, and the environment, will continue support and strengthen its cooperation with the Arab countries.

#### Athanasios Archondikis

Vice-President, OFET Greece

Participating in the 1st Arab-Health Conference Hellenic was a remarkable experience. The event showcased insightful discussions and cutting-edge research from leading experts in both regions. The collaborative atmosphere fostered meaningful connections and knowledge exchange, addressing critical health issues and innovative solutions. The organization was seamless, providing a conducive



environment for learning and networking. Overall, the conference was a significant step forward in enhancing healthcare collaboration between Arabic and Greek communities. Highly recommended for professionals seeking to broaden their horizons.

#### Prof. Evangelos G Papanikolaou, MD, PhD

Fertility Specialist, Co-Founder of Assisting Nature Fertility Clinic, Thessaloniki, Greece Congratulations on the excellent organization and thank you for this great opportunity, to meet and discuss with important people and companies from the Arabic region. We are confident that the Arab Hellenic Chamber has succeeded to strengthen the bond between Greece and Arab countries. Well done to all the team of the Arab-Hellenic Chamber!



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Congratulations to all the team for organizing a successful Conference we were delighted to attend. It was truly useful Congress for us as well as for others. We would like to express our thanks again for having us as speakers and we hope we have added some value to the Conference.

#### Lubna Ghosn

Founder Medicaltancy Consultants, UAE



The Conference provided a unique platform to exchange innovative ideas and best practices in the health sector. I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to such a meaningful dialogue and to collaborate towards advancing health initiatives.

This event truly fostered a spirit of cooperation and knowledgesharing between the Arab and Hellenic health communities.



Nicolas Adamopoulos New Business Development Manager GALENICA S.A., Greece

We extend our sincere thanks to you for your kind care and warm reception of Mrs. Sarah Al-Zarai, representative of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Tunisia, during her participation in the first session of the Arab-Hellenic Health Conference. We ask you to work together in the coming period to support Tunisian-Greek cooperation for the benefit of both countries in the health field.

#### Sihem Ben Larzeq

Cooperation Department Ministry of Health Tunisia



I truly enjoyed the meeting and this is a unique opportunity to strengthen the ties between Greece and the Arab countries. Very unique idea.

Also, thanks to Julia for first inviting me and for initiating this novel idea.

**Dr. Ziyad M. Hijazi** Chief, International Patients Services & Chair, Department of Cardiovascular Diseases, Qatar



Thank you very much for the excellent organization and management of the recent 1st Arab-Hellenic Health Conference and the great hospitality extended to us.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all the staff members of the Chamber for their efforts. I look forward to seeing you again soon.

**Prof. Gasem A. Baruni** General Manager Masarra Company of Medical Service



We truly appreciate the enormous efforts the Chamber exerted at this Conference and the various opportunities to meet high-caliber professionals from the health sectors through the sessions, deliberations, and networking. We benefited a lot from the various ideas of this Conference.

**Dr. Nabil Bensouhali** Director BIOREM Laboratories Algeria





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### Saudi-Greek Business Meeting Fosters Strategic Partnerships

In a significant stride towards strengthening bilateral relations, the Arab-Hellenic Chamber, in coordination with the Federation of Saudi Chambers and the Saudi-Greek Business Council, organized a high-profile business gathering. The event was held on 17th July 2024, at Macedonia Hall, Divani Caravel Hotel, and marked a pivotal moment in Saudi-Greek economic cooperation.

The meeting commenced with an introductory address by Mr. Rashad Mabger, Secretary General of the Arab-Hellenic Chamber. This was followed by speeches from distinguished leaders, including Mr. Suheil Hassib Sabbagh, Vice President of the Chamber and President of Human Resources at Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC), Dr. Abdullah Al Kuwaiz, Vice President of the Saudi-Greek Business Council, and H.E. Dr. Saad Al-Ammar, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Greece and Dean of the Council of Arab Ambassadors. The speakers underscored the enduring and strategic relationship between Greece and Saudi Arabia, emphasizing the numerous opportunities presented by the Kingdom's Vision 2023. They highlighted Greece's active participation in various Saudi projects which underscore the mutual benefits of this collaboration.

Following the formal addresses, the Saudi delegation engaged in productive business discussions with their Greek counterparts across several sectors. These interactions can pave the way for new channels of communication and foster robust business partnerships between the two nations.

The Arab-Hellenic Chamber expressed its readiness to support and follow up on these meetings to further facilitate the realization of the initiatives and partnerships discussed over the course of the meetings.



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In memory of the Founders and Pioneers with our profound appreciation for their vision and role in the journey of the Arab-Hellenic Chamber



Mr. Farouq Joud, 1st VP of AHCCD, Mr. Samer Said Khoury, Executive Vice President Operations, CCC and Mr. Mazen M. Batterjee, Vice Chairman of Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry, KSA during the 2nd Arab-Greek Economic Forum, November 2008



Mr. G. Karabatos honoring Mrs. Dora Bakoyannis, Minister of Foreign Affairs, during the 2nd Forum, November 2008



Greek Business Delegation to Tripoli, Libya, April 2009



Mr. Theodoros Pangalos, Deputy Prime Minister, Late Said Khoury, President of CCC, Bantali Antar, President of AHCCD and H.E. Mr. Adnan Kassar, President of the General Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture for Arab Countries, 3rd Arab-Greek Economic Forum, September 2010



*Of f icial visit of Mr. El-Khazmi, SG, and Mr. Christos Folias, President of AHCCD, to the Late President of the Hellenic Republic, Karolos Papoulias, February 2011* 



Greek Business Delegation to Qatar, May 2012



Late Said Khoury at the 1st Greek-Palestinian Economic Conference, November 2012



Mr. Rashad Mabger, Secretary General of AHCCD, honoring Late Sheikh Saleh Al Toaimi, one of the long-serving members of the Board of Directors, November 2012



Women Business Delegation from Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture of Tripoli & North Lebanon visiting Athens for B2B meetings, January 2013



Dinner hosted by AHCCD for launching the "1st Export, Services & Investment Opportunities Directory", April 2014



*Mr. Kostis Hatzidakis, Minister of Development & Competitiveness, and Mr. Harris Geronikolas, President of AHCCD, during the same event, April 2014* 



Eng. Omar Bahlaiwa, SG of International Trade Committee, Council of Saudi Chambers, speaking at the same event on Saudi projects and investment opportunities, April 2014



Honoring the former 1st Vice-President of AHCCD, Mr. Farouk Joud, June 2014



Mr. Kostas Skrekas, Minister of Development and Competitiveness, Mr. Harris Geronikolas, President of AHCCD, and Mr. Fathi A. Hayel Saeed, Head of the 1st Yemeni Business Delegation visiting Greece, November 2014



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### Interview with Mr. John Karydas, CEO Renewables, Energy Storage & Interconnections, Copelouzos Group



As a preamble to our upcoming 13th Arab-Hellenic Economic Forum scheduled for 27-28 November, which will be focusing its sessions on the sectors and subsectors of energy and construction, we are starting a series of interviews with key players in the aforementioned fields. In the first interview, we present Copelouzos Group, a synonym for longevity and success in the areas of energy, construction, real estate and others, as well as the name of the game in the electrical interconnection between Greece and Egypt (GREGY). This ambitious and upscale project is set to change the energy landscape in the Eastern Mediterranean and provide clean energy from Egypt to Europe. Mr. John Karydas, CEO of Renewables, Energy Storage & Interconnections of Copelouzos Group provides a brief history of the Group, he explains the benefits of GREGY as a green energy corridor connecting North and South, and discusses renewables at large without ever underestimating the potential of conventional types of energy.

**1.** Dear Mr. Karydas, Copelouzos Group is one of the pillars of the Greek economy and a trademark in numerous business sectors and fields. We would like to start with the Group's early beginnings and successful journey so far.

John Karydas: Copelouzos Group was formed more than 50 years ago, in 1973. Initially the company engaged in advertising, automobile, and buses market, locally assembling and selling buses. Since then, Copelouzos Group has grown and has become one of the largest conglomerates of companies with presence in major sectors of the market. The Group is present in areas such as transportation and energy infrastructure and concessions, electricity production and trading, construction of energy infrastructure and supply of energy equipment, real estate development, facilities management, outdoor advertising, and exhibition centers. The largest part of the activities still relates to energy and energy related activities, development, construction and operation of energy producing plants, both in the conventional and in green energy forms. The Group possesses an extensive and long-standing expertise in the successful completion of complex and technologically advanced projects, as well as a unique investment efficiency that establishes Copelouzos Group one of the main pillars of Greece's market and a pioneer in the green energy transition in the new era that is being formed.

