

# The Bridge

CGBA's latest news, views and announcements



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## A Festive Farewell - Ένας Εορταστικός Αποχαιρετισμός

As we bid farewell to 2024, we reflect on an extraordinary year for the CGBA—a year filled with growth, meaningful collaborations, and memorable achievements.

The year ended on a high note with our spectacular Christmas Gala Dinner. It was an evening of joy, made even more special by the enchanting performance of a talented violinist, whose music brought magic to the festive celebration.

2024 also marked a significant transition with the handover of the reins of the association. We express our heartfelt gratitude to our former President, Stefan Nolte, for his years of dedicated leadership and service. During the Gala Dinner, we were proud to honor him with a gift of appreciation as a token of our respect.

Additionally, we recognized the companies that hosted events throughout the year - Grow Sustainability Consulting, Kendris, and Lidl Cyprus - for their invaluable support in making 2024 such a success. Their contributions have been instrumental in shaping our activities and advancing our mission.

As we look forward to 2025, we are filled with optimism and gratitude for the incredible journey we have shared. May the holiday season bring you joy, peace, and inspiration for the exciting year ahead. **Happy holidays and best wishes for 2025!**

## New Member Welcome

An incredibly warm welcome to our new members, whose collaboration we are thrilled about!

***It's a pleasure to have you with us!***



### SHIP FINANCE SOLUTIONS

**About:** Ship Finance Solutions (SFS) is a boutique financial consulting firm specialising in the shipping sector. Ship financing is a dynamic activity adapting continuously to the new realities of both the finance and the maritime worlds. The global need for tighter compliance with ESG principles, and the increasing effect of digitalisation in shipping, affect the maritime sector's business model and -by consequence- its financing.

Throughout the years SFS has used its track-record, know-how, skills, and network to successfully connect capital-intensive projects with the right capital providers, assisting all parties to optimally structure financial transactions.

The company is represented by Dinos Millos.

➤ More info: <https://shipfinancesolutions.com/>



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The company is represented by Michael Erotokritou.

➤ More info: [nobiliaestates.cy](https://nobiliaestates.cy)



### CITY OF DREAMS

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City of Dreams Mediterranean, Europe's first integrated resort, is located in the cosmopolitan city of Limassol, Cyprus. Featuring premium accommodation with 500 rooms and suites, superb dining outlets, and a majestic casino, guests can enjoy outstanding service and hospitality from a leader in Forbes Stars. The island's largest pool complex, the Waverider, and the Adventure Park – an outdoor experiential destination – await discovery, while a spa haven beckons guests to embark on a journey of wellness and rejuvenation.

Guests can immerse themselves in the ultimate hub of entertainment with exclusive events, mesmerising acts, renowned guest DJs, and outstanding live performances. A world-class landmark for Cyprus and the wider region, City of Dreams Mediterranean invites guests to experience exquisite dining, electrifying casino gaming, and vibrant entertainment.

The company is represented by Costandinos Christofi.

➤ More info: [www.cityofdreamsmed.com.cy](https://www.cityofdreamsmed.com.cy)

➤ To view our complete Member Directory **click here**

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## Individual Members We Are Delighted To Welcome



**Cleopatra Kitti** is an INSEAD-certified independent director with 30 years' experience as a trusted advisor to corporations, governments and international organisations across EMEA, the US and the UK.

She serves on the boards of businesses with regional and international portfolios as a non-executive director. Currently she is a board member of Eurobank Cyprus, where she chairs its Nominations and Internal Governance Committee.

The Mediterranean Growth Initiative Cleopatra founded remains the only data analysis platform for all the economies of the region and considerably enhanced her understanding of data integrity, analysis, benchmarking and forecasting models.

Her insights into the drivers of geopolitical risk as a philanthropist for peace with the International Crisis Group - the global NGO - adds a further unique perspective.

**Carsten Wiebers**, a permanent resident of Limassol since early 2024, is a non-executive board member of European maritime corporations and is actively involved in university education and youth volunteer work in Cyprus. Until 2023, he served as Managing Director of Mobility Finance at KfW IPEX-Bank, overseeing global financing for sectors including shipping, cruise, aviation, rail, and public transport.

Earlier in his career, he held development finance roles with KfW on behalf of the German Government in Central Asia, the World Bank in Asia, and worked in Africa's agricultural industries. Carsten holds a PhD in agricultural economics, having studied at UC Berkeley and TU Berlin."



