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NEWLY ELECTED BRITISH CHAMBERS' (BCC) PRESIDENT

15 October 2025

New BCC President-elect, Andy Haldane CBE

Andy Haldane CBE has been elected the new **President of the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC)**, succeeding **Baroness Martha Lane-Fox CBE** as her three-year term concludes in accordance with the BCC Articles of Association.

Andy was elected by representatives of the accredited Chamber Network at the **BCC's Annual General Meeting as of Wednesday 15 October**. He will take up the role on **Sunday 1 February 2026**.

Baroness Martha Lane-Fox CBE will stand down as President on 31 December 2026, at the conclusion of her three-year term, ahead of Andy taking up the role on Sunday 1 February 2026.

As President, Andy will work alongside Shevaun Haviland CBE, BCC Director General, and Sarah Howard MBE, BCC Chair, to represent the interests of Chamber business communities at a critical time for the UK economy.



BHCC EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

PAST EVENTS

09 October 2025 | Celebratory Back-to-Business Gala Dinner | Hotel Grande Bretagne



With great formality and remarkable success, the **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (BHCC)** hosted its milestone **"Back-to-Business Gala Dinner"** on **Thursday, October 9th 2025**, at the **Hotel Grande Bretagne**, marking **80 years of continuous contribution and bilateral cooperation between Greece and the United Kingdom**.

This celebratory event highlighted the Chamber's historic journey, bringing together distinguished representatives from the political leadership, the British Embassy and the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC), esteemed members of the BHCC, senior executives from Greek and British companies as well as delegates from bilateral Chambers and institutional bodies, for a prestigious evening of emotion and forward-looking inspiration.

The event was deeply honoured by the presence and insightful remarks of:

- Kostis Hatzidakis, Vice President of the Hellenic Government
- Matthew Lodge, His Majesty's Ambassador to the Hellenic Republic
- Sarah Howard MBE, Chair of the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC)
- Chloé Laskaridis, President of LAMPSA Hellenic Hotels

As part of the festive atmosphere, the evening featured a **special anniversary tribute video**, showcasing key milestones and memorable moments from **the Chamber's 80-year history and impact**. It also shared **heartfelt messages and warm wishes** from members, partners, and friends of the Chamber, expressing their deep appreciation and support for its mission and legacy. Additionally, **honorary recognitions** were presented **to distinguished members and valued partners**, in recognition of their longstanding and meaningful contributions to the Chamber's work.

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UPCOMING EVENTS / INITIATIVES

06 November 2025 | Webinar "Unlocking Trade: Latest insights and analysis from the BCC"

The **British Chambers of Commerce (BCC)** is pleased to invite you to join an exclusive **webinar** entitled "**Unlocking Trade: Latest insights and analysis from the BCC**", led by David Bharier (Head of Research) and William Bain (Head of Trade Policy).

This webinar will explore the latest trends from the BCC's [Insights Unit's](#) research as well as delving into the BCC's trade policy analysis, including its recently published [Competitiveness Report](#).

Date: Thursday 6th November, 2025

Time: 08:30 – 09:30 and 14:30 – 15:30 (UK Time)

Attendees will be asked to state which Chamber they are a member of, and we will ask Chambers to confirm this before the attendee's registration is approved. Those who wish to attend should register by **Monday 3rd November, 2025**.

[Register for the 08:30 – 09:30 \(UK time\) session](#)

[Register for the 14:30 – 15:30 \(UK time\) session](#)

17-19 November 2025 | Women's Business Mission to the UK

The **Greek Embassy in the UK** and the **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** are jointly leading the **Women's Business Mission to the UK**, taking place in **London** from **17 to 19 November 2025**.

This initiative aims to promote and strengthen the ties between women entrepreneurs and business leaders in Greece and the United Kingdom, providing a valuable platform for networking, collaboration, and the exchange of knowledge and expertise.

During the visit, participants will have the opportunity amongst others to

- Visit the **Royal Estate at Highgrove**, renowned for its traditional craftsmanship and sustainable local food production initiatives.
- Attend a **business event at the Greek Ambassador's Residence** in collaboration with the **Arab-British Chamber of Commerce**, featuring British and international entrepreneurs
- Participate in a **meeting at the UK House of Commons** with members of the UK-Greece All-Party Parliamentary Friendship Group, followed by a discussion on women's leadership and business cooperation.

SUPPORTING EVENTS / INITIATIVES

BRITISH COUNCIL's Study UK Alumni Awards 2026

The **British Council Greece** is honoured to be hosting the **Study UK Alumni Awards** in partnership with the **British Embassy Athens**, and with the support of the **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** and the **UK Alumni Associations in Greece**.