**2.** As the Chief Executive Officer of the Renewables and Battery Storage Business Unit of the Group, please provide a glimpse of the major past and ongoing projects implemented as well as the overall investment environment in renewables of the Group.

John Karydas: Copelouzos Group through its subsidiary ELICA GROUP, has been a leader in the renewable energy market in Greece, who started its activity in the RES market more than 25 years ago and since then it has developed, constructed and put in operation around 500 MW of wind, solar and small hydro-electric power plants.

The Group is active not only in the conventional form of renewable energy, like on-shore wind and solar, but in



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new technologies as well. The Group was among the first who acquired a production license for the first off-shore wind park in Greece. In addition, the Group is developing eight (8) Electric Energy Storage Units (standalone BESS) with a total capacity of 600 MW in various regions of our country, aiming to implement them, either through winning one of the forthcoming tenders that will give some sort of subsidy, or directly implementing them outside the tenders' frame.

Today, Copelouzos Group has an extensive portfolio of RES projects under development, with around 1,000 MW of Photovoltaic Parks in the mature licensing phase, as well as 2,000 MW of Wind Parks in Greece, with an emphasis on the Aegean area. One of our spearhead projects is the wind project on the island of Crete, where we are developing wind parks with a total capacity of 580.15 MW, with exceptional win capacity and guaranteed by law local connection terms, transforming Crete into the largest green island in the Mediterranean Sea.

Copelouzos Group aims to continue to be a leading player in the field of renewable energy sources sector in the country while at the same time addressing newb challenges like the production of green hydrogen.

**3.** At the same time, you are the CEO of Elica Mediterranean Electrical Interconnection S.M. S.A, a member of the Copelouzos Group, which has been developing the Greece-Egypt electrical interconnection (GREGY) Project, the electrical (underwater) interconnection between Greece and Egypt, aiming to bring renewable energy produced in Egypt to European ground. This is a project seriously

backed by the European Commission, as derived by the fact that you recently participated as the only Greek speaker in the Egypt-EU Investment Conference, which the Arab-Hellenic Chamber also joined with a big delegation. What is your assessment of the Conference and your projection of Greek–Egyptian cooperation in the energy field?

John Karydas: We had the pleasure and the honor to actively participate in the recent Egypt-EU Investment Conference in Cairo, which I believe was an extremely important Conference which highlighted the significance of establishing and strengthening a close partnership between the European Union and Egypt. The presence of H.E. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and H.E. Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, as well as of a large number key governmental and EU officials, high-level development partners' institutions, and businesses from Europe, Egypt and the region, prove the importance that Egypt and EU pay at establishing long-term, close, deeply-rooted relationships between them to the benefit of all parties.

From Copelouzos Group, the Founder Mr Dimitris Copelouzos, as the only Greek businessman, participated in a roundtable discussion with the two Presidents and a very limited number of other European businessmen, while I participated in a panel with Mrs Ditte Juul Jurgensen, Director General of Energy, Mr Gert-Jan Koopman, Director General of Neighbourhood and Enlargement of the European Commission, and Dr Mohamed Shaker, the former Minister of Electricity and Renewables of Egypt amongst other esteemed speakers.





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I strongly believe that the Investment Conference highlighted Egypt's potential in key sectors of the market and opportunities for new investments and set the solid ground of cultivating these relationships for making Egypt an important partner to EU in this changing and challenging environment.

The long-term close relationship between Greece and Egypt, the mutual interest to enlarge our cooperation , as well as the unique characteristics that Egypt provides, like the high RES capacity, the availability of suitable land, the proximity with Greece, and all these backed by an extroverted policy of the Egyptian Government and the provision of incentives and its willingness to support investment in energy, reassure that Greece and Egypt can establish close bonds in this field. That is the reason for which Copelouzos Group, together with GREGY, develops a complementary project, that of the portfolio of wind and solar parks with a capacity of 9,5 GW in Egypt.

GREGY project enjoys the firm support of the European Union, and this is also evident by the fact that GREGY has been recently included in the 1st PCI/PMI list of the Union, as well as in the Global gateway priority list of the Union, which includes strategic projects with third countries.

Let me also note that GREGY is a unique project that exemplifies the importance of Egypt as a key partner of the EU's efforts to increase energy security and achieve its net-zero targets through the production and transfer of renewable energy.

# **4.** With GREGY project, Greece becomes a green corridor for clean energy from Egypt to Europe. Could you briefly discuss the basic economic and geopolitical advantages for Greece and the wider European region?

John Karydas: GREGY, the electrical interconnection between Egypt and Greece forms the cornerstone for the creation of green energy corridors linking North to South, and is fully aligned with the EU strategy, paving the strategic direction that Europe should follow in the context of green transition and energy security. GREGY has many important benefits for Greece and the wider European region, with such benefits being not only energy-related, environmental, and socio-economic, but also geopolitical. To highlight the most important ones, I can name the replacement of up to 4.5 bcm (billion



cubic meters) of natural gas per year, the reduction of about 10 tons. CO2 per year, the contribution to the prevention of climate change and the greenhouse effect, the strengthening of the security of energy supply, the creation of new jobs and business opportunities in the region, the achievement of greater energy market integration that will cause to lower energy costs for the Greek industries, the increase of the stability of the energy systems, and the transformation of Greece into an important green energy hub in S.E. Europe and E. Mediterranean.

# **5.** Sustainability is nowadays the order of the day but, in terms of renewables, the problem that frequently arises is related to the lack of storage units. Are we close to finding solutions for expanding storage capacity?

John Karydas: Energy storage capacity will enable faster RES penetration in the System to support system stability and balance between energy production and demand. In Greece to date no energy storage units have been installed. The first steps towards speeding up the process of implementing energy storage units in our country have already been taken, initially with the establishment of special legislative regulations and the conduct of the first two tender procedures.

A third tender process for another 300 MW Storage Units is expected to be conducted next autumn. In addition to the stand-alone storage units, a number of RES projects under development are already choosing to integrate storage units behind the meter to achieve a reduction in the cuts of their injected electricity. And for these projects, the competent Ministry of Environment and Energy is currently working on various scenarios, such as



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securing significant priority in the issuance of Connection Offers and/or financial incentives (investment support, Feed-in-Premium etc.)

The issue of today's increased cost of storage units is of concern to all investors and until now has been a major disincentive for the implementation of such projects. In this direction and if there is no significant wave of reduction in the cost of the units in question, the financial support of the State is deemed imperative for the rapid and massive implementation of the investments in question in any form (stand-alone or behind the meter). I also believe that there should be the institution of a fast-track

The new National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP) of Greece will also include increased targeted capacity for battery energy storage systems to support the cumulative penetration of RES, aiming for 3.1 GW BESS by 2030 and 22.6 GW by 2050.

The requirements of the market exercise pressure to the Greek State for faster decisions to be taken to speed up the process of implementing energy storage projects in our country, enabling the faster achievement of the green energy transition targets.

6. Apart from renewable energy, Copelouzos Group is also implementing conventional energy projects which, as it seems, go hand-in-hand with the alternative sources of energy. How do you see the future in terms of energy resources? Is a future without fossil fuels feasible vis-ü-vis the cost and technical capacity?

John Karydas: Green transition is the goal that we must achieve not only in Greece, but also as a whole as Europe, to be able to face climate change and the goals of zero emissions. I am stating this, without of course underestimating such target on a global base. In this process, however, we must not forget the importance of conventional energy and natural gas, as a transitional fuel. In this context, the Group develops RES projects, conventional but also new technology, as well as the GREGY project; at the same time and due to the need to use transitional fuel, it also develops the CCGT (Combined-Cycle Gas Turbine) unit in Alexandroupolis in Northern Greece, with a technology that can however also use a mix of natural gas with green hydrogen, proving that Copelouzos Group has as its core strategy to support green energy transition during all its phases.





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### **Greek Business Delegation to Libya**



The Arab-Hellenic Chamber is known for its standard of organizing business trips to the Arab world. There was a pause of these trips due to Covid pandemic, however, we are back, and our first choice was Libya, Tripoli for obvious reasons. Libya is going through positive transitional changes, re-construction, and reforms. The potential as such is enormous for Greek companies to take part in various projects in Libya. The visit took place on 26-28 May, 2024, and headed by the Secretary General Mr. Rashad Mabger, and consisted of high-level representatives of the following companies: Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC), Weiss Hellas-Interna S.A., Archirodon NV, METKA International, Uni-Pharma S.A., Hellenic Cables S.A. (Viohalco Group), Bionrgwood SMPC & Preconstruct S.A. and Gekas Metal GMG. The delegation was received at the premises of the Libyan General Union of Chambers of Commerce by the Chairman Mr. Mohamed AL Raeid, with the participation of high-level Libyan Businessmen and Representatives of the Foreign Ministry of Libya and the Banking sector. The meeting was attended by H.E. Nikolaos Garilidis, Ambassador of Greece to Libya. After the exchange of speeches by Mr. Al Raeid, Mr. Garilidis and Mr. Mabger, the two sides had brief business meetings followed by a dinner hosted by Mr. Al Raeid. The evening program included an interesting tour for the delegation with Mr. Al Raeid and highly ranked Libyan Businessmen to the magnificent Citadel of Tripoli (Red Castle).





