# **NEWSLETTER**





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# NEW GREEK AMBASSADOR OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC TO THE UK



On the 23rd of March 2023, Ambassador Ioannis Tsaousis presented his credentials to HM King Charles III as Greece's new Ambassador to the UK.

# **BHCC EVENTS AND INITIATIVES**

# **PAST EVENTS / INITIATIVES**

# 04 April 2023 | Closed Roundtable Discussion on Real Estate



A comprehensive closed roundtable discussion focused on Real estate developments in Greece and the opportunities & challenges in the sector based on the market outlook, took place on Tuesday, 4 April 2023 at the BHCC offices.

High-ranking executives from the Real Estate ecosystem being also esteemed members of the Chamber were engaged in an in-depth discussion with the BHCC Presidents and Members of the Board, in an attempt to highlight the prospects of the industry, possible synergies and UK best practices and innovation that could be adopted. The dialogue also referred to recent developments of luxury home market/branded residences in Greece stressing the importance of UK buyers.

Furthermore, green buildings in Greece/penetration of BREEAM certification, possible ways to attract more investors from the UK and relative suggested interventions of the BHCC were also discussed.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS / INITIATIVES**

## 24 (first date) / 25 April 2023 (repetitive date) | BHCC Annual General Assembly 2023

The members of the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (BHCC) are invited to the **2023 Annual General Assembly to be held** on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 12:00, at the Chamber's offices. In the event that a quorum is not established on the aforementioned date, and in line with the Articles of Association, **the Annual General Assembly shall be held again**, with physical attendance, **on Tuesday**, **25<sup>th</sup> April 2023**, **starting time at 17:30 at the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce offices** (25, Vas. Sophias Ave, Athens Gr-10674, 1<sup>st</sup> floor).

For more information, please contact Mrs Louiza Stefa: Tel: +30210 7210361 | Email: L.Stefa@bhcc.gr

# 08 June 2023 | "2023 Real Estate Market Outlook"

A high-profile business Conference **co-organized by the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** (BHCC) and RICS in Greece on Thursday, 8 June (3.00 pm – 7.30 pm) at Eurobank Headquarters, Bodossakis Foundation Building at Amalias Ave., aiming at showcasing international real estate trends, developments, prospects and challenges of the Real Estate industry in Greece with emphasis on sustainability and innovation.

During the discussion panels, high-ranking executives from the real estate sector will share their expertise and insights.

More information to follow.

# **SUPPORTING EVENTS / INITIATIVES**

# 27 - 29 September 2023 | 8th HAEE Energy Transition Symposium

The **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** has the pleasure to support the upcoming **8th HAEE Energy Transition Symposium**, entitled **"Rethinking Energy: A secure and sustainable future"**, which will take place on **September 27-29**, in the light of the new geopolitical landscape and towards a historic turning point into cleaner and more secure energy systems.

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## **TRADE FAIRS**

Within 2023, the British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with Reco Exports, will participate in the following Trade Fairs organized in the UK.

#### 16 – 17 April 2023 | Natural & Organic Products Europe, London, UK

Europe's Leading Sustainable Business Event. Making the world a better place to live sits at the heart of Natural & Organic Products Europe. Take your chance to meet the Fair's brands and exhibitors. To discover 1000s of their new products, meet 100s of international suppliers, network with your industry and hear the latest trends and research. Find more at <a href="https://www.naturalproducts.co.uk/">https://www.naturalproducts.co.uk/</a>

## 24 – 26 April 2023 | Food & Drink Expo, Birmingham, UK

Food & Drink Expo provides the number one route to the UK food and drink market and helps hundreds of companies showcase their exceptional products. Buyers and decision-makers across the whole industry, from grocery, wholesale and speciality retail to foodservice and manufacturing, are invited to uncover the hottest trends, latest product launches, and the industry's vision for the future. Find more at <a href="https://www.foodanddrinkexpo.co.uk/">https://www.foodanddrinkexpo.co.uk/</a>

