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SPEAKERS



Dr Yiannis N. Paraschis, CEO, Athens International Airport S.A.

Mr Paraschis is the Chief Executive Officer of the Athens International Airport SA (AIA) since 2007. He served as AIA's Deputy CEO from 2001 to 2007. He joined AIA shortly after the company's establishment in 1996, following an international career in Strategic Management Consulting with A.T. Kearney and Deloitte.

Mr Paraschis is a Member to the World Governing Board of Airports Council International (ACI), the global trade association of airports, at which he served as Chair during the period 2011-2013. He is also Member of the Board of ACI EUROPE, which he chaired from 2007 to 2009. Currently, he is the President of the ACI Fund Council, which offers professional training and support to airports in developing countries.

Following a series of international distinctions for AIA and after 20 years of personal contribution to the international aviation industry, Mr Paraschis was honoured with the "CAPA Airport Chief Executive of the Year" Award in October 2015.

He is the Chair of the Board of the Athens Airport Fuel Pipeline Company and participates as member in various other boards and councils of companies and trade associations.

Mr Paraschis holds a MSc in Industrial Engineering and a PhD in Operations Research from the University of Hamburg.



Mrs Angela Gittens, Director General, ACI World

Angela Gittens began her tenure as Director General of Airports Council International (ACI World) in 2008. She was formerly airport CEO for Miami and Atlanta and Deputy at San Francisco International Airport. In other previous roles, Gittens served as Vice-President, Airport Business Services for HNTB Corporation, where she led the firm's practice in airport business and strategic planning. And as Vice-President at TBI Airport Management, she oversaw the transition to private ownership of London Luton Airport and managed operations contracts at several airports in the US and Canada.

Gittens is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society, and has served on numerous aviation industry boards and committees including the FAA Management Advisory Committee, the FAA Research, Engineering and Development Committee, the National Civil Aviation Review Commission ("the Mineta Commission"), the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board, the Airport Cooperative Research Program Oversight Committee and the Board of Directors of JetBlue Airways.



Mr Olivier Jankovec, Director General, ACI EUROPE

Olivier Jankovec became Director General of the European Region of the Airports Council International (ACI EUROPE) in September 2006. The organisation represents over 500 airports in 45 European countries. In 2015, member airports handled over 90% of commercial air traffic in Europe, welcoming more than 1.9 billion passengers, 18.9 million tonnes of freight and 22.8 million aircraft movements. These airports contribute to the employment of 12.3 million people, generating €675 billion each year (4.1%) of GDP in Europe.

Olivier first joined ACI EUROPE in March 2006 as Director of Strategy & Communications. Olivier has more than 21 years of governmental and lobbying experience, having worked for Alitalia (2002-2006), Air France (2000-2002) and the Air Transport Directorate of the European Commission (1994-2000). Immediately prior to joining ACI EUROPE Olivier was the Director of Institutional Relations for Alitalia where he was in charge of governmental affairs at national, European and International levels. During this time, he was also Chair of the Association of European Airlines Policy Committee.

In 2006 and 2007, he participated in the EU's High Level Group on the future of aviation regulation in Europe and he is also a member of the Advisory Board of the World Tourism Forum.



Nikos Vettas, Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Athens University of Economics and Business - Director General, Foundation for Economic & Industrial Research (IOBE)

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Nikos Vettas is the General Director of the Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research IOBE since 2013; also a Professor at the Athens University of Economics and Business, since 2003, where he has served as the Chairman of the Economics Department and a member of the University Council. He has a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and has been an Associate Professor at Duke University and a visiting Professor at INSEAD. He serves as Associate Editor of the International Journal of Industrial Organization and of the Journal of Industrial Economics and a Research Fellow at CEPR. He has served as an Associate Editor of the Journal of the European Economic Association, a member of the Hellenic Competition Commission and of the Economic Advisory Group for Competition Policy at the European Commission. His interests are primarily in the area of microeconomics, industrial organization and competition and regulation policy. He is a co-organizer of the annual Conference for Research on Economic Theory and Econometrics and a co-founder of <http://www.greekeconomistsforreform.com>. His work has been published at academic journals such as the International Economic Review, European Economic Review, Journal of Industrial Economics, Rand Journal of Economics, and the Review of Economic Studies.