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The second day program, the delegation with Mr. Al Raeid paid a visit to the Ministry of Transport and was first met by Deputy Minister Usama Al Idrissi, joined later by Minister Mohamed Al Shehoubi who outlined his Ministry's current projects and future plans and called upon the Greek companies to take advantage to participate and enhance their presence in the Libyan market. Later, the delegation was welcomed at the Ministry of Housing and Construction by Minister Abu Baker Al Ghawi who spoke of his Ministry's projects indicating the positive reforms Libya is going through in all business domains.



After these two meetings, Chairman Al Raeid accompanied by high level Libyan Businessmen hosted a lunch for the delegation. The program in the afternoon period continued with other business meetings at the delegations' hotel "Al-Mahary Radisson Blu". These meetings were concluded with the visit of Mr. Husein Safar, Member of the Board of Directors at the National Oil Corporation of Libya who elaborated on the cooperation, various future plans calling upon Greek companies to take advantage on the ongoing projects not only in this sector but in all other business domains.

We, the Arab-Hellenic Chamber would like to express our profound gratitude and appreciation to Chairman Al Raeid and his Staff at the Libyan General Union. To the participating Greek companies, we would like to thank them for entrusting us and assure them of our level best to serve them wherever and whenever possible.





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### Optimistic Outcomes for the Greek Business Delegation to Cairo, 28 June – 2 July 2024



The Arab-Hellenic Chamber organized a business delegation to Cairo, Egypt, to participate in the much-anticipated Egypt-EU Investment Conference which took place on 29-30 June, and at the same time organized B2B meetings with businessmen from Cairo Chamber and industrialists from the Federation of Egyptian Industries on 1 July.

The high-level investment conference opened with keynote addresses by the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, H.E. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, and the President of the European Commission, Ms Ursula von der Leyen, followed by the signing of numerous MoUs between Egypt and the EU. The atmosphere was optimistic and uplifting, with the promise of a bright future for Egypt. The following panels continued to focus on major business and financial sectors of Egypt while, at the same time, providing closed roundtables and opportunities for intense B2B and B2G networking and meetings during which the business delegates met with the Greek Ambassador in Egypt, Mr. Nikolaos









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Papageorgiou, and the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Kostas Fragkogiannis.

The Gala Dinner on the evening of Saturday 29th June, was hosted at Cairo Citadel under the imposing Muhammad Ali Mosque, the star-studded night sky and the expansive melodies that accompanied the delicious meal.

On the afternoon of Sunday 30th June, our Chamber had the honor to meet Mr. Naguib Sawiris, Executive Chairman of ORASCOM Investment, at his office in Cairo. The meeting was a courtesy visit, as Mr. Sawiris is a newly appointed BoD member of our Chamber, hence the Management offered him a welcome gift.









On the same evening, Cairo Chamber hosted a dinner in honor of the Greek delegation at Le Pascha 1901 restaurant on the Nile River.

On Monday 1st July, Cairo Chamber organized B2B meetings for the Greek delegates with their Egyptian counterparts and then hosted them for a delicious meal at a renowned fish restaurant.



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All in all, it was a very successful trip, in terms of contacts, meetings and opportunities for the Greek business delegation. We would like to thank the companies who trusted us and the Egyptian organizations for their welcoming and positive response. We look forward to stronger business relations with our Arab neighboring country. On the afternoon of the same day, the Greek delegation was received at the premises of the Federation of Egyptian Industries, the President of which is Mr. Mohamed Zaki El-Sewedy. Mr. El-Sewedy headed a roundtable discussion between members of the Federation and the Greek delegation during which he opened the floor for the discussion of thorny issues in the business relations between the two sides and how they can be overcome. The roundtable was honoured by the presence of the Greek Ambassador in Egypt, H.E. Nikolaos Papageorgiou.

In the end, commemorative gifts were exchanged between our Chamber and FEI.

The rest of the evening and the next morning were free for the delegates to arrange field trips with their counterparts, discover Cairo and get a glimpse of its most significant landmarks.







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#### Testimonials of Cairo trip

I would like to thank you on behalf of TSETIS Pharmaceutical Companies Organization for your full support of yours as well as for the great accommodation during my stay in Egypt. It was a great opportunity of mine to enhance commercial relations and exchange information with the objective of supporting developments of health care and pharma business in EGYPT.

Your efforts and the continuous support to me, had a tremendous impact on business trip results of our Organization.

Thanassis Archondikis Operations Director Pharmacist,MBA Vice President www.uni-pharma.gr



As people make the difference, I would like to thank personally Mr Rashad Mabger (Secretary General), mrs Maria Vestarki and Mrs Katerina Michail for their efforts, continuous support, passion, and for taking care of every single detail during our trip. It was a very successful Business Delegation in terms of organization, support and quality B2B meetings with Egyptian Businessmen. I am very happy to be a member of

**Yiannis Chaldoupis** Business development Fine Goods

this organization.





It was a great experience to participate in the delegation of Arabic-Hellenic Chamber in Cairo. Everything was great in organization and we had fruitful meetings that we understood the needs of Egyptian market. Till the next trip, take care!

Andreas Beletsiotis COO Bionrgwood

I would like to thank the Arab-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and Development for organising an amazingly well structured and targeted business mission to Cairo!

The program was jam-packed - which is exactly how I like it as we were there to make the most of the opportunity – and also varied allowing us time to participate in several events within the same mission, including the Egypt-EU Investment Conference 2024.

We were also treated to half day meetings at the Cairo Chamber of Commerce and at the Federation of Egyptian Industries who invited their members to meet us, allowing for interesting exchanges and potential business opportunities. Both institutions extended generous and warm welcomes to our delegation, making us feel very special indeed. Furthermore, we had the pleasure to meet with Mr. Naguib Sawiris of Orascom Investment and get his views on the Egyptian economy, trade and where unexplored opportunities lie.

I'm truly satisfied with the 5-day trip and have returned with new partner and client agreements to draft which means it was a resounding success! Looking forward to what's coming next!



Veena Chauhan Tzotzolaki Executive Advisor International Investment Desk Sioufas & Associates Law Firm

I am writing on behalf of our organization to express our sincere gratitude for the well-organized meetings facilitated by the Arab-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce & Development. These meetings have been instrumental in fostering positive collaborations with Greek companies. We greatly appreciate the efforts made by the Chamber in bringing together Greek and Arab businessmen. The exchange of information, experience, and know-how during these sessions has been invaluable. As we look ahead, we hope to participate in similar events in the near future. Furthermore, we kindly request your assistance in providing us with contact details for Greek companies specializing in food exports and maritime transportation. Having access to such resources would enhance our business prospects and strengthen our ties with the Greek market. Thank you once again for your dedication to promoting economic and trade relations between our nations. We eagerly anticipate further opportunities for cooperation.

**Gamal Shehata** Owner of EL Safeer Co.



Last week we have been fine by the Arab Hellenic Chamber, the opportunity to have fruitful meetings with top level Egyptian business men in order to investigate chances for cooperation. Market and business insights were exchanged enabling us to get clear picture on many industries on which we can evaluate our further penetration or cooperation.Organizers were fully dedicated and well prepared



making our everyday's schedule to run smoothly. Last but not least Arab Hellenic Chamber managed to making us participate on the Egypt EU conference that was held at that time whereas many important MoUs were signed between Egyptian Government and EU.

#### Sokrates Delaportas Sales Manager Streem Global S.A



My participation in the EU-Egypt Investment Conference, as part of the Greek delegation organized by the Arab Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, was a valuable experience. It provided significant exposure to the Egyptian market and offered insights into upcoming investment plans across various sectors in Egypt. The meetings and interactions I had were instrumental in helping me identify areas of focus for our software company, highlighting sectors and opportunities where collaboration with both governmental and private

organizations in Egypt could lead to mutual success. Our visit to the office of Mr. Naguib Sawiris, one of Egypt's most successful businessmen as well as a person who has strong ties with Greece, was particularly enlightening. It offered a deeper understanding of the investment dynamics and opportunities in Egypt in the coming years. Egypt is a dynamic market, rich with opportunities for Greek and European companies. Events and visits like these are crucial for enhancing our chances of success in this market and for guiding our efforts in the right direction.

