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## Together for the Most Important Event of the Association Μαζί για το Σημαντικότερο Γεγονός του Συνδέσμου

The CGBA held its Annual General Meeting on 10th of April at Limassol's stunning City of Dreams. President Christian Gihl welcomed attendees with reflections on our association's growth. Engaging discussions covered achievements, governance, a financial review and future plans. More information from the President's address can be found in this newsletter. The event concluded with a networking session that strengthened professional connections in the enchanting atmosphere of the COD's Anais Restaurant.

We sincerely thank all participants for making the AGM a success! Looking ahead, we invite you to our upcoming seminar, 'Leading with Purpose' with our CGBA Member Rödl & Partner on May 29th. Registration is open, and we look forward to another opportunity to connect and exchange insights.

As Easter approaches, we send our warmest wishes to you and your families—may this season bring joy, renewal, and prosperity!

Ευχόμαστε σε όλους Καλό Πάσχα και καλή Ανάσταση!

## Business Showcase

Welcome to TMH – Your Trusted Partner for Marine Equipment & Spare Parts

Founded in 2007 in Cyprus, TMH Ltd is a reliable supplier of high-quality marine and industrial spare parts for almost 20 years! Our expert team specializes in electrical equipment, offering original, OEM and replacement parts for the shipping industry.

As of 2017, we are ISO 9001:2015 certified and since January 2024, have merged with TMH Elektrotechnik GmbH (est. 1988).

We provide sensors, transmitters, switches, engine instruments & controls, consumables, lighting, frequency converters, electronic spares and refrigeration components. Additionally, we offer services and spares for Kidde/Graviner Oil-Mist-Detectors (OMD).

At TMH LTD, customer satisfaction, efficiency, and quality are our core values—making us the only marine solution you need!



We are official/authorized sales partner of:



The company is represented by Miriam Berenz.

➤ More info: <https://tmh-eastmed.com/>



# CGBA Annual General Meeting 2025: A Year of Shared Growth

Dear CGBA Community,

It was a pleasure to gather with so many of you on April 10th at the impressive City of Dreams in Limassol for our Annual General Meeting. We had a meeting filled with reflection, camaraderie, and renewed energy for the year ahead.

Let's revisit the moments that made this meeting special.

## Welcoming New Leadership

This year brought thoughtful transitions to our Board. We warmly welcomed **Christian Gih** as President and **Lukas Drumm** as Vice President, whose fresh perspectives will guide us forward. A heartfelt thank you to **Carine Khoury Niemann** and **Sara Gunnervik** for stepping into their new roles, and to **Stefan Nolte** and **Capt. Eberhard Koch** for their lasting contributions. Change is never easy, but your dedication reminds us of the strength in our shared purpose.

## Celebrating 2024 Together

Last year was a testament to what we can achieve as a community:

- From intimate business breakfasts to lively networking evenings, each event felt like reconnecting with family and brought valuable insights and connections for our members.
- Our **Christmas Gala Dinner** sparkled with warmth, celebrating friendships and milestones—moments we'll cherish.
- *The Bridge* newsletter became a space for showcasing your businesses and keeping you informed about all news and interesting facts about CGBA and our members.



## Looking to 2025

This year, we focus on deepening connections and fostering growth:

- **Events that bring us closer:** Brunches in scenic settings, thought-provoking seminars, and our annual Christmas Gala Dinner—mark December 5th!
- **A welcoming community:** We're introducing Board Buddies to ensure every new member feels at home from day one.
- **Shared goals:** Strengthening ties between Cyprus and Germany, one collaboration at a time.

## Thanking Our Sponsors

None of our achievements would be possible without the steadfast support of our **event and annual sponsors**. Your generosity enables us to create memorable experiences, foster meaningful connections, and drive initiatives that benefit our entire community. Whether through sponsoring events or partnering with us year-round, you help turn our vision into reality. From the bottom of our hearts—thank you.

