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Willkommen! - Καλώς ορίσατε!

We are very excited to welcome you back to the second edition of The Bridge – our newly created monthly newsletter! Thank you for the feedback received so far, it is such a pleasure to read your positive comments and suggestions.

Recently we hosted two major events. Our AGM took place at the offices of KEVE in Nicosia, and was followed by a comprehensive overview of ESG reporting by Irene Loucaides from Grow Sustainability Consulting. Thank you, Irene!

Our much-anticipated annual Summer Networking Beach Party was held at the seaside Sands venue in Limassol, where we all enjoyed the beautiful evening under the stars with wonderful food, drinks and great atmosphere in your superb company! We are very grateful for the support of our Premium Event Sponsor Pafilia Property Developers, represented on the night by Anna Spasskaya.

It was fabulous to see so many of you at these gatherings and we look forward to working closely with all our members and growing our network even further as the CGBA becomes one of the most important bilateral Business Associations in Cyprus!

New Member Welcome

An incredibly warm welcome to our new members **Cybarco Development Ltd** and **Exelia Technologies Ltd**, whose collaborations we are thrilled about!

It's a pleasure to have you with us!



CYBARCO

DESTINATION DEVELOPER

Part of the Lanitis Group, Cybarco has been shaping Cyprus since 1945. A leader in development and construction, they have a track record creating iconic residences and innovative projects, in Cyprus and further afield. Their vision has inspired and delivered many of the island's landmark developments, including Sea Gallery Villas, Akamas Bay Villas, The Oval and Limassol Marina. They are also responsible for the development of Trilogy Limassol Seafront, a unique, integrated mixed-use destination in the heart of the island's most vibrant city.

The company will be represented by Panayiotis Michaelides.

➤ More info: <https://www.cybarco.com/>

exelia
Quality. Dynamism. Innovation.

Exelia Technologies is a leading multinational organization specializing in innovative business solutions and software development. With operations spanning 9 countries and a growing team of experts, they deliver cost-effective solutions and rapid time-to-market strategies. Their mission is to empower their partners to offer seamless customer experiences and stay ahead in competitive markets.

The company will be represented by Margarita Maimonis.

➤ More Info: www.exeliatech.com

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Business Showcase



OL SHIPPING GROUP
ÖSTERREICHISCHER LLOYD

OL Shipping Group is represented by Capt. Eberhard Koch. He is currently a Board Member and Member of the Finance Committee.

OL has an extensive history stretching back almost two centuries. Over this time, the bespoke shipping service has remained committed to quality and working closely with partners.

The new managing force with Sunil Kapoor on board as partner as from Jan 2024 intends to develop the OL and return to the bulk carrier market, purchasing ships as well as expanding its third-party ship management services.

Driven by a concept of continuous growth, OL strives to grow their fleet in a boutique manner, using its shipping legacy to deliver first class services & nurture positive stakeholders' relations.

OL is convinced that the company's hands-on approach makes it stand out from the pack.

➤ More info: <http://www.oelsm.com/>

CGBA Member Appreciation



This month's **special offer** is brought to you by Solsidus Law

Stella Koukounis, Managing Partner at Solsidus Law is pleased to extend an exclusive offer to all CGBA Members of one free legal consultation and 15% discount on fees on any subsequent consultation valid for (1) year.

Solsidus Law is based in Nicosia, with associate offices in Athens. It has been serving its diverse international clientele since 2015, which comprises of family offices, private equity firms, venture capital companies, high-net-worth individuals and their families. Specialising in the wider corporate, commercial and financial services law, the firm's experience as an internal as well as external legal consultant to family offices and leading notable investment projects to fruition, allows it to apply a unique approach in its legal practice. Recently, Stella Koukounis has represented the largest electronic music festival in Cyprus and one of the largest in Europe, the Beonix Music Festival, and assisted in creating a new cultural gate at ETKO in Limassol.

Contact Solsidus Law here:

- <https://solsiduslaw.com/contact/>
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Meet the Board



**For our The Bridge Issue #2 ,
we sit down with our Vice President
Christianna Diogenous, Chief Executive
Officer of Unicars Ltd
to ask her our 7 Questions**

1) How long have you lived in Cyprus and where were you before moving here?

I was born and have grown up in Cyprus but I spent quite a few years abroad – in London for my university studies and then my first job. Later in life I spent 18 months between France and Singapore while studying for my Executive MBA.

2) What do you enjoy most about Cyprus?

Cyprus is where my family is and where I feel at home. I enjoy the landscape with its variety of contrasts between grey rocky mountain tops, green forest, yellow fields, blue sea and golden sand all not too far from each other.