I would like to thank the Arab Hellenic Chamber of Commerce for this opportunity and for the great efforts put into the organization of the visit activities. I definitely look forward to participating in more future events of this nature, whether in Egypt or in any other Arab country that offers valuable opportunities for Greek enterprises.

#### Omar Faouri

Business Development Director Nomitech

The Arab-Hellenic delegation visit left a lasting impact, highlighting significant opportunities for cooperation between Greek companies and the Egyptian market. Despite the challenging economic situation in Egypt, several sectors stand out as potential areas for collaboration, such as the food supply industry, energy sector, tourism, healthcare, logistics and technology.Joint ventures, knowledge sharing, and investment partnerships can bridge gaps and foster growth.



In summary, while acknowledging Egypt's economic challenges, the visit emphasized the resilience and potential for fruitful collaboration. Let's seize these opportunities and build stronger ties between our nations.

#### Nesrine Ali

Business Development Manager – North Africa Consolidated Contractors Company (CCC)

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With great pleasure Vencil Ltd attended the "Egypt-EU Investment Conference" that was held in Cairo a few days ago. This event marked a new era of collaboration between Europe and Egypt with major investment projects already unfolding. Being part of the Greek delegation, we came close to government officials and distinguished guests, exchanged ideas,



and experienced firsthand this remarkable / historic event. In addition, our visit to the Cairo Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Egyptian Industries gave us the opportunity to meet high officials and make contacts with representatives of major Egyptian companies. Such talks are essential and eventually may lead to future business collaborations. We need to thank all the Organizations involved for their hospitality and genuine interest; they certainly made us feel like home. Special thanks to the Arab-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce for organizing and carrying out this challenging program with absolute success!!

#### Dimitri Rabetas

Export Manager Vencil Pharmaceuticals Ltd

The Greek Business Delegation to Egypt during 28th of June – 2nd of July 2024 was, by all means, a successful trip. It was a great opportunity to share our corporate Karlos vision of linking Africa to Europe through the getaways of Egypt and Greece, with our Egyptian counterparts. During the trip we participated at the Egypt-EU Investment Conference, where we conducted valuable B2B and B2G meetings with key government and business representatives from Egypt and Europe. We then visited the Cairo Chamber



of Commerce, where we conducted meetings with key members of the Chamber and discussed on potential business cooperation. We also visited the Federation of Egyptian Industries for constructive meetings with key stakeholders of the Egyptian business world. During the last day, we had the chance to visit the miraculous Pyramids, which was really a beautiful ending to an overall fruitful business trip. We look forward to the business follow ups with our new connections, as well as next business trips, aiming to bring our plans to fruition. We want to express our appreciation for the constant support received from the Arab-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce & Development, to make this business trip successful.

#### Aram Saakian

Commercial & Global BD Director Karlos Enterprises S.A., Greece

I would like to express my Special thanks to The Secretary General of the Arab-Hellenic Chamber Mr Rashad and his team for the excellent organization of the business trip to Cairo. The combination of the attendance of Egypt -EU conference and the rest important meetings arranged during the visit enhanced the effectiveness of this trip.

#### **Dionysios Kotinis**

Hub Director South East Europe -Performance Minerals EMEA IMERYS GREECE S.A.





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### Our SG at the 27<sup>th</sup> Arab-German Business Forum

Doing Business with Impact: The Art of Building Lasting Connections



The 27<sup>th</sup> Arab-German Business Forum, held in Berlin from June 3rd to June 5th, 2024, witnessed a remarkable gathering of industry leaders and policymakers. During the forum's proceedings on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, Mr. Olaf Hoffmann, Chairman of the Dorsch Gruppe, was elected as the new president of Ghorfa by the board of directors. Furthermore, elections were held for the Ghorfa executive board, with Sheikh Khalifa Al-Thani assuming the role of first vice president, Dr. Joachim Pfeiffer as the second vice president, and Mr. Khalil Al Hajj Toufiq as the third vice president.

Recognizing the invaluable contributions of Dr. Peter Ramsauer, former president of Ghorfa and former Federal Minister, and H.E. Ali Al-Ghanim, former first vice president of Ghorfa and Chairman of Ali Al Ghanim & Sons Co., both were honoured with the title of honorary presidents. The Arab-German Business Forum has once again proven and emphasized its status as the premier platform for Arab-German business and economic cooperation. Over 350 Arab and German entrepreneurs, business representatives and diplomats convened at the business forum. The forum showcased a wide range of significant topics through 8 panel discussions featuring around 70 speakers and 5 country round-tables and 1 round table focused on empowering women and young leaders.

The Sultanate of Oman was the partner country of the 27<sup>th</sup> Arab-German Business Forum. We were honoured to welcome a distinguished delegation from the Sultanate of Oman, led by H.E. Dr. Said Mohammed Al-Saqri, Minister of Economy. Additionally, we were pleased to host notable delegations from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, including representatives from the Ministry of Investment, and from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, led by H.E. Khaled El Juffali, Chairman of the Saudi German Business Council. Furthermore, we extended our warm welcome to delegations from the UAE, Qatar, Iraq, Egypt, and all other Arab countries, representing both the public and private sectors. Their presence enriched the discourse and underscored our collective commitment to fostering enduring partnerships.

The positive trajectory of Arab-German business cooperation is evident in the significant increase in trade, reaching 62 billion euros in 2023, marking a 20% rise from the previous year.

Our Secretary General, Mr. Rashad Mabger, attended the said Forum and would like to congratulate, on his part, our sister Joint Chamber in Germany for a job well done.



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#### Celebrating the 72<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July Revolution



The Embassy of Egypt in Greece is honored to commemorate the 72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July Revolution, a pivotal moment in Egypt's history that set the course for national sovereignty and development. The celebration was held at the newly renovated historic Embassy building in Athens, symbolizing the enduring friendship and evolving partnership between the old two civilizations in the Eastern Mediterranean, Egypt and Greece.

During the celebration event, which has been attended by Deputy Foreign Minister Fragogiannis, distinguished Ambassadors accredited to the Hellenic Republic, the Egyptian Community and prominent figures of the Greek Community, His Excellency Ambassador Omar Amer Youssef delivered a speech highlighting the exceptional relationship between Egypt and Greece. He remarked,



"Our bilateral relations have significantly developed over recent years, marked by robust economic cooperation, strategic partnerships, and vibrant cultural exchanges. He added that our ties have been and continue to be, a testament to the strength and resilience of people to people relationship.

This relationship is not just about our shared past or the present; it is about our shared vision for the future."

Ambassador Youssef emphasized that both nations have worked closely to enhance mutual interests, from energy and trade to regional security and environmental sustainability.

He also highlighted the importance of continued collaboration, aiming for a prosperous and stable Mediterranean region.



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He added that last March, HE President El Sisi and HE Prime Minister Mitsotakis signed a political declaration to establish High Level Council of Cooperation, a remarkable achievement that will pave the way to deepen the mutual cooperation between the two countries in various domains, based on international law, mutual trust and respect, with the aim of promoting regional peace, stability and prosperity as a common goals and shared by two key partners.

As we celebrate this historic day, the Embassy of Egypt in Greece reaffirms its commitment to strengthening the deep-rooted and forward-looking relationship between our two nations. We extend our sincere gratitude to the government and people of Greece for their unwavering support and partnership.





Source: Esteemed Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Athens, Greece



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# Welcoming the new Charge d'Affaires of Sudan in Greece



Minister Plenipotentiary Dr. Amjd Nourala Elyas Moosa is the new Charge d'Affaires appointed at the Embassy of Sudan in Athens.

Dr. Amjd has been a staff member of his country's diplomatic corps since 2016 stationed in Netherlands (2016-2020), then he was Director of

the Foreign Minister's Office (2020-2022), Deputy Head at the Embassy of Sudan in Madrid (2022-2024) before arriving to Athens in June 2024.

Dr. Amjd holds an LLB, Licence in Public Law from Hassan II University, Casablanca, Morocco (1992), a Master's degree in International Relations from the University of Sheffield, U.K. (2003), and a Ph.D. from the Department of Political Science at the University of Khartoum (2010). He then went on to acquire Diplomas in Leadership in Diplomacy (Turkey), Security Awareness (Khartoum, Sudan) and Diplomatic Studies (Khartoum, Sudan). He speaks Arabic and is fluent in English and Italian.

On July 4th, the Secretary General of our Chamber, Rashad Mabger, received Dr. Amjad for a courtesy visit at our premises, during which they discussed recent developments in Sudan and ways and possibilities of cooperation between the Embassy and our Chamber.

We wish Dr. Amjd the best of luck in his new assignments in Athens and we would like to ensure him of our best of intentions to coordinate with him and the Embassy closely.