Mr Armando Brunini, CEO, Naples International Airport – GESAC s.p.a.

Armando Brunini, is Chief Executive Officer of GE.S.A.C. S.p.A. (Naples Airport management company), he holds a non executive position on the board of SEA (Milan Airports)

Previously, he held different top management roles within the aeronautical industry, first as Head of Strategy in Aeroporti di Roma, then as Executive Vice President-Commercial in the airline Eurofly and more recently as Managing Director of Bologna Airport (at the same time he served as member of SAGAT - Turin Airport Board of Directors).

Prior to that he worked in the management consultancy sector for KPMG, PWC and subsequently AT Kearney. Armando is graduated with honours in Economics and Business from the University of Naples Federico II.



Dr Michael Kerkloh, CEO & President ADV, Flughafen München GmbH and President, ACI EUROPE

Since September 2002 Dr Michael Kerkloh (65) is at the helm of FMG, the Munich Airport operating company, as President and CEO. Under his leadership, Bavaria's gateway to the world has moved up to join the ranks of Europe's top air transportation hubs, with annual traffic exceeding 42 million passengers in 2016.

Dr Kerkloh has very successfully promoted a strategic partnership with Lufthansa German Airlines and in a unique joint venture both airport and airline have built terminal 2 and a state-of-the-art satellite to serve the growing demand of air traffic in Munich. Munich Airport has not only been chosen by travelers as Europe's best airport but was also appointed Europe's first "5-star-Airport". In 2017 Munich Airport won the Skytrax award for the "World's Best Terminal".

Kerkloh graduated in Economics at the University of Frankfurt and completed a doctorate in Political Science. He started his career in aviation at Frankfurt airport and was later appointed managing director of Hamburg airport. From 2013 until 2016 he was president of the German airports Association (ADV). In 2017 Kerkloh was elected president of Airport Council International (ACI) Europe and now represents the interests of more than 500 airports in 45 European countries.



Mr Thomas Woldbye, CEO, Copenhagen Airport A/S

Thomas Woldbye was appointed CEO of Copenhagen Airports in May 2011. After joining CPH Thomas Woldbye has headed a full revamp of CPH's strategy with focus on all parts of the airport activities aiming at making CPH an even more attractive airport as well as initiated the capacity plan "Expanding CPH" preparing the airport for the future. Before joining CPH Thomas Woldbye worked with the A.P. Møller-Mærsk group for 27 years. Of that period he spent about 20 years outside Denmark.



Mr Thodoris Georgakopoulos, Editorial Director, diaNEOsis – Moderator

Thodoris Georgakopoulos is a writer and journalist. He is the editorial director of diaNEOsis, an independent non-profit think tank in Athens. He is also a columnist at Greek daily Kathimerini, and has written for major Greek and European magazines, newspapers, and websites. He primarily writes about politics, public policy, science and technology. He is the author of five books.



Mrs Soa Gkiousou, Regional Policy Campaign Manager EMEA+ at Airbnb

Sofia Gkiousou works as Airbnb's Regional Public Policy Manager. Based in London, she concentrates on Central Europe, Middle East and Africa, working with cities to open the door for new forms of tourism and educate policymakers about the huge potential of the “sharing economy” for sustainable economic and cultural growth.

Sofia joined Airbnb after several years in the energy industry where she was working as a Policy & External Relations Manager concentrating on domestic energy efficiency programs, renewable energy and smart data.

Sofia’s experience includes working with startups helping them express their story to media and customers and she continues doing independent and academic work on innovation and digital communities.



Mr Christos Harpantidis, Chairman and Managing Director, Papastratos CMC S.A.