# 15 - 17 May 2023 | London Wine Fair, London, UK

The most intelligent wine event in the world. The 40<sup>th</sup> edition of the London Wine Fair took place in June 2022 and over 9,000 members of the drinks trade joined the reunion either at Olympia London or on the digital platform, for an event which brought the industry back together after a period of incredible uncertainty. The London Wine Fair will be returning to Olympia on 15-17 May 2023. Find more at <a href="https://www.londonwinefair.com/">https://www.londonwinefair.com/</a>

For more information, please contact the Chamber Team on tel. +30 210 7210361 | email: events@bhcc.gr

## **INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS**

Welcoming our new Member, who has joined the Chamber within March 2023:

Nisos Advisors, <a href="https://nisosadvisors.com/">https://nisosadvisors.com/</a>

#### **BHCC MEMBERS' SECTION**

#### **ENERGEAN | PRESS RELEASE**

#### 2022 Full Year Results

Energean plc (LSE: ENOG, TASE: אנאג) is pleased to announce its audited full-year results for the year ended 31 December 2022 ("FY 2022").

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## Κοίτασμα Έψιλον: Ξεκινά η εγκατάσταση της εξέδρας Λάμδα στον Κόλπο της Καβάλας

Τις επόμενες ημέρες ξεκινά στον Κόλπο της Καβάλας η τμηματική εγκατάσταση της νέας εξέδρας Λάμδα, από την οποία θα αναπτυχθεί το δορυφορικό του Πρίνου κοίτασμα Έψιλον.

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# First gas from NEA / NI

Energean plc (LSE: ENOG, TASE: אנאג) is pleased to confirm that first gas has been safely delivered at North El Amriya and North Idku ("NEA/NI"), offshore Egypt.

## WATSON FARLEY & WILLIAMS | FOLLOW UP REPORT "THE SUSTAINABILITY IMPERATIVE - PART 2"

In February 2021, Watson Farley & Williams published The Sustainability Imperative report on the impact of ESG consideration on the shipping industry. Two years on, the new report explores how attitudes have evolved, who is shaping today's ESG agenda and how sustainability squares with new geopolitical challenges such as the war in Ukraine. It then seeks to chart a path forward, looking at the new technologies available, how they will be funded and potential new regulation in areas like carbon trading.

The report is built around a global survey of circa 500 industry executives and senior managers.

**Download report** 

# OCTANE MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS | EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW TO BHCC

# Yanni Spiropoulos | Managing Partner



Ποια είναι η φιλοσοφία και το όραμα της Octane και τι υπηρεσίες παρέχει;

Η Octane ιδρύθηκε το 2007 με όραμα να καθιερωθεί ως ένας διαχρονικός στρατηγικός συνεργάτης για τις επιχειρήσεις. Όλα αυτά τα χρόνια παρέχει πρακτικές και εφαρμόσιμες συμβουλευτικές υπηρεσίες υψηλής προστιθέμενης αξίας, με ανταγωνιστικό της πλεονέκτημα την τεχνογνωσία αλλά και την εμπειρία των ηγετικών της στελεχών.

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# **GREEK GOVERNMENT: MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

#### 20 March 2023

Οικονομικές και δημοσιονομικές προοπτικές Ηνωμένου Βασιλείου – εκτίμηση Μαρτίου OBR

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#### **EU – UK RELATIONS**

## 24 March 2023

**EU-UK Relations: Joint Committee adopts new Windsor Framework arrangements and Partnership Council looks to the future** 

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#### **UK GOVERNMENT: DEPARTMENT FOR BUSINESS & TRADE**

## 26 March 2023

# Business and Trade Secretary opens up markets worth £11 million every day to UK businesses

Business and Trade Secretary Kemi Badenoch has knocked down barriers to markets worth more than £2.2 billion to UK businesses in her first 200 days in the job - equivalent to over £11 million every day.

#### 23 March 2023

#### **Notices to exporters**

Notices to exporters published by the Export Control Joint Unit (ECJU).

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## Training on export control compliance

Courses, seminars, workshops and webinars to help exporters understand their obligations under export control legislation.