3) What do you miss about London?

I miss the food scene and the cultural events but thankfully I can travel there often to get a regular dose!

4) Which is the biggest challenge in your job?

The biggest challenge in my role as a CEO is the balancing act of dealing with a wide variety of issues at the same time ranging from major to minor, which are all at the end of the day important in their own way. The biggest challenge from the perspective of the automotive industry which we operate in, is the major transformation it is undergoing driven by the rapid pace of technological innovation, the competition from new entrants from other industries and the struggle for increased sustainability. We need to remain in the forefront of developments and navigate a path to stay relevant in the long term.

5) If you had not chosen this career path, what would have become instead?

A photographer and a DJ.

6) What are your interests outside of work?

I always find time to stay active – sports and fitness keep me grounded and balanced. I am a keen alpine skier, swimmer and yogi. Beyond that I enjoy traveling, photography, listening to music, reading novels and watching films, all of which I have more time for now that both my children have become adults.

7) Your favourite quote is?

There are many quotes that resonate with me so it's hard to pick a favourite. One that always amuses me though and I like sharing is the one that my kids stuck on our fridge years ago and I see every day: "Patience is a minor form of despair disguised as a virtue" – Ambrose Bierce (19th Century American Journalist)

The German capital of Berlin has more bridges than Venice

Berlin boasts 960 bridges and 59.8 square kilometers of water consisting of lakes, and around 180 kilometers of navigable waterways. Combined with its surrounding state Brandenburg, it houses Europe's largest inland water network.

The world's oldest perfume in the world was discovered in Cyprus

It was a team of Italian archaeologists who unearthed the treasures found in Pyrgos in 2007. Dating back more than 4000 years, the perfumes were scented with extracts of lavender, bay, rosemary, pine and coriander and kept in tiny translucent bottles. The archaeologists also found mixing bowls and funnels with the perfume bottles, which had been covered in earth following an earthquake around 1850 BC

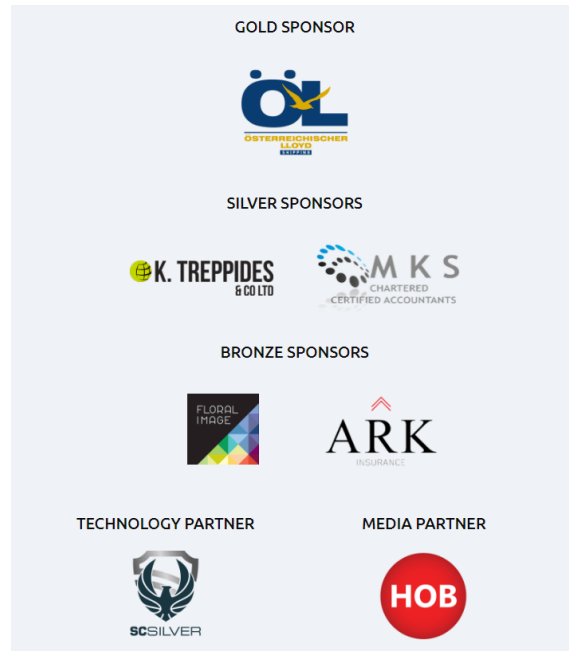


Partnership Opportunities

CGBA offers annual sponsorships as well as the opportunity to support a specific event.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for the generous support of our current annual and event sponsors. Their contribution plays a vital role in helping us offer varied networking opportunities, as well as an array of interesting events that benefit our members.

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Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars! More information on our forthcoming events can be found **here**

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| 19 SEPTEMBER 2024 | Seminar and Networking Event with KENDRIS ⌚ 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm 📍 Kendris's Head Offices Irida, Spyrou Kyprianou 50-Tower 3, Floor 12, Avenue 6057, Larnaca |
| 18 OCTOBER 2024 | German Beer & BBQ Networking Event – Lidl Food Academy ⌚ 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm 📍 Lidl Food Academy Stasikratous 34, Nicosia 1066 |
| 13 DECEMBER 2024 | Annual Christmas Gala Dinner ⌚ 7:00 pm - 11:30 pm 📍 Columbia Plaza Venue Centre Agiou Andreou 223, Limassol 3036 |

For all our 'Get Connected' Networking events we offer the use of nametags to enhance interaction among our guests. Registered participants can collect their personal tag from the registration desk. As part of our sustainability initiatives, kindly return your name tag to the designated box before leaving the venue, ensuring it is available again when you join us the next time! Thank you.

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