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### Chairman Vyron Vasileiadis Meets with Egyptian Prime Minister



In a significant official engagement, Vyron Vasileiadis, Chairman of V Group of Companies, held a meeting with Mostafa Madbouly, the Prime Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt, during the European-Egyptian Joint Investment Conference. The meeting, which took place on the conference's sidelines, underscored the strengthening ties and collaborative efforts between V Group and Egyptian authorities, particularly in the realm of sustainability.

Prime Minister Madbouly extended a warm welcome to Chairman Vasileiadis, expressing his deep appreciation for the fruitful collaboration between V Group of Companies and Suez Canal Authority – Antipollution Egypt.

He highlighted the alignment of this partnership with Egypt's strategic goals to enhance sustainability within its transport sector, emphasizing the government's full support for such forward-thinking projects.

Accompanying Vasileiadis was Mr. Eric Adam, a shareholder of Antipollution Egypt, along with a delegation of senior executives. During the discussions, Vasileiadis elaborated on the Group's multifaceted operations, which span six critical sectors: port facilities, emergency response services, renewable energy and storage, alternative waste fuel production and advanced technology solutions.

Vasileiadis praised the instrumental leadership of Admiral Osama Rabie, noting that his guidance was pivotal in transforming this ambitious project into a reality. He also acknowledged the vital support from the Suez Canal Economic Zone and its leader, Mr. Walid Gamal.

He revealed that the company is nearing the final stages of securing the necessary licenses, with the project poised for an imminent launch.

Prime Minister Madbouly emphasized the significance of the new initiative for the Suez Canal area, describing it as a landmark partnership that extends beyond corporate interests to foster deeper ties between Greece and Egypt. He expressed optimism about the venture's potential to add substantial value, particularly through the introduction of a pioneering solid and liquid waste collection service for all vessels transiting the canal.

Concluding the meeting, Vasileiadis reiterated V Group's commitment to sustainable business practices and environmental stewardship. He emphasized the company's strategy of achieving a "zero waste, zero carbon footprint" operation, reflecting its dedication to minimizing ecological impact and promoting a greener future.

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### 100 Years of VIANEX Group Prideful Past, Faithful Future The celebrations for 100 years of the Group's dynamic

presence continue with an iconic anniversary event



Mr. Dimitris Giannakopoulos, President and CEO, VIANEX Group

An iconic event was held at the headquarters of VIANEX Group, to commemorate 100 years of the Giannakopoulos family's history in the pharmaceutical sector. The event was attended by institutional actors, media representatives, suppliers, and partners of the Group, as well as market executives.

By now, VIANEX Group is counting more than 100 years of existence since the establishment of the first pharmacy in 1924 on Piraeus Street, and it is now the largest pharmaceutical company in Greece, placed among the top Greek and foreign companies.

Upon entering its second century in the pharmaceutical industry, VIANEX Group, with a projected turnover of 500 million euros in 2024 and operations in more than 100 countries, through strategic planning, vision, and faith, is continuously Growing, Expanding, Strengthening, and Moving Forward!

During the event, Mr. Dimitris Giannakopoulos, President and CEO of VIANEX Group, delivered his speech, stating: "Every day is a battle. Every day is a victory. In a struggle that has lasted for 100 years, a whole century, we keep taking steady steps toward growth and extroversion. With persistence and patience, we support Greek business, the Greek economy, and the future of our country. We enrich our activities, we build new partnerships, we operate in new sectors and aim for further expansion and consolidation within and outside of our borders. At the same time, we guarantee a rich program of social responsibility activities that respond to real needs, whether of the vulnerable social groups and remote areas inhabitants or simply by doing the obvious for the wider population, contributing to the valuable work of the State."

In his turn, Mr. Konstantinos Panagoulias, Vice President of VIANEX Group, welcomed the guests and referred to the significant contribution of the Group to the national economy, through consistently high investments, in production as well as in Research and Development. Mr. Panagoulias also noted, "As evidenced by the socioeconomic impact study of the Group for 2022, VIANEX's contribution to the GDP amounted to 1.3 billion euros. Furthermore, in terms of Public Health, VIANEX, through its pharmaceutical products, contributed to achieving 3,081 fewer hospitalizations and 5,551 additional life years."

During the event, VIANEX Group announced two special initiatives of social responsibility in collaboration with the Pavlos Giannakopoulos Foundation, marking their Greek identity and strengthening the institution of the family. Namely, with the aim of reducing the low birth rate and supporting the Greek society at large, they are financing we are financially aiding the borderland families when giving birth to a third or additional child. At the same time, in cooperation with competent authorities, VIANEX Group will distribute Greek flags to all firstgrade students of the country's elementary schools



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Mr. Adonis Georgiadis, Greek Minister of Health

Mr. Konstantinos Panagoulias, Vice President of VIANEX Group

during the 2024-2025 school year, in order to enhance the feeling of pride in their homeland.

During his speech, Mr. Adonis Georgiadis, the Minister of Health, stated: "We believe in the future of the Greek pharmaceutical industry and the course of VIANEX Group fills us with pride for its commitment and activity. We recognize the Group's contribution to Greece and its position at the top of the list of the most attractive employers. It is really important for our country to have companies like VIANEX, which provide better medicines, contribute to pharmaceutical treatment and invest in exports, innovation and the medical community. We hope that the presence of VIANEX in the pharmaceutical field will become an inspiration for the establishment of many other Greek pharmaceutical companies."

The Group's responsibility in supporting the Greek society and economy has always been a steadfast commitment. It supports the Greek economy via the 1,360 jobs it offers, its exporting activity, and its contribution through support programs for vulnerable social groups.

We, at the Arab-Hellenic Chamber, are proud of having VIANEX among its esteemed members, and, upon entering their second century of existence, we wish them the best of success in their future endeavors.



Mr. Olympios Papadimitriou, President of the Hellenic Association of Pharmaceutical Companies, Mr. Spyros Theodoropoulos, President of the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises, Mr. Dimitris Giannakopoulos, President and CEO, VIANEX Group, Mr. Adonis Georgiadis, Greek Minister of Health, Mr. Konstantinos Panagoulias, Vice President of VIANEX Group and Mr. Theodoros Tryfon, President of the Panhellenic Association of Pharmaceutical Industries



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#### MYTILINEOS Energy & Metals rebrands to Metlen Energy & Metals

Metlen Energy & Metals (previously known as MYTILINEOS Energy & Metals) is a global industrial and energy company covering two business Sectors: Energy and Metallurgy. The Company is strategically positioned at the forefront of the energy transition, while already established as a reference point for competitive green metallurgy at the European and global level. It operates in markets across all five continents, applying a fully collaborative model between its sectors which are highly interconnected and complementary, enabling synergies that unlock hidden value for the Company and significantly amplify its performance.

In 2024, the company initiated a dynamic new chapter in its evolution by rebranding and updating its corporate identity to Metlen Energy & Metals. This significant milestone reflects the company's unwavering commitment to growth, innovation, and a global presence, and its further internationalization and extroversion of its activities.





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# Libyan – European Transport Forum 19-20 September 2024 – Tunis



The Libyan-European Transport Forum will be held on the 19th and 20th of September in Tunis, under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Transportation of Libya and the General Union of Libyan Chambers, with the participation of a large number of international organizations and institutions in the field of air, sea, and land transportation.

Companies from EU countries and Libyan companies will also participate, along with experts in the transportation sector, to develop and expand partnerships and cooperation on issues related to the sector to keep up with global requirements and rapid developments, the forum will address several topics focusing on presenting various issues, challenges, integrated solutions, as well as offering targeted projects.

The forum aims to achieve the Libyan state's strategy and present its vision regarding development in the fields of air transport, civil aviation, airports, maritime transport, ports, roads, and bridges, discussing infrastructure construction and rehabilitation in the transportation sector, and providing opportunities for investment expansion and international support for a safe sustainable developmental renaissance in the transportation sector.

For more information and registration, interested parties can visit: https://ef.ly/ Or contact the organizing committe: info@ef.ly / +218 91 2147487 / +218 91 360 6666 / +346 0047 6476 / www.wahaexpo.net



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## Salon International du Batiment 2024 20-24 November 2024, El Jadida, Morocco



The 19<sup>th</sup> International Exhibition for Construction and Public Works (SIB 2024) will take place at Mohammed VI exhibition centre in El Jadida (100 km south of Casablanca).

SIB, which takes place biannually is addressed to companies active in the fields of construction of large projects and buildings, building materials, building equipment, insulation, air conditioning, hygiene, electrical and plumbing, decoration and building security.

The construction sector has always been one of the most strategic and dynamic of the Moroccan economy and can offer significant opportunities for Greek businesses, given the country's extensive infrastructure development program and housing policy actions.