The Study UK Alumni Awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of international alumni and honour leaders who have leveraged their UK education to make significant contributions to their communities, industries, and countries.

Applicants were encouraged to enter the awards to highlight their achievements, demonstrate the impact of their work, and enhance their international profile.

Eligible candidates are those who have studied at a UK university within the previous 15 years (2010–2025), residing in Greece at the time, and have achieved exceptional success in their field.

More information can be found [here](#).

30 September 2025 | 15th Annual Capital Link Operational Excellence in Shipping Forum

The **British Hellenic Chamber of Commerce** supported the "**15th Annual Operational Excellence in Shipping Forum**", which was hosted by **Capital Link** in partnership with **ABS** on **Tuesday, September 30, 2025**, at the **Divani Caravel Hotel in Athens**.

With a **15-year track record**, this Forum has established itself as the premier event dedicated to showcasing **operational excellence in the maritime industry**. It explored best practices across all critical areas, including fleet management, technological innovation, crewing, energy efficiency and environmental sustainability, as well as safety and security.

For more information you may visit [the event's website](#).

Welcoming our new Members, who have joined the Chamber within September and October 2025:

- **BALLAS PROMOTION** | <http://www.ballaspromotion.gr/>
- **BANK INFORMATION SYSTEMS SA (TEIRESIAS AE)** | <https://www.tiresias.gr/el/>
- **BRAVE** | <https://wearebrave.gr/>
- **ELAIS – UNILEVER** | <https://www.unilever.gr/>
- **KANTAS, NIKOLAOS**
- **MEIHUNT** | <https://meihunt.com/en/>
- **PAPADAKIS, MARIANNA**
- **RIAA BARKER GILLETTE (UK)** | <https://www.riabarkergillette.com/select-counrty.php>
- **TryEV – GREEK ELECTROMOBILITY COMPANY** | <http://www.tryev.gr/>
- **WAVE TLD** | <https://wavetech.gr/>

ACCOUNTING SOLUTIONS | ARTICLE

Article by S. Iatridou, Lawyer, Tax Services & D. Petkovits, Partner, Tax Services

New Law 5222/2025 for the National Custom Code and other important tax provisions

On 25 July 2025, Law 5222/2025 (Government Gazette: A' 134/28.07.2025), titled "National Customs Code and Other Provisions – Pension-related Provisions," was enacted. This law brings substantial changes to Greece's customs and tax framework, completely replacing the existing National Customs Code in order to align with EU customs regulations and international treaties ratified by Greece, and to address evolving needs in global trade and technological developments.

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ADUS | PRESS RELEASE

ADUS at ANUGA 2025 – Active Presence in the International Forums of the Food & Beverage Industry



ADUS participated once again this year in ANUGA 2025 in Cologne, the largest international food and beverage exhibition in the world.

[Press Release](#)

Metlen dual listing on London and Athens Stock Exchanges



Bernitsas Law advised Metlen Energy & Metals on their groundbreaking dual-listing on the London and Athens Stock Exchanges in August. In September, Metlen, a BHCC member, joined FTSE 100, the index of the largest 100 companies listed on the LSE. Metlen is one of Greece's largest listed companies with a market capitalization of approximately €6.2bn and a major European industrial conglomerate.

Press Release

EY inaugurates its new office in Thessaloniki



Marking three decades of presence in Northern Greece, EY expanded its footprint in Thessaloniki with a new office building in the city's historic core. Designed to inspire innovation and modern work culture, the space reflects the firm's ongoing commitment to empowering businesses, accelerating transformation, and shaping the region's future through sustainable growth and long-term partnerships.

Press Release

METLEN Energy & Metals: Powering the UK's Energy Transition Through Innovation and Partnership



Video:



METLEN Energy & Metals, a London-listed multinational and a global leader in sustainable energy and green metallurgy, stands at the forefront of the energy transition, combining technological innovation, industrial excellence, and environmental responsibility. With a strong and growing footprint in the United Kingdom, METLEN is proud to be contributing to the nation's clean energy and infrastructure ambitions.

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13 October 2025

Ο κλάδος τροφίμων και ποτών του Η.Β.: Τάσεις-Προκλήσεις-Ευκαιρίες

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03 October 2025

Η αγορά μελιού στο Ηνωμένο Βασίλειο

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28 October 2025

UK Export Finance and PIF sign MoU for £4-5 billion to promote UK companies' engagement in the Saudi market

The signing took place in the presence of Chancellor Rachel Reeves and Minister for Investment Lord Stockwood, who attended the 9th Edition of the Future Investment Initiative in Riyadh.