## CGBA Member Appreciation

**WIN AN APARTMENT!** *Yes, you read correctly!*

Since December is indeed the month of Giving, it is our pleasure to draw your attention to the remarkable draw that will be held to benefit both PASYKAF (The Cyprus Association of Cancer Patients and Friends) and the Cyprus Association for People with Autism.

With the purchase of one ticket at just **€25**, you are donating for a good cause and can enter the draw that is being held to **win a luxury apartment worth €257,750**.

We highlighted this amazing initiative in our Christmas Gala last week, but in case you were not able to join us on the night you can still participate for your chance to win this incredible prize.

Plus of course, by doing so, your money will contribute towards improving the lives of the far less fortunate in our community and support these charities. For full details on the remarkable work they do, you can visit their websites.

- <https://pasykaf.org/en/home-page/>
- <https://www.autismsociety.org.cy/en/>

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:

FABRETTI CONSTRUCTIONS  
ΠΑΣΥΚΑΦ

LOTTERY METOCHI ESTATE 2024-2025

**DONATE FOR A GOOD CAUSE**

WITH A CHANCE TO WIN A LUXURY APARTMENT!

Fabretti Constructions Ltd is organizing a charity draw where the net proceeds will support the services and programs of the Pancyprrian Association of Cancer Patients and Friends (PASYKAF) and the Pancyprrian Association for People with Autism.

**PRICE: € 25.00**

License number: A/A: 57/2024  
lottery.metochi-estate.com

AT ALL MALLS BY:  
POW!



## Meet the Board



**For The Bridge Issue #7, we have the pleasure of featuring our Board Member and fellow editor, Uta Steffen, Managing Director of Saltgate Shipmanagement (Cyprus) Ltd, as she answers our 7 Questions**

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

I have been living in Cyprus since 1991 and relocated from Germany.

**2) What do you enjoy most about Cyprus?**

Professionally, I greatly value Cyprus's status as a key maritime hub, where industry expertise and support are readily accessible with just a friendly phone call. Personally, I love the excellent quality of life and the beautiful weather throughout the year. I truly cannot imagine a better place for my family and me to call home.

**3) What do you miss about Germany?**

Nothing.

**4) Which is the biggest challenge in your job?**

The biggest challenge in my job is also what I love most about it. Ship management, especially crew management, demands exceptional flexibility and adaptability. Every day presents unique situations and requires quick, innovative problem-solving. The dynamic nature of this industry keeps me engaged and motivated, as no two days are ever the same.

This constant change brings new opportunities to learn, grow, and contribute meaningfully to the seamless operations of our fleet and the well-being of our crew. It is both demanding and rewarding.



➤ More info: <https://saltgateship.com/>



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

I genuinely could not have hoped for a better career. My educational background in Germany was very broad, and initially, I worked in an entirely different industry, completely unrelated to shipping. However, when I arrived in Cyprus, an unexpected opportunity in crewing came up. I embraced it wholeheartedly, and am very grateful for how everything has turned out.

**6) What are your interests outside of work?**

Outside of work, my life revolves around family, including caring for two wonderful Rottweiler dogs. I am actively involved in community improvement initiatives and charity work. In my leisure time, I enjoy various forms of sports, preferably outdoors, as well as reading, listening to podcasts, and unwinding with jigsaw puzzles.

**7) Your favourite quote is?**

“Don't look back in anger”.

# Cultural Corner



## “Rindfleischetikettierungsüberwachungsaufgabenübertragungsgesetz”

Is the longest German word. It is the name of a food safety law that was in effect until 2013. It translates to “Beef labeling supervision duties delegation law.”

## “λεπαδοτεμαχοσελαχογαλεοκρανιολειψανοδριμυποτριμματοσιλφι οτυρομελιτοκατακεχυμενοκιχλεπικοςσυφοφαττοπεριστεραλεκτρονο ποτκεφαλιοκιγκλοπελειολαγοςραιοβαφητραγανοπτερυγών.”

Is the longest Greek word ever to be seen in print. Created by Aristophanes, it describes a fictional dish ‘compounded of all kinds of dainties, fish, flesh, fowl, and sauces’ in his comedy Assembly women (Εκκλησιαζουσαις).



## APP-xplainer

Our very own App by GlueUp is an excellent way to have the entire CGBA community in your pocket. In this new series, we aim to pick a different feature every month and look at it in detail.