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# International Aerospace and Defence Exhibition-IADE OMAN 24-28 September 2024 Salalah International Airport



Scheduled from 24-28 September 2024 and taking place at Salalah International Airport, the International Aerospace & Defense Exhibition will deploy its wings for the first time.

The event will showcase over 200 exhibiting companies from around the world and will host a large number of delegations and decision makers from Oman, the Middle East and Asia.

This base of companies is part of development schemes that cover a wide range of aerospace and defense activities. IADE features a wide range of exhibits, including civil aviation, military hardware such as aircraft, naval vessels, and land defense systems, as well as advanced technologies such as unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), satellite systems, and cybersecurity solutions. The exhibition also includes conferences, workshops, and presentations on various topics related to aerospace and defense, including emerging trends, challenges, and opportunities within the industry.

#### For more information, interested parties can visit: https: //www.iadeoman.com/ or contact:

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## Qatar Medicare 3-5 December 2024 – Doha, Qatar

Qatar Medicare is Qatar's first International Healthcare and Medical Trade Exhibition and Conference, set to take place from 3 to 5 December at DECC, gathering a wide pool of healthcare stakeholders, including: government officials, business professionals, health companies, medical tourism facilitators, international hospitals, medical service providers, trade associations, multinational organizations and associated partners from around the globe under one roof, and offering them all a highly targeted networking platform for future collaborative partnerships.

For more information, interested parties can visit: https://medi-qa.com/ Or contact the organizers at IFP Qatar Ms. Hayat Bayan, Projects Director / Tel: +974 4432 9900 (ext. 612) / info@medi-qa.com





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## FESTIVAL OF COFFEE 1-5 October 2024, Tunis

ENIXADS company is organizing the second edition of "The Festival of Coffee" from 1 to 5 October 2024 at the "El Kram Expo Center" in Tunis. The exhibition represents an international event focused on presenting offers, developments and innovations in the world of coffee, beverages and bakeries. The exhibition will include various activities such as seminars, workshops and demonstrations that showcase the latest technologies in the sector, aiming to exchange experiences, form new partnerships, and provide supply and demand for the Tunisian and neighbouring markets in the field.

Interested parties can contact: ENIXADS e-mail: info@leprintempsducafetunisie.com Tel: +216 36 246 157 / +216 21 454 045



# 11<sup>th</sup> Salon d'Entreprise 20-21 November 2024, Sfax

The Centre d'Affaires de Sfax, the Agence de Promotion de l'Industrie et de l'Innovation and the Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Sfax are organizing the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the Salon de l'Entreprise on November 20 and 21, 2024, at the Foire Internationale de Sfax, under the slogan GO ENTREPRENEUR.

The Salon de l'Entreprise has become a must-attend event for national economic players, providing a unique opportunity for visitors and exhibitors to meet and share ideas and experiences. It is also a meeting place for promoters, investors, businessmen, industrialists, traders, service providers, craftsmen, farmers, company directors, associations, media, representatives of ministries, organizations, administrations, banks, financial institutions and representatives of civil society.

On the sideline, the Centre d'Affaires de Sfax, in collaboration with Franchise Lab, will organize the 5th edition of Franchise Expo Sfax on November 20 and 21, 2024.

For more information, interested parties can visit: www.salondelentreprise.tn/ Tel: +216 74 20 22 22 / Email: contact@cas.tn

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## **BELGO-ALGERIAN BUSINESS FORUM | 27 JUNE 2024**

On Thursday 27 June, the Arab-Belgian-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce, in close collaboration with the Embassy of Algeria in Brussels and the Brussels Enterprises Commerce and Industry (BECI), hosted a high-level Algerian delegation on the sidelines of the Belgo-Algerian Economic Forum organized in the premises of BECI, in presence of His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Al Amine BENCHERIF, Ambassador of Algeria in Brussels, M. Monsef MANSRI, General Consul of Algeria in Brussels, and His Excellency Mr. Alain LEROY, Ambassador of Belgium in Algeria, who honored us with his participation virtually.

The event was a huge success with the participation of nearly a hundred Belgian and Luxembourg companies!







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## U.S. – ARAB CHAMBER SHOWCASES BAHRAIN AND ITS NEW MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE

The National U.S. – Arab Chamber of Commerce (NUSACC), America's top commercial gateway to the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), recently hosted a business roundtable featuring H.E. Abdulla Bin Adel Fakhro, Bahrain's Minister of Industry and Commerce. More than 30 businesses participated in the discussion, which also included senior officials from the U.S. Government, the Government of Bahrain, and state governments from around the United States.

The roundtable was organized in partnership with the Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCCI). The gathering was hosted by the law firm of K&L Gates LLP and sponsored by Aluminium Bahrain (Alba). "Our Chamber was pleased to organize this very successful roundtable on the occasion of His Excellency's first visit to the USA as minister," said David Hamod, NUSACC's President & CEO.

#### The Evolving Bahrain – U.S. Partnership

In 2004, Bahrain and the USA signed the U.S. – Bahrain Free Trade Agreement (FTA). In 2005, bilateral trade totaled \$780 million. By last year, bilateral trade had grown about fourfold, to almost \$3 billion. In 2023, U.S. goods exports to Bahrain surged to \$1.7 billion, up 76 percent, and Bahrain's exports to the USA have grown to \$1.2 billion.





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"About 20 years ago," Minister Fakhro said, "Bahrain's economic landscape was very different than what it is today. Back then, about 40 percent of our GDP came from the oil & gas sector. Today, financial services has surpassed oil & gas, contributing 17 percent to the country's GDP. This highlights how Bahrain has successfully diversified our economy."

Increasingly, he said, Bahrain is becoming a servicebased economy. "Financial services leads the way, but other service-based sectors are on the rise, too: Tourism, logistics, and information & communications technology (ICT), for example."

Minister Fakhro noted, "Part of our new industrial strategy is to increase production, but also to attract new investment. We will do that through investment in technology that will streamline production, encourage sustainability, and increase productivity." He cited renewable energy, the circular economy, and semiconductors as examples.

#### **Bahrain's Value Propositions**

In his remarks, Minister Fakhro highlighted some of Bahrain's value propositions:

Human Capital Cost of Doing Business Twenty-Three Free Trade Agreements

In September 2023, Bahrain and the USA signed the Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement. "This is the first agreement of its kind," Minister Fakhro said, "and we see this as the bedrock for future collaboration between our two countries."

#### New Incentives in the Bahrain – U.S. Relationship These include:

Establishing a U.S. Trade Zone (USTZ) in Bahrain Extending Global Sea-Air Hub Status to the USA Creating Business-Friendly "Golden Residency" Visas Extending Global Entry (Trusted Traveler) to Bahrain Adopting a Cloud-First Policy Promoting Freedom of Navigation

In his closing remarks, Minister Fakhro stated, "I would like to thank NUSACC for your heartfelt hospitality and longstanding partnership with the Kingdom of Bahrain ... Our ministry and embassy will continue working with NUSACC as a key gateway to prospective partnerships across the USA."







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**CBS Yachts** is excited to announce its integration into MMC Group Holding, a prestigious maritime group managing over 40 ships since 1949. Headquartered in Piraeus with offices in Dubai and Beirut, CBS Yachts is set to redefine the superyacht industry, offering exceptional sales, charters, and management services. The company boasts a cutting-edge global fleet and a top-tier 24/7 concierge service, catering to major yachting destinations worldwide.

George Zervos, CEO of MMC Group Holding, highlighted the increasing demand for luxury yacht brokerage: "We are addressing our clients' growing needs by embracing a tailored agenda for lifestyle investors and welcoming a new generation of clientele."

Capt. Manos Tzimpimpakis, General Manager of CBS Yachts, expressed his excitement about the global fleet available in premier destinations. He praised Maria Bakalakou's leadership in the Superyacht division and Yiannis Polikratis' role in sustainability projects and crewed sailing yachts. "As an owner and yachting lifestyle enthusiast, I have personally selected our luxury maritime brokers to ensure the best service for those looking to invest, purchase, or charter," said Capt. Tzimpimpakis.







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**GMZ** Ship Management Co. (GMZ HELLAS), based in Piraeus, Greece, is a prominent entity in the international maritime industry, boasting over 50 years of collective experience. The company provides comprehensive ship management and consulting services, meticulously tailored to the specific needs of its clients.

GMZ HELLAS prides itself on its team of highly skilled and seasoned managers, engineers, ship's officers, and safety management specialists. The company is dedicated to upholding the highest management standards, with a strong focus on marine safety, safe working practices, and the protection of the marine environment.