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19 October 2025

Clean energy jobs boom to bring thousands of new jobs

Clean energy will bring 400,000 extra jobs by 2030, with high demand for roles including plumbers, electricians and welders.

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15 October 2025

Government works in partnership with industry to unlock £30 million electric vehicle R&D project

Backed by £15 million in government funding, Toyota will lead a cutting-edge match-funded project to boost zero-emission vehicle innovation in a major win for the government's modern Industrial Strategy.

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09 October 2025

PM wraps up India trade trip with 10,600 jobs secured

Wrapping up a two-day trade mission to Mumbai, the Prime Minister has praised the strengthened, future-facing UK-India partnership, which will deliver for Britain by boosting growth, creating jobs and making hard-working people better off.

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07 October 2025

UK's Industrial Strategy hits the ground running, securing £250bn in investment and supporting 45,000 jobs

The Government has announced that it has secured over £250 billion of investment into the IS-8 sectors since July, supporting 45,000 high-quality jobs in communities across the UK.

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22 September 2025

The UK's trade agreements

Find out which trade agreements the UK has signed and which the UK is negotiating.

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Boosting collaboration between UK and US financial systems to drive innovation and growth in global markets

The Chancellor of the Exchequer and the US Treasury Secretary establish a Transatlantic Taskforce for Markets of the Future to enhance collaboration on capital markets, digital assets and other innovative financial activities.

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18 September 2025

PM's remarks at State Visit press conference: 18 September 2025

Prime Minister Keir Starmer's remarks at the State Visit press conference at Chequers.

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17 September 2025

Record-breaking £150bn investment unveiled during US State Visit

Record-breaking investment into the UK of £150 billion unveiled during historic US State Visit, boosting jobs and catapulting growth.

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15 September 2025

International Trade Week 2025 announced to get businesses exporting and grow the economy

Government announces a week of free trade-focused business events to help more British firms export goods and services.

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The future of UK Shipping Office for Reducing Emissions (UK SHORE)

£448 million will be invested in research and development for UK SHORE, allowing industry to plan the next 5 years of clean maritime innovation.

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09 September 2025

UK to hold first trade talks with China in 7 years

Working people benefit as UK to hold first trade talks with China in 7 years to deliver economic growth.

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01 September 2025

£12m 'Dragons Den' farming innovation boost

The government is investing £12.6m to boost UK agri-tech, building on clever innovations to cut costs, drive growth, and secure farming's future.

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28 October 2025

Lords' Amendments Give Firms Hope

We are fast reaching the end of the road for crucial changes, that businesses desperately want to see, to be made to the Employment Rights Bill.

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Firms Seek Certainty As US-China Trade Talks Loom

Businesses will be watching these talks very closely in the hope of divining some certainty on the direction of travel for global trade.

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26 October 2025

QRO: Budget Must Tackle Persistent Hiring Problems

The stark reality for firms trying to recruit is that it's still far harder than it should be.

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22 October 2025

Businesses Squeezed As Inflation Remains High

Sticky inflation has been in danger of becoming a uniquely British disease as the UK continues to stand out from the rest of the G7.

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16 October 2025

Service Exports Climb But Goods Trade In Flux

UK trade is heading along two distinct paths. There is a steady rise in services but trade in goods remains in flux.

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10 October 2025

Trade And The Shifting Balance Of Power

The uncomfortable truth is this: trade is about trade-offs. The USA is now transactional, Europe is defensive, and unless the UK gets serious about delivery, it risks becoming a spectator in its own economic.

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09 October 2025

Bruised Firms Not Ready For Another Budget Battering

The UK's largest business sentiment survey before November's Budget, shows most firms remain bruised, with no improvement to business sentiment.

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01 October 2025

Budget Must Sharpen Competitiveness

The British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) says the Autumn Budget must sharpen the UK's competitive edge to stay ahead of the pack.

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12 September 2025

UK Trade Rebounds In July

The first month of reduced automotive tariffs has had a positive effect on US exports alongside more certainty on the outlook for other manufactured goods sectors.

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10 September 2025

Britain's China Test

As UK/China trade talks restart for the first time since 2018 - our Director of International Trade, Steven Lynch, discusses how important they will be.

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08 September 2025

SMEs Key To Defence Industrial Strategy

Raising defence investment is not only vital for the UK's national security in an age of higher geopolitical risk but also to boost growth, jobs, exports and supply chains.

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03 September 2025

Diversifying International Trade – New Frontiers For UK Businesses

The People and Work breakout session at the British Chambers of Commerce Global Annual Conference 2025 brought together voices from business, policy and Parliament to confront one of the UK's most pressing economic challenges.

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