### Episode 2 – How to access your event tickets

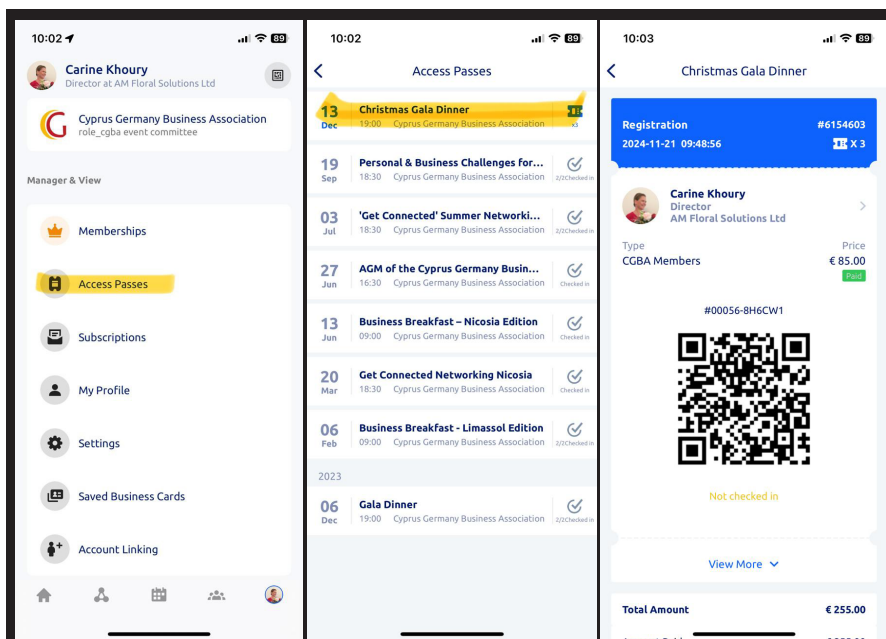
The App offers its very own wallet-style library of all the tickets you have booked for any of our CGBA events, so no need to print them or save them separately on your mobile phone.

Start by downloading our App here



You can access them via your profile from the second tab ‘Access Passes’. It’s as simple as that.

See you next time for another episode of App-xplainer!

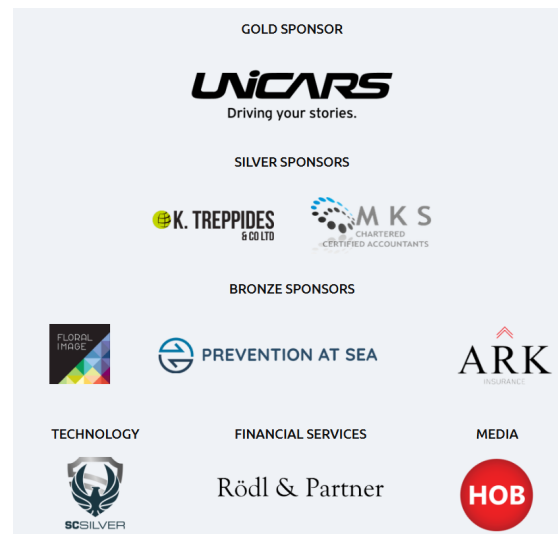


# Partnership Opportunities

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.

➤ **Click here** to view our sponsorship packages



# Upcoming Events



Our innovative 'CGBA Spotlight & Networking' series will enable you to showcase your company, putting you and your industry on stage.

There is no fee from the CGBA for hosting such an event. However, we highly recommend that after your presentation, you offer light refreshments for guests to enjoy during the networking part. We kindly ask that you cover the cost of this catering, as we aim to avoid charging our members.

This approach allows your company to gain valuable exposure to your target audience in a friendly and mutually beneficial setting, as we work together to share these objectives and opportunities:

- **Knowledge sharing and exchange:** each event will be covering a different theme and topic and each speaker will have the opportunity to share their knowledge on a specific sector, or present the dynamic of their company and services offered
- **Connecting and networking:** facilitate connections among members, industry experts and stakeholders
- **Community Building:** fostering a community that collaborates and supports each other
- **Visibility:** enhancing the CGBA's visibility and awareness.
- **Membership Growth:** attracting non-members and showcasing the benefits of becoming part of our association

To host your CGBA Spotlight & Networking event, please contact us **here**

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

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### Networking Brunch 'How Golf Can Enhance Your Business' – Elea Estate

🕒 10:00 am - 12:00 pm    📍 Elea Estate Paphos, Cyprus

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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