Under the leadership of General Manager Capt. Manos Tzimpimpakis, GMZ HELLAS has experienced substantial growth in recent years. The company has expanded its sustainability initiatives, undertaken numerous ship refits, and successfully managed a variety of projects. These efforts have been recognized with numerous sales and awards.

Supported by a dedicated shore team and proficient personnel on board its vessels, GMZ HELLAS is well-positioned to continue its trajectory of growth and success in the competitive international maritime market.





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# Nomitech's Partners and Customers Meeting June 2024

On June 10 and 11, Nomitech held its 2024 Partners and Customers Meeting. During this two-day event, Nomitech, a leading provider of top-tier Cost Estimating and Project Benchmarking Solutions and the official representative of Oracle's PRIMAVERA project management software and HEXAGON's BricsCAD CAD system in Greece, organized a seminar focusing on Advanced Estimating Topics with CostOS, and CellBIM, PRIMAVERA, BricsCAD. The goal was to present these programs in detail, tailored to the needs of the Greek market and technical projects.

Representatives from companies all over Greece attended the seminar, which covered the following topics:

- Project Cost Estimating with CostOS
- Project Management and Scheduling with Primavera P6 Enterprise Project Portfolio Management by Oracle
- BricsCAD Presentation and New Features
- Drawing and BIM Model Take-offs within Excel using CellBIM
- Presentation of the ISETIA web platform for project file and project management

Watch the video from the two-day meeting here.





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# Bringing the Essence of Greece to the Skies: A Culinary Partnership with Aegean Airlines

Greka Icons proudly expands its partnership with Aegean Airlines by providing an authentic Greek Mediterranean dining experience to their business class passengers.

This collaboration between Greka Icons and Aegean Airlines is dedicated to promoting the rich Greek heritage and the benefits of a healthy Mediterranean diet. Navarino Icons authentic Olive Paste, made from pure, locally sourced ingredients, follows a crafted recipe rooted in the culinary traditions of Messinia and handed down through generations. This product highlights the region's heritage and offers passengers a true taste of Greece. Aegean Airlines and Greka Icons together, are committed to bringing the essence of Messinia to Aegean Airlines' inflight experience. This partnership ensures that passengers can savor the authentic flavors of Greece, transforming their journey into a cultural and culinary adventure.







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# The Impressive Renovation of the Iconic GB Roof Garden Restaurant at the Hotel Grande Bretagne

#### The Beloved Athenian Venue Returns, Classic and Majestic

The GB Roof Garden restaurant at the historic Hotel Grande Bretagne has recently reopened following a stunning transformation.

The contemporary redesign and majestic atmosphere captivate guests from the very first moment. The new grand hall, featuring natural materials such as white marble and wood, adds depth to the space while preserving its authenticity. This new design also showcases one of the restaurant's most remarkable features, its enchanting view of the Acropolis, ensuring that every guest can now enjoy the unparalleled view and the most attractive city's landmarks from above.

The color palette includes classic neutral tones with hints of pink, green, and gold, reflecting the city's historical iconography, combined with lively design elements inspired by Greek tradition, such as the attire of the Evzones.. Elegant fabrics and furniture create a warm and welcoming interior, while architectural and decorative lighting add sophistication.

The award-winning design firm Goddard Littlefair undertook the renovation, respecting the building's architecture breathing new life into this unique space. Since its inception, the GB Roof Garden Restaurant has been a beacon of irresistible flavors, hosting world's most distinguished personalities on its famous terrace. Executive Chef Asterios Koustoudis with his team create imaginative dishes using domestic products and fresh seasonal ingredients, blending modern international culinary trends with Greece's rich heritage.

The new GB Roof Garden Bar offers refreshing cocktails and a delicious bar food menu with views of the Parthenon while the exotic open-air Bar8 provides summer escapes with premium drinks, fusion Bar Bites, pop-jazz music and mesmerizing sunsets.





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يونيو 2014، من اليمين عضوي مجلس إدارة الغرفة هنري حافظ وإلياس سوفاتزيذيس ثم عميد السفراء العرب طارق ســـعدي والأمين العام رشــاد مبجــر في تكريم فاروق جود (وسط الصورة)



نوفمبر 2014، أثيــنا، لقاء العمل لوفد رجال الأعمال اليمنيين من اليسـار فتحي عبد الواسـع هائل رئيس نادي رجال الأعمال اليمني، في تكريم وزير التنمية والتنافس كوسـتاس سـكريكاس وفي وسط الصورة خاريس جيرونيكولاس رئيس الغرفة



أبريل 2014، من اليمين خاريس جيرونيكولاس ومعالي كوستيس خاتزيذاكيس، وزير التنمية والتنافس



<mark>أبريل 2014، اليونان، المهندس عمر</mark> أحمد باحليوة، أمين عام لجنة التجارة الدولية بمجلس الغرف السعودية، يتحدث عن فرص الاستثمار في المملكة



يناير 2013، اليونان – أثينا، صورة جامعة لزيارة وفـد سـيدات الأعمال من غرفة التجارة والصناعة والزراعة في طرابلس وشمال لبنان



أبريل 2014، حفل عشاء أقامته الغرفة بمناسبة إصدار "دليل الصادرات والخدمات وفرص الاستثمار"



نوفمبر 2012 المرحوم سعيد خوري يلقي كلمته في المؤتمر الاقتصادي اليوناني الفلسطيني الأول



نوفمبر 2012 – الرياض، من اليمين عند تكريم صالح الطعيمي رحمه الله أحد رواد الغرفة العربية اليونانية، ويشاهد بالصورة الأمين العام رشاد مبجر وحسين العذل الأمين العام ومنصور العجمي مدير العلاقات العامة لغرفة الرياض



فبر اير 2011، رئيس الغرفة العربية اليونانية خريستوس فولياس، والأمين العام محمد الخارمي في زيارة رئيس الجمهورية اليونانية فخامة كار ولوس بابولياس



<mark>مايو 2012، وفد الغرفة من رج</mark>ال الأعمال اليونانيين في زيارة دولة قطـر



أبريل 2009، صورة جامعة لوفد رجال الأعمال اليونانيين إلى طرابلس – ليبيا



سبتمبر 2010، عـدنان القصار رئيس اتحاد الغرفة العربية، المرحوم سعيد خوري، رئيس CCC، والمرحوم ثيوذوروس بانجالوس نائب رئيس الوزراء اليوناني ويشاهد في الخلف عنتر بندلي رئيس الغرفة العربية اليونانية



# The Pioneers - Part 3

السروّاد - الجزء 3

احتفاءَ بالذكرى الـ 45 لتأسيس الغرفة العربية اليونانية، نعرب عن عرفاننا بدور الرواد الأوائل وجهودهم. نعرض في هذا العدد لقطات لهذه الشخصيات المميزة وتباعاً في الأعداد القادمة من مجلة الغرفة.



نوفمبر 2008، المنتدى الاقتصادي العربي اليوناني الثاني، من اليمين مازن بترجي نائب رئيس غرفة تجارة وصناعة جدة- السعودية، سامر سعيد خوري، نائب الرئيس التنفيذي، شركة اتحاد المقاولين CCC، وفاروق جود، النائب الأول لرئيس الغرفة العربية اليونانية



نوفمبر 2008، السيدة دورا باكويانيس وزير الخارجية اليونانية وجورج كاراباتوس



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لقاء العمل السعودي – اليوناني

بالتنسيق مع اتحاد الغرف السعودية ومجلس الأعمال السعودي – اليوناني نظمت الغرفة العربية اليونانية لقاء عمل بين وفد مجلس رجال الأعمال الزائر مع نظر ائهم اليونانيين يوم أمس 17 يوليو/تموز 2024، في قاعة مقدونيا في فندق ديفاني كار افيل – أثينا.

استهل هذا الحدث بتقديم من الأمين العام للغرفة الأستاذ/ رشاد مبجر، وبكلمة نائب رئيس مجلس إدارة الغرفة الأستاذ سهيل حسيب صباغ رئيس مجموعة الموارد البشري، لشركة اتحاد المقاولين .C.C، وبعد ذلك كلمة الأستاذ عبد الله القويز نائب رئيس مجلس الأعمال السعودي – اليونان، ثم سعادة الدكتور سعد العمار سفير المملكة العربية السعودية وعميد السلك الدبلوماسي العرب. عكست كلمات التقديم والترحيب العلاقة المميزة والتنسيق الإستراتيجي بين المملكة واليونان وفرص العمل والمشاريع بين الجانبين على ضوء رؤية المملكة 2030 والدور والمشاركة اليونانية في كثير من المشاريع في المملكة.