## Gratitude to All

None of this would be possible without you. To every member who shares ideas, attends events, or simply believes in our vision—thank you. Your participation is the heartbeat of CGBA. Let's continue building this community together, with kindness and purpose.

Here's to a year of quiet achievements, meaningful conversations, and the simple joy of being part of something bigger. I look forward to seeing you at our next gathering!

*P.S. Your thoughts and ideas are always welcome—let's keep the dialogue alive. Together, we shape CGBA's future.*

Christian Gih



## Meet the Board



**In The Bridge Issue #11, we sit down with our Board Member Nandia Savvides Zannetou, Director at N. Savvides Zannetou LLC, to ask her our 7 Questions**

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

I was born in Cyprus and have been living here since then -1971.

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

The nice weather, the happy and friendly people, the day to day safety of a small town/island and the relaxed day to day rhythms.

**3) What do you miss about Germany (or the country you lived before coming to Cyprus)?**

As I was not living in any other country before, I can only comment from my experiences from traveling and from my six university years in London – I miss the organization, punctuality and reliability of German people and Northern Europeans in general and the anonymity of big cities as well as the great variety of cultural events, as well as the ease of traveling from one country to the other.

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

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

Being a specialized corporate and shipping lawyer, to keep up and follow all legislation changes and directives both on a national and European level and at the same time provide the best solutions and advice to clients to operate within these directives and legislations.

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

An architect.

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

Skiing, cycling, gym, painting, reading books, going to the theatre and ballet performances.

**7) Your favourite quote is?**

“Never postpone something that you can do today, for tomorrow”.

## Cultural Corner



### Cyprus Has Its Own Type of Rose

The Cyprus Rose (*Rosa damascena cyprica*) is a rare variety found mainly in the village of Agros, where locals still produce rose water and rose liqueur using traditional methods.



### Dreiländereck

Germany has a 'Three Country Triangle', a place where you can quickly cross through three countries. In the border area of Dreiländereck, a walk takes you from Germany to the Netherlands and to Belgium in just a few minutes.

# Partnership-XPLAINER

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.

Contact the CGBA team via:

Email at: [info@cyprus-germany.org.cy](mailto:info@cyprus-germany.org.cy) or

Telephone at: **+357 96994194**

to express your interest in becoming a Bronze partner!

In the first episode of our new series, we present to you the Bronze Package – the perfect first step to make your company stand out among our 100+ membership, while providing valuable support to our association.

## Bronze Package - Valuable Promotion

€500

Maximum 8 Sponsors



### Investment

- Affordable entry point for businesses looking to support CGBA activities.
- Perfect for smaller businesses or new to the CGBA



### Digital Presence

- Recognition in all social media pre-event promotions and post-event posts.



### Website Listing

## THANK YOU!

We are pleased to introduce our updated Annual Sponsorship Packages, which have been thoughtfully revised to reflect the dynamic growth and evolution of the CGBA. Reviewed and approved by our Finance Committee, these adapted packages align with our ongoing development and expanding initiatives, ensuring greater value and impact for our sponsors.



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Annual Bronze Sponsor



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Annual Bronze Sponsor



Technology Partner

Rödl & Partner

Financial Services



Media Partner

# Upcoming Events



Our innovative '**CGBA Spotlight & Networking**' series enables 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 covers 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:** facilitating 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](#)

<b>21</b> MAY 2025	<b>Century Travel - Luxury Cruises Presentation</b> 🕒 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm    📍 Cruise Terminal at the Limassol Port
<b>29</b> MAY 2025	<b>'Leading with Purpose' – Seminar with Roedl &amp; Partner</b> 🕒 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm    📍 Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Nicosia
<b>02</b> JULY 2025	<b>'Get Connected' Networking by the Sea</b> 🕒 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm    📍 Sands Beach Club Resto, Limassol
<b>05</b> DECEMBER 2025	<b>Annual CGBA Christmas Gala Dinner 2025</b> 🕒 7:00 pm - 11:30 pm    📍 Columbia Plaza Venue Centre, Limassol

*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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