Christos Harpantidis is Chairman and Managing Director of Papastratos S.A., an affiliate of Philip Morris International, since August 2015.

He started his career at Coca-Cola Hellenic in 1997 and joined Papastratos in 2003. During the following years, he served in a number of key positions in the commercial department of the company in Greece and abroad. Moving in 2012 to the Operations Center of Philip Morris International in Lausanne (Switzerland) for three years, he served as Global Sales Strategy Director and Reduced-Risk Products Commercialization Director.

Christos studied Physics at the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki, his hometown. He holds a MBA in Economics from the University of Kent in England and a M.A. in Economics from the same university.



Mr Yanni Paniaras, Executive Director, Greek Region & Group Corporate Affairs, TITAN Chairman, SEV Business Council for Sustainable Development

Yanni Paniaras studied Civil Engineering at Imperial College, London (B.Sc., M.Sc.) and received an M.B.A. from INSEAD. He started his career at KNIGHT PIESOLD, an international mining and engineering consultancy headquartered in London. Between 1998 and 2015, he held senior management positions in S&B Industrial Minerals Group and – following the acquisition – IMERYS, based in Greece and Germany, concluding his term there as Vice President of the former S&B Division and Managing Director of S&B Industrial Minerals S.A.

In January 2016, Yanni Paniaras joined TITAN Group as Executive Director with responsibility for Region Greece and for the Group’s Corporate Affairs.

As of June 2016, he has been elected Chairman of SEV’s Business Council for Sustainable Development.



Mr Alexandros Vassilikos, President, Hellenic Chamber of Hotels

Alexandros Vassilikos was born in Athens in 1976 to a Greek father, a self-made hotelier-business man, and a French mother. He attended the French-Hellenic school and he holds a Masters' degree in Economics and Finance, with studies in Nantes, France and London, U.K.

He enters the family business in 1998 as a second generation hotelier. At the age of 24, he is appointed COO of AIROTEL Group and a year later, after the sudden loss of his father he becomes CEO of AIROTEL Group.

With the Athens 2004 Olympic Games in view, he drives the group into a modernization period by renovating its assets in Athens. Despite the economic crisis, he expands the chain by doubling the company's assets in Patra and adding a long term lease in Kavala. Also, AIROTEL expands in Crete by buying, refurbishing and selling traditional houses.

Airotel Group now accounts for six hotels and more than 500 rooms on the Greek territory and is considered one of the leading city hotel chains in the country. In 2007 Webotel SA is founded, a company dedicated to the online representation of hotels in Greece.

In parallel to his professional obligations, he was elected President of the Athens - Attica Hotels Association in 2012. He was also Member of the Executive Council and Vice-President of the Hellenic Chamber of Hotels and Superintendent of Public Relations of the Panhellenic Federation of Hoteliers. He was also a Member of the Board of the Association of Greek Tourist Enterprises (SETE) from 2011 to May 2017.

In January 2018 he was elected President of the Hellenic Chamber of Hotels, the youngest President since the creation of the institution in 1935. In October of the same year he was elected member of the ExCom of HOTREC.

Finally, being a French national, he was appointed economic advisor to the French Embassy in Athens in 2008 up to today.



Prof. Carlo Ratti, MIT, Prof. of Urban Technologies and Planning/Director, SENSEable City Lab

An architect and engineer by training, Professor Carlo Ratti teaches at MIT, where he directs the Senseable City Laboratory, and is a founding partner of the international design and innovation practice Carlo Ratti Associati. A leading voice in the debate on new technologies' impact on urban life, his work has been exhibited in several venues worldwide, including the Venice Biennale, New York's MoMA, London's Science Museum, and Barcelona's Design Museum. Two of his projects – the Digital Water Pavilion and the Copenhagen Wheel – were hailed by Time Magazine as 'Best Inventions of the Year'. He has been included in Wired Magazine's 'Smart List: 50 people who will change the world'. He is currently serving as co-chair of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Cities and Urbanization, and as special advisor on Urban Innovation to the European Commission.

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