بعد ذلك عقدت لقاءات العمل بين رجال الأعمال السعوديين ونظر ائهم اليونانيين، ونأمل أن تثمر هذه اللقاءات في توثيق العلاقات وشر اكات العمل بين الجانبين، ننتهز هذه المناسبة لنعرب لجانب رجال الأعمال اليونانيين عن استعدادنا في الغرفة للمتابعة فيما يتعلق بهذه اللقاءات.





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### زيارة رجال الاعمال اليونانيين الى ليبيا

نظمت الغرفة العربية اليونانية في الفترة من 26-28 مايو، 2024، وفد من رجال الاعمال لزيارة طرابلس، ليبيا، شارك فيها ممثلوا عن الشركات التالية: Archirodon, Bionrgwood SMPC & Preconstruct S.A. Consolidated Contractors, Company (CCC), Gkekas Metal Group, Hellenic Cables -Viohalco, Mytilineos, Uni-Pharma and Weiss Hellas Interna).

تخلل هذه الزيارة لقاءات عمل مع سعادة محمد الرعيض رئيس اتحاد الغرف الليبية بمعية رجال الاعمال الليبيين، كما حضر حفل الافتتاح سفير اليونان في ليبيا سعادة نيكو لاوس غاريليذيس. في اليوم التالي للزيارة التقى الوفد بوزير النقل معالي محمد الشهوبي ووكيل الوزارة سعادة وسام الادريسي. بعد ذلك، عقد الوفد لقاء آخر مع معالي أبو بكر الغاوي، وزير الاسكان والمرافق الليبية، وإختتم الوفد زيارته بلقاءات عمل مُكثفة في فندق المهاري راديسون بلو.

ننتهز هذه المُناسبة للتعبير عن صادق التقدير لسعادة محمد الرعيض على حفاوة الاستقبال وكرم الضيافة والتنظيم الناجح لهذه الزيارة.

بعض صور زيارة الوفد ولقاءاته







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#### زيارة سيدات ورجال الاعمال اليونانيين الى مصر

شاركت الغرفة العربية اليونانية بوفد من سيدات ورجال الاعمال في الفترة من 29-30 يونيو، 2024، في مؤتمر الاستثمار المصري-الاوروبي، عقد الوفد خلاله لقاءات عمل مُكَنَّفة. بعد ذلك قام الوفد بزيارة سعادة نجيب ساويرس، رئيس مجموعة أور اسكوم للاستثمار و عضو مجلس إدارة الغرفة العربية اليونانية، حيث قدّم عن مجموعته وتخلل هذا اللقاء حوار مُثمر بين الوفد وسعادته. في مساء نفس اليوم دعا الاستاذ أيمن العشري، رئيس الغرفة اللقاء حوار مُثمر بين الوفد وسعادته. في مساء نفس اليوم دعا الاستاذ أيمن العشري، رئيس الغرفة التجارية للقاهرة لحفل عشاء على الباخرة "الباشا" الراسية على نهر النيل. وفي اليوم العشري، رئيس الغرفة التجارية للقاهرة لحفل عشاء على الباخرة "الباشا" الراسية على نهر النيل. وفي اليوم التالي 1 يوليو، 2024، يوليو، 2024، ومعناء على الباخرة "الباشا" الراسية على نهر النيل. وفي اليوم التالي 1 يوليو، 2024، ومعناء على الباخرة "الباشا" الراسية على نهر النيل. وفي اليوم التالي 1 يوليو، 2024، ومعنو محمو عنه وتخلل هذا اللقاء حوار مُثمر بين الوفد وسعادته. في مساء نفس اليوم دعا الاستاذ أيمن العشري، رئيس الغرفة التجارية للقاهرة لحفل عشاء على الباخرة "الباشا" الراسية على نهر النيل. وفي اليوم التالي 1 يوليو، 2024، زار الوفد الغرفة التجارة للقاهرة حيث عقد حفل لتبادل الكلمات والهدايا مع سعادة السعري. بعد ذلك، عُقدت لقاءات العمل ثم أقام الاستاذ العشري حفل غداء على شرف الوفد. وتوجه الوفد بعد ذلك الى اتحاد الصناعيين المصريين حيث أستقبله سعادة المهندس محمد زكي السويدي، رئيس الوفد بعد ذلك الى اتحاد الصناعيين المصريين حيث أستقبله سعادة المهندس محمد زكي السويدي، رئيس الوفد بعد ذلك الى التحاد الصناعيين المصريين حيث أستقبله سعادة المهندس محمد زكي السويدي، رئيس الوفد بعد ذلك الى العاد العناء يين المصري من مراليونان في مصر. أستهل الولاد الكلمات الوفد بعد ذلك قام القاء بتبادل الكلمات والوفد بودي، رئيس الاتحاد. حضر هذا اللقاء سعادة غاريليذيس والاستاذ مبجر، ثم عقد الوفد لقاءات عمل مع بعض أعضاء الاتحاد.

ننتهز هذه المُناسبة لنعرب عن صادق التقدير للسادة نجيب ساويرس وأيمن العشري والمهندس محمد زكي السويدي على حفاوة الاستقبال وكرم الضيافة.



صور من زيارة الوفد





**رشــاد مبجــر** الأمين الـعام

سجلت فعاليات الغرفة العربية اليونانية في النصف الأول من هذا العام قفزة نوعية، في ما تناولته من قطاعات ومحاور عمل ومن طبيعة المشاركة العربية واليونانية الكبيرة التي حظيت بها فعالياتنا مع اجتماعات العمل المتميزة. أبقينا في هذا النشاط على التقليد السنوي في لقاء أعضاء الغرفة والذي تضمن أيضاً تنظيم الدورة الخامسة من لقاء السفراء العرب مع رجال الأعمال اليونانيين في 21 فبراير 2024. في الفترة 22-23 مايو 2024، تم عقد "مؤتمر الصحة العربي اليونانيي الأول" هذا الحدث التخصصي تميز بمستوى كبير من المشاركة من رجال الأعمال من 17 دولة عربية ومن اليونان، ونعتقد أن اجتماعات العمل بين الجانبين في هذا المؤتمر تشكل بداية للتواصل والتعاون بين الجانبين في كل ما يتصل بالصحة ومجالاتها.

بعد فترة من الانقطاع من زيارات العمل إلى العالم العربي، نظمت الغرفة بمشاركة ممثلو كبرى الشركات اليونانية زيارة وفدي عمل إلى كل من ليبيا ومصر في الفترة 26-8 مايو ومن 28 يونيو- 1 يوليو، على التوالي. (تفاصيل هذه الزيارات في صفحات هذا العدد) تضيف نوعية هذه الفعاليات والأنشطة إلى مكانة الغرفة في اليونان والعالم العربي، وبالطبع تأتي هذه الإنجازات مع تبعاتها من الأتعاب في الإستمرار والمحافظة على نهج متميز وأداء ناجح.

التحضيرات قائمة لعقد الفعالية الرئيسية للغرفة العربية اليونانية **"المنتدى الاقتصادي العربي-**اليوناني الثالث عشر" في 27-28 نوفمبر 2024 مع الاحتفاء في هذه المناسبة بالذكرى الخامسة والأربعين لتأسيس الغرفة العربية اليونانية. تتخاول الدورة الثالثة عشر للمنتدى قطاعي الطاقة والإنشاءات وما يتصل بهما من مجالات عمل كثيرة ومتعددة، نحرص على هذا التخصيص لأهمية هذين القطاعين سواء من الناحية الاقتصادية أو الإستراتيجية لدوليا.

قدمنا في أعدادنا السابقة من مجلة الغرفة عن مؤسسو ورواد الغرفة والتعريف بدورهم المشرف، وفي هذا العدد نكمل الجزء الثالث في ذكرى هؤلاء وتكريمنا لهم ولجهودهم. نعتقد بتواضع أن الغرفة العربية اليونانية رغم إمكاناتها المحدودة استطاعت بنشاطها أن تعزز من مكانتها كواحدة من أكثر الغرف المشتركة حضوراً وتفرداً، يعود هذا إلى دعم الغرف المركزية التجارية العربية والشركات الأعضاء وبالطبع إلى جهود العاملين في الغرفة.

مِسك الختام في مشوار هذا العام الإعداد لتنظيم وفد من رجال الأعمال اليونانيين لزيارة العراق، في بداية الأسبوع الثاني من ديسمبر وذلك بالتنسيق مع سفارة العراق في أثينا ومع اتحاد الغرف العراقية. يشهد العراق نهضة بناء في مختلف قطاعات العمل، من المتوقع أن تجذب هذه الرحلة الكثير من الشركات التي لها اهتمامات في الدخول في السوق العراقية والمشاركة بنقل معرفتها وتقنيتها أو الترويج لصادراتها. فالحركة في السوق العراقي وإمكانات العراق واعدة في جميع قطاعات العمل.

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