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#### 10 March 2023

# **World Trade Organization General Council March 2023 UK statements**

The UK spoke on a variety of agenda items at the WTO General Council.

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# UK GOVERNMENT AND BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (BCC) NEWS & UPDATES

#### **UK GOVERNMENT NEWS & UPDATES**

#### 29 March 2023

# UK unveils world leading approach to innovation in first artificial intelligence white paper to turbocharge growth

Government launches AI white paper to guide the use of artificial intelligence in the UK, to drive responsible innovation and maintain public trust in this revolutionary technology.

**Read more** 

#### 26 March 2023

## **UK Infrastructure Bank Bill becomes law**

The UK Infrastructure Bank Bill has received Royal Assent after being introduced to Parliament in May last year.

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#### 23 March 2023

## Spring Finance Bill 2023 published

The Bill enshrines the Chancellor's pro-business tax and employment measures that were announced at the Budget into law.

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#### **Trade Remedies: Reform**

This tax information and impact note is about changes to the existing trade remedies legislation.

#### 22 March 2023

## Plans to make UK an international technology superpower launched



International Technology Strategy launched to guide UK to becoming a tech superpower by 2030.

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# First major reports on UK Internal Market published

The OIM has published its first annual and periodic reports on the UK internal market. This is the first time a systematic review of the internal market has been undertaken since the UK left the EU.

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#### 16 March 2023

# Government commits up to £3.5 billion to future of tech and science

The Department for Science, Innovation and Technology will play an essential role in helping deliver commitments made by the Chancellor in new Budget.

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# **BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (BCC) NEWS & UPDATES**

## 30 March 2023

**Energy and Climate Strategy must not forget business** 

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## 23 March 2023

**Interest Rate Increase further adds to Business Pressure** 

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### 22 March 2023

**Surprise Rise in Inflation adds to Business Pressure** 

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### 15 March 2023

BCC IN-DEPTH BUDGET RESPONSE: Measures unlikely to shift dial on business investment

#### 14 March 2023

# BCC welcomes supply chain and trade focus in integrated review

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#### 10 March 2023

#### No UK Trade Boost to start 2023

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#### 09 March 2023

## BCC Economic Forecast: Economy to shrink in 2023 before rebounding

The BCC expects UK economy to avoid a technical recession but shrink by 0.3% in 2023, before returning to growth in 2024; inflation will slow to 5% by Q4 2023.

**Read more** 

#### **TRADE UPDATES**

#### 16 March 2023

- The <u>Integrated Review 2023 refresh</u> contained some new policy announcements of interest on supply chain resilience.
- The Budget policy announcements also covered some reforms on <u>customs processes and</u> <u>authorisations</u> which HM Revenue and Customs will consult upon and are likely to take effect in 12 months' time.



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **GLOBAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023**



BCC's Global Annual Conference 2023 will bring together business leaders, policy experts, media and government representatives to tackle important business issues and create lasting change. This year's theme is **Building British Business**. Throughout the day, delegates will hear from key senior politicians and other notable public figures about their plans for growth.

• When: Wednesday 17 May 2023

• Where: **QEII Centre, London** 

The conference will be centred around four key breakout sessions for thought-provoking discussion about:

- Skills;
- Green Innovation;
- **Growth**; and
- Trade

Confirmed speakers include:

- Keir Starmer MP, Leader of the Opposition;
- Andrew Bailey, Governor of the Bank of England; and
- Baroness Martha Lane Fox CBE, BCC President.

The BCC is delighted to have columnist and broadcaster, **Ayseha Hazarika MBE** as its host for the 2023 event. Find out more and book your tickets <u>here</u>.

#### 13th WORLD CHAMBERS CONGRESS

#### 21 - 23 June | Geneva, Switzerland

This is the world's largest economic forum for Chambers and businesses.

Registration

**30 November – 12 December** 

2023 UN Climate Change Conference (COP28)

## **ANNUAL SPONSORING MEMBERSHIP**





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